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Board adopts conservative '15-16 budget

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

The Cass City Board of Education Monday approved a conservative 2015-16 spending plan that calls for spending roughly \$40,000 less than in 2014-15.

School officials outlined both the amended 2014-15 and proposed 2015-16 general fund, food service and debt service budgets during an annual Truth in Taxation hearing held prior to the board of education's regular monthly meeting Monday night. The state requires public school districts to adopt new budgets by July 1, when their new fiscal year begins.

Highlights of the discussion included good news in the form of an increase in per-pupil funding from the state, and plans to reduce the district's debt service millage rate, saving residents a few dollars on their tax bills next year.

Outgoing Chief Financial Officer Mary Cunningham, whose position was recently filled with the hiring of Allison Zimba, outlined adjustments in the amended 2014-15 spending plan, saying Cass City's general fund spending for the year is expected to total \$9.91 million, with revenues ending at just over \$10 million.

School officials anticipate ending the current fiscal year with a surplus of about \$92,000, boosting the district's already healthy fund balance to about \$1.289 million, an amount equal to just over 13 percent of the general fund budget.

Cunningham noted several adjustments in this year's budget, including an unexpected increase of \$10,000 in tax revenue and a \$10,000 grant through the Tuscola County Community Foundation. Expenditures not built into the spending plan when it was first adopted a year ago include \$68,000 for reading textbooks and some \$35,000 to replace the bus garage roof and repair parking lots, she said.

Turning to the food service budget, Cunningham said that budget sustained

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Tendercare in Cass City earns quality care award

The Tendercare Cass City Health and Rehab Center has been recognized as a 2015 recipient of the "Bronze - Commitment to Quality Award" for its dedication to improving the lives of residents through quality care.

The award is the first of three distinctions possible through the National Quality Award Program, presented by the American Health Care Association and National Center for Assisted Living (AHCA/NCAL). The program honors centers across the nation that have demonstrated their commitment to improving quality care for seniors and individuals with disabilities.

"It is a great honor to be recognized by AHCA/NCAL with a National Quality Award," said Nate Miller, administrator of Tendercare Cass City. "Improving the lives of the residents and families we care for every day is what brings us joy. This award symbolizes the dedication and commitment we have to the quality journey."

Implemented by AHCA/NCAL in 1996, the National Quality Award Program is centered on the core values and criteria of the Baldrige Performance Excellence Program. The program assists providers of long-term and post-acute care services in achieving their performance excellence goals.

The program has three levels: Bronze, Silver, and Gold. Centers begin the quality improvement process at the Bronze level, where they develop an organizational profile with essential performance elements such as vision and mission statements and an assessment of customers' expectations.

Bronze applicants must also demonstrate their ability to implement a performance improvement system. Trained examiners review each Bronze application to determine if the center has met the demands of the criteria.

As a recipient of the Bronze - Commitment to Quality Award, Tendercare Cass City may now move forward in developing approaches and achieving performance levels that meet the criteria required for the Silver - Achievement in Quality Award.

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PEGGY DAVIDSON (far left) director of radiology at Hills and Dales General Hospital in Cass City, along with Kelly Hartz, radiology technician, demonstrate the hospital's new 128-slice SOMATOM Perspective CT Scanner with the help of "patient" Danielle Blaine, Hills and Dales Foundation director and director of public relations for the hospital.

Hills and Dales first hospital in Thumb to use new CT scanner

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Hills and Dales General Hospital officials recently added to their arsenal of state-of-the-art diagnostic equipment.

Jean Anthony, Hills and Dales president and CEO, announced the hospital has installed a SOMATOM Perspective CT (computerized tomography) Scanner from Siemens Medical Solutions. The new CT scanner is a 128-slice scanner, an upgrade from the hospital's 64-slice scanner.

"In our continued efforts to deliver the best patient care, our new scanner incorporates dose-reduction technologies along with patient-centric features that streamline the scan, making for a comfortable and relaxed patient experience," Anthony said. "We are the first hospital in the Thumb area to install this technology and we are really thrilled to offer it to our patients."

Computerized tomography is an X-ray procedure that combines many X-ray images with the aid of a computer to generate cross-sectional views and, if needed, three-dimensional images of the internal organs and structures of the body. A CT scan is used to define normal and abnormal structures in the body and/or assist in procedures by helping to accurately guide the place-

ment of instruments or treatments.

Some of the benefits patients will experience with the new CT scanner at Hills and Dales include better

Davidson noted the scanner can not only produce clear images in studies involving organs in motion, such as the heart, it can also isolate specific

"With this technology, we can actually decrease the dose (of radiation) and increase the image quality -- that's huge for us. "This new scanner truly encompasses everything we strive to achieve for our patients."

**--Peggy Davidson
director of radiology**

image quality, a lower patient radiation dose, and faster image reconstruction, according to Peggy Davidson, director of radiology.

"With this technology, we can actually decrease the dose (of radiation) and increase the image quality -- that's huge for us," Davidson said.

"This new scanner truly encompasses everything we strive to achieve for our patients," she added. "We are very excited at the opportunity to provide better images, quicker turnaround times, and lower radiation doses to our patients. Our patients and their safety are our top priority and this is one more way we are ensuring they are taken care of."

parts of the body (bones, blood vessels, etc.). And, it comes with Metal

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Sheriff: alarm foils would-be thief at course

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Huron County Sheriff's Department officials say an alarm system apparently foiled would-be thieves at an Elkton area golf course early Wednesday morning.

"Huron Central Dispatch received a call from an alarm company stating that the intrusion alarm at the clubhouse of the Century Oaks Golf Course on Pigeon Road in Oliver Township had been activated," said Huron County Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson, who noted the alarm sounded shortly before 2 a.m. "Deputy Marc Woodward, who was only two miles away, responded to find that a door had been pried open. Entrance had also been gained by the culprit or culprits, but nothing was missing.

"It is believed that the audible portion of the alarm may have foiled an actual theft of items in the building, such as a sizable amount of alcohol," Hanson said. "No vehicles were seen leaving the scene and it appears the intruder or intruders fled on foot. "Deputy Woodward was assisted by Deputy Warren Kuhl and Bad Axe City Police Patrolman Scott Zaleski in searching the area. Evidence was gathered and the investigation continues."

Hanson encourages anyone with information related to the incident to contact the department during regular business hours or Huron Central Dispatch at (989) 269-6421. Confidential tips can be called in to the department's TIPS Line at (989) 269-2861.



CONSTRUCTION IS progressing replacement of the Cemetery Road bridge south of Cass City. The \$1.2 million project started June 1, with projected completion set for the end of October. Also slated this summer are repairs to the Dodge Road Bridge over the Cass River.

AAUW awards \$1,500 scholarships to 5 area women training for careers

The Cass/City Thumb Area Branch of Michigan AAUW (American Association of University Women) recently held its 19th annual Flamingo Fling to raise scholarship money for women returning to school.

This year's Fling raised more than \$6,500.

Following a review of scholarship applicants, five \$1,500 scholarships have been awarded to the following

women: Heather Franzel of Snover (studying nursing at Delta College), Barbara Dewey of Cass City (studying nursing at Baker College), Amy Tidwell of Marlette (studying nursing at Delta College), Gina Rochon of Cass City (studying health information technology through DeVry University), and April Barr of Snover (studying early childhood education at Baker College).

The purpose of the AAUW is to

advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.

The local branch also sponsors a Halloween carnival, RIF (Reading is Fundamental) distributions at Cass City Elementary School, and the annual Cass City Freedom Festival Paint-In. To support these events, the branch also holds an annual wreath sale.

Owen-Gage announces honor roll students

4th marking period

3rd Grade: Addison Bach, Shelby Bowers, Joshua Dubs*, Karsyn Gruehn, Isaac Miller*, Conner Snear, Hannah Wood*.

4th Grade: Casey Baker, Dakota Dahlke, Allison Haldane*, Amber Haldane*, Duncan Karl, Dagon LaCroix*, Erin Morrish*, Emily Schultz*, Gage Witzke*.

5th Grade: Haden Gruehn, Madelyn Haldane*, Dana Morrish, Moneé Schember, Luke Willerton.

6th Grade: Boyd Evans*, Clay Evans*, Jameson McKnight*, Libby Ondrajka*.

7th Grade: Carley Haldane, Chentel Hill, Chase Howard, Kaitlyn LaCroix, Andrew Roemer.

8th Grade: Jade Androl*, Cordell Clarkson, Matthew Fritz, Megan

Fritz*, Carlee Rievert*.

9th Grade: Natasha Dubs*, Aaron Fahrner*, Morgan Ondrajka*, Luke Retford*, Kaitlynn Ross*, Alyson Witzke.

10th Grade: David Binder, Cara Morrish, Myah Mulrath*, Jacob Warack*.

11th Grade: Justice Blackburn, Dylan Fritz, Daniel Good*, Devon Lorenz, Andrew Muntz*, Tyler Roemer, Courtney Wightman, Jacob Wright*.

12th Grade: Sidney Bencheck*, Andrea McCreedy*, Rachel Mroz*, Adam Retford*, Ryan Warack.

2nd semester honor roll

6th Grade: Boyd Evans*, Clay Evans*, Jameson McKnight*, Libby Ondrajka*, Alivia Roehrig.

7th Grade: Carley Haldane, Chentel Hill, Chase Howard, Kaitlyn LaCroix, Andrew Roemer.

8th Grade: Jade Androl*, Cordell Clarkson, Matthew Fritz, Megan Fritz*, Carlee Rievert*.

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12th Grade: Sidney Bencheck, Andrea McCreedy*, Rachel Mroz, Adam Retford*.

* Denotes all A's.

Ubly High School releases honor roll list

4th Marking Period

GRADE 12

Jonathon Bischer, Nicholas Booms*, Mathias Dekker, Hanna Drake*, Shelby Farver*, Roger Franzel, II, Jaclyn Geiger, Tyler Glaza, Adam M. Grifka*, Jerry Grifka, Kelsie Gross, Marisa Guza, Michela Guza, Emily Halifax, Claire Hembrough*, Justine Hulburt, Cody Hutchinson, Alexis Inbody, Cody James, Whitney Jarson, Cody Klee, Meagan Kozfkay*, Kurt Kubacki*, Conner Kwiatkowski, Logan Lemke, Joseph Lipskey, Natasha McNeil, Sawyer Messing*, Daniel Mierop, Zachary Nowicki, Cynthia O'Connor, Brandy Osentoski, Brieann Osentoski, Shane Osentoski*, Frederick Pallas, Hunter Peruski, Laura Peters, Samantha Pionk, Alex Ratcliff, Cole Roggenbuck, Scott Shepherd, Nicole Sweeney, Kelsey Ulfig*, Krystal Vogel, Trevor Walsh, Cavin Weber, Grant Weber, Bryce Weltn*, Jenna White*, Cameo Wolschleger, Jessica Wolschleger, and Shanae Woolner.

GRADE 11

Evan Block, Kaylee Block,

Macanna Briolat, Alexandria Camp*, Trevor Dropiewski, Jennifer Gentner, Jacqueline Gilbert, Lindsey Glaza, Madison Glaza, Andrew Gosdzinski, Katlyn Groth, Grant Hagen, Aaron Hund, Amanda Johnson, Aliyah Kaczor, Courtney Klee, Nolan Lemke, Nicholes Maikrzek, James McBride, Nicole Osantowski, Ashley Osentoski*, Kasey Palmer, Arianna Partaka, Michaela Partaka, Shannon Particka*, Alexander Rich, Elena Rodriguez, Lucas Rothe, Daniel Rutkowski*, Blake Schumacher, Rebecca Speciale, Ashley Sweeney*, Brigitte Vogel, James Weber, Roman Weltn, Jeffrey Wright, and Jonathan Wright.

GRADE 10

Jennifer Ayotte, Morgan Block, Jonathan Brandel, Derek Brown, Jessi Clink, Nicole Francis, Grace Grifka, Chelsea Holdwick, Michelle Inbody, Natascha Kalberer, Megan Leppke, Mackenzie Lesoski, Olivia Lipskey, Emma Melnik, Riley Murray, Lindsey Nast, Kirah Osentoski*, Tyler Osentoski, Gavyn Pallas, Brianna Pionk, Tamina Prexl, Allison Romzek, Richard Schmidt,

Xi Shen, Keenan Siens, Travis Terbrack, Vinicius Tozzi-Berti, Ariel Waterbeck, Eric Wolschleger, and Abby Wright.

GRADE 9

Olivia Bender, Tayler Berger, Danielle Briolat*, Justin Briolat*, Chantelle Burk, Rachel Cook*, Dylan Crickon, Evan Franzel, Andrew Gilbert, Lauren Gillig, Alex Grifka*, Chelsey Halifax, Jacob Halifax*, Emma Hembrough, Erin Inbody, Macy Knoblock*, Emily Kubacki, Ashton Lemke*, Matthew Maikrzek, Peyton McLellan*, Jason Mierop, Brent Osentoski, Mary-Christine Osentoski, Kara Peruski, Emelia Rodriguez, Izabel Rodriguez, Kacie Roggenbuck, Alexis Rutkowski, Nicholas Schultz*, Cheyenne Shepherd, Madelyn Smalley*, David Sorenson, Katrina Stevenson, Nicholas Swanson*, Anthony Sweeney, Ryan Sweeney*, Samantha Sweeney, Jacob Uhl, Marisa Villafranca, Alexandra Weber, Emma Weber, and Janelle White*.

GRADE 8

Isaac Booms, Joshua Brandel*, Jaelynn Burton, Eli Emming, Amber Essenmacher*, Brady Farver, Danika Focken*, Rebekka Foster*, Bethany Gornowicz*, Anna Greyerbiehl*, Haili Gusa*, Dylan Hagen, Payten Heleski, Cassie Holdwick, Kelsey Knoblock*, Ethan Lemke*, Parker Lipskey, Mikayla McNeil, Anna Messing*, Nolan Murray, Kylie Ogryski*, Arisa Osentoski*, Natalie Pallas, Rebecca Particka, Madelyn Peplinski, Alexis Pionk, Cheyenne Porzondek*, Ashley Puvalowski, Ryche Roggenbuck*, Luke Rutkowski, Brittney Schmidt, Sabrina Schumacher*, Jason Smalley, Sadie Souva*, McKenzie Stomack, Ellissa Thomas*, Mackenzie Uhl, Mikaela Van Erp*, Amanda Weaver, Adam Weber*, and Nicholas Wright.

GRADE 7

Olivia Brown, Michael Clink, Austin Cregeur, Kali Dutcher*, Grant Geiger*, Andrea Grifka, Cody Guigar, Amanda Halifax, Logan Hulburt, Rachel Leppke*, Caitlyn Maurer, Michael Mausolf, Claire Melnik, Hannah Melnik, Cody Osantowski, Austin Peruski, Ellie Peruski*, Lacey Pionk, Isle Roggenbuck, Isabelle Rutkowski*, Hannah Schroeder, Jaiden Schulte*, Christopher Schultz*, Ethan Smalley, Abigail Sorenson*, Casey Sweeney, Katelyn Sweeney*, Danielle Tschirhart, Danielle Umbreit*, Alexia Vogel, Kylie Vogel, Jazmyn Warchuck, and Isaac Warczinsky.

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Pavlov the guest speaker at next TEA Party meet

The local TEA Party will be hosting congressional candidate Phil Pavlov at its next meeting, slated for Thursday, June 25, starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Evangelical Free Church in Cass City.

Pavlov, a former St. Clair County Commissioner and state representative, is a two-term Michigan State senator (2010 to present) who hopes to succeed Congresswoman Candice Miller in the 10th Congressional District.

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In Our
OPINION..

Clarke Haire
Publisher

Tom Montgomery
Editor

Kids left in parked cars deadly combo

Sunny days and the warmth they bring during a Michigan summer provide residents with some great opportunities to enjoy one of the most beautiful states in the nation.

But those rays can also prove fatal when an adult inadvertently leaves a child in a parked car.

On average, 38 children die in hot cars each year from heat-related deaths after being trapped inside motor vehicles. Even the best of parents or care-givers can unknowingly leave a sleeping baby in a car. In the end, however, the results can be tragic.

Here's why: the inside of a vehicle heats up very quickly – even with the windows cracked, the temperature inside a car can reach 125 degrees or higher in just minutes, and 80 percent of the increase in temperature occurs in the first 10 minutes. Children, whose bodies overheat three to five times faster than an adult body, have died from heatstroke in cars with outdoor temperatures as low as 60 degrees.

“A hot car can be deadly,” Trooper Mark Swales, community service trooper at the Michigan State Police post in Caro, said. “Always be sure to look twice before getting out. It’s easier than you think to forget a baby in the backseat.”

In fact, the most dangerous mistake someone can make is to think leaving a child alone in a vehicle could never happen to them or their family.

According to statistics compiled by KidsAndCars.org, in more than 50 percent of child vehicular heat stroke, the person responsible for a child’s death unknowingly left them in the vehicle. In most situations, this happens to the most loving, caring and protective parents.

It’s happened to a teacher, dentist, social worker, police officer, nurse, clergyman, soldier – even a rocket scientist.

Swales says area residents can prevent a tragedy from occurring by simply taking time to A-C-T:


A: Avoid heatstroke-related injury and death by never leaving a child alone in a car, even for a minute. Keep your car locked when you’re not in it, so kids don’t get in on their own.

C: Create reminders by putting something in the back of your car next to your child, such as a briefcase, purse or a cell phone, that is needed at your final destination.

T: Take action. If you see a child alone in a car, call 911. Emergency response personnel want you to call and are trained to respond to these situations. One call could save a life.

Adults can also avoid making a deadly mistake by writing themselves a note and placing it where they’ll see it when they leave their vehicle. You could also keep an object in a car seat, such as a stuffed toy. Once your child is buckled in, place the object where you’ll notice it when you leave the vehicle.


In short, do whatever it takes to avoid even one more senseless tragedy.



Slices of Life

by Jill Pertler

The stress of vacation



I just got back from vacation, and I hate to complain, but the pressure of it is enough to get to a person. The decision-making alone nearly put me over the edge. Day after day. After day. Times seven. Or more if you’re forced to vacation for longer than one week.

It’s one thing after another. Should we go to the beach or into town? Should we take the boat or the car? When in town should we go to the candy store or ice cream shop? Once at the ice cream shop do we get a single or double scoop? Sugar or waffle cone? Sprinkles or whipped cream or both?

It only gets worse from there. Vacation provides the chance to sleep in. No alarm clocks. This produces a predicament of its own: breakfast for lunch or lunch for breakfast? And so it goes throughout the day – and night.

Chaise lounge on the deck or a blanket on the beach? Gather shells or skip stones? Build sandcastles or sunbathe? Which SPF is best? Which swimsuit? Which shoes? Which sunglasses? Which color polish shall we use on our toes?

Mini golf or amusement park? Rollercoaster or Ferris wheel? Zoo or museum? Book or magazine? Lemonade or iced tea? Take a walk or take a nap? Go shopping or go swimming?

Jet Ski or pontoon? Fishing from shore or by boat? Make the wrong choice and we might not catch our limit. Then we’d have to eat pizza or hamburgers (or maybe chicken) for supper – and be required to decide between cooking at home, going to the restaurant or having the meal delivered.

The stress can be taxing. Vacations are supposed to be a time to relax, but if you take a nap in the afternoon, you might miss out on the family cribbage championship, the opportunity to watch an afternoon movie or play beach volleyball with the gang.

Oh sure, it’s all good stuff, but the choices are choices. Pick one path and you give up another. The days and nights unfold, slowly at first and more quickly as the week progresses. Seven days sounds like a long time – until you are down to two. And as the sand in your vacation hourglass decreases, your angst does the opposite. You want to do it all and

Letters to the Editor

Flag ceremony was respectful, dignified

Editor,

I would like to take this opportunity to recognize VFW Post 3644, Girl Scout Troop 594 and Kranz Funeral Home for the flag retirement ceremony on June 14.

It was a respectful and dignified ritual that I plan on attending in the future.

Debra Kranz definitely exhibited “grace under fire” as she deposited the flag into the fire pit while everyone else was sliding their chairs away from the heat.

Don Greenleaf and the lady who played Taps added another layer of respect to the ceremony.

Connie Westbrook
Cass City

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have as much fun as you possibly can while cruising through in relaxation mode and gosh darn it these decisions just remind you there may not be time enough to get everything done by Saturday at noon when you’ll be compelled to make the decision to pack the car.

Midway through the week I was feeling the pressure. (Do it all! Have more fun!) And in a moment of vacation-induced clarity (either that or ice cream overload) came to an important conclusion: I didn’t have time to complete all the activities I had planned. Even if I had twice the number of vacation days, there wouldn’t be time. There’d never be enough time.

And, surprisingly, that was the best news of the week. If it wasn’t possible to do it all, why even try? Pressure gone, we were free to enjoy each moment of the rest of our vacation.

That, and start planning for the next one.

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



Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Area residents looking for a new canning or freezing resource for the Michigan fresh produce harvest seasons may be interested in a new, updated edition of the “So Easy to Preserve” book available at the MSU Extension-Huron County Office.

Canning, freezing and drying are the three main methods for preserving food. The method you choose will depend on whether safe guidelines are available for the particular food you have. Food preservation is a science that requires use of safeguards due to potentially dangerous bacteria that can be present in the food and cause food borne illness. Following research-based, tested recipes is critical for safe home preserved foods.

The “So Easy to Preserve” book contains the latest U.S. Department of Agriculture recommendations for safe food preservation. It’s a 375-page guide with more than 185 tested recipes, along with step-by-step instructions and in-depth information for both the new and experienced food preserver.

The books are available at a cost of \$16 and can be purchased at the MSU Extension-Huron County Office located at 1142 S Van Dyke Rd., Suite 200, in Bad Axe.

More information is available by calling (989) 269-994 (ext. 602 or 611).

Area residents are also encouraged to check out the MSU Extension Michigan Fresh program and website found at: http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/info/mi_fresh to access more than 80 fact sheets with information on using, storing and preserving produce.

My boss, Karen Haire, says her boss, Sandy Erskine at the Tuscola County Friend of the Court office in Caro, passed along the following opinion concerning the Cass City Chronicle.

She was talking to Adam Pavlik, court administrator, and Adam was complimenting Editor Tom Montgomery’s writing. Sandy thought it was pretty high praise to get a compliment from Adam, as he is a published writer for the Michigan Bar Association, and a complete wordsmith (and MSU grad).

The glory days of the past few years are gone for area farmers, according to Larry Bulla. “No one is getting rich at \$3 corn,” lamented the Tuscola County resident and Cass City High School grad, who works about 1,500 acres of ground annually.



In the tradition of Cass City’s 1965 Centennial celebration, Thumb National Bank is offering commemorative wooden nickels for a limited time. Wooden nickels were most commonly issued in the United States in the 1930s after the start of the Great Depression.

It was during this decade that some banks and merchants used the wooden nickels to mitigate difficulties created by times of instability. An American adage, “Don’t take any wooden nickels”, is considered a lighthearted reminder to be cautious in one’s dealings.

The souvenir coins are available at several downtown locations.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Wednesday, June 24

- 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.
- Adult Exercise, 8:30 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, Cass City, open to the community.
- Children’s After School Adventure, 3:15 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, Cass City, open to the community, all are welcome.
- 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.
- Sanilac County Alzheimer’s and Family Caregiver Support Group, Sanilac County Medical Care Facility. Noon to 2 p.m. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.

Thursday, June 25

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

Friday, June 26

- Adult Exercise, 8:30 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, Cass City, open to the community.
- Hills and Dales Hospital Auxiliary sponsors Books are Fun sale. 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Conference Room 1.

Monday, June 29

- Alcoholics Anonymous, “Monday at a Time,” 8 p.m., Parkside Cafe, 2031 Main St., Ubyly. For more information, call Angela R. at (989) 658-2319.
- AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 553-5932.
- Adult Exercise, 8:30 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, Cass City, open to the community.
- Cass City Village Council meeting, 7 p.m., municipal building.

Tuesday, June 30

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

STANDING COMMUNITY CALENDAR ITEMS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Third Thursday:
•Sanilac County Alzheimer’s and Family Caregiver Support Group, 3 p.m., HDC Adult Day Services Building, 227 N. Elk St., Sandusky. For more information, contact Kim at (989) 673-4121 or Amanda at (810) 648-4497.
•Grief Support meetings, “Healing Together.” Heritage Hill, 1430 Cleaver Rd., Caro, 7-8:30 p.m. For questions or to register to attend please call the office at (989) 872-5852 or toll free (877) 872-5852. These sessions are open to anyone dealing with a grief or loss. Sponsored by Hospice Advantage, Cass City.
•Caregiver Support Group, 11:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m., Bullard-Sanford Memorial Library, 520 W. Huron Ave., Vassar. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.

•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:
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THE STAFF OF THE Cass City Medical Practice looks on as Marlene Schank, nurse practitioner, presents a check to Cass City Public Schools Athletic Director Don Markel. The contribution – more than \$700 — represented the cost of student athlete physicals conducted by the Hills and Dales General Hospital staff.

Hospital boosts school athletic fund

Hills and Dales General Hospital and the Cass City School District have partnered up again. Hills and Dales offered sports physicals at its Cass City Medical Practice and donated back all monies collected from the physicals. Marlene Schank, FNP-BC, and Ann Herford, FNP-BC, along with the office staff welcomed 72 Cass City students for their annual sports physicals. Each physical cost \$10, and hospital officials said they wanted to donate the money collected back to the school in an effort to support the local athletic program. “We are invested in our community and have always had a wonderful partnership with the school system,” Hills and Dales President and CEO Jean Anthony said. “Making a donation back to the athletic department is just one small way we can continue to encourage healthy lifestyles in our community.” This is the fifth year Hills and Dales General Hospital has performed the physicals and made a donation back to the school, and Anthony said the staff looks forward to assisting with the service again next year.

Circuit court proceedings Several appear on felony charges

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

*Michael J. Duby III, 25, Mayville, was ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$1,748 plus attorneys fees of \$500 following his pleas of guilty to charges of possession of an altered/forged registration decal or registration tab, driving while his license was suspended or revoked, second offense, driving without insurance, and unlawful use of a license plate Feb. 6 in Mayville.

*Cory J. Lewicki, 25, Caro, was sentenced to 36 months to 15 years in prison following his pleas of guilty to fleeing and eluding a police officer March 12 in Indianfields Township, and to possession of a controlled substance, subsequent offense, Dec. 16 in Indianfields Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

In addition to prison time, he was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,496 plus attorneys fees of \$500.

*Christopher M. Lee, 21, Vassar, was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,266 plus attorneys fees of \$500 following his pleas of no contest to two counts of assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault) Feb. 17 in Arbela Township.

*Tony R. Wickings, 49, Mayville, was sentenced to 365 days in the county jail, with worksite privileges, following his pleas of guilty to two counts of violating the Sex Offenders Registration Act by failing to notify local law enforcement of a change in address Jan. 13 in Mayville.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$866 plus attorneys fees of \$500.

*Shawn M. Heronemus, 31, Kingston, pleaded guilty to two counts of breaking and entering a building with intent to commit larceny, and one count each of conspiracy to commit breaking and entering a building with intent to commit larceny, larceny of property valued at \$1,000 to \$20,000, and receiving and concealing stolen property valued at more than \$1,000 Oct. 2 in Wells Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case and bond was continued at \$6,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Michael O. Davis II, 34, Silverwood, pleaded no contest to charges of unlawfully driving away an automobile and larceny of property valued at \$1,000 to \$20,000 March 23-24 in Dayton Township.

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

*Elizabeth M. Bowen, 51, Cass City, pleaded no contest to charges of assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer Feb. 20 in Novesta Township, and to attempted assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer Jan. 29 in Novesta Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at a combined \$11,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Troy J. Bilkovsky, 44, Caro, was sentenced to 150 days in jail (deferred) and 12 months probation following his pleas of no contest to delivery/manufacture of marijuana and possession/use of body armor without permission of a chief of police or county sheriff July 9 in Caro. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (two prior felony convictions).

In addition to jail time, he was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$948.

*Donald P. Schaudt, 34, Deford, was sentenced to 90 days in jail, with work release and worksite privileges, following his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Feb. 15 in Kingston. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

In addition to jail time, he was ordered to complete 480 hours of community service and pay costs and fines totaling \$1,198.

*Jessica L. DePottay, 28, Caro, was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$966 following her pleas of no contest to charges of delivery/manufacture of marijuana, second offense, and possession of marijuana, second offense, July 9 in Caro.

Canfield invites constituents to next coffee hour June 29

State Rep. Edward “Ned” Canfield is inviting residents of the 84th House District to join him for a coffee hour later this month. Canfield (R-Sebewaing) who represents citizens in Tuscola and Huron counties, will be meeting with residents Monday, June 29, from 1 to 2 p.m. at the Brentwood, 178 Park Drive in Caro. “I look forward to meeting with constituents to discuss issues related to state government,” Canfield said. “Residents’ feedback is one of the most effective tools that I can use to better serve them in Lansing.” No appointment is necessary. Those unable to attend are encouraged to contact the representative by phone at (517) 373-0476, or via email at EdwardCanfield@house.mi.gov.

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Reporter’s notebook



Distracted by toilet talk.....

by Tom Montgomery
Editor



Ever walk into a room on a mission, determined to grab something so you can complete a task you’ve been wanting to get around to, only to become completely distracted by something you don’t even have on your to-do list?

Me, too. And I run the same risk every time I search for information on the Internet.

I was recently conducting a bit of research on pond management as it relates to improving water quality, when a brief article on toilets caught my eye. I have no idea why.

But it was interesting. Adriana Miller, product manager at Mansfield Plumbing, a longtime plumbing manufacturer in Ohio, was serving up some history on what we know by a number of names, including the porcelain throne, water closet, potty and, that old classic, the john.

“The modern toilet came about in 1596 when Sir John Harrington created a new type of water closet that involved a raised cistern,” Miller explained. “He designed a small pipe from the cistern. Water ran down that pipe when released by a valve. From that time on people have been trying to improve on the toilet.”

In case you’re wondering, Mansfield Plumbing joined the toilet manufacturing scene in 1929, and today turns out more than a million toilets a year at its Perrysville facility.

“When you start talking about toilets there is quite an evolution that has taken place,” says Miller. “Tanks used to be very large and wasted a good amount of water. Until a few decades ago they used 3.5 gallons per flush (Gpf) or more. Today there are extremely efficient toilets...that operate on just one Gpf.”

Whether it’s called the can, the potty or the throne, there are two “external factors” that make a toilet function — a person and toilet paper.

According to Toilet Paper Encyclopedia (an online source of endless fun facts), the average person spends three years during his or her lifetime on the toilet. And on average, consumers use 8.6 sheets of toilet paper per bathroom visit. Fast figuring computes this at 57 sheets per day, or a total annual average use of 20,805 sheets of toilet paper per year per person.

“There are so many unique facts about toilets,” says Miller. “Many people don’t know there are both one- and two-piece toilets. Others are clueless about pressure-assist versus gravity toilets. But no matter how much education we offer, it still comes down to one key factor in many households — should the toilet seat be left up or down? I think we’ve partly solved this dilemma by offering the SmartClose toilet seat. With a single touch this smart seat lid closes gently and quietly, which is a great compromise for everyone in the house!”

As long as I was digressing, I took my search a bit farther out of the way by reading a brief article on luxury smart toilets.

Did you know that the Japanese plumbing manufacturer Toto has been selling a line of toilet seats that double as bidets to American customers since the late 1980s? Not just a bidet, but a seat that sprays clean, warm water and provides a gentle drying with warm air. A bargain at \$4,500 and up.

If you think that’s fancy, how about one that comes with Bluetooth, speakers and ambient colored lighting? Well, it exists in the Kohler Numi, priced at around \$6,000 (without the remote).

That tidbit left me far from flush with excitement. In fact, I quickly poo pooped that pricey loo and vowed to get back on track with my research on bottled water.



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3 seats, term expiring 1/1/2018**

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Cass City, MI 48726
greenleaf-tw@miqvf.org
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Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas

5 YEARS AGO (2010)

Children from Rebecca’s Daycare saved money to give to Rawson Memorial District Library for its 100th birthday celebration. They gave the library 100 \$1 bills on a card that was decorated by the handprints of Tyler Hennessey, Emma Hennessey, Alexis Champagne, Mariah Henne, Ethan Shrader, Annelise Walsh, Justin Daniels, Sophia Auvil and Konnar Warren.

The Cass City Rotary Club recently installed new officers Bert Althaver, sergeant of arms; Melissa Mathewson, secretary; Alice Zaleski, vice president; David Milligan, president; Karen Easterling, president-elect; Val Hartel, treasurer; and Amy Peters, programs chair. Mary Cunningham presented a Rotary International Presidential Citation Award to Zaleski on behalf of the club. Also recognized were Paul Harris Fellows Milligan, Carolyn Sorenson and Andy Gray, each of whom has contributed \$1,000 - or had the same amount contributed in their name - to Rotary International. Cunningham presented Althaver with a Major Donor Award, given to Paul Harris Fellows whose contribution to Rotary International reaches the \$10,000 mark during their lifetime.

10 YEARS AGO (2005)

Staff Sgt. Larry A. Curtis of Cass City recently re-enlisted in the U.S. Army. He currently has 16 years in the service. A 1989 graduate of Cass City High School, Curtis is currently serving with his unit in Baghdad, Iraq. He is the son of Charlene and James Curtis of Cass City.

Participants in the St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital Bike-a-thon included: Andrew Venema, Libby Venema, Tyler Czekai, Mandy Czekai, Kyle Schneeberger, Kayla Schneeberger, Marie Pobanz, Stephanie Heckroth, Whitney Kirn, Tommy Burns, Brandon Rockwell, Ali Smith and Terra Czekai.

Cass City’s playscape received a helping hand Monday from local volunteers who performed annual maintenance work including staining, mulching and landscaping. Among the helpers were 12 volunteers from the Red Hawk Class of 2007, including Andrew Martin, Brent Weaver and Kyle Swanson.

25 YEARS AGO (1990)

Cass City will have a new employer when a building scheduled to be under construction this week is completed, probably in early August. The 40-foot by 80-foot building will include an office and is being built by Larry Maurer of Ubyly for Detroit Edison.

New officers were installed at a Cass City Rotary Club meeting at Rolling Hills Golf Course Monday night. Besides the installation, Rotarians and their spouses heard Don and Geri Tonti describe a recent trip to Russia that was illustrated with a slide presentation. Accepting the gavel from retiring president Dave Milligan is President Jerry Houghton. Milligan will now serve as vice-president. Other officers are president-elect J. R. Boldizar, Greg Biddinger, secretary and Craig Bellew, treasurer.

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3644 purchased the building at 4533 Weaver Street. Previously the organization had rented space for its meetings and events. After refurbishing, the VFW plans to rent it out as a community hall. Present were concessions chair Richard Haney, former post commander Jim Wilson, commander-elect Lawrence Englehart, building committee chair Frank McComb, quartermaster Jack Esau and broker Chet Nowak.

Aaron Lefler, freshman at Dewy Institute of Technology at Lombard, Ill., earned Dean’s List and President’s List honors with a 3.59 grade average for the spring

term. He is the son of Robert and Doris Lefler of Cass City.

Ronald Ewald of Gagetown, Michael Diegel of Cass City and Nicholas Biebel of Caro participated in the 1990 Michigan Truck Driving Championships at Michigan State University. Ewald, Diegel and Biebel, drivers for Causely Trucking, took oral and written tests covering traffic laws, conducted a pre-trip vehicle safety inspection and drove on a course that simulated day-to-day conditions. Ewald, Diegel and Biebel qualified for the state championships by completing one year of accident free driving. The state championship is sponsored by AAA Michigan, Michigan Trucking Association and Michigan State University.

35 YEARS AGO (1980)

Half a century of service was honored Saturday when Meredith Auten received a 50-year award from District Governor John Broadfoot. Auten was one of the original 15 founders of the Cass City Rotary and one of only two still surviving. The other 50-year-member, Fred Pinney was unable to attend.

Six tables of cards were played when the Euchre Club met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Fuester. High prizes were won by Mrs. Leonard Beulla and Harold Copeland. Low prizes were won by Mrs. Sylvester Bukowski and Bill Andrus. Ronnie Gracey won the traveling prize.

The Cass City Lions Club held their 26th annual installation. Officers and directors installed were president, Donald Erla; first vice-president, Thomas Craig; second vice-president, Gary Jones; third vice president, Richard Hunt; secretary, Ronald Keegan; treasurer, Robert Copeland; tailtwister, Ralph Retherford, and Lion tamer, Wayne Dillon. Directors: Robert Green, Kenneth Blue, Alvin Seurnyck, David Dunn, Charles Guinther, Curtis Strickland. New members installed were Wayne Dillon,-Raymond Dearing, Michael Shaft, and Marvin Hobart. Perfect attendance awards were presented to 20 members. The Lion of the Year award was presented to Kenneth Martin.

40 YEARS AGO (1975)

Stuart and Joan Merchant this week are holding the grand opening of their new restaurant operated in conjunction with their bakery.

Cass City Lions officers formally presented the village park with its newest addition-a lion-sized drinking fountain-during ceremonies Friday. The fountain cost the club \$700. Present were Village Supt. Lou LaPonsie, Ron Keegan, club secretary, Jim Guinther, club treasurer, and Bob Wischmeyer, club president.

Cass City’s gala Sidewalk Sale days got a boost Tuesday night when village council authorized free parking in the business district during the three-day event. The move came following a request from Clarence “Bud” Schneeberger, chairman of the event. The council gave its official blessing to eliminating parking meter fees.

Master chefs Duane Chippi and Lorn Hillaker are in demand when it comes to ox roasts. Last year, they handled the duties at the Cass City Chamber of Commerce ox roast and this year they satisfied palates at the Gagetown Athletic Club’s offering Friday night

50 YEARS AGO (1965)

A strike threat at General Cable Co. in Cass City was ended Monday night when workers ratified a new agreement between the company and United Steel Workers of America Local 6222. Union members approved the new contract by 250 to 50. Neither union nor company officials would disclose the terms of the contract. William Leverich, plant manager, however, did state

that the contract will “stabilize labor relations for the next three years.”

Officers were elected at a recent meeting of the Carolan-Gagetown 4-H Club held at the home of Mrs. James Rabideau. President is Joan Orzel. Others are: vice president, Michael Rabideau, secretary, Patricia Parker, and treasurer, Marie Rabideau. The president appointed the food prep girls in charge of refreshments. David Rabideau is recreation chairman; Patrick Tobey, reporter; William and Raymond Rabideau, transportation, and Eileen Parker, clean-up committee.

75 YEARS AGO (1940)

It was a lovely ceremony which took place Saturday morning, June 22, in St. Pancratius Church, Cass City, when Miss Anna M. Frederick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Frederick, of Cass City, became the bride of Raymond J. Vanier, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Vanier, of Detroit. The Rev. Fr. E. R. Werm, pastor, read the service.

Every summer village Treasurer A. N. Bigelow has an honor roll of the first ten persons who pay their taxes. Heading the list of 1940 is Nell McLarty. The other nine are Donald Schell, John McGillvray, Fred Jaus, Mrs. Cora Strickland, Mrs. Rosa VanHorn, Whitley McLean, Andrew Muntz, Samuel Jaus and George W. West.

100 YEARS AGO (1915)

Two hundred men participated in the road bee held in seven districts near Cass City Tuesday and they loaded, hauled and spread 541 loads of gravel. Cass City furnished 60 men to shovel gravel, 93 farmers furnished teams and drivers, 18 men spread the gravel on the highway and about 30 more farmers or their helpers assisted in loading in the gravel pits. I. B. Auten, J. C. Farrell and Edward Pinney, members of the good roads committee, together with Highway Commissioner Gallagher engineered the proposition and they are well pleased with the hearty co-operation of the farmers and village folks. Nearly every business man shut up shop and was on the job or sent a representative. The road bee is considered a valuable institution in promoting community welfare and it has become an established institution in the Cass City territory.

We feed 50,000,000 bushels of good wheat to the Hessian Fly every year to say nothing of what it costs us to feed our chinch bugs and other pests, and have only ourselves to blame. There is only one subject in which all farmers agree, and that is, high taxes. They want pay for sheep killed by the neighbor’s dogs. Why not ask pay for the wheat killed by the neighbor’s Hessian flies? What to Do Right Now. Cut the wheat high, above the second joint. Remove the grain from the field and Stack it somewhere else. The fly is now in the resting stage and the safest way and only sure plan is for every farmer to plow every acre deeply and thoroughly within two weeks after harvest, turning under the stubble completely and then dragging early. This will fix Mr. Fly. Team work is necessary. Teach the school children to look for the fly, and report it at every stage. Appoint a captain in every school district, who should be the best wheat grower in the neighborhood.

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School approves a conservative budget

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a loss of nearly \$28,000 in 2014-15, in part due to a significant decrease in available surplus commodities purchased at bargain prices. Total expenditures were \$534,885, with revenues at \$507,105.

Fortunately, the food service fund boasts an ample fund balance (20 percent), enabling school officials to cover the deficit and still have nearly \$109,000 in the bank, although Cunningham pointed out continued losses cannot be sustained over a period of several years.

2015-16 budgets

As for the coming year, Cunningham said local sources of revenue are expected to decrease. School officials are again focusing on conservative estimates, she added, including the projected loss of 25 more students (two percent), which would leave Cass City with a K-12 enrollment of 1,030 kids.

The district saw a net loss of just five students from 2013-14 to 2014-15; however, enrollment losses over the previous six years ranged from two to seven percent. Shrinking student populations have plagued districts throughout the region. In 2001-02, Cass City boasted a total enrollment of some 1,600 kids.

On a positive note, state officials have announced a per-pupil funding increase of \$144 for schools. Cunningham cautioned that the net increase actually will boil down to \$124 a student, largely because while state officials are increasing per-pupil funding, at the same time they are eliminating "best practices" money and cutting academic performance incentives.

Overall, Cunningham told the board

that general fund revenues are expected to dip by about \$130,000 in the coming year. "All in all, she added, "our expenditures are down slightly – about \$40,000 – and our spending is neutral, really."

Total general fund expenditures for 2015-16 are set at \$9,873,785 and revenues are estimated at \$9,874,755, leaving a surplus of just \$970. However, the fund balance is expected to total \$1,288,865 at the end of June 2016.

Among the question marks will be the impact of a new contract for teachers. Cunningham said a pay hike of one percent has been built into the new budget, but no agreement has been reached yet. Negotiations between school officials and representatives of the Cass City Education Association are continuing.

The board approved a 2015-16 food service spending plan totaling \$552,085. Revenues are projected at \$526,275, leaving a deficit of nearly \$26,000. The budget's fund balance would again absorb the red ink, leaving roughly \$83,000, an amount equal to 15 percent of the food service budget.

In a related matter, the board approved a resolution setting the district's 2008 debt service tax rate at three mills, down from 3.57 mills in 2014-15. For the owner of a \$100,000 home, the reduction translates into a tax cut of about \$30.

Also, the board approved an annual motion to borrow money to cover cash-flow needs during the period between the last state aid payment in early summer and when those payments resume in the fall. School officials plan to secure a \$1 million loan, \$200,000 less than they borrowed last year.



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Gov. Snyder signs adoption legislation

Gov. Rick Snyder recently signed legislation designed to ensure Michigan children up for adoption have the greatest opportunity to be placed in loving homes.

“The state has made significant progress in finding more forever homes for Michigan kids in recent years and that wouldn’t be possible without the public-private partnerships that facilitate the adoption process,” Snyder said. “We are focused on ensuring that as many children are adopted to as many loving families as possible regardless of their makeup.”

Adoption rates in Michigan have continued to increase in recent years. In Fiscal Year 2014, 85 percent of children in the foster system were adopted, up from 70 percent in 2011.

House Bills 4188, 4189 and 4190, sponsored by lawmakers from both parties – state Reps. Andrea LaFontaine (R-Columbus Township), Harvey Santana (D-Detroit) and Eric Leutheuser (R-Hillsdale), respectively, help continue Michigan’s successful placement of children with loving families by codifying current adoption practices within the state.

Under the legislation, faith-based agencies that contract with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services can operate in accordance with their beliefs.

The bills also require child placement agencies that decline any services to prospective parents to promptly provide information and a list of alternative adoption agencies willing and able to serve them.

They do not change current practices in Michigan, but prevent faith-based agencies from having policies forced on them that violate their religious beliefs, which have resulted in agencies closing in Massachusetts, Illinois, California, and Washington, D.C.

The bills are now Public Acts 53, 54 and 55 of 2015.

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THE 2015 LEAD Tuscola graduating class was recently honored during a service at the Tuscola Technology Center in Caro. The graduates are (back row, from left) Chuck Fabbro (Tuscola Intermediate School District), Joshua Herman (Tuscola County Sheriff’s Department), Nathan Licht (sheriff’s department), (front row, from left) Karen Southgate (Michigan Department of Human Services), Jodi Fetting (Tuscola County clerk), Jamie Wark (Caro Community Hospital), Ann Allen (Akron Township clerk), Pam Stillwell-Binder (Thumb Area Tourism Council) and Diane Rowbothan (Signature Bank). LEAD Tuscola is a 10-month program designed to introduce county residents to programs and opportunities for local leadership, with the goal of preparing participants to utilize their leadership skills for the betterment of Tuscola County.

UPI’s Cass City market a “top performer”

United Producers Inc. (UPI) officials recently recognized its top performing markets, including the company’s Cass City operation, during an annual employee meeting.

The meeting agenda featured a company update; comments by Craig Adams, UPI’s chairman of the board of directors; an interactive educational session on the company’s credit services; and a presentation on reinforcing positive thinking.

Service and safety awards were also presented, with company officials honoring Ben Seibert and Steve Becker, regional credit officers, and recognizing UPI’s Cass City, Bowling Green, Ky., and Albion, Ill., markets as its top performers for 2014.

“We believe these meetings provide an excellent opportunity to educate our employees and recognize top performers,” said Dennis Bolling, president and CEO. “They also provide a great environment for team building and to renew friendships.”

UPI is one of the largest farmer-owned livestock marketing cooperatives in the United States. In addition to livestock marketing, the cooperative provides credit and risk management services, and serves more than 35,000 livestock producers in the Midwest.

UPI was formed in 1934 and is headquartered in Columbus, Ohio.

Hospital first in area to install new scanner

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Artifact Reduction software, which allows technicians and physicians to capture a clear image of metal hardware a patient may have — screws in their back, hip replacement parts, knee replacement parts, etc. — and observe whether there is any breakage.

“The scanner also includes an Oncology Module, which will allow for advanced options for a patient who is having a scan done for diagnosis, staging, and follow-up assessments,” Davidson said. “The scanner can measure the density and size of a lesion, and also determine if there has been growth from one scan to another.”

Tendercare in Cass City earns quality care award

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“Tendercare Cass City Health and Rehab Center has demonstrated its commitment to providing quality care and I commend them for that,” said the AHCA/NCAL National Quality Award Board of Overseers Chair Christine Boldt. “I encourage Tendercare Cass City to continue their quality journey by striving for the Silver and Gold levels.”

The awards are sponsored by AHCA/NCAL Associate Business Members My InnerView, by National Research Corporation and PointRight. My InnerView represents the true voice of nursing home and assisted living residents, families, and employees with the most insightful quality measurement solutions and satisfaction surveys in the healthcare continuum. PointRight is the recognized leader in data-driven analytics for health care and insurance.

The Tendercare Cass City Health and Rehab Center was one of 545 centers to receive the Bronze level award, which will be presented to representatives of the local facility during AHCA/NCAL’s 66th Annual Convention and Exposition, scheduled for Oct. 4-7 in San Antonio, Texas.



THE TENDERCARE Cass City Health and Rehab Center team has been recognized as a 2015 recipient of the Bronze – Commitment to Quality Award for its dedication to improving the lives of residents through quality care.

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Several Red Hawks honored

Lakers rule GTW all-conference baseball selections



Sawyer Cuthrell



Branden Horne



Kyle Ross



Jack Stern

Undefeated Greater Thumb West baseball champion Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port dominated the league’s all-conference selections in 2015 with multiple first team players.

Leading the way for the Lakers was senior pitcher Cody Voelker. He was accompanied by infielder Brady Post, outfielder Jake Periso and first baseman Austin McCabe – all seniors - on the dream team, while Laker sophomore Seth Bowles completes the all-conference first team choices from the champs.

Closer to home, juniors Mason Erla and Sawyer Cuthrell each landed on the Greater Thumb West all-conference first team from Cass City, while Reese’s Jonah Jones (infield) and Kyle Gnatkowski (outfield), Bad Axe’s Tommy Morneau (infield) and Unionville-Sebewaing Area Schools’ Aaron Saenz (outfield) round out the Greater Thumb West top picks.

Erla is a repeat selection on the fantasy squad. After collecting league praises for his infield work as a sophomore, he was honored for his showing on the mound this campaign. In 51 1/3 innings, Erla recorded 111 strike outs, while issuing just 13 free passes. His ERA was a mere .390 and his WHIP was equally impressive at .662. Erla surrendered only 4 earned runs over the course of the season in 12 appearances on the hill.

Cuthrell was the Greater Thumb West all-conference first team catcher. He batted for a .419 average and scored 23 runs. His offensive totals included 5 doubles and 8 RBIs.

Turning to the Greater Thumb West all-conference second team mem-

bers, Cass City’s Branden Horn and Kyle Ross, along with Reese’s Ryan Maclin, Mitchell Bender and Jared Schrader, Vassar’s Josh Waldie, Logan Amend, David Wargo and

senior Wargo, senior Brown, senior McVey and Ross.

The Greater Thumb West all-conference second team pitchers were sophomores Maclin and Waldie,

tion accolades were Jack Stern – Cass City senior outfielder, Ryan Fisher – Reese sophomore infielder, Jacob Hartman – Reese sophomore outfielder, Martin Messing - Bad

USA senior outfielder, Juan Cerda III - Vassar junior catcher and Dustin Kady - Laker senior outfielder.

Erla tagged Division 3 all stater, again

For the second straight year, Cass City junior Mason Erla has been named to the Michigan High School Baseball Coaching Association (MHSBCA) Division 3 all-state baseball team.

As a sophomore, the Michigan State University recruit made the MHSBCA’s first team as an infielder, and in 2015, he landed on the marquee squad as one of 5 pitchers.

Both years, the Red Hawk standout had impressive numbers at the plate.

In 2014, Erla made 114 plate appearances, resulting in 94 at-bats, 31 singles, 6 doubles, 5 triples and 3 homeruns. He also contributed 31 RBIs and 38 runs scored.

His offensive total for 2015 included 6 doubles, one triple, one homer and 25 RBIs. Erla batted for a .439 average and .516 on base percentage in his third varsity season, striking out just once in 95 plate appearances.

Evan Wilcox, Unionville-Sebewaing Schools’ Ryan Kain, Laker Austin Parris and Bad Axe’s Jared Brown and Matt McVey finish the star watch list.

Horne made 50 at-bats during his junior year and clubbed 3 doubles and a home run in route to a .360 average. Ross held a .337 batting average in his senior year and belted a team-high 7 doubles. The Red Hawk pair was honored as an infielder and outfielder, respectively.

Joining Horne on the all-conference second team infield were sophomore Kain, senior Parrish, senior Schrader and junior Amend, while the second team outfielders included

while sophomore Bender filled the catcher’s position. Junior Wilcox was the Greater Thumb West second team player at large.

Players receiving honorable men-

Axe sophomore infielder, Caleb Smith – Vassar senior infielder, Matthew Shoemate – Vassar senior outfielder, Ezra Arnold – USA junior outfielder, Ryan Millerwise –



Mason Erla

Greater Thumb East releases all-conference baseball picks

First Team

Tommy Kaliszewski	Memphis	Senior	Pitcher
Jeffrey Wright	Ubly	Junior	Pitcher
J.J. Crouse	Memphis	Senior	Catcher
Brenden Francis	Memphis	Junior	Infield
Cole Roggenbuck	Ubly	Senior	Infield
Jared Sanderson	Sandusky	Senior	Infield
Aaron Gillespie	Memphis	Junior	Outfield
Cody Hutchinson	Ubly	Senior	Outfield
Jordan Braun	Harbor Beach	Senior	Outfield
Evan VanBuskirk	Brown City	Senior	First Base
Ryan Woods	Brown City	Junior	At Large
Conner Newlands	Memphis	Senior	At Large

Second Team

Tyler Monroe	Sandusky	Senior	Pitcher
Joey Hagner	Brown City	Junior	Pitcher
Jordan Rosser	Sandusky	Senior	Pitcher
Brady Kirsch	Harbor Beach	Sophomore	Pitcher
Eric Burgess	Brown City	Junior	Catcher
Ryan Hoff	Brown City	Senior	Infield
Jeff Randolph	Brown City	Senior	Infield
Evan Block	Ubly	Junior	Infield
James Schelke	Harbor Beach	Freshman	Outfield
Ethan Tubbs	Sandusky	Senior	Outfield
Joey Hagner	Brown City	Junior	Outfield
Nick Kohn	Sandusky	Senior	First Base

Honorable Mention

Paco Dorman	Sandusky	Senior	Catcher
Jacob Schneider	Memphis	Junior	Infield
Logan Wheeler	Sandusky	Sophomore	Infield
Calab Muxlow	Brown City	Sophomore	Infield
Roman Weltin	Ubly	Junior	Outfield
Austin Sinda	Memphis	Freshman	Outfield
Logan Newlands	Memphis	Freshman	Outfield
Freddy Pallas	Ubly	Senior	Outfield
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DNR sampling deer for signs of chronic wasting disease

Since the discovery in May of a free-ranging deer infected with chronic wasting disease in Ingham County, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has been hard at work sampling deer from the immediate area for additional signs of the disease and putting into effect emergency precautions to prevent as much as possible the spread of the disease.

So far, no additional infected animals have been found.

Chronic wasting disease is an unusual neurological disorder that affects members of the deer family. CWD is caused by prions – mutating proteins in the animal's nervous system – not a bacteria or virus.

A form of transmissible spongiform encephalopathy, similar to mad cow disease, CWD causes lesions in the brain. Infected animals exhibit uncharacteristic behavior – they lose their fear of humans, for instance – and gradually waste away. CWD has never been shown to cause illness in humans.

The infected animal in Ingham County showed classic symptoms, said DNR veterinarian Steve Schmitt.

"The animal was found in a subdivision in Meridian Township showing neurological symptoms, standing there, letting people approach it," Schmitt said. "And it was thin."

Meridian Township police dispatched the animal and turned it over to the DNR, where it tested positive for CWD. Further testing at the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Veterinary Services Laboratory confirmed that the animal was infected.

The DNR went right to work.

"The first step is ramping up our surveillance," said Chad Stewart, the DNR's deer and elk specialist. "We've determined that the disease exists in Ingham County and now we need to find out how prevalent it is and where else it may exist."

"We're checking road kills and other samples. If we get on it very quickly, we have a chance to eradicate it. If it gets established, we're pretty much in containment mode."

First identified in a captive mule-deer herd at a research facility in Colorado in the late 1960s, CWD has since been found in 23 states and two Canadian provinces.

Michigan's first case of CWD was in a private, captive herd in Kent County in 2008. Significant monitoring of deer from the county and surrounding area failed to discover another infected animal.

Since CWD was confirmed in Ingham County, 122 deer have been tested. None tested positive for CWD.

The bulk of the deer tested have been road kills, which are excellent test subjects, Schmitt said.

"An animal with neurological disease is more likely to step in front of a car," he said.

Others have been shot under disease-control permits issued by the DNR and by the USDA's Wildlife Disease unit, which the DNR contracted to take additional deer.

"This disease can exist in otherwise healthy-looking animals for months or years, but they're still infectious," Stewart said. "We're optimistic that we caught this in time and we can remove enough deer and any infected deer from the population. We obviously won't know that answer until we test more deer."

Schmitt said two states that similarly found a single infected deer – Minnesota and New York – were

able to prevent the disease from becoming established in their herds by "aggressive management."

Schmitt said he was pleased that no additional animals have tested positive, but "we're going to try to get our hands on every deer from the core area – within a two-mile radius of the infected animal – that we can."

Prions are passed from infected deer by excrement, saliva or even the dead carcass of an animal. The prions remain active for a lengthy period of time – how long is not fully known – but animals can pick up the disease from a contaminated environment.

"Those prions will bind with soil particles and stay infectious for years," Schmitt said.

In addition to surveillance, the DNR has issued immediate orders applying to Ingham, Clinton and Shiawassee counties banning feeding deer year-round and baiting during hunting season. All three counties will have an early antlerless hunting season this year.

The DNR has established a nine-township Core CWD Management Area, which includes the townships of Lansing, Meridian, Williamstown, Delhi, Alaledon and Wheatfield in Ingham County; DeWitt and Bath townships in Clinton County; and Woodhull Township in Shiawassee County. Unlimited antlerless deer licenses will be available in the core area this year.

Hunters will be subject to mandatory deer registration in the core area. They will be required to register their deer at a DNR check station before they take their deer outside the core area and will be instructed on proper carcass disposal.

When the fall deer season arrives, the DNR intends to issue unlimited antlerless deer licenses in the affected area and institute mandatory deer checks. Hunters will be asked not to take the carcass of any deer taken in the area outside the township in which it was harvested, though they will be allowed to have the deer processed by a licensed processor and will be alerted to test results.

CWD has never been known to cause human health effects, but health officials warn against consuming the meat of infected animals or the parts of the central nervous system of any deer, as a precaution.

"We hope the hunters will help by participating in mandatory checks, helping restrict carcass movement, and observing the feeding and baiting bans," Stewart said. "We have to try to stop any potential spread or increase in prevalence on the landscape."

"A lot is going to depend on how much hunter participation we get. We've got the ball rolling, but we need a lot of samples from our hunters during the season. We need their participation."

Currently, all deer being tested for CWD are being incinerated.

"We have one chance to try to eradicate this disease, so we have to give it our best shot," Stewart said. "There are going to be some people who won't like this – culling deer and unlimited antlerless permits – but it's the best thing to do."

People who see animals exhibiting neurological symptoms are asked to call the Report All Poaching (RAP) line at 1-800-292-7800. People who see road-killed deer in the nine-township area are being asked to report them to the Wildlife Disease hotline (517-614-9602) at the DNR Rose Lake Field Office.



LADY CHAMPS. The Owen-Gage 10U softball team recorded a perfect 10-0 season in 2015. The league champion Bulldogs are: (front row, l-r) Emily Schultz, Allison Haldane, Libby Ondrajka, Amber Haldane, Dakota Dahlke (back row) Madelyn Haldane, Erin Morrish, Dana Morrish, Dagon LaCroix, Monee' Schember and Coach Bob Haldane.

GTC soccer stars announced

The 2015 Greater Thumb Conference (GTC) girls' soccer all-conference selections are a talented bunch.

The GTC-North Division first team picks include Bad Axe senior keeper Britani Cariveau, senior forward Sarah Butch, junior defender Isabel Humphrey-Philips and junior forward Lakeisha Ridner; Harbor Beach junior midfielder Nicole Booms, sophomore forward Justine Roggenbuck and senior center Lauren Maurer; USA senior forward Morgan Thomas and junior midfielder Madi Herman; and EPBP junior forward Mariah Cook and junior sweeper Destiny Bolda.

The GTC-North Division second team choices consist of Cass City senior forward Erin Zdrojewski, EPBP senior defender Megan Woolford and junior defender Sadie Muntz; USA junior defender

Raychel Prime and sophomore midfielder Mackenzie Trishler; Harbor Beach junior forward Brianna Emming and senior midfielder Emilay Pawlowski; Bad Axe junior defender Alicia Ng, senior midfielder Clare McManaman and junior midfielder Kayla Essenmacher; USA senior keeper Sam Ewald; and Harbor Beach freshman keeper Rebecca Zurek.

Players receiving honorable mention distinction are Cass City senior forward Lauren Scott and senior defender Kennedy Brown; EPBP junior midfielder Karah Marker; USA senior defender Clarice Kruse and sophomore forward Sarah Zube; Harbor Beach junior defender Molly Booms and senior midfielder Mikaela Pfaff; and Bad Axe sophomore midfielder Tess McMananan and senior defender Baylee Perez.

The GTC-South Division first team

players are Memphis' Jeralyn Gold, Eica Iannucci, Lindsey Meyers, Jenna Lesch and Lauren Weidner; Marlette's Mackenzie Kelly, Julie Hohman and Alissa Bradeen; Sandusky's Kate Brown and Isabella Smith; and Brown City's Rachel Brower.

The GTC-South Division second team members are Brown City's Clara Hughes; Marlette's Olivia Gierman, Scottlynn Breezee and Hannah Byers; Memphis' Kayla Lesch, Faustine Sutton and Alyssa Chambers; Sandusky's Chelsea Phetteplace; and Brown City's Lauren Miron and Sydney Moots.

Honorable mention choices of the GTC-South division are Marlette's Hannah Musiel and Caitlin Quade; Sandusky's Kaylee Anderson and Kaelyn Demmon; Brown City's Mariah Halbert; and Memphis' Lemi Iannucci.

Most Michigan snakes harmless

This time of year, as snakes are out and about in the great outdoors, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) fields many questions about Michigan's snakes. Michigan is home to 18 different species of snakes, 17 of which are harmless to humans.

There are two that are very similar and often cause a stir when people encounter them.

Eastern hognose snakes, when threatened, puff up with air, flatten their necks and bodies, and hiss loudly (this has led to local names like "puff adder" or "hissing viper"). If this act is unsuccessful in deterring predators, the snakes will writhe about, excrete a foul-smelling musk and then turn over with mouth agape and lie still, as though dead. Despite this intimidating behavior, hognosed snakes are harmless to humans.

The eastern massasauga rattlesnake, the only venomous snake species found in Michigan, is quite rare and protected as a species of special concern due to declining populations from habitat loss. As the name implies, the massasauga rat-

tlesnake does have a segmented rattle on its tail. It should not be confused with the other harmless species of snakes in Michigan that do not have segmented rattles but also will buzz their tails if approached or handled.

Eastern massasauga rattlesnakes are shy creatures that avoid humans whenever possible. Also known as "swamp rattlers", they spend the vast majority of their time in year-round wetlands hunting their primary prey — mice.

When encountered, if the snake doesn't feel threatened, it will let people pass without revealing its location. If humans get too close, a rattlesnake will generally warn of its presence by rattling its tail while people are still several feet away. If given room, the snake will slither away into nearby brush.

Rattlesnake bites, while extremely rare in Michigan (fewer than one per year), can and do occur. Anyone who is bitten should seek medical attention immediately.

Those who encounter a snake of any kind should leave it alone. Don't try to handle or harass the

snake – this is primarily how snake bites happen. A snake can only strike roughly one-third of its body length, so it is physically impossible for people to get bitten if they do not get within 24 inches of the snake's head. Michigan snakes do not attack, chase or lunge at people or seek out human contact. Simply put, if left alone, Michigan snakes will leave people alone.

To learn more about Michigan's snakes, visit www.michigan.gov/wildlife, click on the "Wildlife Species" button and select "Amphibians and Reptiles."

Also, be sure to check out the DNR's 60-Second Snakes video series for identification tips and information about Michigan's snake species.

The DNR asks Michigan residents to consider reporting any reptile or amphibian sightings to the Michigan Herp Atlas research project to help monitor amphibian and reptile populations in Michigan and protect these valuable resources for future generations. Visit www.miherpatlas.org for more information.

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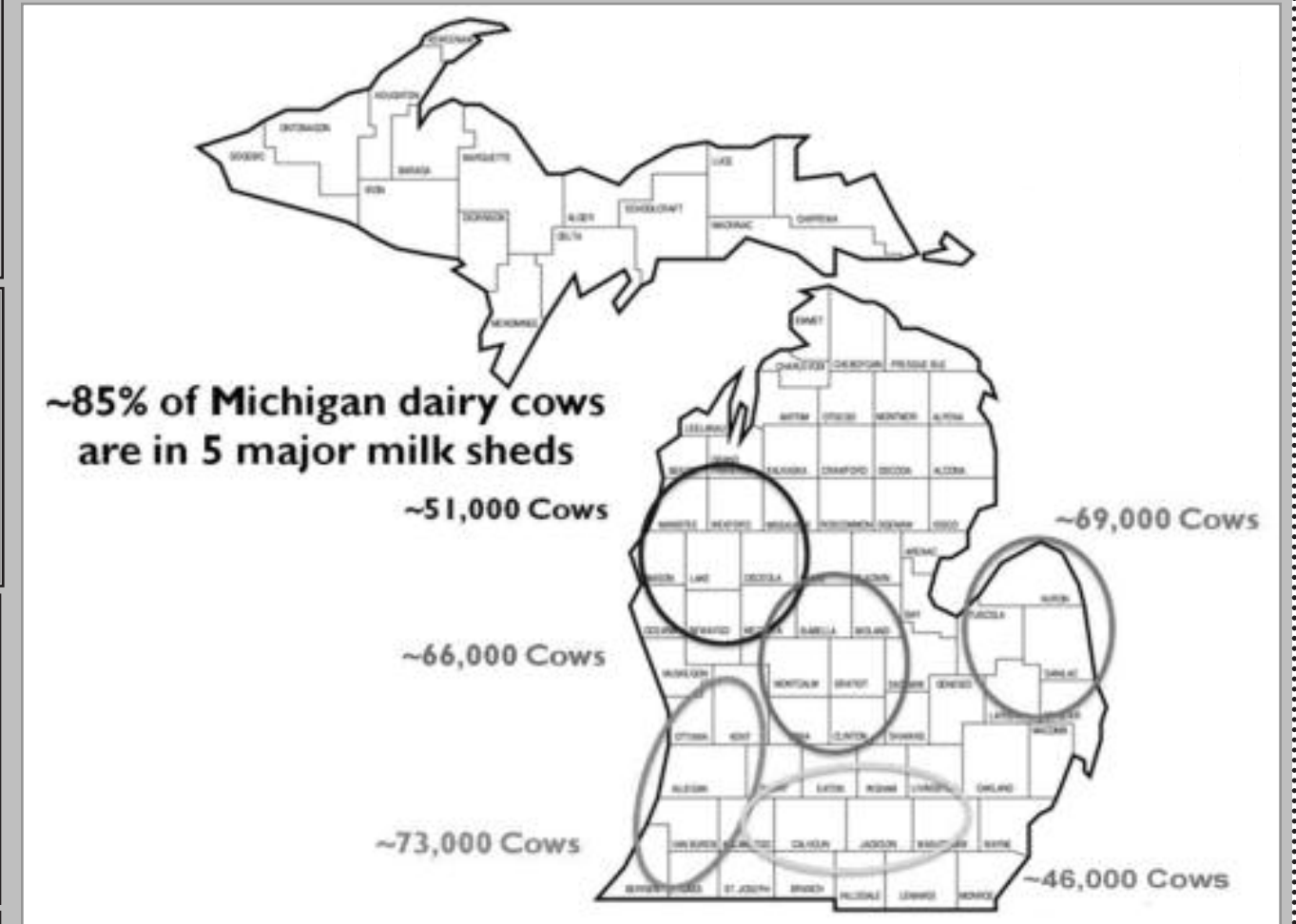
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Case No. 14-28156-CH CIRCUIT COURT SALE In pursuance and by virtue of a Judgment of the Circuit Court for the County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, made and entered on the 15th day of September A.D., 2014 in a certain cause therein pending, wherein Bank of America, N.A. (was) (were) the Plaintiff and Sherrie McConnell and Atlantic Credit & Finance INC, (was) (were) the Defendant(s).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I shall sell at public auction to the highest bidder, at public venue, at the Tuscola County Courthouse (that being the place of holding the Circuit Court for said County), on the 23rd day of July A.D., 2015 at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, Eastern Standard Time, the following described property, viz: All certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Township of Ellington County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, described as follows: BEGINNING AT A POINT WHICH IS 1132 FEET SOUTH OF THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 21, TOWN 13 NORTH, RANGE 10 EAST, THENCE WEST 330 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 132 FEET, THENCE EAST 330 FEET, THENCE NORTH 132 FEET TO POINT OF BEGINNING. TOWNSHIP OF ELLINGTON, TUSCOLA COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

Commonly Known As: 2357 HURDS CORNER RD, CASS CITY, MI 48726-0000 This property may be redeemed during the six (6) months following the sale.

Dated: 5/19/2015
Deputy Sheriff MICHAEL URBAN
Attorneys for Plaintiff
Christopher Astfalk (P53129)
700 Tower Drive Suite 510
Troy, MI 48098

5-27-6

Case No. 14-28416-CH CIRCUIT COURT SALE In pursuance and by virtue of a Judgment of the Circuit Court for the County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, made and entered on the 27 day of April, A.D., 2015 in a certain cause therein pending, wherein Jamie K Chambers, aka Jamie Chambers, A Single Woman(was) (were) the Plaintiff and Selene Finance LP, assignee of Bank of America, NA, successor by merger fo BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP, fka Countrywide Home Loan Servicing, LP (was) (were) the Defendant(s).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I shall sell at public auction to the highest bidder, at public venue, at the Tuscola County Courthouse (that being the place of holding the Circuit Court for said County), on the 23 day of July, A.D., 2015 at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, Eastern Standard Time, the following described property, viz: COMMENCING AT A POINT THAT IS 660 FEET NORTH OF THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 9, TOWN 10 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST; THENCE NORTH 136.89 FEET; THENCE EAST 412.50 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 136.89 FEET, THENCE WEST 412.50 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

Commonly known as: 8437 FULMER ROAD MILLINGTON, MI 48746 All certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Village of Millington, County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, described as follows: This property may be redeemed during the six (6) months following the sale.

Dated: 5/28/2015
MICHAEL URBAN DEPUTY SHERIFF
Fabrizio & Brook, PC Christopher S. Astfalk (P53129)
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MORTGAGE SALE – Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by ERIC HARTWICK, AN UNMARRIED MAN, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. (“MERS”), solely as nominee for lender and lender’s successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated May 15, 2008, and recorded on May 16, 2008, in Liber 1149, on Page 1129, and assigned by said mortgagee to Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC, as assigned, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Six Thousand Three Hundred Twenty-Two Dollars and Thirty-Nine Cents (\$56,322.39), including interest at 6.875% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, front entrance of the Courthouse Building in the City of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM o’clock, on July 2, 2015

Said premises are located in Tuscola County, Michigan and are described as: LOT 7, BLOCK 5 OF GARDEN CENTER SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT RECORDED IN LIBER 1, PAGE 42B. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241, in which case the redemption period shall be 1 month, or under MCL 600.3241a 30 days

from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later, or extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238 If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 600 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC Mortgagee/
Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C.
23938 Research Drive, Suite 300
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MT.000425 FHA

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Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

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 Anthony Dickenson, a married man, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated December 6, 2011, and recorded on December 8, 2011 in Liber 1236 on Page 1213, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. 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 Fifteen Thousand Five Hundred Twenty-Eight and 91/100 Dollars (\$115,528.91). Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on July 9, 2015.

Said premises are situated in Township of Watertown, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel B: A parcel of land in the Southeast 1/4 of Section 23, Town 10 North, Range 9 East, described as follows: To fix the point of beginning, commencing at the Southeast corner of Section 23; thence North 00 degrees 25 minutes 18 seconds East, on the East line of said Section 987.01 feet to the point of beginning of this description; thence South 89 degrees 54 minutes 16 seconds West, on a line which is parallel with said 335.28 feet, measured at right angles, South of the North line of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section, 1313.36 feet to a point on the West line of said Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4; thence North 00 degrees 19 minutes 52 seconds West on said West line of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4, 335.29 feet to the Northwest 1/4 of said Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4; thence North 89 degrees 54 minutes 16 seconds East, on said North line of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4, 1313.9 feet to the Northeast corner of said Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4; thence South 00 degrees 25 minutes 18 seconds West, on said East Section line, 335.29 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: June 10, 2015
For more information, please call:
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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Shane Wachowicz and Tracy Wachowicz husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated September 5, 2012, and recorded on September 10, 2012 in Liber 1259 on Page 815, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Wells Fargo Bank, NA as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date here-

of the sum of Ninety Thousand One Hundred Forty-Five and 71/100 Dollars (\$90,145.71). Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on July 9, 2015.

Said premises are situated in Township of Almer, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Part of the Southwest quarter of Section 11, Town 13 North, Range 9 East, described as: Beginning at a point on the South line of said Section 11 which is West 392.00 feet from the South quarter of said Section 11; Thence continuing along said South line, West 150.00 feet, Thence at right angles to said South line, North 278.00 feet; Thence East 150.00 feet; Thence South 278.00 feet to the South line of said Section 11 and the point of beginning

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

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IF YOU ARE NOW ON ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY OR HAVE BEEN IN THE PRIOR ONE YEAR, PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT 586-777-0770 NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE MORTGAGE SALE-Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a mortgage made by WILLIAM K. ATKINS, a single man, 4877 HESS ROAD, VASSAR, MI 48768, Mortgagor(s) to FRANKENMUTH CREDIT UNION, 580 NORTH MAIN STREET, FRANKENMUTH, MI 48734, Mortgagee dated APRIL 22, 2009, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Tuscola County, and State of Michigan on APRIL 30, 2009, in LIBER 1173 on PAGE 1238 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 ONE HUNDRED ELEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FORTY SEVEN AND 18/100THS (\$111,547.18) DOLLARS at 4% percent per annum and attorney fees as provided for in said Mortgage, and no suit or proceedings at law or in equity have been instituted to recover the moneys secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof;

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on JULY 16, 2015, AT 10:00 A.M. local time, said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder in the main lobby of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Tuscola is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, aforesaid, on said mortgage with interest thereon and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises.

Which said premises are described as follows: TOWNSHIP OF VASSAR, COUNTY OF TUSCOLA AND STATE OF MICHIGAN, to wit: PARCEL E - Part of the West 1 / 2 of the West 1 / 2 of the Southwest 1 / 4 of Section 9, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, described as: Beginning at a point on the West line of Section 9 which is North 00 degrees 31°36” West, 1210.88 feet from the Southwest corner of said Section 9; thence continuing along said West line, North 00 degrees 31°36” West, 120.89 feet; thence parallel to the East and West 1 / 4 line of Section 9, North 89 degrees 13°15” East, 653.99 feet; thence along the East line of said West 1 / 2 of the West 1 / 2 of the Southwest 1 / 4, South 00 degrees 39°39” East, 124.23 feet; thence South 89 degrees 30°52” West, 654.27 feet to the West line of Section 9 and the Point of Beginning. PROPERTY ADDRESS: 4877 Hess Road, Vassar, MI 48768 During the SIX (6) MONTHS immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241 a, the property may be redeemed during the thirty (30) days immediately following the sale.

TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foregoing Mortgagee can rescind the Sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period. KENNETH C. BUTLER II (P 28477)

ATTORNEY FOR MORTGAGEE
24525 Harper Avenue
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Dated: 6-17-15

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Dated: 6/17/2015
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6-17-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Julie DeMott f/k/a Julie K Putnam, a single person, Mortgagors, to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc., Mortgagee, dated the 15th day of January, 2003 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for The County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 23rd day of January, 2003 in Liber 912 of Tuscola County Records, page 162, said Mortgage having been assigned to Green Tree Servicing LLC on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Fifteen Thousand Two Hundred Fourteen & 50/100 (\$15214.50), 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 16th day of July, 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 0.0 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 Fremont, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit: Part of the East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 1, Town 11 North, Range 9 East described as: Beginning at a point on the East line of said Section 1, North 01 degrees 05 minutes 41 seconds West 1169.38 feet from East 1/4 corner of said Section 1; thence continuing along said east line, North 01 degrees 05 minutes 41 seconds West 180 feet; thence South 89 degrees 29 minutes 18 seconds West 270.00 feet, thence South 01 degrees 05 minutes 41 seconds East 180 feet; thence North 89 degrees 29 minutes 18 seconds East 270 feet to the East line of said Section 1 and Point of Beginning During the twelve (12) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during 30 days immediately following the sale. Pursuant to MCLA 600.3278, the mortgagor(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid.

The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee’s attorney

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IF THE DEBT WAS DISCHARGED IN A BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDING, THIS NOTICE IS NOT AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT THAT DEBT. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below. ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee for any reason. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest, and the purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee’s attorney. MORTGAGE SALE – Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Jeanette L. Brown, A Single Woman to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for GreenPoint Mortgage Funding, Inc., its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated May 16, 2006 and recorded May 25, 2006 in Liber 1082 Page 1213 Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned to: U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as Trustee for CSAB MORTGAGE-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-3, by assignment dated June 2, 2015 and subsequently recorded on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Forty-Eight Thousand Three Hundred Forty-Two Dollars and Fifty-Seven Cents (\$148,342.57) including interest 8% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, Circuit Court of Tuscola County at 10:00AM on July 16, 2015 Said premises are situated in Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing 16 one-half rods West of the Southwest corner of Block 10 of the Plat of the Village of Centerville, (Now Caro), recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, page 59A; thence running North 11one-half rods; thence West 6 rods; thence South 11 one-half rods; thence East 6 rods to the place of beginning. Being a part of the Northwest quarter of Section 3, Town 12 North Range 9 East. Commonly known as 636 West Frank St, Caro MI 48723 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later; or unless MCL 600.3240(17) applies. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Dated: 6/17/2015
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as Trustee for CSAB MORTGAGE-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-3,
Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys:
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IF YOU ARE A MILITARY SERVICE-MEMBER ON ACTIVE DUTY NOW OR IN THE PRIOR NINE MONTHS, PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE. Mortgage Sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Daisey Pittman, A Single Woman to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. acting solely as a nominee for Shore Mortgage, Mortgagee, dated October 29, 2007, and recorded on November 6, 2007, in Liber 1134, Page 360, Tuscola County Records, said mortgage was assigned to U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION by an Assignment of Mortgage dated January 20, 2015 and recorded January 26, 2015 in Liber 1322, Page 1268, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Four Thousand Five Hundred Sixty-Four and 44/100 (\$74,564.44) including interest at the rate of 7.00000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the Circuit Court in said Tuscola County, where the premises to be sold or some part of them are situated, at 10:00 AM on July 16, 2015 Said premises are situated in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 1 and the Southeasterly half of Lot 9, Block 3, of Oakwood Addition to the Village of Caro; and also the Northwesterly Half of Sheridan Street, now vacated adjacent to Lots 1 and 9, Block 3 of Subdivision, Village of Caro, according to the recorded Plat thereof; as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 14B. Commonly known as: 202 QUINN AVE, CARO, MI 48723 If the property is eventually sold at foreclosure sale, the redemption period will be 6.00 months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned or used for agricultural purposes. If the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 and/or 600.3241a, the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of sale, or 15 days after statutory notice, whichever is later. If the property is presumed to be used for agricultural purposes prior to the date of the foreclosure sale pursuant to MCL 600.3240, the redemption period is 1 year.

Pursuant to MCL 600.3278, if the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, the borrower(s) 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. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages are, if any, limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights.

Dated: June 17, 2015
Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180,
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302,
(248) 335-9200
Case No. 15MI00634-1

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SCHNEIDERMAN & SHERMAN, P.C., IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT (248)539-7400 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE – Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by JOHN A. PYKE and MELISA K. PYKE, HUSBAND AND WIFE, to DRAPER AND KRAMER MORTGAGE CORP., Mortgagee, dated September 22, 2006, and recorded on October 9, 2006, in Liber 1098, on Page 868, and modified on June 18, 2013, recorded July 16, 2013, in Liber 1286, on Page 297, and assigned by said mortgagee to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, as assigned, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirty Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy-Six Dollars and Seventy-Six Cents (\$130,976.76), including interest at 3.500% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, front entrance of the Courthouse Building in the City of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM o'clock, on July 16, 2015 Said premises are located in Tuscola County, Michigan and are described as: A parcel of land in the Southwest quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section 21, Town 11 North, Range 9 East, described as: commencing at the south quarter corner of said Section 21; thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East along the South Section line 394.40 feet to the point of beginning; thence North 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West 320.75 feet; thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East parallel with the South Section line 320.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West 320.75 feet; thence South 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, 320.00 feet to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241, in which case the redemption period shall be 1 month, or under MCL 600.3241a 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL

600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later, or extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238 If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 600 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

JPMorgan Chase Bank,
National Association Mortgage/Assignee
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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Patricia Cartwright and Kenneth M. Cartwright, wife and husband, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Novastar Mortgage, Inc., Mortgagee, dated November 15, 2006, and recorded on November 28, 2006 in Liber 1103 on Page 958, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for NovaStar Mortgage Funding Trust, Series 2006-6 NovaStar Home Equity Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-6 as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Fifty-Two Thousand Seven Hundred Ten and 95/100 Dollars (\$152,710.95).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on July 16, 2015.

Said premises are situated in Township of Denmark, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Part of the Northwest 1/4 Section 17, Town 12 North, Range 7 East, Denmark Township, Tuscola County Michigan, described as: Commencing at the North 1/4 Corner of said Section 17; thence along the North line of said Section 17, North 87 degrees 51 minutes 00 seconds West, 785.00 feet to the point of beginning; thence South 02 degrees 03 minutes 00 seconds West, 280.00 feet; thence parallel with said North line of Section 17, North 87 degrees 51 minutes 00 seconds West, 215.00 feet; thence North 02 degrees 03 minutes 00 seconds East, 280 feet to said North line of Section 17; thence along said North line of Section 17, South 87 degrees 51 minutes 00 seconds East, 215.00 feet to the point of beginning The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Dated: June 17, 2015
For more information, please call:
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IF YOU ARE NOW ON ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY OR HAVE BEEN IN THE PRIOR ONE YEAR, PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT 248-502-1400.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Mathew V. Pletcher a single man, and Jennifer L Beckel, a single woman, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated July 7, 2003 and recorded July 16, 2003 in Liber 943, Page 1023, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Seven Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-Five and 31/100 Dollars (\$107,585.31), including interest at 5.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on JULY 23, 2015.

Said premises are located in the Township of Fremont, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Part of the Northeast quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section 6, Town 11 North, Range 9 East, described as beginning at a point on the East line of said Section 6, which is South 01 degree 06 minutes 50 seconds East 829.10 feet from the East quarter corner of said Section 6; thence continuing along said East line, South 01 degree 06 minutes 50 seconds East 494.53 feet to the South line of the Northeast quarter of the Southeast quarter of said Section 6; thence along said South line South 88 degrees 27 minutes 46 seconds West 1320.90 feet to the West line of the Northeast quarter of the Southeast quarter of said Section 6; thence along said West line, North 00 degrees 58 minutes 58 seconds West 491.49 feet; thence parallel to the East and West quarter line of said Section 6, North 88 degrees 19 minutes 50 seconds East 1319.82 feet to the East line of said Section 6 and point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.

Dated: June 24, 2015
Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007
File No. 15-009214

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IF YOU ARE NOW ON ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY OR HAVE BEEN IN THE PRIOR ONE YEAR, PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT 586-777-0770 NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE MORTGAGE SALE-Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a mortgage made by ROBERT S. FAULK and TAMI A. FAULK, his wife, 6377 SOUTH VASSAR ROAD, VASSAR, MI 48768, Mortgagor(s) to FRANKENMUTH CREDIT UNION, 580 NORTH MAIN STREET, FRANKENMUTH, MI 48734, Mortgagee dated SEPTEMBER 19, 2003, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Tuscola County, and State of Michigan on JANUARY 16, 2004, in LIBER 974 on PAGE 275 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 NINETY FOUR THOUSAND AND 85/100THS (\$94,000.85) DOLLARS at 9.75% 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 JULY 23, 2015, AT 10:00 A.M. local time, said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder in the main lobby of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Tuscola is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, aforesaid, on said mortgage with interest thereon and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows: Township of Vassar, County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, to wit: Commencing at a point which is North 02 degrees 45 minutes 42 seconds East, 1032.49 feet from the Southwest corner of Section 19, Town 11 North, Range 13 East, thence continuing North 02 degrees 45 minutes 42 seconds East, 335 feet; thence South 89 degrees 04 minutes 54 seconds East, 1345 feet along the South 1 / 8 line; thence South 0 degrees 49 minutes 50 seconds West, 335 feet; thence North 89 degrees 04 minutes 54 seconds West, 1355 feet to the point of beginning. EXCEPT the Easterly 60 feet thereof. PROPERTY ADDRESS: 6377 SOUTH VASSAR ROAD, VASSAR, MI 48768 During the SIX (6) MONTHS immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241 a, the property may be redeemed during the thirty (30) days immediately following the sale.

TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foregoing

Mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.

KENNETH C. BUTLER II (P 28477)
ATTORNEY FOR MORTGAGEE
24525 Harper Avenue
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Dated: 6-24-15

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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 Martin Foley, an unmarried person, original mortgagor(s), to Chemical Bank Thumb Area, a Michigan Banking Corporation, Mortgagee, dated May 22, 1997, and recorded on June 4, 1997 in Liber 712 on Page 143, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Chemical Bank f/k/a Chemical Bank and Trust Company 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 Thousand Six Hundred Seventy and 30/100 Dollars (\$50,670.30).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on July 23, 2015.

Said premises are situated in Township of Fremont, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing 708 feet South of the East 1/4 corner of Section 16, Town 11 North, Range 9 East, thence West 213.5 feet; thence South 612 feet to the South line of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 16; thence East along the line 213.5 feet; thence North 612 feet to the point of beginning. Except the North 200 feet thereof.

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: June 24, 2015
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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 Andrew Isenberg and Laurie Isenberg, 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 October 16, 2008, and recorded on October 17, 2008 in Liber 1159 on Page 1461, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, and assigned by mesne assignments to Selene Finance LP as assignee, on which mortgage there is

claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-One Thousand Two Hundred Three and 49/100 Dollars (\$81,203.49).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on July 23, 2015.

Said premises are situated in City of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at a point 50 Rods and 13 links South of the Quarter post on West Side of Section 3, Town 12 North, Range 9 East, thence East 8 Rods 16 feet, thence South 67.94 feet, thence West 8 Rods 16 feet, thence North 67.94 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.

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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 Debra L Clayton, a single woman, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated May 26, 2005, and recorded on June 6, 2005 in Liber 1041 on Page 397, and assigned by mesne assignments to U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for SASCO Mortgage Loan Trust 2005-WF4 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 Thousand One Hundred Seventy-Five and 60/100 Dollars (\$120,175.60).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on July 23, 2015.

Said premises are situated in Township of Watertown, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel A: Part of the Northwest quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 4, Town 10 North, Range 9 East; Beginning at a point on the West line of said Section 4, which is South 659.77 feet from the West quarter corner of said Section; thence continuing along said West line, South 334.15 feet; thence North 89 degrees 39 minutes 55 seconds East 264.00 feet; thence parallel with the West line of said Section, South 165.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 39 minutes 55 seconds East 261 feet; thence North, 498.33 feet.; thence South 89 deerees 45 minutes 19 seconds West 525.00 feet to the point of beginning

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

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Lois Bliss



Lois Jean Bliss, 70, of Unionville, passed away suddenly Monday, June 8, 2015 at Caro Community Hospital, Caro.

Lois was born June 19, 1944 in Cass City, the daughter of the late Louis and Lucille (McLellan) Wright.

She married Raymond Bliss, who preceded her in death.

She was a homemaker who enjoyed knitting hats, going out to restaurants and playing bingo. She also made beaded necklaces which she gave to family and friends while a resident at Tendercare Cass City.

Lois will be missed by many family and friends, especially her cousin Joyce Stevens of Cass City, her brother-in-law, Albert Griffen of Deford and many nieces and nephews and cousins.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was predeceased by a brother, Dennis Wright and a sister, Shirley Griffen.

Honoring Lois' wishes, cremation has taken place. A committal service will be held Friday, June 19 at 2 p.m. at Elkland Township Cemetery, with Pastor Brad Speirs officiating.

Please share condolences at www.thabetfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements were made by Thabet Funeral Home, Cass City.

Braelynn Greenfield

Our hearts are broken, our arms are empty. As the parents of Braelynn Ann Greenfield, we are sad to announce that our daughter was born Wednesday, June 17, 2015 in Covenant Medical Center, Harrison Campus. She took her last breaths later that day also in Covenant Medical Center, Harrison Campus, Saginaw. As Braelynn's parents, Jeffrey Greenfield and Mikaela McIntyre, we thank you for your prayers and for sharing our sorrow.

Braelynn will also be missed by her grandparents: Edmund and Melissa McIntyre of Kingston, Jeffrey and Tara Mallory of Kingston and Saloma Greenfield of Sterling; aunts and uncles: Shelby McIntyre, Hart McIntyre, Alexandra Mallory and Courtney Mallory; great-grandmother, Cheryl Kruse of Travelers Rest, SC; great-grandmothers: Beverly Mallory and Joyce Greenfield.

She was preceded in death by her great-grandfathers: Jim Mallory, Virgil Greenfield and David McIntyre; great-grandmother, Betty Konecny.

Braelynn's funeral service was held Monday, June 22 in Kranz Funeral Home, Kingston with Pastor Len Wyatt of Kingston Wesleyan Church officiating.

Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home of Kingston.

Ruth O'Connor

Ruth Marie O'Connor, 95, of Port Austin, died following a short illness Thursday, June 18, 2015 in Bolton Brook Manor, Metamora.

She was born June 18, 1920 in Gladwin County, MI to Samuel H. and Mary A. (Tesch) Kirby.

She married Herbert Wagner April 7, 1937 in Wendale. She married Thomas I. O'Connor May 5, 1968 in Tawas. He died April 13, 2005.

Ruth worked at the Caro State Hospital as a trainer for more than 20 years, retiring in 1971. She enjoyed ceramics, knitting, crocheting and working word search puzzles. Ruth was a talented quilter and made many quilt tops for family members. She was a member of the Elkland Township quilting group years ago. Ruth loved to read, especially romance novels, historical fiction and Michigan history. In years past she enjoyed fishing. Ruth enjoyed berry picking and morel mushroom hunting.

Ruth is survived by her children: Beverley (Lester Jr.) Auten of Cass City, Aileen (Daryl) Wismer of Saranac, Dorothy Green of Rochester Hills, Jill (Bill) Haps of Grand Rapids, Vicki DeHaan of Georgetown, SC, Mary (Dale) Parsons of North Branch; daughter-in-law, Alice Wagner of Roseville; 20 grandchildren; many great-grandchildren. She was also loved by many nieces and nephews. Ruth is preceded in death by sons: Kurt Wagner and John Wagner; brothers: Clayton Kirby, Vernon Kirby; sister, Aileen Snider; sons-in-law: Gary DeHaan, Leo Bueche.

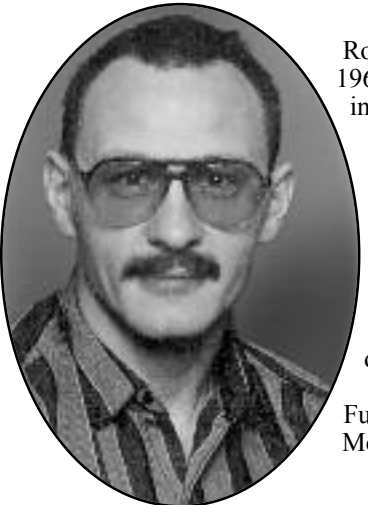
A funeral service was held at 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 23 in Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City with the Rev. Dale Parsons officiating.

Interment will be in Elkland Township Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Bolton Brook Manor, 4554 Thomas Road, Metamora, MI 48455 or American Cancer Society.

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

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

Rodney Wakefield-Montreiul



Rodney Lynn Wakefield-Montreiul was born November 30, 1963 in Cass City to Lloyd and Judith Montreiul. He entered into rest on May 18, 2015 at the age of 51.

Rodney started working at the age of 16 for the Cass Theatre, building tow dollies for Gary Jackson of Ubly, onto Deckerville Die Form, Regency Plastics and at last Vita Plus in Gagetown.

Rodney had a sport for racing and building his own cars to race and win, which he did and now he has won his final race only to win at heaven's gate.

He leaves behind his family and friends who love him very deeply.

A memorial service was held May 24, 2015 at the Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City.

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State confirms first case of West Nile; precautions urged

With the first West Nile virus activity for Michigan in 2015 identified in crows collected in Ingham County, Michiganders should take the precautionary steps of applying repellents during peak mosquito biting periods such as dusk and dawn, and to drain standing water around their homes to remove mosquito breeding sites.

West Nile virus can cause serious neurological illnesses, such as meningitis and encephalitis. Symptoms include a high fever, confusion, muscles weakness, and a severe headache, according to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

In 2014, nationally 2,205 human cases of the virus and 97 deaths were reported to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

“While everyone should take steps to protect themselves, adults who are 50 and older have the highest risk of illness caused by West Nile virus,” said Dr. Eden Wells, chief medical executive for the MDHHS. “Additionally, people who work in outdoor occupations like construction and landscaping are at increased risk of getting bitten by an infected mosquito. One bite from an infected mosquito can lead to a severe and possibly life-altering illness. Prevention is the key to protection.”

Three nestling crows from Ingham County tested positive for the virus at Michigan State University. The birds were found dead in early June and submitted by the public to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Birds are the natural animal reservoir for the virus and carry it in their blood. Mosquitoes become infected when they bite an infected bird.

Most birds show no symptoms of infection, but certain bird species, such as crows, blue jays and ravens, are more sensitive to the virus and are more likely to become sick and die when they become infected with the virus.

“As with many wildlife diseases, vigilant observation and reporting from the public are critical in helping health and wildlife experts better understand and contain the transmission of West Nile Virus,” said Steve Schmitt, veterinarian-in-charge at the DNR Wildlife Disease Lab. “We ask residents to contact us if they find sick or dead crows, blackbirds, owls or hawks, or any other bird exhibiting signs of illness.”

The mosquitoes that transmit West Nile virus are often referred to as the ‘house mosquito’ and may breed near people’s homes in storm drains, shallow ditches, retention ponds, and unused pools. As summer temperatures rise, mosquitoes and the virus develop more quickly so it is important to protect yourself from mosquito bites.

“Recent heavy rains, combined with warm weather, have led to a lot of mosquito activity, and this can mean an increase in the use of insect repellents as we enjoy sports, backyard barbecues, camping and other outdoor summer activities,” said Gina Alessandri, MDARD’s Pesticide and Plant Pest Management Division director. “Safe use of insect repellents is possible if you follow the directions listed on the bottle, especially when applying repellents on children.”

According to MDARD, people can stay healthy by using simple, effective strategies to protect themselves and their families. In particular, residents are advised to use mosquito repellent products containing EPA-approved active ingredients, such as DEET, picaridin, or oil of lemon eucalyptus.

Draining standing water, and making sure door and window screens are in good repair will also help keep mosquitoes out of the home. Also, consider using biological controls for small lakes and ponds you own, such as *Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis* (Bti), which is available at many stores.

CASS CITY FREEDOM FESTIVAL

Cass City will be combining 3 huge events into 1 action packed extended weekend. Come celebrate Cass City's 150th anniversary, Summer Mania and our Annual Freedom Festival!

THURSDAY, JULY 2ND

- Noon.....4th of July Golf Tourney @ Rolling Hills
- 4 p.m. to Close.....CARNIVAL (rides for all ages) @ Park
- 7 p.m.....BINGO (cards for sale 6:15 p.m.) @ Lion's Pavilion

FRIDAY, JULY 3RD

- SUMMER MANIA IN JULY
- 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m....FREE Lunch for all children @ Rotary Park
 - 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.....FREE Inflatables @ Rotary Park
 - 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.....FREE Snow Cones & Cotton Candy @ Rotary Park
 - Noon - 4 p.m.....FREE Face Painting @ Rotary Park
 - Noon - 4 p.m.....FREE Craft Area @ Rotary Park
 - 12:30 p.m. - 2 p.m.....FREE Magic Show @ Rotary Park
 - 4 p.m.....150 Balloon Release @ Rotary Park
 - 6:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.....Music in Rotary Park - “Muzyka!”
Hoola-Hoop Contest, Variety Show & Free Snacks
 - Noon to Close.....CARNIVAL (rides for all ages) @ Park
 - Noon to 9 p.m.....Craft Show @ Park
 - Noon to 9 p.m.....Food Vendors @ Park
 - Noon to 9 p.m.....Petting Zoo & Pony Rides
 - 1-5 p.m. & 7-9 p.m.....Cass City Village Pool - Free Swim - *Sponsored by Reggie Ignash/Farm Bureau*
 - 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.....Pageant in the Park Gazebo - Registration 4 p.m.; Contest 5 p.m.
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 - 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.....Methodist Church Ice Cream Social @ South Pavilion
 - 6 p.m.....Classic Car Show @ McDonald's
 - 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.....Entertainment Tent - Featuring Live Music @ Rolling Hills Golf Course

SATURDAY, JULY 4TH

- 8 a.m.....Hills & Dales Rehab 5K Run/Walk, 8K Run & Toddler Trot @ Hills & Dales
- 9:30 a.m.....Parade Entries Meet @ Garfield St.
- 10:30 a.m.....37th Annual Great Parade
- 11 a.m. to Close.....CARNIVAL (rides for all ages) @ Park
- Noon to 5 p.m.....CCRC Airplane & Helicopter Display & Demo @ Softball Field
- 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.....AAUW Kids Area Paint In @ Gazebo in Park
- After Parade.....Cass City Lions Club BBQ Chicken Dinner @ Lion's Pavilion
- After Parade.....3-on-3 Basketball Tournament @ Park
- After Parade.....2-Cylinder Tractor Display @ Park
- After Parade to 5 p.m....Thumb Area Tail Waggers @ Park
- After Parade to 9 p.m.....Craft Show @ Park
- After Parade to 8 p.m.....Kids' Area - *Inflatables, Water Slide, Mechanical Bull & Obstacle Course @ Park*
- After Parade to 7 p.m.....Cass City Village Pool - Free Swim - *Sponsored by Reggie Ignash/Farm Bureau*
- After Parade to 9 p.m.....Food Vendors @ Park
- 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.....MT Pocket Pullers Tractor Pull @ North of Park
- DUSK.....GRAND FIREWORKS!!!! @ Park & School
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SUNDAY, JULY 5TH

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