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**EARL AND BECKY McKee of Cass City are organizing the first-ever Fore Kylie Charity Golf Tournament next month at Rolling Hills Golf Course in an effort to raise money for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. The McKee's daughter, Kylie, 7, was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes when she was four. She is pictured above with her twin sister, Brianna (top photo, in front) and at a diabetes fundraiser last year in Bay City.**

## Snover man injured in ATV mishap Saturday

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

A Snover man suffered injuries when he lost control of the ATV vehicle he was operating early Saturday morning in Sanilac County's Austin Township.

Sanilac County Sheriff's Department Lt. Charlene Washkevich said the incident, reported just before 8:30 a.m., occurred on Cumber Road near Frieburger Road. "According to deputies, a 2012 Honda Rincon four-wheel being

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## Freak tire explosion leaves Thumb man critically hurt

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

A Huron County man was critically injured last week in a freak accident involving an exploding tire at a Bingham Township farm.

According to Huron County Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson, the incident was reported Monday shortly before noon.

"Our office was dispatched to a farm work shed at 2585 Bad Axe Rd....which was the scene of a believed semi-trailer maintenance accident," Hanson said. "Apparently, farm workers there heard an explosion noise come from the shed. When they went to see what the noise was, they found fellow co-worker Kenneth J. Meldrum, age 47, of Bad Axe, underneath a work bench, as if he had been thrown there.

"It appeared as if he may have been airing up a trailer tire and the rim exploded and separated, impacting with him. It threw him nearly 14 feet, where he came to rest under the work bench," Hanson said. "It was believed the tire and rim were then stopped by that work bench."

The accident rendered Meldrum unconscious. A Bingham

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## Residents invited to join emergency responders for a "night out" event

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

First responders throughout Tuscola County are gearing up to participate in a national program designed to link communities with the emergency response personnel that serve them.

All area residents have been invited to attend the inaugural Tuscola

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## Fore Kylie

**Cass City couple whose seven-year-old daughter has diabetes is organizing a golf outing, auction to boost research efforts**

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Kylie McKee may appear to be a typical seven-year-old — full of life with energy to burn — but the Cass City girl lives with a potentially life-threatening disease.

McKee, the daughter of Earl and Becky McKee, was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes at the age of four.

The McKees noticed some troubling health issues with Kylie early on and were quick to seek medical attention, enabling them to begin the challenging task of managing their daughter's diabetes. However, they have hope that researchers will soon find a cure for the disease, enabling Kylie and thousands of other Michigan youngsters and adults to live normal lives without dependence on insulin.

Towards that end, the McKee family has organized a golf fundraiser to generate money for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF).

The first-ever Fore Kylie Charity Golf Tournament is slated for Sunday, Aug. 9, at Rolling Hills Golf Course in Cass City. A shotgun tee will kick off the event at 10 a.m.

The cost is \$65 per person and \$260

for a foursome. Hole sponsorships are being offered for \$100. Admission is \$30 for those who wish to attend the meal only. The fee to participate in the tournament includes 18 holes with a cart, hot dogs at the turn, a 50/50 raffle, silent auction, hole contests, steak dinner and more.

Residents are encouraged to register early due to space limitations. To register and/or donate an item for the auction, contact Earl McKee at (989) 977-1475.

All proceeds from the event will go to the JDRF, the leading global organization focused on Type 1 diabetes research. The goal of the organization's research is to discover, develop and deliver advances that will ultimately eliminate the disease.

Type 1 diabetes, also known as insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus — IDDM — occurs when the pancreas does not make enough insulin because the cells that produce insulin have been destroyed by the immune system. Without insulin, sugar is not able to move into cells, resulting in sugar remaining in the blood and leading to hyperglycemia (high blood sugar).

People with diabetes are at risk for a myriad of related, seriously health

problems affecting their eyes, kidneys, heart, brain, feet and nerves, which is why a healthy lifestyle and tight management of blood sugar levels are vital.

Type 1 diabetes is the most common type of diabetes found in children and young adults. In 2011, an estimated 10 percent of Michigan adults 18 years and older had been diagnosed with diabetes — about 758,300 people. An additional 250,200 Michigan residents are thought to have the disease but are currently undiagnosed.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the prevalence of diabetes among Michigan adults increased by 40 percent between 2001 and 2010.

### FIRST SYMPTOMS

The McKees, who have three other children — Kylie's twin, Brianna, Alexa, 16, and Ayden, 12 — recalled excessive thirst and urination were the first signs that something was wrong with Kylie. When she downed three drinks at McDonald's and then couldn't make it home in time to go to the bathroom, Becky — a registered nurse who works for a

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## 200 available for Sept. 27 event

## Tickets for the 2015 Elkland Township Cemetery Walk go on sale next month

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Organizers of the Elkland Township Cemetery Walk are again inviting area residents to take a trip back in time this fall to "meet" several of Cass City's notable citizens.

Preparations are well underway for the third annual event, and officials are encouraging those planning to attend to purchase their tickets early — the tours sold out quickly for both of the previous cemetery walks and are expected to this year as well, in spite of plans to again expand attendance at the popular event. In all, 200 tickets will be up for grabs, an increase of 50 over 2014.

Ticket prices for the cemetery walk have been increased from \$7 to \$10 and go on sale Monday, Aug. 24, at Rawson Memorial District Library. There will be no early sales, and tickets will not be available at the event.

"I've had people calling me. In March people were asking me when tickets were going to be available," said Rawson Memorial District Library Director Kate Van Auken, who is again spearheading organization of the local cemetery walk along with Katie Jackson, Doris Jones and Jim Ware. Also playing a key role each year have been Elkland Township Cemetery Sexton Steve Wright and his crew, who have fully supported the project.

The 2015 Elkland Township Cemetery Walk has been scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 27, with a rain date of Sunday, Oct. 4.

Four tour groups will simultaneously take the tour at 2 p.m., with another four groups scheduled for 4 p.m. Each tour will include wagon transportation for those unable to physically walk the tour route.

Organizers began planning this year's event in January. The work includes selecting past citizens to feature during the walk, as well as research, writing scripts, and

approaching area residents willing to serve as actors.

For those unfamiliar with a cemetery walk, the event is a

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**DAVID BOOTS (above) portrayed Civil War soldier Milo Warner during last year's Elkland Township Cemetery Walk, while Eric Brown (left) played Dr. E.L. Morris. Tickets for this year's event will go on sale Monday, Aug. 24.**

## Time capsule project in the works in village

by Anna Bagnall  
Staff Writer

As Cass City marks 150 years of existence, one group of people in town is looking to preserve the history for generations to come.

The Cass City 150th Anniversary Time Capsule Committee has decided to create a time capsule, and everyone in town is encouraged to

include a piece of their own history.

"We're hoping that people will put in different things from businesses, from the church community, from the people in general that shows the history of their family," explained Nancy Barrios, a member of the committee.

"There are a lot of everyday people who raised their families in the area and contributed to the growth and

development of the community in one way or another," she said. "We would like to have people put in information about their family history from when they came to Cass City and what they were involved in, so when they open it in 50 years they'll have a better idea of what Cass City was like in 2015."

Cass City Village Manager Peter

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# It's a girl!



Kinsley Swiastyn

Corbin and Allison Swiastyn of Manistee, announce the birth of their daughter, Kinsley Grace Swiastyn. Kinsley was born at 11:56 a.m. on Thursday, July 9, 2015, at West Shore Medical Center in Manistee. Kinsley weighed 8 pounds, 1 ounce and was 20 inches long. Grandparents are Louie and Rochelle Sabo of Marlette and Walt and Kaye Swiastyn of Gagetown. Kinsley's great-grandparents are Eleanor and Gil Krueger of Caro and Jack and Bonnie Brinkman of Cass City.

# Time capsule project in the works in town

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Cristiano, who also serves on the committee, added, "You talk to people who are third to fifth generation in the town, and you get a tremendous idea of what this town was like in the past. "The time capsule is a lot of info captured from today for 50 years from now," he said. "It's important for people who are here currently to know how much history has happened in this community. It's a celebration of how our village is still strong, very vibrant, and the people have a lot to look forward to." People interested in entering a piece in the time capsule should try to limit their item to an 8 1/2-inch by 11-inch piece of paper, due to restricted space in the capsule. However, if someone has a larger object they really believe should be included, they are encouraged to contact a member of the committee. Additionally, there will be a guest book that can be signed by each Cass City citizen which will be placed in the capsule. Local banks, the post office, the municipal building, and the library will have guest books, and all of those will be bound into one big book. "The time capsule itself is going to be limited in size, but we haven't built it yet so we can accommodate (the submissions)," said committee member David Marr. "We're having a local person, Dan Weiss, build and donate the box, and the box will be built out of Cass City black walnut that came when we had to cut down an old black walnut tree for the milk plant." Entries are due by Friday, Oct. 2, on homecoming, and there will be a small ceremony prior to the village council meeting slated for Monday, Oct. 26, at 6 p.m. at the municipal building. There will be light refreshments, a few remarks, and the capsule will be locked and placed in the vault, where it will stay until the village's 200th anniversary.

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## Wednesday, July 22

- 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.
- 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, July 23

- 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, July 24

- Adult Exercise, 8:30 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, Cass City, open to the community.

## Monday, July 27

- Alcoholics Anonymous, "Monday at a Time," 8 p.m., Parkside Cafe, 2031 Main St., Ubly. For more information, call Angela R. at (989) 658-2319.
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- Cass City School Board meeting, 7 p.m.
- Hills & Dales General Hospital Auxiliary meeting, 11:30 a.m., Gilligans (no meetings July, August, December).
- Tuscola County Right to Life meeting, 6:30-8 p.m., Caro Area District Library, 840 W. Frank St., Caro. For more information, call (989) 872-3259.
- Cass City Village Council meeting, 7 p.m., municipal building.

## Tuesday, July 28

- 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  
•Ubly Lions Club meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the Ubly Thumb Veterans Organization Hall, 2165 Bingham St., Ubly 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.  
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# Lighthouse break-in ends in the arrest of six people Friday

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Huron County Sheriff's deputies arrested a half-dozen suspects after investigation a reported break-in at the Port Austin Reef Lighthouse over the weekend.

Huron County Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson said the incident took place early Friday night.

"Our office responded to a report that individuals had gained entry to the Port Austin Reef Lighthouse, which is offshore of Port Austin over two miles," Hanson said. "The suspected intruders were on kayaks and other personal watercraft, and apparently one was able to partially climb the lighthouse wall to get to the secured entry ladder. Once on top, a ladder was found and thrown down for the others to use to get up the tall structure."

Deputies responding to the scene

used a borrowed personal watercraft and the department's Port Austin patrol boat to reach the lighthouse.

"They confronted the suspects as they were leaving the lighthouse and escorted them back to shore where they were interviewed," Hanson said. "It was then determined that six of the eight involved would be arrested for their part in this incident. Five of the six were booked into our jail for misdemeanor illegal entry — a 20-year-old Imlay City man, a 32-year-old Clinton Township man, a 28-year-old Mt. Pleasant man, a 30-year-old Dryden man and a 30-year-old St. Clair Shores woman."

The sheriff noted deputies also arrested a 37-year-old man from Imlay City on a misdemeanor charge of obstruction of justice arrest.

All of the suspects posted bonds and were released. The sheriff's department is requesting formal charges

from the Huron County Prosecutor's Office tomorrow.

"(This) incident comes on the heels of other complaints that we have received this summer involving kayakers, canoeist and personal watercraft operators in the Port Austin area — complaints such as trespassing, damage to property, disorderly persons and urinating in public," Hanson said. "Fortunately, by comparison to the amount of water enthusiasts of this type traversing the Port Austin area, it appears only a small percentage is causing problems, but the complaints do appear to be on the rise."

"Disrespectful and inconsiderate behavior of such will be dealt with accordingly," Hanson added. "We strongly urge those using our waterways for sightseeing or for whatever else, to be mindful of the property and privacy of others."

# Sanilac Co. deputies working to track down hit-and-run helicopter

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Sanilac County Sheriff's deputies responded to an unusual incident involving a helicopter landing in front of a manufacturing business in the county last week.

Few details were available, but Undersheriff Brad Roff said the incident was reported shortly after 1 p.m. last Wednesday at a business in the 1000 block of West Sanilac Road.

"The caller reported that the helicopter took out some

power lines upon landing, and they (business) were without power," Roff added.

According to Lt. Charlene Washkevich, sheriff's deputy Ron DuBois and Sandusky Police Officer Matt Gezequel responded to the scene and observed the helicopter on the ground with the rotor spinning, but it quickly took off and headed southeast.

The Moore Township Fire Department also responded to the scene and awaited arrival of a Thumb Electric Cooperative crew to repair the damaged power lines.

"There were no injuries in the accident and the case remains under investigation," Washkevich said.

# Driver suffers minor injuries in rollover

A North Carolina truck driver suffered minor injuries in a one-vehicle traffic crash early last week.

Tuscola County Sheriff's deputies responded to Vassar Road near Dutcher Road in Gilford Township at about 7 p.m. Monday for a reported semi-truck rollover accident.

"They found that a semi hauling 46,000 pounds of beans had been going southbound on Vassar Road and lost control in the S-curve," Tuscola County Undersheriff Glen Skrent reported.

"The vehicle and contents rolled over into the ditch, spilling the load. The driver, Edgar McKenzie, 56 years old from Charlotte, N.C., was slightly injured and transported to a local hospital by MMR."

# Circuit court proceedings

# Several appear on felony charges

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

\*Justin R. Ruth, 28, Mayville, pleaded guilty to charges of possession of marijuana, second offense, and operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, second offense, Feb. 28 in Mayville.

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

\*Justin J. Weber, 34, Millington, was sentenced to 365 days in the county jail and 60 months probation following his plea of no contest to arson, second degree, Aug. 29 in Arbelia Township.

He was also ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$1,258 plus restitution of \$1,000.

\*Inmate Andrew J. Wonnacott, 27, pleaded no contest to two counts of counterfeiting coins - possession of five or more between April 23 and May 23, 2014, in Caro, and to two counts of counterfeiting coins — possession of five or more between April 24 and May 14, 2014, in Caro. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the Michigan Department of Corrections (MDOC). Sentencing is to be scheduled.

\*Tracy D. Jackson, 44, Akron, pleaded guilty to a charge of assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer May 14 in Caro. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

A per-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$8,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

\*Evelyn L. Taylor, 31, Caro, pleaded guilty to charges of attempted child abuse, second degree; two counts of child abuse, second degree; and one count of child abuse, third degree, committed in the presence of another child between September 2013 and January 2015 in Almer Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$8,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

\*Jessica Saenz, 33, Unionville, pleaded guilty to escape from jail April 20 in Caro while serving a sentence for a misdemeanor conviction.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$3,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

\*David E. Green, 47, Saint Clair Shores, was sentenced to 19 months to 10 years in prison following his plea of no contest to domestic violence, third offense, Feb. 21 in Wells Township.

He was also ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$858 plus attorneys fees of \$500.

\*Lorenzo L. Reynero, 32, Caro, was sentenced to 365 days in the county jail, with work release and worksite privileges, following his plea of assault by strangulation Feb. 21 in Indianfields Township.

He was also placed on 60 months probation and ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,150 plus attorneys fees of \$500.

\*Peter L. Rolston, 36, Ubly, was sentenced to 120 days in jail, with work release and worksite privileges, following his plea of guilty to operating a motor while under the influence of liquor, third offense, March 9 in Caro.

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### Reporter’s notebook



Too old for toys? Never

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor



It was a large rectangular box, hardly hidden in one of our spare bedrooms, and my eyes were instantly drawn to the brightly-colored packaging that silently shouted all sorts of really exciting phrases at me: “Extreme Commander 3!”, “Twin 390 Turbo Engines!”, “Speeds up to 210 Miles Per Hour!”

Okay, I made that last one up. The package claimed a top speed of 15 knots.

Still, I found myself feeling a little like I did on Christmas Eve when I was a kid, knowing this package had to contain the greatest toy ever. Reminded me of the gas-powered model airplane I received when I was 10 or 11. It was one of those planes connected to a pair of lines and a handle, enabling the operator to fly it in circles while turning around and around. I probably would have been really dizzy if I had ever managed to get the thing to work properly.

Fast forward to my latest discovery: turns out the three-foot long remote control speedboat in the big box was for me, although I later learned it was meant for some silly future celebration such as my 39th birthday.

Surprise! Well for me — it’s certain my wife wasn’t surprised that I had that thing out of the box and was charging the battery the next day.

What is it about toys that attract guys even after they’ve long passed their mid-life crisis and are thinking about retirement? Maybe it’s the fact that many – if not most – of us never really grow up completely, although the toys we gravitate towards evolve over the years to one degree or another.

Yeah, I know there are some women out there thinking, “Oh, my husband doesn’t act like that – he’s too mature and dignified for...blah, blah, blah.”

Whatever. Maybe you don’t know him as well as you think? Or maybe he thinks he’s too old to play with toys. That’s a shame, because as far as I’m concerned, if you’re too old to act like a kid, you’re just plain too old.

In any event, it wasn’t long before I loaded up the remote control with eight AA batteries and was admiring those monster Twin 390 turbo engines. I gathered everything I needed and headed down to our pond. It was evening and the water was like glass. Perfect.

I don’t want to make any of the other guys out there jealous, but this is one of those toys that perform as advertised. The boat has a nice pick-up and, with the remote controller in expert hands, makes tight turns and figure 8s that make for some really cool wave jumping. The mini-rooster tails are cool, too.

Anyway, I guess it all boils down to just having the sort of fun you did when you were a youngster, that wonderful time when responsibilities pretty much centered on bringing home decent grades, keeping your room picked up, doing dishes occasionally and getting your backside home on time at night, regardless of how much fun you were having at the park with your friends.

These days I spend more time “playing” on my small tractor than I do with remote controlled boats. And, the truth is, I could easily say goodbye to most of the toys of my youth without going through too much withdrawal.

Just keep your mitts off my Rock ‘Em, Sock ‘Em Robots.

# Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



## 5 YEARS AGO (2010)

Maurice and Betty (Babcock) Rosenberger were married in Caro at the Baptist church June 25, 1960 by the Rev. Jensen. The couple celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this year with family at the Brentwood in Caro. They have lived on their farm on Cedar Run Rd. since their marriage. They have 2 children: Cynthia Rosenberger (Richard Gergel) of Mt. Pleasant, and Kathy Rosenberger (Dan Toner) of Cass City; 2 grandchildren: Paul Middaugh and Mara Hills; and a great-grandson, Kyle Shattuck

Some area residents were recently named to the dean’s list at Grand Valley State University following the winter 2010 semester. They include Samuel M. Howard, Cass City; Shelby A. Lemke, Ubyl; and Alexander M. Diaz, Austin J. Graham and Aaron P. Steele, all of Caro. To be named to the dean’s list, a student must maintain a 3.5 grade point average while completing a minimum of 12 credit hours of coursework.

During the Bigger or Better Event for Revive, the judges named this group the winner because the items it collected could help the largest number of people. The group collected 2 TVs as well as toys, clothes, food, an entertainment center and more. They are Sharon Brockman, Janey Ballard, Audrey Van Auken and Maddy Brinkman.

## 10 YEARS AGO (2005)

Ron Zdrojewski was a teenager when he started taking voice lessons from Cass City’s Jan Moore, but he still remembers how patient Moore was when it came to the shenanigans of 4 boys preparing to perform as a quartet.

Holli C. Cooper of Cass City is among a host of recent Hope College graduates who were awarded graduation honors for outstanding academic accomplishments during their 4 years of study. Cooper graduated Cum Laude, which recognizes students who achieve a minimum 3.3 grade point average. Cooper, the daughter of Cathy Cooper, Cass City, earned a bachelor’s degree in athletic training.

Whitney Osentoski, formerly of Cass City, made his Broadway debut July 20 at the Cadillac Winder Garden Theater in New York, performing in Mama Mia. He will be in the ensemble and understudying for another 6 weeks or longer. Osentoski had toured with the first national tour of Mama Mia for 14 months previously. He is also being considered, after having 5 auditions, for a new Disney musical, “Tarzan.” Osentoski said he was thrilled when he called after auditioning in front of the legendary Phil. Collins, who wrote the score for Tarzan.

## 25 YEARS AGO (1990)

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of Cass City sent 5 women to the 23rd Biennial Convention of the Michigan District Lutheran Women’s Missionary League at Lansing Center, Lansing. Cass City delegates were Tina Hoard, Connie McNaughton, alternate Lois Moslander, Thumb Zone LWML President Ruth Balzer, and young women’s representative Dawn Harrison.

Brenda Sue Messing, daughter of Dexter and Theresa Messing of Cass City, recently graduated from Michigan State University School of Natural Science with a bachelor’s degree in astrophysics. She plans to continue her education in astrophysics, eventually obtaining a Ph.D.

Denelle DeLong, 16, works with a heifer on her family’s Cass City farm. She plans to show the young cow during the 4-H programs at the Tuscola County Fair. While Dennis DeLong, 18, wash-

es his heifer in preparation for the upcoming county fair, youngest brother Drew, 8, brushes his cow. The 2 boys, their 2 brothers and 2 sisters all plan to participate in 4-H livestock shows.

## 35 YEARS AGO (1980)

The cheerleaders bake sale was just one of the food stands available to replenish shoppers at the sidewalk sales. Manning the booth were Jill Seurnynck, 15, and Lori Sawdon, 15.

The porcine pal of 11-year-old Steve Cooklin will be competing in the Tuscola County Fair as an entry from the CCM&D 4-H club. Steve is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Cooklin of Cass City.

Susan M. Asher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alden Asher, recently graduated from Ferris State College with distinction. Miss Asher received her associate of applied science degree this May, having majored in dental assisting. To graduate with distinction, a student must attain a grade average of 3.25-3.49. While at Ferris, Miss Asher served as vice-president of her class. At present she is living at home and seeking employment as a dental assistant.

It’s news when a man switches jobs after 21 years. That’s what Elwood “Bud” McDonald did this month. He’s been working in service for Ouvry’s Chev.-Olds. for 21 years, 7 1/2 years as service manager. He has moved into sales for the dealership. Serving as service manager and parts director now is Don Ouvry.

## 40 YEARS AGO (1975)

Three Gagetown residents are collectively \$25,000 richer following last week’s Michigan Lottery drawing held at Gaines. And for Bill Downing, Mrs. James. Molnar and Mrs. Nelda Phillips, it was a day they’ll never forget.

Mark D. Schwartz, 17, became the first Eagle Scout from Gagetown Troop 589 during special installation ceremonies held Monday night in Gagetown. Shown with him are his proud parents, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Schwartz of 6421 Lincoln St. Schwartz is a senior at Owen-Gage High School and has been involved in school, civic and scouting activities.

The winner, Craig Tonti, a little the worse for wear, ate his way to victory in the pie-eating contest Friday in front of Rabideau Motors. Observers guessed Craig probably won’t be hungry for pie for a long time.

## 50 YEARS AGO (1965)

Walbro Corporation became the third of Cass City’s larger industries to become unionized Friday when employees voted 59-39 to have the UAW, AFL-CIO represent them at the plant.

The key to the village was presented to Gov. Romney by Lambert Althaver, village president. Mrs. Belle Knapp gave the invocation.

Cass City Area Centennial Court are Marty Wark, Marilyn Suranye, Connie DeLong, Sandy Copeland, Jeanne Fisher and

Carolyn Kloc. The queen and her court all received prizes. Chief prize is an all-expense paid trip to Chicago for the queen and her husband.

## 75 YEARS AGO (1940)

Monday chalked up the all-high record for free swim attendance at the municipal bathing pool in Cuss City. Children of school age who are admitted without admission charge during the morning and up to four o’clock in the afternoon numbered 200 Monday. In the Boy Scout swimming event, Ed Doerr won first place when he went 25 yards in 15.5 seconds. Jimmy Mark won first place in the diving event.”

In marked contrast to the average 4½-year tenure which the superintendents of schools in the smaller towns of Michigan hold a position is the record of L. Appold, who has taught 41 years in a Lutheran school in Sebewaing. Previous to that he taught nine years in Ionia. The Immanuel Lutheran congregation held a special church service honoring Mr. Appold on his completion of 50 years of service. Rev. John Shinnerer, president of the Michigan District of the Missouri Synod, was in charge. In the afternoon a social gathering was held in the Lutheran picnic grove at Sebewaing.

## 100 YEARS AGO (1915)

The Sherwood Music School of Chicago was founded nearly twenty years ago by William H. Sherwood, “America’s greatest pianist,” and is said to have graduated more successful concert pianists and teachers than any other music school. Instead of sending a teacher from Chicago to take charge of such a Branch the policy of the School is to select one of the best local teachers and put her in charge of the work, electing her to membership on the Extension Department Faculty and making her ~ Director of the Branch. After considerable investigation the School determined to establish a Branch here, and has. Elected Mrs. H. P. Lee as Director. This should be a very good thing for our town, as it makes it possible for our boys and girls who are taking music seriously and who want to get metropolitan Conservatory training and earn their Teacher’s Certificates and Diplomas from a high class institution of national reputation.

The Baptist church was raised 2½ feet the first of the week by Jacob Anthes and preparations are now under way to enlarge the basement to the same area as the church edifice and extend the basement walls 2~& higher. This will make well lighted and commodious basement rooms which will be used mainly by the ladies of the church for serving meals. The north room will be used as a reception room, the center as the dining room and the south part as a kitchen. The chimney was raised with the church building and this work was performed very successfully, not a crack in the plaster being visible in the whole building.

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**THE OVERALL and men's team winners were sponsored by Cass City manufacturer Anrod Screen Cylinder and local attorney firm Biddinger & Bitzer. Posting a score of 15-under-par, from the left, are Jeff Mackenzie, Greg Biddinger, Jason Bitzer and Erik Tamlyn.**



**THE WOMEN'S TEAM winners were the Cass City Ladies. They are, from the left, Fran Bellew, Betty Koepf, Annette Bredemeyer and Sherryl Seeley.**



**THE MIXED TEAM winner was Caro Community Hospital. Team members included, from the left, Brandon Green, Melissa Augsburger, Evan Osentoski and Roger Reid.**

## Foundation golf outing big success

The Hills & Dales Foundation hosted their 17th Annual Golf Outing Wednesday afternoon at the beautiful Ubyly Heights Golf Course. The Cass City charity had remarkable support from the Thumb area, with a record high 39 golf teams totaling 156 golfers.

They also received numerous individual and business sponsorships, helping them to raise just over \$28,500 for the foundation.

"This was our biggest golf event to date and everyone enjoyed the day," Foundation Director Danielle Blaine said. Adding, "This year's event went great. The weather was wonderful and set the tone for the day. We are extremely thankful to have such a great turnout."

Winners were crowned for overall, women's, and mixed teams. The overall winner (men's team) was Anrod Screen Cylinder/Biddinger & Bitzer (Cass City) which consisted of Jeff Mackenzie, Greg Biddinger, Jason Bitzer and Erik Tamlyn. The women's team winner was Cass City Ladies (Cass City) which consisted of Fran Bellew, Betty Koepf, Annette Bredemeyer and Sherryl Seeley. The mixed team winner was Caro Community Hospital (Caro) whose team members were Brandon Green, Melissa Augsburger, Evan Osentoski and Roger Reid.

Other contests held during the

scramble format tourney included longest drive and closest to the pin. Jason Bitzer (Cass City) and Trisha Meinhard (Bay City) were men's & women's winners of longest drive, respectively, while Chris Clifton (Thumb Area) and Lynn Ferguson (Saginaw) were men's & women's winners of the closest to the pin contests.

Among the event highlights were 4 hole-in-one opportunities, sponsored by Pat Curtis Chevrolet, to win grand prizes including a new car.

The Hills & Dales Foundation uses the money raised from events such as their annual golf outing toward purchases of new equipment or updated technology for the hospital. The money also helps with educational programs and other free services provided by the hospital. The support and contributions to the golf outing made a huge impact for the foundation.

"We continue to be humbled by all of the support we receive each year for the outing, we are blessed to be part of such a giving community," said Blaine.

For additional information about the Golf Outing, or for more information about ways to give to the Hills & Dales Foundation, please contact Danielle Blaine at 989-912-6401 or at dblaine@hillsanddales.com.

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## Snover man injured in ATV accident

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driven by a 47-year-old Snover man was traveling east on Cumber Road when he lost control of the vehicle,” Washkevich said. “The four-wheeler exited the roadway and struck the north side ditch bank, causing the (vehicle) to overturn and throw him off into the ditch.

“He was located by a passing motorist at 8:25 a.m.,” she added. “Local residents advised that they had last heard a four-wheeler going by on the road at approximately 1 a.m. on July 18.”

The man, whose name has not been released, was transported to Hills and Dales General Hospital in Cass City. He was later transferred to Covenant Hospital in Saginaw for treatment of serious injuries.

“The accident remains under investigation,” Washkevich said. “He (driver) was not wearing a helmet,

and alcohol and speed are believed and Bingham Township Fire to have been factors in the accident.” Department assisted deputies at the Both the Bingham Township EMS scene.

## “Night out” event on tap

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County Night Out. The event is slated for Thursday, Aug. 6, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Tuscola Technology Center, 1401 Cleaver Rd., Caro.

The activity is being held in conjunction with the annual Caro Area Camp 911, according to Tuscola County Undersheriff Glen Skrent.

“We are ‘piggy backing’ the National Night Out with the Camp 911 event since some of the same first responders will be at the Camp 911,” Skrent said. “MMR (Mobile Medical Response) hosts the Camp 911 and has two a year in our county. They teach kids about safety.

“Our all-hazards group decided to try the National Night Out event, but thought since it’s the first one ever in our county, we would use the same date as the Camp 911 event,” he added, noting the gathering will feature area police agencies, fire departments and ambulances crews, as well as demonstrations involving equipment such as the Jaws of Life.

Organizers hope to have the sheriff’s department’s emergency operations trailer set up, and plans call for the arrival of a Michigan State Police helicopter. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will also be participating.

“It’s a way for the public to meet the first responders (informally), instead of in an emergency,” Skrent said.

The National Night Out is a community-police awareness activity that takes place throughout the United States. The event has been held annually since 1984 and is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch in the United States and Canada.

Organizers say the annual community-building campaign promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make neighborhoods safer, better places to live. It also provides an opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances.

Businesses interested in helping to sponsor the Tuscola County event are encouraged to contact the sheriff’s department at (989) 763-8161 (ext. 2235).

## Tire explosion injures Thumb man

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Ambulance Service crew transported him to Huron Medical Center in Bad Axe, and he was later flown to a Saginaw area hospital.

The Bingham Township Fire Department and Central Huron Ambulance Service paramedics also assisted deputies at the scene.

## Letters to the Editor

## Blurb led to false accusations

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and the evidence was conclusive that the events had in fact happened as we have stated.

Having talked with the fireworks company, we were reassured. He was not injured, although we were scared about what may have happened, as others in town are now.

We have talked extensively to the fireworks provider, and he is a very conscientious man. They did do a sweep of the area after the display on Saturday night, July 4. They did everything they are required by law to do. They used thermal imaging to canvas the area. Their number one concern is safety, being involved in fire fighting themselves.

The blurb in the Chronicle last week caused someone to post on social media that there was no blast, and that we were only looking for something free. Social media is not the place to air your grievance. Also, many false accusations were put out around town about us personally, and to that I say, there has never ever been any underlying agenda with our company, or either of us personally.

Our family has the utmost respect for the fireworks company. They have been very courteous and understanding of our initial panic. They have reassured us about the firework and what caused it to explode. We have talked to them since the piece in last week’s Rabbit Tracks came out. We hope they will be back next year, as the firework’s display was wonderful.

We care about the safety of the citizens in this town, especially the children. They should be encouraged to never touch anything that looks like a firework, and to let an adult or parent know immediately if they see anything they think looks suspicious.

The Chronicle was a little overzealous when reporting the events. We did not find out that the piece had been printed until Wednesday noon, when we received our paper in the mail.

We want to again assure everyone that our son was not injured. Many of you kindly expressed concern for his safety, and we thank you for that concern. This town is a safe place to raise a family, with a great school system.

Regards,

Shelley and Blaine de Beaubien  
Cass City

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Pastor’s Corner

Don’t slap away the hand that protects you

The old adage says: “Don’t bite the hand that feeds you,” but we might also say, “Don’t slap away the hand that protects you.” Sadly, it now appears the politically correct American military is doing just that. Last year Marine Lance Corporal, Monifa Sterling, was court-martialed for posting a Bible verse on her office computer at Camp Lejeune, N.C. The verse: “No weapon formed against [me] shall prosper...” Isaiah 54:17. Charges stated that this passage of scripture could “easily be seen as contrary to good order and discipline.” Really? This particular verse is one my wife and I claimed and prayed over our own Marine son while he served two intense combat tours in Afghanistan. Our boy returned safe and sound, declaring he felt the power of prayer from home. I don’t have space to tell you of other Christian military personnel

now being persecuted for their faith, but I can tell you the victorious American armed forces of yesteryear did not believe this way. General Washington was quite aware of God’s providential hand during the Revolutionary War, and in one quote said: “I am sure that never was a people, who had more reason to acknowledge a Divine interposition in their affairs than those of the United States... which was so often manifested during our revolution...” Andrew Jackson acknowledged the Lord’s influence after the Battle of New Orleans in the War of 1812, stating: “It appears that the unerring hand of Providence shielded my men from the shower of balls, bombs, and rockets, when every ball and bomb from our own guns carried with them a mission of death.” General Douglas MacArthur, Supreme Commander of the Pacific acknowl-

edged God when he returned to the Philippines: “I have returned. By the grace of Almighty God, our forces stand again on Philippine soil.” General Dwight Eisenhower, upon ordering the invasion of Sicily, saluted his men and then bowed his head in prayer. Then, commenting to the officer next to him, said: “There comes a time when you’ve used your brains, your training, your technical skill, and the die is cast and the results are in the hands of God, and there you leave them.” None of the great and successful military leaders of our past could identify with today’s godless service. The case of Monifa Sterling and others would never have been an issue. But the war on God begun by Lucifer aeons ago has now come down to us and we foolishly side with him in the conflict. Such folly.

Psalm 2:1-4, 12: “Why do the nations rebel and the people plot in vain? The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers conspire together against the Lord and His anointed One. The One enthroned in heaven laughs; the Lord ridicules them... Pay homage to the Son, or He will be angry, and you will perish in your rebellion, for His anger may ignite at any moment. All those who take refuge in Him are happy.” There are no atheists in foxholes. The American military above all should know this. And rather than pushing God’s hand away, declaring war on Him, we should be seeking His strong arm of salvation — the only thing that will ensure our future. Blessings. --- To see this article in its entirety, visit Pastor Gould’s blog at goodas-gould.org



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Cass City United Methodist Church

5100 Cemetery Rd., P.O. Box 125, Cass City, MI 48726  
872-3422  
Worship: 11:00 a.m. (Summer 9:30 a.m.)  
Sunday School - Sept.-May 9:30 a.m.  
Community Dinner - Monthly (2nd Wed. at noon)  
Pastor: Rev. Jackie Roe



Community Baptist Church  
(Independent Fundamental)

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Sunday School 9:45 a.m. • Worship Service 11:00 a.m.  
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Wednesday - Pray/Bible Study & Youth Group 6:00 p.m.



Deford Community Church

1392 N. Kingston Rd.  
(1/4 mile south of Deford on Kingston Rd.)  
872-4055  
Sundays - 10 a.m.  
Wednesdays - 7 p.m.  
Pastor: David Cooper  
DefordCommunityChurch.org



Evangelical Free Church of Cass City

6430 Chestnut Blvd., Cass City, MI 48726 • 872-5060  
Summer Cafe Church Brunch 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship: 10:15 a.m.  
Midweek Bible Studies • Biblical Counseling  
Pastor: Rev. Todd R. Gould  
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(Independent, Fundamental) Barrier Free  
6420 Houghton St., Cass City, MI 48726 • 989-872-3155  
Sunday School All Ages 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship Service 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Service 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday-Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 7:00 p.m.  
AWANA Clubs 6:45 p.m.  
Wednesday - Teen Club 6:45 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Pastor: David G. Hill  
Website: www.fbccc.us



First Presbyterian Church

Barrier Free • State & National Historical Registry  
6505 Church St., Cass City, MI 48726 • 872-5400  
Worship Service 10:45 a.m.  
Pastor: Rev. Linda Graham  
Older Adult Exercise Program: Mon., Wed. & Fri. 8:30 a.m.



Fraser Presbyterian Church

3006 Huron Line Rd., Cass City, MI 48726 • 872-5400  
Sunday School - Sept.-May 10:30 a.m.  
Worship Service 9:30 a.m.  
Pastor: Rev. Linda Graham



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

6820 E. Main St., Cass City, MI 48726 • 872-2770  
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Bible Class & Sunday School 10:45 a.m.  
Pastor: Rev. Steve Bagnall  
www.goodshepherdlutherancasscity.webs.com



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(including youth and children's services)  
Pastor: Rev. Mark Karwowski  
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Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
Sunday Service: 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.  
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Wednesday Kids' Club 6:30-8 p.m.  
Pastor Dale Bullock 989-872-2828



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Pastor: F. Robert Tucker



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Parochial Administrator: Fr. Christian Tabares





# Legal Notices

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  
St. Clair Shores, MI 48080  
(586) 777-0770  
Dated: 6-24-15

6-24-5

LECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTIFY US AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Walter H. Coats , an unmarried man, as his sole and separate property, Mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., (MERS), as nominee for Covenant Financial Group, LTD, Mortgagee, dated the 30th day of December, 2004 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for The County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 11th day of January, 2005 in Liber 1023 of Tuscola County Records, page 861, 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 Ninety Three Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty Four & 19/100 (\$93784.19), 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 30th 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 Millington, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit: Lot 17, Miller Subdivision, according to the recorded plat as recorded in Liber 2 of plats, Page 2, Tuscola County Records During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during 30 days immediately following the sale.

Pursuant to MCLA 600.3278, the mortgagor(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney

Dated: 7/1/2015  
Green Tree Servicing LLC  
Mortgagee  
FABRIZIO & BROOK, P.C.  
Attorney for Green Tree Servicing LLC  
700 Tower Drive, Ste. 510,  
Troy, MI 48098  
(248) 362-2600  
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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 John Force, A

Single Man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lenders successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated December 9, 2004 and recorded January 26, 2005 in Liber 1025, Page 502, and Affidavit Stating Facts Affecting Real Property recorded on February 27, 2015 in Liber 1324, Page 790, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Federal National Mortgage Association ("FNMA"), by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Eighteen Thousand Two Hundred Five and 70/100 Dollars (\$118,205.70), including interest at 5.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on AUGUST 6, 2015.

Said premises are located in the Township of Koylton, Tuscola County Michigan, and are described as:  
Parcel B: Commencing at the Southeast corner of Section 35, Town 11 North, Range 11 East, thence North 0 degrees 15 minutes West 748.00 feet along the East Section line of the point of beginning. Running thence South 89 degrees 45 minutes West 545 feet, thence North 0 degrees 15 minutes West, 400.00 feet, thence North 89 degrees 45 minutes East, 545 feet; thence South 0 degrees 15 minutes East, 400.00 feet along the East section line to the point of beginning. Being part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 35, Town 11 North, Range 11 East.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. 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: July 8, 2015  
Orlans Associates, P.C.  
Attorneys for Servicer  
P.O. Box 5041  
Troy, MI 48007  
File No. 14-015596

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Michigan.

Said mortgage was assigned to: Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC, by assignment dated July 29, 2014 and recorded August 1, 2014 in Liber 1312, Page 650, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Nine Thousand Two Hundred Thirteen Dollars and Ninety-Eight Cents (\$69,213.98) including interest 4.5% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, Circuit Court of Tuscola County at 10:00AM on August 6, 2015 Said premises are situated in Township of Gilford, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at a point 16 rods West of the Southeast corner of the West one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 26, Town 13, Range 7 East, thence North 20 rods, thence West 83 feet, thence South 20 rods, thence East 83 feet to the place of beginning. Commonly known as 7890 W. Gilford Rd, Reese MI 48757 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: 7/08/2015  
Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC,  
Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys:  
Potestivo & Associates, P.C.  
811 South Blvd. Suite 100  
Rochester Hills, MI 48307  
(248) 844-5123  
Our File No: 15-24288

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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 Vachel L. Medley and Hursha V. Medley, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Financial Freedom Senior Funding Corporation, Mortgagee, dated March 23, 2009, and recorded on April 17, 2009 in Liber 1172 on Page 1045, and assigned by mesne assignments to OneWest 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 Seventy-Two Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-Five and 38/100 Dollars (\$72,845.38).

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 August 6, 2015.

Said premises are situated in Township of Dayton, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 39, 40, 41 and 42 of Plat of Shay Lake Subdivision, and being a part of the West 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 13 Town 11 North, Range 10 East, Tuscola County Records.

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

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

Dated: July 8, 2015  
For more information, please call:  
FC D (248) 593-1309  
Trott Law, P.C.  
Attorneys For Servicer  
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Ricky L. Riedel, a single man, original mortgagor(s), to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, Mortgagee, dated November 28, 2007, and recorded on January 2, 2008 in Liber 1138 on Page 49, in



Obituaries

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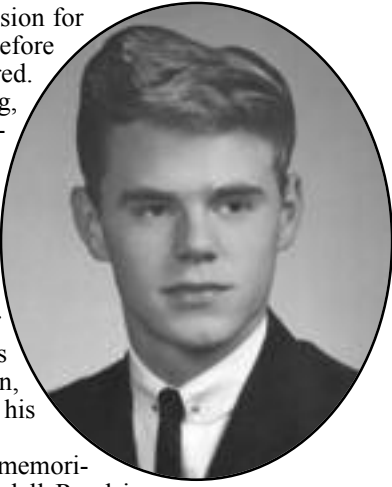
Robert Schott

Robert “Bob” Alan Schott of Frankenmuth, formerly of Caro, passed away July 11, 2015 following a short illness. Bob was the only child born to the late Arthur Schott and Merle Engel Schott in Detroit, Michigan on 2/25/1944. He was a graduate of Vassar High School.

He served in the US Army and the Army Reserves. He was employed by UPS for 8 years before discovering his passion for fishing. He worked for several insurance agencies before opening his own insurance agency in Caro where he retired. He was an avid outdoorsman with a passion for fishing, hunting and golfing. He also enjoyed playing cards, especially cribbage, and visiting the Oasis for coffee with his buddies. He was an active member of the community and a former member of the Tuscola County Conservation Club, Vassar Golf & Country Club, Moose Lodge, Cass City Rotary Club, Mt. Morish Lodge No. 226, Caro Masonic Lodge, and RAM of Caro.

Bob is survived by his daughters: Susan Rapin of Saginaw Township and Jamie Miller of Frankenmuth; his grandchildren: Stephanie McNiel, Heather Simpson, Madison Simpson and Christopher Miller, as well as, his great-grandchildren: Ethan, Reese, Collin and River.

Per his request cremation has taken place. A gravesite memorial will be held at Fremont Township Cemetary on Lobdell Road in Mayville on Sunday, July 26th at 1:00 pm with Chaplain Carol Wesolek officiating. The family would like to thank Hospice Advantage for the care provided Bob during his final days. To sign online guestbook visit [www.cremationsocietymidmi.com](http://www.cremationsocietymidmi.com).



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GARAGE SALE – 4285 Doerr Rd. Thursday, July 23 and Friday, July 24 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. – ½ off on Friday. \$2.00 bag on some stuff. Girls' and boys' clothes, lots of miscellaneous. 14-7-22-1

YARD SALE – Lots of Little Tikes toys, toddler bed, adult furniture, toddler jungle gym, toddler swing and gym set, sandboxes etc. Pictures on Facebook. July 22-24 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. 5351 East Cass City Rd., Cass City. 14-7-22-1

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11-7-1-4

HELP WANTED – Full time custodian 40hrs/wk starting at \$10hr. Paid vacation and holidays. Contact Randy at Schuette Services 989-551-7431 text preferred. Must pass background check.

11-7-8-3

HELP WANTED - Reliable pianist needed beginning Mid-August for Sunday 9:30 a.m. services. Small community Presbyterian Church located centrally between Cass City, Ubley & Bad Axe. Interested applicants send letter of interest, resume and references to 3006 Huron Line Road, Cass City, MI 48726 by July 31.

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# Area youth interview to serve as 4-H Ambassador representatives

Huron County MSU Extension officials recently revised the county's 4-H Ambassador Court Program and interviewed youths interested in serving as representatives.

"Understanding the long tradition of fair 4-H king and queen and the emotional ties that come with this tradition, a committee of adult and youth 4-H council members met to design an Ambassador Program (that) will take into account some of the aspects of Huron County's Royalty Program," said Cathryne Goulet, 4-H program coordinator, MSU Extension – Huron County. "The committee has proposed three tiers of the Ambassador County Program: Senior Level Ambassador Court - Junior Level Ambassador Court - Cloverbud Ambassador Court.

"The senior and junior ambassador tiers will take into account the members' active participation in Huron County's 4-H along with the ability to take on commitments and responsibilities, as well as being a positive representative of Huron County," Goulet explained. "There will be three ambassadors chosen and recognized at the senior and junior tiers. Cloverbud ambassadors will be recognized as they have been in the past."

Eighteen youths recently took part in interviews and a dinner at the Huron Expo Center (fairgrounds) in Bad Axe.

The following 10 4-H Cloverbuds participated in arts and crafts before their interviews and dinner:

\*Dori Battel is the daughter of Bob and Sue Battel of Cass City. She is 8 years old, is homeschooled, and a member of Boots and Bling 4-H Club.

\*Annie Bowman is the daughter of Brent and Shannon Bowman of Sebawaing. She is 6 years old, attends Christ the King Lutheran School, and is a member of Lucky Horseshoe 4-H Club.

\*Cameron Finkle is the son of Janelle Susalla of Harbor Beach. He is 5 years old, attends Our Lady of Lake Huron School, and is a member of Country Corners 4-H Club.

\*Allie Guza is the daughter of Tony and Renee Guza of Ubly. She is 7 years old, attends Ubly Community School, and is a member of Country Corners 4-H Club.

\*Beckett Hagen is the son of Clint and Melissa Hagen of Bad Axe. He is 5 years old, attends Ubly Community School, and is a member of Beef-N-More 4-H Club.

\*Waverly Hagen is the daughter of Clint and Melissa Hagen of Bad Axe. She is 5 years old, attends Ubly Community School, and is a member of Beef-N-More 4-H Club.

\*Nicole Klee is the daughter of Mike and Mary Beth Klee. She is 6 years old, attends Ubly Community School, and is a member of Country Corners 4-H Club.

\*Natalie Phillips is the daughter of John and Kelly Phillips of Kinde. She is 7 years old, attends North Huron School, and is a member of Country Fun 4-H Club.

\*Ellexia Puvalowski is the daughter of Denny and Cyndi Puvalowski of Bad Axe. She is 7 years old, attends Adams Country School, and is a member of Happy Gals and Guys 4-H Club.

\*Madalyn Tenbusch is the daughter of Steve and Darcy Tenbusch of Unionville. She is 5 years old, attends Unionville-Sebawaing Area School, and is a member of 4-Leaf Clovers 4-H Club.

Two teens applied and interviewed at the Junior Ambassador Tier.

They are Addy Battel, 12, the daughter of Bob and Sue Battel of Cass City (she is homeschooled and

is a member of Boots and Bling 4-H Club); and Ashley Kuhl, 11, the daughter of Tom and Krista Kuhl of Bay Port (she attends Caseville Public School and is a member of Llama Lluvers 4-H Club).

Eight teens applied and interviewed at the Senior Ambassador Tier. They are as follows:

\*Lauren Aymen is the daughter of Ric and Mary Aymen of Port Austin. She is 15 years old, attends Bad Axe High School, and is a member of 4B's 4-H Club.

\*Brianna Emming is the daughter of Dale and Jenny Emming of Harbor Beach. She is 17 years old, attends Harbor Beach High School, and is a member of Country Kids 4-H Club.

\*Brianna Hunsanger is the daughter of David and Kelly Hunsanger of Bad Axe. She is 17 years old, attends Bad Axe High School, and is a member of 4B's 4-H Club.

\*Raylee Jeffers is the daughter of Jamie Jeffers of Elkton. She is 15 years old, attends Laker High School, and is a member of the Happy Trails 4-H Club.

\*Macy Knoblock is the daughter of Paul and Kelly Knoblock of Ubly. She is 16 years old, attends Ubly Community School, and is a member of Sew-N-Hoe 4-H Club, as well as Growing Go-ers 4-H Club.

\*Sabrina Schumacher is the daughter of Randy and Kimberly Schumacher of Ubly. She is 14 years old, attends Ubly Community School, and is a member of Belt N' Buckles 4-H Club, as well as Boxcarjack 4-H Club.

This year's public announcement of the new 4-H Ambassador Court will take place Monday, July 27, at 6 p.m. at the Huron Expo Center Arena, following the 4-H talent show during the Huron Community Fair.

## Do-it-yourself homeowners encouraged to outsource tree work due to cost and danger

For the "do-it-yourself" homeowner, outsourcing tree work may seem like an unnecessary expense. But in reality, the costs of tackling tree care on your own can run high — damaged property, hospital bills, and a ruined landscape — aren't cheap.

"Most homeowners simply don't have the tools, knowledge or experience necessary to safely attempt their own tree work," says Tchukki Andersen, staff arborist with the Tree Care Industry Association (TCIA). "We hear many unfortunate stories each year of homeowners getting severely injured or killed while attempting this dangerous, and often misunderstood, work on their own."

Andersen says there are three reasons homeowners should leave tree work to the professionals.

The first is lack of knowledge and training.

"Safe tree work requires extensive knowledge of tree physics and biology, which can take years of experience and study to acquire," he said. "For example, felling a tree in a controlled manner is not as simple as cutting through the trunk with a chain saw. It requires establishing a drop zone, making precise cuts, and sometimes guiding the tree safely to the ground with ropes as leverage. When homeowners attempt this, many are injured or killed when the tree falls in an unexpected direction."

"Up-ended root plates or root balls are also unpredictable," Andersen added. "Severing the trunk of a fallen tree from an up-ended root plate releases tension, which may be strong enough to pull the stump and root ball back into the hole, trapping anything or anyone nearby underneath it."

Other hazards may be invisible to the untrained eye; rotten trunks and limbs, pest and fungal infestations, and other diseases and defects can only be identified and treated by an experienced tree care practitioner.

The second reason homeowners should rely on a profession is poor situational awareness, according to Andersen.

"Even homeowners who know their way around trees may still fall victim to nearby hazards," he said. "Electrical wires are a common situational hazard in tree work; many trees grow near power lines and have their branches, leaves and limbs entangled in live wires."

"Each year, a number of amateur tree workers are seriously injured or killed when they come into contact with an energized line, directly or indirectly, through tools or tree limbs. Navigating this danger is tricky, even for professionals, and should never be attempted by homeowners under any circumstance," he added.

"Attempting do-it-yourself tree work is bad enough, but some homeowners go one step further and try to finish the job alone, which further impairs situational awareness. If you do try to do any of the work yourself, always make sure there is at least one other person working with you. Even trained professionals work in

teams," Andersen noted.

The third reason, he continued, is improper use of tools

"Homeowners who use incorrect, faulty or complicated tools may hurt themselves and others while attempting tree work. Chain saws, for example, are incredibly dangerous and easy to misuse. A common mistake is to use a dull chain saw, which forces the operator to use excess pressure, causing them to lose control," Andersen said. "Many homeowners also make the mistake of using the chain saw to cut branches on the ground. This can result in chain saw kickback, and painful injuries, when the bar tip hits the dirt or other foliage."

"Misused ladders are another common source of injury," he said. "Using a ladder that is too short, set on unstable ground, or supported by a faulty limb can easily result in the homeowner falling - often fatally - from the tree. Ladders are often knocked out from under the homeowner by the same limb that was just cut."

Tree work may also require tools the average homeowner does not own. Stump grinders, wood chippers, and aerial lifts are just a few examples of complex, and often necessary machines that only a trained arborist can handle, Anderson added.

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