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School officials okay sale of Campbell building to Thumb Area Psychological Services

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

The Cass City Board of Education unanimously approved the sale of the former Campbell Elementary School building during a 30-minute special meeting Thursday night.

The new owner is Thumb Area Psychological Services, which has been leasing a portion of the building for the past two years and provides a wide range of counseling, group and tutoring services for all ages. The business is also the only one of its kind in the region that offers cutting edge Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) interventions for children with autism.

The board vote Thursday was 6-0. Trustee Stacey Bliss was unable to attend the special meeting, but previously stated she would abstain on the issue due to a conflict of interest, as she is employed part-time by Thumb Area Psychological Services.

The sale of the building is still pending an inspection along with a review and approval of the purchase agreement by the school district's legal counsel.

Thumb Area Psychological Services' original bid totaled \$45,000. The other offer for the building \$50,000 — came from Silverwood area resident Sean Astley, who indicated he hoped to transform the former school into a state licensed home for the elderly.

Both parties upped their bids since they were first announced during a regular monthly meeting of the Cass City Board of Education meeting early last week, with Thumb Area Psychological Services offering \$50,001 and Astley, \$51,000.

During the public comment section of the meeting, two area residents voiced support for sale of the building to Thumb Area Psychological Services, saying their own past experiences with youngsters in need of specialized services would have been much less of a challenge if local psychological service resources had been available.

Also voicing support was Debra Edler, director of nursing/director of resident care at Heritage Hill, an assisted living facility in Caro. Edler noted Thumb Area Psychological Services has provided a variety of invaluable professional services focused on geriatric issues at Heritage Hill in support of both residents and their families.

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Driver in fatal crash enters plea of guilty

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

The driver in a 2014 fatal traffic crash that claimed the lives of two Thumb teens last week pleaded guilty to a pair of felony charges in Sanilac County Circuit Court.

The defendant, Laken Williams, 21, of Lexington, entered pleas of guilty to two counts of reckless driving causing death in the accident, which left 18-year-old Dakota Moore of Applegate and 17-year-old Danielle Torrez of Croswell dead.

Reckless driving causing death is punishable by up to 15 years in prison and/or a fine of \$2,500 to \$10,000. Two other charges in the case — falsely reporting a felony and lying to a peace officer — were dismissed.

Sanilac County Sheriff's deputies, who arrested Williams last January, reported the accident occurred shortly after 11 p.m. Oct. 28, 2014, on Roach Road, west of Croswell Road in Sanilac County's Lexington Township.

Sheriff's department investigators said speed was a factor in the crash, with Williams losing control of the

vehicle, which ran off the north side of the road and overturned several times, ejecting both victims.

Williams initially claimed to be a passenger in the vehicle.

Sentencing in the case is scheduled for Feb. 3 at 9 a.m. in Sanilac County Circuit Court before Judge Donald A. Teple.

The Sanilac County Prosecutor's Office lauded what it described as the "excellent handling" of the investigation by the sheriff's department under the direction of Deputy Jim Sanchez and Deputy Kevin Nowiski.

Sheriff Garry Biniecki noted his department was assisted by the Croswell Police Department, Michigan State Police, Michigan State Police Crime Lab, St. Clair County Deputy Russ Nowiski, the Croswell Fire Department, Croswell EMS and Dr. Virani, Oakland County Medical Examiner.

"I am very proud of my staff and all those involved in the investigation, and now, with the guilty pleas being entered in circuit court, the families can finally find the closure they have deserved for some time now," Biniecki said.

Officers identify victim in fatal house fire in Vassar

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Tuscola County Sheriff's deputies have identified the victim in a fatal house fire last week.

Undersheriff Glen Skrent said the early Tuesday morning blaze in Tuscola County's Vassar Township claimed the life of 54-year-old Jason Whittaker, although he noted positive identification won't be confirmed until DNA testing is complete.

"The cause of death is listed as smoke inhalation," said Skrent, who earlier reported that the Vassar and Mayville fire departments were dispatched to residence on Sheridan Road, near Saginaw Road, at about 2:15 a.m. Tuesday after a passerby called 911.

"Deputies also responded and the house was engulfed when emergency responders arrived," he added. "Vassar Fire Department located a body in the residence."

A state fire marshal was called in to investigate, according to Skrent, who said the house at 5747 Sheridan Rd. was reportedly in the process of being restored when the fire broke out.

The blaze remains under investigation.



CHRISTMAS ELVES (from left) Taylor Anthony, Kinzie Bignoy and Melissa Lajoie were among the students who helped prepare and serve snacks during the annual Christmas in the Village Community Gathering at the Cass City VFW Hall following the Lighted Christmas Parade Saturday night.

Christmas in the Village crowds pour into community Saturday

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Forgive Judy Keller if she looked just a bit tired towards the end of Cass City's annual Christmas in the Village Community Gathering at the VFW hall Saturday night.

After all, Keller took over the reins as Cass City Chamber of Commerce administrator in early September, leaving her with just over three months to guide organization of this year's December holiday celebration, which involves overseeing everything from a huge craft show to

Santa's arrival to a community gathering that typically draws 350 or so area residents.

It's a lot of work, but in the end, Keller figures her inaugural effort — supported by a host of volunteers and generous businesses — paid off.

"Overall, I was very pleased with how well it went. I had a lot of help, a lot of people," commented Keller, who was familiar with the celebration in her role as a member of the local chamber board over the past several years. "I worked with it before, but I've never been involved in so many of the details. It was def-

initely a learning curve," she said.

"I know we had well over 325 people — around 350 people — at the craft show," Keller said, noting there were more than 50 vendors on hand. Admission to the show was \$1 or a non-perishable food item to be donated to the Revive Ministries Food Pantry in Cass City. "We had over \$300 and I know we had 3 really good sized boxes of food," Keller said.

The chamber organized its first craft show 50/50 drawing this year, and the fundraiser generated nearly \$300, which was split by the chamber and drawing winner Beryl Bliss of Cass City.

"I was pleased with it (craft show), and we are going to lay it out just a little bit different next year because we weren't really utilizing the space like we could," Keller said.

She said the community gathering was also well attended. The event offered all sorts of free refreshments, including the always-popular hot bean soup. In fact, the crowd reportedly went through an estimated 75 gallons of soup.

"It was a pretty packed crowd. We probably had 175 kids who sat on Santa Claus' lap and had pictures taken," Keller continued. She said a new "Santa's Helpers" program proved successful, with local merchants purchasing toys and displaying them in their businesses, and winners of the toys being selected via drawings held during the community gathering. The families were then instructed to pick up the toys from the businesses that purchased them.

"The goal was to try to get people into the local businesses to see what they're doing — to see what they have to offer," Keller explained.



SANTA AND MRS. Claus made their first appearance of the season in Cass City Saturday, visiting with 175 youngsters, including 22-month-old Madisyn Hartel, daughter of Miranda and Brad Hartel of Millington.



THE COMMUNITY gathering crowd devoured a reported 75 gallons of free hot bean soup. Above, volunteer Jenny Hudson assists Kris Repshinska.

CHILI CHAMPS

The 12th annual Christmas in the Village Chili Cook-off enjoyed another successful run, drawing participation from nearly two dozen businesses and about 184 tasters/judges this year.

The Elkland Township Fire Department again flexed its chili muscle by winning the open division of the contest, just as the department has in five of the past six years, according to Amy Peters, whose Knights Insurance sponsors the competition.

Peters reported there was a tie for second-place honors, shared by Anderson Tuckey Bernhardt and Doran, and Chemical Bank. Knights Insurance took third place this year.

In the service club competition, the Cass City Gavel Club claimed bragging rights for the next 12 months, followed by the Rotary Club in second place.

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Hills and Dales welcomes M. Havercamp

Hills and Dales General Hospital in Cass City recently announced the addition of Marie Havercamp to its health care team. Havercamp will practice as a family nurse practitioner with Dr. Donald Robbins at the Cass City Family Practice.

"Marie comes to Hills and Dales with six years' experience as a registered nurse, working at St. Mary's of Michigan for the duration of her career," said Danielle Blaine, Hills and Dales community relations director. "Her experience has been in acute care, surgical, telemetry, transfer center, hospice and emergency nursing."

Havercamp earned her Master of Science in Nursing Degree, Family Nurse Practitioner Program, through Saginaw Valley State University in July. She is also certified in advanced cardiac life support, pediatric advanced life support, basic life

support and national incident management.

"I was looking to practice as a nurse practitioner in a setting where I can have a quality relationship with my patients. After touring at Hills and Dales and meeting with Dr. Robbins, I knew it was the perfect fit," Havercamp commented. "Hills and Dales is centered on quality patient care, and I know working alongside Dr. Robbins will allow me to grow, learn and provide great care to my patients."

Jean Anthony, Hills and Dales General Hospital president and CEO, added, "We are excited to welcome Marie to our team. She comes to us with many years of nursing experience and, along with Dr. Robbins, she is ready to take care of your healthcare needs. Her background has prepared her to see patients of all ages, from newborn to

elderly. Please join me in welcoming her to our community."

Residents can schedule an appointment with Havercamp by calling the Cass City Family Practice at (989) 872-8303.



Marie Havercamp

Library hosts Senior Citizen Movies

Rawson Memorial District Library in Cass City is hosting Senior Citizen Movies on Friday, December

18, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served. This older adult program is offered free of charge.

Mystery Monkeys of Shangri-La – Hidden away in the Himalayas are beguiling monkeys unlike any others of their kind. Only recently discovered, Yunnan snub-nosed monkeys have mesmerizing faces, with tiny noses, almond eyes and large pink lips. They live not far from an ancient city named after the famous mythical paradise called Shangri-La. There are only a few thousand of them in the world. This spectacular film is the true story of one family of these monkeys. At the heart of the story are two young monkeys, who make their way in the world by very different paths – one protected and indulged the other mostly a neglected and adventurous survivor. (60 minutes)

Egypt – Egypt offers a visual potpourri of high energy and ancient mystery, from chaotic, urban Cairo to the silent temples and tombs near Luxor and the Valley of the Kings. Join Rick Steves as he explores pharaohs' pyramids at Giza and gold treasures at Cairo's National Museum. Rick has fun with the inevitable camel ride. Each stop on the route leaves an indelible imprint. (30 minutes)

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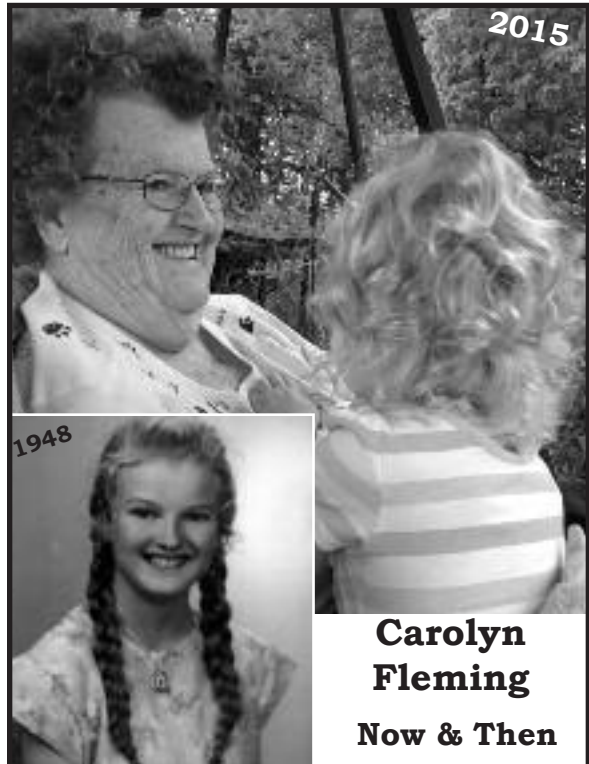
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In Our OPINION..

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Tom Montgomery
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Campbell sale is win-win for town

The Cass City Board of Education's decision to sell the former Campbell Elementary School Thursday to Thumb Area Psychological Services represents a win-win for both the company and the Cass City area.

The reasons go far beyond elimination of a taxpayer burden and school district liability, including a \$20,000 tab annually spent on utilities to help keep the former school in decent shape.

The sale, approved during a special board meeting Thursday night, should provide a sense of permanency for a growing company that provides specialized counseling services to clients of all ages, including support for youngsters on the autism spectrum whose families would otherwise have to travel long distances to obtain what many parents will tell you is a vital ingredient in enabling their children to reach their full potential.

The sale is a certain display of support – on the school district's part in particular and of the community in general – of what Thumb Area Psychological Services is accomplishing here. In return, the business is certain to bring more visitors to Cass City, which means more investment in the local economy.

That sort of arrangement might seem like a no-brainer, but all too often individuals with personal agendas get in the way of sealing a deal that will benefit a community as a whole. We're glad that wasn't the case Thursday.

Of course, the biggest winners, as we see it, are the families who will remain in the area – not to mention those who may consider making Cass City or a neighboring town their home – because of the specialized services available for their children right here in their own backyard.

Area residents Sue Stuever Battel and her husband, Bob, may have best described the benefits in a letter presented to school officials describing their own experiences with Thumb Area Psychological Services.


"We adopted two children through foster care...who are severely affected by autism and other special needs. The Turning Point program at Thumb Area Psychological Services is literally turning their lives around," they said.

"As you know, Cass City needs young families to thrive. We have two different friends from college who had to move either across the state or out of Michigan to access autism therapies for their children. Having access to Thumb Area Psychological Services right here in Cass City is not only a boon to existing families, but families looking to relocate. While our children have intense needs, the organization also offers services for typical children and families," the Battels said.

"Cass City benefits when its talented professionals can find work in our community," they added. "Several behavior technicians work with our sons on a day-to-day basis. The organization also employs social workers, counselors, a psychologist, support staff and many others – nearly all of whom had to leave Cass City to work before Thumb Area Psychological Services opened its doors.

"As the program grows, even more families outside Cass City will be traveling here to use it, and of course filling their cars with gas, shopping and eating while they're here."


As we said, the sale of Campbell is a win-win for all, and we'd like to applaud the Cass City Board of Education for its wisdom in making it happen.



Slices of Life

by Jill Pertler

Oh Christmas Tree



It's the time of year dreaded by spruce and pine alike. People take to the malls to hunt for bargains, but they also take to the grocery store parking lot to hunt for freshly slaughtered Fraser firs. It's open season on evergreen trees and unlike forest critters with legs and camouflage capabilities, the trees have nowhere to hide. I've witnessed the tree victimization practice for decades and typically participate in the violence myself.

Parking lots offer the perfect tree for the taking but some over-achieving families seek to intensify the hunt by carrying through with the actual execution themselves. They venture into the woods, engaging in what they call "quality family time," while dad just happens to be carrying an axe. Mom and kids loudly and enthusiastically discuss the pros and cons of various specimens: balsam or blue spruce, tall or short, thin or stout and wasn't last year's tree the best ever? After they traumatize the entire forest with this murderous chatter, dad takes the axe and takes action. Talk about brutality – right in front of the children (and often family pets).

A quick kill would be bad enough, but prolonging the agony is another part of the merriment. After chopping down the innocent tree, dad drags it out of the woods and mounts it on the top of the family minivan with twine and bungee cords. The family heads for home, traveling 60 miles per hour on the Interstate while the bitter wind whips through the tree's branches, threatening to pull them apart limb from limb. Inside the warm and cozy vehicle the family sings "Oh Christmas Tree" and "Joy to the World." The irony of this is not lost on the Scotch pine riding atop the van.

Once home, the tree is propped in a vertical fashion in the living room where the family bedecks and bedazzles its branches in gaudy fashion with bows and garlands. In an ultimate act of humiliation, a star or other such adornment is ceremoniously placed on the treetop of our simple woodland giant and a mad celebration ensues – for everyone but the tree.

At this point, the overt abuse ends, but the suffering continues as the tree is left to die a slow and tortuous death, the immediacy of which is postponed by daily doses of water administered in quantities just large enough to keep it alive – but barely.


In the coming days, bright and festive boxes and bags are placed at the tree's base. The tree, in its weakened and fragile state goes out on a limb and hopes perhaps the gifts are for him. Reality hits

when the family descends upon the living room suddenly one morning and tears the colorful wrapping from the packages. Not one gift is left for the tree and in a final act of torture, the family drinks eggnog and forgets to give the evergreen any water that day.

The tree, sapped of any energy and overcome with despair, begins dropping its needles. In response, the family (usually dad or mom) drags the tree out to the backyard where it sits until February or March when, in a blaze of glory, it is burned in a bonfire while the children roast marshmallows over its flames.

'Tis the season of joy – unless you are an evergreen. Then, it's a season of torment and terrible treatment of trees. You probably never thought of it that way. But I bet you would – if you were a tree.

Jill Pertler is an award-winning syndicated columnist, published playwright and author. Don't miss a slice; follow the Slices of Life page on Facebook.



Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Unfortunately, this tale probably fits best under the old saying – Fool me once shame on you. Fool me twice shame on me.

Many, many, many moons ago, Matt Prieskorn and I drove to the Palace of Auburn Hills to attend a Pistons playoff game against the visiting Boston Celtics. We didn't have tickets but were sure we could pick up a pair from scalpers at the event. And we were right, only the tickets we paid for actually were for a game that had been already been played and proved to be of no value.

Fast forward to the Big 10 Championship football game held over the weekend in Indianapolis. Once again I attended the sporting event without a ticket. And once again I purchased a ticket from a scalper who assured me the electronic ticket printed on a white 8.5 x 11 sheet of paper was valid, pointing to the bar code and information printed showing admission into Saturday's game between Michigan State and Iowa University.

Yep, after waiting in line for about an hour to enter Lucas Oil Stadium, I was told my ticket had already been used. A costly \$175 lesson in human nature.

Letters to the Editor

Here's how we could deal with Isis threat

President Obama claims he has 60 coalition countries on our side to fight Isis. He doesn't want to send any American troops there, so let's do it this way: have every country send 1,000 troops — that equals 60,000 troops; create and enforce a no-fly zone; and send all the refugees there.

Another option is, we could pull out all the troops fighting Isis there, and with all the so-called "good refugees" out of the country, that would only leave the thugs there.

Then, let's whip the dust off a nuclear missile and send them to go see Allah. It would also send the message to Iran if they ever tried to make a nuclear weapon, we mean business.

What's the difference if we kill 100 of them a day or all of them in seconds? They are not worth one American life. That would be a lot better than the mess we have now.

President Obama wants to impose all kinds of background checks on American people buying guns, but then does a 180 with these Syrian refugees. He is so willing to let all of them into the United States, and he doesn't even know if the name they give him is correct or not.

I would go along with any congressman and/or president to let the refugees into the United States ONLY if they take responsibility. If any of these refugees kills an American, they will be held accountable for murder.

I'll bet there won't be one of them that take that deal because all the experts are saying there is no way we can vet all these refugees.

Robert Peruski
Ubyly

Artistic Endeavors Gallery of Cass City is planning an appreciation reception for all of their supporters and friends on December 11, from 4-7 p.m. at the gallery.

Folks at the Main Street location would like to express gratitude to the community for their support and loyalty. It has been three and a half years since we've opened, reports Marilyn Biefer, and it is because of the community and the artists that we have made it this long.

"We hope to continue to serve Cass City and the surrounding area for a long time. Please come to celebrate with us," she said.

The lucky winner from this weekend's Cass City Lions Club's 50/50 raffle has until Dec. 15th to claim their cash winnings. Club member Eric Brown says ticket number 072454 purchased during the annual Christmas in the Village kick-off celebration Saturday can call 989-872-4311 to claim the proceeds.

Bob Morley, author of 2 books detailing the Cass City boys' basketball teams from 1950 – 2014, is truly a fan of the Hawks.

In addition to being a lifelong Red Hawk hoop fan, the Cass City High School grad and Lansing area pharmacist's oldest daughter Kacy is a New Season Ticket Sales Executive for the Atlanta Hawks.

The Morleys were able to attend an Atlanta Hawks game last February on their way to Florida and had a great time as Kacy introduced them to former NBA star Dominique Wilkins, who also works for the Hawks.

On a side note, anyone interested in obtaining a signed copy of Morley's latest book – Cass City Red Hawks Boys Basketball 1950 – 2014 - can contact Mary Jane VanVliet at 989-670-5466 to ensure deliver by Christmas day.

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Reporter's notebook



There's bacon under there? Underwear?

by Tom Montgomery
Editor



I didn't anticipate writing about Justin Esch and Dave Lefkow again, but if you're still looking for a gift item for that really difficult person to buy for, they might just have what you're looking for.

But you're going to have to look under there to find it.

Okay, I'll be brief: Esch and Lefkow recently announced the latest addition to their unique J&D Foods product line – the world's first underwear that looks and smells like bacon.

"Marrying the ultimate in comfort and cured meat, J&D's Bacon Scented Underwear represents the gold standard of meat-scented luxury undergarments," the pair state in their latest announcement. "Each pair is hand crafted in the USA (and features) state-of-the-art moisture-wicking, scent-emission technology stolen from NASA."

Esch and Lefkow claim these unique undies – available for just \$19.99 in both men's and women's styles — will last through multiple wash cycles and wearings, and continue to smell like bacon for up to six months or longer.

Of course, they don't recommend this product for mail carriers, zookeepers, veterinarians, dog catchers and walkers, and circus performers (especially lion tamers). They also warn customers not to fall asleep wearing a pair if they have a large dog with sharp teeth. Probably wouldn't be all that wise to wear them while hiking in areas frequented by bears.

Last year, Esch and Lefkow unveiled another first: the world's first pillowcase that looks and smells like bacon.

Hey, these products are not all that far-fetched, given our passion in this country for what amounts to a meat product prepared from pig and usually cured with large amounts of salt.

Of course, bacon can be eaten smoked, boiled, fried, baked or grilled, and is used to flavor all sorts of dishes. And Americans do just that, eating an average of 18 pounds of bacon each year (that's about 5.6 million pounds — give or take a strip — for the entire country, or the equivalent of 7.68 Empire State buildings).

"Baconpreneurs" Esch and Lefkow formed their unique bacon partnership in Seattle, Wash., after winning \$5,000 on "America's Funniest Home Videos".

The pair started out by creating Bacon Salt and later added other products such as Baconnaise, a product television personality Jon Steward described as being "for people who want to get a heart attack but are too lazy to actually make bacon." Esch and Lefkow went on to sell 6,000 jars of their Bacon Salt in just five days to customers in 25 states and 15 countries, via a website they created in a garage.

That innovation led to Bacon popcorn, bacon ranch dressing and bacon croutons. Then came the novelty products: bacon lip balm, bacon-flavored "Mmmvelopes", bacon shaving cream, etc., all available for purchase on the website, www.JDFoods.net.

And now you can have your own pair of bacon scented undies, too.

Gee, Esch and Lefkow may be right: "The support of briefs, the freedom of boxers and the smell of breakfast cooking in your pants. You really can have it all."

Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO (2010)

Lauren Beth Ruthko of Ubly and Travis Alan Gute of Sandusky announce their wedding engagement. Lauren is the daughter of Janice Sageman and Paul and Crystal Ruthko of Ubly. She is a 2004 graduate of Ubly High School and a 2009 graduate of Saginaw Valley State University. She is employed as a fifth grade teacher at the Laker Elementary School. Travis is the son of Cheryl Gute of Sandusky and Dave and Kelly Gute of Yale. He is a 2004 graduate of Sandusky High School and a 2009 graduate of St. Clair Community College. He is employed as a correction officer at the Sanilac Co. Sheriff's Department. The couple is currently planning a June 18, 2011 wedding at the First Presbyterian Church, Bad Axe.

Don't ask members of the Elkland Township Fire Department about their secret chili recipe. Why? Well, it's not because they're stingy; they just don't know. A group of Cass City fire fighters — Chief Glenn Guilds along with firemen Jeremy Somerville, Dale Tabar, Paul Learman, Nick Moyer, Chuck Kaake and his son, Andrew — concocted this year's championship recipe in the annual Christmas in the Village Chili Cook-Off competition in Cass City. Guilds said he and his crew decided to take a shot at Cass City's chili crown after winning softball and golf tournaments earlier this year, not to mention their first-place finish in the recent donkey basketball tournament sponsored by the Cass City PTO.

10 YEARS AGO (2005)

Members of the second-place Cass City A Quiz Bowl Team are Channing Langenburg, Molly Wynn, Kelsey Ruby, Zac Deering and Michael Milligan.

The Cass City B Team, which finished third in the December Thumb Area Quiz Bowl League Tournament, is composed of Dallas Woodward, Joanna Macgown, Ronnie Wolschleger, Abby Ellis, Jacob Ballard and Rochelle Rushlow.

Cass City area sportsmen and long-time friends Skip Speirs and Jerry Langmaid combined their memories and talents to produce their book,

"Short Tales Made Taller by a Good Campfire", which can be purchased locally at Coach Light Pharmacy. Pictured above is the cover of the book, which features a caricature of Speirs in the center and was illustrated by Langmaid.

25 YEARS AGO (1990)

Treats from home - Owen-Gage English teacher Joanne Hopper (left) and students Lisa Dorsch and Maelin Damm prepare Christmas baskets to be sent to 4 Owen-Gage alumni serving with American military forces in the Middle East.

Mr. and Mrs. James Leppala of Watton, Mich., announce the engagement of their daughter, Brenda, to Scott Geiger of Palatine, Ill. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Geiger of Cass City. Brenda will be graduating in May 1991 from Gogebic Community College with an Associate's Degree in Commercial Art and Graphics. Geiger graduated from Michigan Technological University with a Master's Degree in Electrical Engineering. He is employed by Motorola, Inc. The couple will be married June 1, 1991, in Nagaunee, Mich.

Blood donors gave a total of 88 pints, topping the goal of 70 pints, during Hills and Dales General Hospital's Nov. 27 blood drive. First time donors, who received T-shirts, were Elizabeth Rayl, John Ryba Jr., Curtis Strickland and Ruth Strickland. Receiving T-shirts and pins were 1-gallon donors Anita Loomis, Michael Murphy and Deborah Otulakowski; 2-gallon donors Carol Hrycko and Donald LaPeer; 3-gallon donors James Brown and Wayne Whittaker, and 4-gallon donors Ron Geiger and Eldon Stoutenburg.

35 YEARS AGO (1980)

Lucky bucks winners in the drawing Saturday were Charles Nemeth of Cass City, and Helen Aldrich of Caro. Each won \$100 in lucky bucks. Winners this Saturday in the drawing sponsored by the Cass City Retail Committee will each receive \$150 in lucky bucks to be spent in local stores.

Mr. and Mrs. Gil Schwaderer entertained relatives at dinner Sunday following the baptism in Salem UM Church of their grandson, Adam Joseph Lalko. Guests, besides Mr. and Mrs. Ken Lalko and baby, were Mr. and Mrs. John Lalko, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lalko, Mr. and Mrs. Randy Bang and son of Kingston, Chris and Craig Langmaid of Birch Run, Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Bartle, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Tuckey and children, Mr. and Mrs. John Wright and Mr. and Mrs. James Johnson and Randy.

Mark Zmierski, with the U.S. Navy, was a lunch guest of Mr. and Mrs. William Patch Thursday. He is scheduled to leave Dec. 16 for Spain.

The top salesmen in the Cass City Intermediate School popcorn and salt and pepper shaker sale were, from left, Barry Brown, \$157; Mark Gracey, \$119, and Deb McIntosh, \$115. A total of \$2,300-2,500 was raised, with proceeds being used by the student council for various projects, including a new gym scoreboard, already installed. Top salesmen received cash prizes.

40 YEARS AGO (1975)

Miss JoAnn Farr and Robert Langmaid, formerly of Cass City, were wed at Birch Run United Methodist Church, Nov. 15. The bride was given in marriage by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elwin Farr of Clio. After a trip through northern Michigan, the couple will reside in Birch Run.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Damm and family Thanksgiving Day were Mrs. Glenn McClorey, Larry McClorey, Mark McClorey, Patti Doerr, Fred McClorey and Mr. and Mrs. George Frank, Kevin, Shelly and Sandra.

John M. Spencer and Sally A. Geiger announce their engagement. Miss Geiger, a teacher in the Grand Ledge Public Schools, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald V. Geiger of Cass City. Mr. Spencer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Spencer of Millington, is presently employed in Lansing. An April 10 wedding is being planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Benkelman of Cass City were honored with a surprise 50th wedding anniversary celebration at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Stirrett of Elkton, Anna Steinman and Ward Benkelman were married Dec. 8, 1925. They have lived in Cass City all their married life. The couple were pinned with a golden corsage and boutonniere. A turkey dinner and a tiered wedding cake were served and many gifts were received. Guests attended from

Monroe, Lakeview, Utica, Roseville, Cass City and Elkton.

Mr. and Mrs. Royce Russell of Gagetown arrived home Nov. 28 from a trip they began Nov. 4 which took them to Germany to visit their daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. John Elsesser (Janet Russell). While in Europe, they visited several other countries briefly. During their absence, Mrs. Russell's mother, Mrs. Ed Golding Sr., stayed in the Russell home with their daughters, Lisa, Diane and Susan.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence G. Rogers of Haxtun, Colo., wish to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their eldest daughter, Colleen, to Henry C. Doerr Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Doerr Sr., of Mayville. A Jan. 11 wedding is planned to take place in Pasadena, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Clair Tuckey and their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Lee D'Arcy of Kingston, were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Freed and family at Elkhart, Ind. They also visited the D'Arcy's son, Richard, at Mishawaka, Ind., where he is a student at Bethel College and called on Rev. and Mrs. David D'Arcy in Eaton Rapids, where he is pastor of the Congregational church.

50 YEARS AGO (1965)

The only other thing I ever won was some sausage from Erla Food Market, Mrs. Kasimier Andrysiak said Monday as she looked at the new portable television won in the first drawing sponsored by the Retail Division of the Cass City Chamber of Commerce. The Andrysiaks live in a spick and span retirement home on the River Road, a mile south and a mile west of Cass City, and are using the new TV as a second set in their kitchen. The couple moved to Cass City from Detroit 11 years ago when Mr. Andrysiak retired after 32 years at the Dodge plant in the Motor City. Although the couple has been well satisfied with their home here, they are trying to move. "We have two children that live in the Detroit area and we would like to get a little closer to them if we can sell our house," they explained.

The monthly meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary and Christmas party will be held Monday evening, Dec. 13. Mrs. Jake Wise is chairman of the committee on arrangements. The meeting will be held at the Legion hall.

A bridal shower for Helen Ann Koepf, given by Patricia and Linda Koepf, was attended by 28 friends and relatives with the bride-elect receiving many gifts. Mrs. Phyllis King was in charge of games. The door prize went to Mrs. Helen Hudson of Caro and the boobie prize went to Mrs. Mary DuRussell of Cass City. Refreshments were served.

75 YEARS AGO (1940)

All arrangements have been made except the signing of the necessary papers for the transfer of a business block on East Main Street from the E. H. Pinney Estate to John Libka. The block is occupied by D. A. Krug and the Ovalt Bakery Co. on the first floor and by Dr. B. H. Starmann's offices in the second story. Mr. Libka has purchased the business block as an investment and no change in occupants is contemplated.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. Stewart and son, Leslie, went to Detroit on November 27 and spent the "old time" Thanksgiving with their daughters and sisters and their families. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart also celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary with their relatives in Detroit. They returned home Thursday evening of last week.

100 YEARS AGO (1915)

Geo. S. Farrar, who has had charge of the Hotel Heasty at Pigeon for a number of years turned over the management of the house to William Schultz and his son, J. W., of Saginaw who purchased his interest. The senior member of the firm for years managed the Bancroft House at Saginaw and his son ably the last few years has ably assisted him.

William S.C. Pellowe, of Peck, a junior, won out Friday night in the annual oratorical contest at Albion college, to pick Albion's representative in the state oratorical competition. The title of his oration was "The call of the carpenter" and he drew down a \$30 prize for taking the honor.

Mrs. O. A. Hendrick and daughter, Miss Fannie, went to Caro Saturday to visit their grandson and nephew, who arrived at the home of Calvin Hendrick Friday, Dec. 3. Miss Fannie stayed to help the 3-pound nephew.

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Baker College among best in recent national rankings for online schools

Baker College Online/Center for Graduate Studies recently placed among the best in two national rankings for online colleges.

Baker was ranked third among the most affordable online colleges for bachelor's degrees by College Choice, and tenth on the list of the top 50 online doctoral degrees in business and management by Top Management Degrees.

"Baker College Online continues to garner national recognition for the great value of its programs," said Jill Langen, Ph.D., Baker College Online/Center for Graduate Studies president. "These two recent rankings again prove our dedication to providing affordable and quality online programs."

Baker College offers online bachelor's degrees in the areas of business administration, nursing, human services and computer information systems.

In assessing online bachelor's degrees for affordability, College Choice included all regionally accredited colleges with at least five online bachelor's degree programs. To determine the true cost of each online program, the rankings also considered actual total cost including fees not directly accounted for in

tuition. College Choice compiled its data from websites of the listed universities, reputable publications such as U.S. News & World Report, and from the National Center for Education Statistics.

College Choice is an independent online publication dedicated to helping students find and thrive at the right colleges for them.

Baker College offers an online doctorate of business administration.

"Our doctoral degree serves the needs of working adults, helping them advance in their careers through quality graduate education," Langen said. "It is designed to graduate scholar practitioners who will set the standard for best practice and contribute to the solution of critical business and management problems through research, teaching and consulting."

Top Management Degrees determined its top 50 list of online doctoral degrees in business and management based on the following criteria: accreditation, flexibility, prestige, estimated cost and business management curriculum. Each criterion was given equal weight, and data were collected from diverse sources, including each college program's website, U.S. News & World Report,

The Princeton Review and the National Center for Education Statistics.

Tammie Cagle, Top Management Degrees editor, said, "Business professionals are turning to doctoral programs to gain further expertise to become more effective leaders and gain global credentials for being knowledgeable and skilled business leaders."

"Our rankings are designed to help prospective students make smart choices about where to invest their time and money," she added. "We are committed to connecting people to inspiring ideas and high quality educational opportunities, and are confident that students will find both at Baker College Online."

Top Management Degrees provides information about business and management education that includes degree program rankings and reviews, how to select a program based on an individual's interest and needs, how to finance a degree and careers in management.

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Thumb Ag Day on tap today in Ubly

Thumb Ag Day is scheduled for today (Wednesday) at the Ubly Heights Country Club in Ubly, with area residents are welcome to take advantage of educational programming along with the opportunity to visit with the 75 agribusinesses exhibiting at this year's program.

Doors open at 8:30 a.m. and remain open until 4 p.m. for participants to view exhibits and attend educational programs.

Beginning at 9:15 a.m., join Dennis Stein, MSU Extension District Farm Management educator as he discusses "Commodity Price and Land

Interactions", followed by "Commodity Market Update and Analysis" with Eric Fransen of the Market360 Grain Team at 10 a.m. At 10:45 a.m., "Effectively Managing Market Volatility" will be presented by Chad Goodwill, business development consultant with Stewart-Peperson.

The afternoon session will round out the day, starting at 12:45 p.m. with "Ag Review: Results of this Year's Field Trials" by Thumb field crops Extension educators. RUP and CCA credits are pending from the Michigan Department of Agriculture.

Lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. and is optional at \$10 per person. Admission otherwise is free. For more information, please call your local MSU Extension office in Huron County at (989) 269-9949, Sanilac County at (810) 648-2515 or Tuscola County at (989) 672-3870.

Thumb Ag Day is sponsored by Michigan State University Extension and supported by the area's agricultural businesses.

Hills and Dales announces details on babysitting class

Hills and Dales General Hospital in Cass City will host an America Red Cross babysitter training, CPR and first aid course Monday, Dec. 28, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and Tuesday, Dec. 29, from 9 a.m. to noon.

The class is designed to teach boys

and girls, ages 11 to 15 years, the information and skills necessary to provide safe and responsible care for young children.

Topics covered include leadership, basic care, safety and safe play, as well as babysitter CPR and first aid certification.

The cost is \$35 and pre-registration is required. More information is available by contacting Kathy Droseski in the hospital's Community Education Department at (989) 912-6365.

Food safety training set this week

MSU Extension is offering a four-hour ServSafe Food Safety Training course for anyone who prepares food, serves food or is involved with food service.

Interested individuals may include wait staff at restaurants, day care providers, church groups, school groups, service clubs and anyone else who wishes to learn more about proper handling of food.

The course focuses on topics emphasizing the importance of food safety, personal hygiene, controlling time and temperature, preventing cross contamination, and proper cleaning and sanitizing.

The training will be held on Friday, Dec. 11, at the Sandusky District Library, 55 E. Sanilac Rd. in Sandusky from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The fee is \$20 per person.

To register, call MSUE Huron County at (989) 269-9949 (ext. 602).

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Pastor's Corner

Spirit of insanity now roams freely upon the planet

As we look about us it seems the spirit of insanity now roams freely upon the planet. For it is insane when an African lion killed by a legitimate hunter receives more attention than thousands of babies slaughtered for profit. It's insane when we are 19 trillion dollars in debt and plan to borrow more. (Isn't that the definition of insanity, e.g., doing the same thing over and over again expecting a different result?) It's pure lunacy to be threatened and murdered by, and fight a war with Islamic terror, then pay its way to come and live with you. It's madness to watch Russia and China build their militaries, and follow expansionist policies while we cut our own military to levels not seen since the 1930s. It's insanity when a U.S. president goes against the facts, logic, and all that is obvious to declare climate change the greatest threat to mankind. Surely he proves the words of Solomon true: "...the hearts of the sons of men are full of evil, and insanity is in their hearts

throughout their lives," Ecclesiastes 9:3. It is insane to worship the creation rather than the Creator (Romans 1:25), believing it just came about on its own with no God to superintend it. Certainly, one delusion leads to another, and because we have believed the lie regarding our beginnings, we believe the lie regarding our being. So Paul is compelled to say: "And for this reason God will send upon them a deluding influence so that they might believe what is false, in order that they all may be judged who did not believe the truth, but took pleasure in wickedness," 2nd Thessalonians 2:11, 12. The greatest insanity to date is the one foisted upon the American public by the U.S. Supreme Court on June 26th, 2015. Under strong delusion, 5 out of 9 black robed lawyers shook their fist at God, creation, and what has been normal for millennia, declaring homosexual marriage equal to heterosexual marriage in the once land of the free and home of the

brave. Their deluded logic somehow extrapolated that "right" from the Constitution's Fourteenth Amendment, citing its "guarantee of equal protection." Most Americans have never read the Fourteenth Amendment adopted in 1868 and don't know it was one of three (13, 14, 15) designed to protect former slaves. Its intent and purpose had nothing to do with marriage, homosexual or otherwise. However, when one labors under a powerful deluding influence, that which is good will always be subverted to that which is evil. The Apostle clearly addressed this problem in Romans one: "For this reason God gave them over to degrading passions; for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural, and in the same way also the men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire toward one another... And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, God gave them over to a depraved

mind, to do those things which are not proper," Romans 1:26-28. The payment for sin is always death (Romans 3:23) and the legalization of this perversion falls into that category. Indeed, Paul concludes: "...and although they know the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, they not only do the same, but also give hearty approval to those who practice them," Romans 1:32. The signs of a dying society are all around us. When the insanity of men's hearts becomes the rule, not the exception, in fact, becomes law, judgment is close behind. Amazingly, the average citizen has accepted this recent SCOTUS ruling with barely a blink. And, sadly, it is true of the church as well. Yet, do not be deceived, God will not be mocked, and puny man will not thumb his nose at God's plan for human sexuality and the family. But realize that only a great spiritual revival across this land will change America's present course. I hope the

church will agree with God on this matter and that revival will begin with us.



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THUMB AREA Psychological Services owners and partners Nicole Kohaif (far left), Deb Thomas (next to Kohaif in back row) and Kathy Mroz (far right) pose with their staff, which now has a permanent home in the former Campbell Elementary School building.

School accepts offer for Campbell building

Continued from page one.

Nicole Kohaif, who along with Deb Thomas and Kathy Mroz formed the partnership that owns Thumb Psychological Services, also addressed the board.

Aside from being the only provider of specialized clinical services for autistic children in the Thumb region, Kohaif said Thumb Area Psychological Services has been and will continue to be invested in the community.

The business has already invested \$15,000 in physical improvements at Campbell, in addition to leasing a portion of the building for two years, she said, adding the staff is currently serving 250 clients in the community and employs nearly two dozen salaried professionals, and has been involved in student experience projects involving the local high school and internship programs utilizing university students from across the state and beyond.

Kohaif and her partners noted their purchase offer includes a provision to provide a classroom for use by community organizations, free of charge, for a period of five years. Kohaif also said Thumb Area Psychological Services fully intends to retain lease agreements already in place at Campbell, including one with a call center business that also currently utilizes a portion of the former school and specializes in snowmobile parts distribution.

Astley also addressed the board prior to Thursday's vote, noting he grew up in the Kingston area and has been employed as human resources

director of Hometown Home Health and Hospice in Lapeer for the past eight years. Astley said his vision for Campbell is to establish an independent licensed home for up to 40 elderly clients. The facility would employ at least 25 full-time workers and would build relationships within the community, including with the local school system through projects encouraging interaction between students and residents of the home, he said. "I think there's a lot of opportunities here," Astley added.

Astley indicated he admires the work now underway by Thumb Area Psychological Services and would not displace the business if he owned the former school. In fact, he said he would like to discuss a shared business arrangement involving the available space.

Kohaif stated she and her partners are also open to meeting with Astley and exploring various options, although they have not yet had any formal meetings.

The school board tabled action on the original bids last week in order to revise the property description to include an adjacent grassy area and 25,000 square feet of parking lot space. School officials cited a reduction in the district's liability related to the property as the reason.

School officials earlier this year dropped their asking price for the building from about \$120,000 to \$79,000.

Cass City School officials voted to list the structure for sale in April 2014 after several months of debate and discussion over its future.

The decision came after the board

had hoped to let voters decide the issue at the polls, but subsequently learned it isn't a legal option. At the time, it had been more than two years since school officials closed Campbell in a consolidation effort designed to cut expenses following a multi-year trend of declining enrollment that has cost the Cass City Public Schools hundreds of students.

In early 2013, the board began talks with representatives of a group of Thumb dentists who had proposed utilizing the building to house a non-profit regional dental clinic to serve Medicaid patients.

The dentists agreed to a three-year lease and offered to buy the building outright, but negotiations stalled when the board approved, on a split vote, a motion to not sell the former school.

Board members opposed to selling expressed concern for the possible need for more space in the future, especially in light of construction of the new Dairy Farmers of America (DFA) plant in town. But other board members suggested it's highly unlikely enrollment would increase significantly due to the plant construction. They also noted the district has some existing space that could be used to accommodate additional students.

However, since then, the district has not seen a notable increase in enrollment due to the DFA plant. In fact, student numbers have continued to decrease. School officials have spent roughly \$20,000 annually in utility expenses at Campbell since closing the school four years ago.

State's wheat growers benefit from grant

Michigan wheat farmers, millers, food processors, brewers and specialty food manufacturers will all benefit from a \$76,672 Strategic Growth Initiative (SGI) grant awarded to the Michigan Wheat Program by the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD).

The highly-competitive grant, which will fund a new study focusing on the state's wheat industry, was awarded from a \$2.25 million fund jointly administered by MDARD and the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, which seeks to further develop agriculture and value-added food processing in Michigan.

"You might think that as wheat farmers we know everything about

our crop," said David Milligan, the Cass City-area farmer who chairs the nine-member wheat board. "But with 8,000 wheat farmers spread across almost every county in the state, more than one hundred grain elevators, five large millers and many artisan users of wheat, we actually don't have a full understanding of the specific varieties and quantities being produced, where they are milled, what market segments have growth potential and what new categories have arisen for wheat utilization."

"This study not only establishes a baseline of where the industry is today, but it will also look at our future opportunities as an industry," commented Jody Pollok-Newsom, executive director of the wheat

check-off. "We know there are opportunities to grow this industry, but we need to better understand the economic realities of the many options available to the state's wheat farmers."

The SGI grant was the wheat check-off's first competitive grant attempt. The Michigan Wheat Program is using the grant to fund a study by MSU's Product Center Food-Ag-Bio that will provide a report with baseline data and options for growth for the wheat industry.

"The wheat industry is an important part of the Michigan agri-food system that sometimes gets overlooked," said MSU ag economist Bill Knudson. "In addition to providing much needed baseline data, this project has the potential to expand the size and scope of the industry and create more jobs in the state."

The report will include details on current wheat production, current and potential milling capacity in Michigan, preferred wheat varieties in various end-user sectors, and possible areas for future development of Michigan's wheat industry.

The Lansing Economic Area Partnership (LEAP), the economic development agency responsible for serving the Lansing metropolitan area, partnered with the Michigan Wheat Program and MSU Product Center to put the grant application together. LEAP has prioritized agricultural processing and is looking to better connect the local wheat supply chain by expanding wheat processing and value-added operations in mid-Michigan. The Lansing area has recently launched several businesses that produce artisan beer and spirits and their associated malts and grains, and wants to leverage other specialty wheat opportunities to complement the growing cluster.

"This important study will help us define the wheat market and identify processing opportunities in the Lansing area and around the state," said Bob Trezise, President and CEO of LEAP. "LEAP's Agriculture and Food Business Workgroup was excited to provide the initial concept, and looks forward to working with the Michigan Wheat Program while using the report's findings to maximize value-added growth down the road."



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THE CASS CITY 2015-16 girls' varsity basketball team members are: (front, l-r) Lauren Fernald, Rylie Weiler, Kelcie Autry (middle, l-r) Kelly DeLong, Victoria Cumper, Brittany Hamilton, Jordan Pawloski (back, l-r) Karasten Warford, Sayge Cuthrell, Kelsey Bouverette, Josie Loomis and Lauren Dickinson. The Lady Hawks are coached by Steve Hollocker.

Lady Hawks trade wins to open season

The Cass City Lady Red Hawks traded non-conference basketball decisions with Mayville and Marlette to launch their new season.

In the team's opener, Cass City had its way with the Wildcats last Tuesday and recorded an easy 53-13 victory in convincing fashion against their outmanned host. Friday's contest against a veteran Marlette squad, however, was a different story as the Red Raiders spoiled Cass City's home opener with an impressive 50-28 win.

Somewhere between the two opposite ends of Thumb basketball worlds are Coach Steve Hollocker's gals who will face another storied program Thursday when perennial power Sandusky comes to town, followed by Tuesday's contest against underdog Memphis that should provide Cass City with their first home win in the early season.

After exchanging baskets in the early going with Mayville, the visitors used full court pressure to end the initial half on a 41-1 run that removed any doubts from the game's outcome en route to the running clock victory.

Sophomores Kelsey Bouverette and Sayge Cuthrell couldn't be

stopped in the low and led the scoring for the winners. Bouverette posted a game best 17 points and 11 rebounds to complement 2 blocks and 3 steals. Cuthrell pitched in 14 points and added 10 swipes off the glass.

Against Marlette, it would be a balanced Red Raiders offense that sparked the double digit decision. The visitors had Emily Schaub with a game-high 15 points, while Caitlin Quade tossed in 11 points and Haley Cross 9 despite sitting out much of the second quarter with foul trouble.

Cuthrell registered 13 points, eight rebounds and two assists to pace Cass City.

Kingston 55, Akron-Fairgrove 31

Kingston's Sarah Savage started her senior season with a splendid showing in Akron Friday where the defending North Central Thumb League champions pounded the Vikings 55-31 in a non-conference tilt.

Savage, a 4-year varsity star, pitched in a game-high 20 points, while freshman Camryn MacGuire added 10 tallies in her varsity debut. Please turn to page 10.



THE CASS CITY 2015-16 wrestling team members are: (front, l-r) Tyler Cowdry, Alex Jeffrey, Hayden Larkin, Race Woloshen, Tyler Hool (middle, l-r) Wyatt Dickson, Seth Osentoski, Eric Peters, Errienne Hoyt, Dustin Horne (back, l-r) Darren Dickson, Brent Baker, Brad Baker and Joseph Kampo. Missing is T.J. Moore. The Hawks are coached by Don Markel.

Cass City grapplers set to defend GTC crown

by Clarke Haire
Publisher

With a dozen letter winners returning from last year's league, district, and regional champion wrestling team, one might think Cass City's road to the Greater Thumb Conference crown in 2016 should be nothing but smooth sailing.

Not so fast, warns veteran Coach Don Markel who reports six starters will be gone from his 2014-15 roster. In addition, the Greater Thumb Conference will feature a pair of new schools among its standings.

"Mayville and Ubyly have been added to the league this season. Mayville has traditionally had a strong wrestling program and should make the league race interesting this season. The GTC should be very balanced this season. Bad Axe brings back a strong core of wrestlers and look to be the favorites," he said.

Turning to the Red Hawk graduation toll sure to be missed are Blake Lebioda, Fred Leeson, Dominik Navarra, Josh Daniels, Daymon Tabako and Ethan Monte.

Ledioda registered a record of 42-8 as a senior and was a GTC and district champ. Navarra went 41-14 in

his final Red Hawk season and was a regional qualifier. Daniels, who finished his high school career with a 33-10 mark, was a second team GTC all-conference player and regional qualifier in 2015, while Tabako compiled a 28-7 record and earned first team GTC all-conference accolades and a district championship a year ago. Monte was a GTC all-conference first team performer and a regional qualifier last year, posting a record of 39-8.

"The leadership of these six will be sorely missed," Markel said. Adding, "With the graduation of such a strong crew from last season's team we will need some of our younger wrestlers to step up and perform well this season if we are to achieve the team goals that we have set. How quickly some of our wrestlers mature and catch on will dictate our team's success this season."

Nine returning starters – and a transfer student from Kentucky – should help the Red Hawks reload in 2016. Back for another campaign are proven point producers in juniors Tyler Cowdry (30-23 last season), Alex Jeffery (38-20 last season), Seth Osentoski (35-15 last season), Darren Dickson (38-14 last season), T.J. Moore (46-20 last season) and sophomore Wyatt Dickson (44-15 last season).

Osentoski, Moore and Dickson enter the season as GTC all-confer- Please turn to page 10.



THE CASS CITY 2015-16 boy' varsity basketball team members are: (front, l-r) Sawyer Cuthrell, Devan Klueger, Brad Hacker, Darrin Miller, Parker Haire, Branden Horne (back, l-r) Asst. Coach Andrew Schinnerer, Asst. Coach Brad Langenburg, Keith Lounsbury, Mason Erla, Cole Chippi, Logan Schenk, Chase Winter and Coach Tyler Erla.

SVSU hosting Cardinal Classic

The Cass City boys' basketball team will be heavily favored tonight when the Red Hawks travel to face Mayville for their season opener, before heading to Saginaw Valley State University (SVSU) on Friday to take part in the 2015 Cardinal Classic.

The Wildcats return a pair of North Central Thumb League all-conference players, and seven letter winners, from last year's squad, albeit that team surrendered 69-28 to Cass City late in the campaign.

This year's Ryder Center event features 22 teams and 12 games starting at 5:00 P.M. on Friday, Dec. 11th with the Red Hawks squaring off against Sandusky in a Greater Thumb Conference crossover battle. Following the Cass City and Sandusky match-up, Vassar plays Detroit Public Safety Academy. The Please turn to page 10.

Girls' hoops get underway

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Katelyn Smith topped the Akron-Fairgrove scorers with 13 markers.

Mayville 33, Owen-Gage 19
Mayville sophomore Laurn Frenzel matched Owen-Gage's entire team total with 19 points

Friday as the Wildcats improved to 1-1 on the year.

Besides game scoring honors, Frenzel collected seven rebounds, while Miranda Zaremba had six points and seven rebounds to help hold off the visitors.

Courtney Wightman's nine points were best for Owen-Gage.

Mayville, Ubly enter GTC

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ence dream team members, while Dickson was a GTC second team all-conference player and a state qualifier as a sophomore.

And although the team's lone transfer student will be new to the Red Hawk sidelines, he's no

stranger on the wrestling mat.

"Dustin Horne has moved into the district from Kentucky and brings with him four years of wrestling experience," says Markel.

Other key returnees for Cass City included seniors Tyler Hool, Joe Kampe, juniors Brent Baker, Brad Baker and sophomores Eric Peters and Errienne Hoyt.

Erla out for Hawk cagers

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final game at the SVSU affair is slated to begin at 9:00 P.M. on Saturday, Dec. 12th. The cost of admission for fans is \$10 for the whole day's action.

Avid Thumb hoops fans were anticipating seeing two of the Greater Thumb West's best big men - Cass City senior Mason Erla and Vassar senior Tyler Humpert - in action at the Saginaw venue, but a ACL injury sustained during the football season is expected to sideline Erla until at least very late in the season.

Meanwhile, over in Owendale, the Bulldog boys' kick-off action in

2015 Friday when Kimball Township's Landmark Academy pays a visit for a non-conference affair. Thumb fans interested in the long ball should be entertained by the antics of senior Bulldog Jacob Wright, one of the Thumb's top shooters from beyond the arc. On Monday, Owen-Gage hits the road to challenge Faithway Christian School.

Another game of local interest scheduled for the opening week of play includes Kingston at Bad Axe in a battle of conference favorites Wednesday. The Hatchets feature Thumb Player of the Year candidate Tommy Morneau.

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BOYS' BASKETBALL

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 9

Kingston at Bad Axe
Cass City at Mayville
Ubly at Deckerville
Akron-Fairgrove at Caseville

Kingston
Cass City
Ubly
Akron-Fair.

Bad Axe
Cass City
Deckerville
Caseville

Kingston
Cass City
Deckerville
Akron-Fair.

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Ubly
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FRIDAY, DEC. 11

Sandusky vs Cass City(SVSU)
Ubly at Reese
Landmark at Owen-Gage

Cass City
Reese
Owen-Gage

Cass City
Reese
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Ubly
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Reese
Owen-Gage

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 9

Bad Axe at SASA

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THURSDAY, DEC. 10

Sandusky at Cass City
Ubly at Reese

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FRIDAY, DEC. 11

Caseville at Kingston
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Schneeberger's ATHLETE of the WEEK

Kelsey Bouverette is Schneeberger's choice for this week's "Athlete of the Week" honoree.



The Cass City sophomore opened her 2015-16 basketball season by recording a double-double during the Lady Red Hawks' 53-13 victory over host Mayville.

Bouverette tossed in a game-high 17 points and added 11 rebounds to lead the running clock whipping Tuesday night and followed her opening night performance with a 5 point and 5 rebound effort Friday against visiting Marlette.

Kelsey is the daughter of Rocky and Kathy Bouverette.

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Varsity Boys' Basketball

DATE	OPPONENT
12/9	Mayville
12/11	Sandusky @ SVSU
12/14	Capac
12/16	Memphis
12/18	Marlette
1/6	BCAS
1/8	Lakers
1/13	Harbor Beach
1/15	Reese
1/18	Caro
1/22	USA
1/27	Brown City
1/29	Vassar (snowcoming)
2/3	Bad Axe
2/5	Lakers
2/12	Reese
2/17	Ubyly
2/19	USA
2/26	Vassar
3/3	Bad Axe
3/7-11	District @ Harbor Beach - TBD

Games begin at 7:30 p.m.

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JV & Varsity Boys' Basketball
December 16 vs. Memphis
JV starts at 6:00 p.m.

JV & Varsity Girls' Basketball
December 10 vs. Sandusky
JV starts at 6:00 p.m.

Wrestling
Ubyly/Vassar
January 13 at 6:00 p.m.

Varsity Girls' Basketball

DATE	OPPONENT
12/1	CC 53, Mayville 13
12/4	Marlette 50, CC 28
12/10	Sandusky
12/15	Memphis
12/17	Bad Axe
12/22	BCAS
1/7	Lakers
1/12	Harbor Beach
1/14	Reese
1/19	Caro
1/21	USA
1/26	Brown City
1/28	Vassar
2/2	Bad Axe
2/4	Lakers
2/9	Akron-Fairgrove
2/11	Reese
2/16	Ubyly
2/18	USA
2/25	Vassar
2/29-3/5	Districts @ USA TBD

Games begin at 7:30 p.m.

Junior Varsity Boys' Basketball

DATE	OPPONENT
12/9	Mayville
12/11	Sandusky @ SVSU
12/14	Capac @ 5:30 P.M.
12/16	Memphis
12/18	Marlette
1/6	BCAS
1/8	Lakers
1/13	Harbor Beach
1/15	Reese
1/18	Caro
1/22	USA
1/27	Brown City
1/29	Vassar (snowcoming)
2/3	Bad Axe
2/5	Lakers
2/12	Reese
2/17	Ubyly
2/19	USA
2/26	Vassar
3/3	Bad Axe
3/7-11	District @ Harbor Beach - TBD

Games begin at 6 p.m.

Wrestling

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
12/9	Bad Axe/Brown City	6:00 p.m.
12/12	Marlette Team Tourny	8:00 a.m.
12/16	Mayville/Ubyly	6:00 p.m.
12/19	Cros-Lex Team Tourny	9:00 a.m.
12/29	Mayville Ind. Tourny	TBD
1/6	Sandusky/Brown City	6:00 p.m.
1/9	N. Branch Team Tourny	9:00 a.m.
1/13	Ubyly/Vassar	6:00 p.m.
1/16	Flushing Team Tourny	8:00 a.m.
1/20	Marlette/Memphis	6:00 p.m.
1/23	Mayville Team Tourny	9:00 a.m.
1/27	Caro/Frankenmuth	6:00 p.m.
1/30	Bullock Creek Team Tourny	8:30 a.m.
2/6	GTC Lean Meet @ Brown City	TBD
2/10	Team Districts	TBD
2/13	Individual Districts@Mayville	TBD
2/17	Team Regionals@N. Lothrop	TBD
2/20	Individual Regionals@N. Lothrop	TBD
2/26-27	Team State Finals @ Mt. Pleasant	TBD
3/3-5	Indiv. State Finals @ Auburn Hills	TBD

Junior Varsity Girls' Basketball

DATE	OPPONENT
12/1	CC 44, Mayville 6
12/4	Marlette 40, 27
12/10	Sandusky
12/15	Memphis
12/17	Bad Axe
12/22	BCAS
1/7	Lakers
1/12	Harbor Beach
1/14	Reese
1/19	Caro
1/21	USA
1/26	Brown City
1/28	Vassar
2/2	Bad Axe
2/4	Lakers
2/9	Akron-Fairgrove
2/11	Reese
2/16	Ubyly
2/18	USA
2/25	Vassar
2/29-3/5	Districts @ USA TBD

Games begin at 6 p.m.

Gymnastics

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
1/9	Fraser	9:00 a.m.
1/12	Vassar	6:30 p.m.
1/16	Milford-Lakeland	8:30 a.m.
2/4	Fenton	6:30 p.m.
2/13	Vassar Invite	10:00 a.m.
2/25	Vassar	6:30 p.m.

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE MORTGAGE SALE-Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a mortgage made by AMANDA L. PETERS, a single woman aka AMANDA KRAMER, 8595 WEST SAGINAW ROAD, VASSAR, MI 48768, Mortgagor(s) to FRANKENMUTH CREDIT UNION, 580 NORTH MAIN STREET, FRANKENMUTH, MI 48734, Mortgagee dated SEPTEMBER 2, 2003, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Tuscola County, and State of Michigan on NOVEMBER 6, 2003, in LIBER 963 on PAGE 343 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 EIGHTY EIGHT THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FORTY TWO AND 65/100THS (\$88,342.65) 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 DECEMBER 10, 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 DENMARK, COUNTY OF TUSCOLA AND STATE OF MICHIGAN, to wit: A parcel of land in that part of the South 1 / 2 of the Southeast 1 / 4 of Section 33, Town 12 North, Range 7 East, lying Southwesterly of Highway M-15, described as follows: To fix the point of beginning, commence at the Southeast corner of said Section 33; thence North 01 degrees 57 minutes 20 seconds East, on the East line of said Section, 23.96 feet to the constructed centerline of Highway M-15; thence North 56 degrees 39 minutes 00 seconds West on said centerline, 1,138.00 feet to the point of beginning of this description; thence South 33 degrees 21 minutes 00 seconds West, perpendicular to said centerline, 225.00 feet; thence North 56 degrees 39 minutes 00 seconds West parallel to said centerline, 150.00 feet; thence North 33 degrees 21 minutes 00 seconds East, perpendicular to said centerline, 225.00 feet to said centerline; thence South 56 degrees 39 minutes 00 seconds East, on the centerline of Highway M-15, 150.00 feet to the point of beginning, Township of Denmark, County of Tuscola and State of Michigan PROPERTY ADDRESS: 8595 WEST SAGINAW 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 fol-

lowing 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: 11-11-15

11-11-5

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jody Haynes, a single woman, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Flagstar Bank, FSB its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated February 3, 2006, and recorded on April 24, 2006 in Liber 1078 on Page 791, and assigned by mesne assignments to Flagstar Bank, FSB 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 Thirty-Eight Thousand Twenty-Seven and 33/100 Dollars (\$38,027.33).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on December 17, 2015.

Said premises are situated in City of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: The Southeasterly 78 feet of Lot 6, Block 4, of William E. Sherman's Addition to the Village of Caro, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 11 of Deeds, Page 491.

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: November 18, 2015
For more information, please

call:
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11-18-4

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Sandra A Henning, f/k/a Sandra Neighbors and William Henning, her husband, original mortgagor(s), to MidFirst Bank, A Federally Chartered Savings Assoc., Mortgagee, dated December 6, 2003, and recorded on December 23, 2003 in Liber 970 on Page 232, and modified by agreement recorded on July 8, 2008 in Liber 1153 on Page 676, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Four Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty-Six and 15/100 Dollars (\$54,786.15).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on December 17, 2015.

Said premises are situated in Township of Watertown, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Town 10 North, Range 9 East:

Parcel 1: Lot 8, Block 38 and the North 18 feet of Lot 7, Block 38

of the plat of the Village of Fostoria, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Pages 44-45, Now being Pages 45A-46A.
Parcel 2: Lot 9, Block 38 of the plat of the Village of Fostoria, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Pages 44-45, Now being Pages 45A-46A.

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: November 18, 2015
For more information, please call:
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by JAMES M. BINDSCHATEL and TERESA K. BINDSCHATEL, HUSBAND AND WIFE, to FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION AS RECEIVER OF WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK FKA WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, F.A., Mortgagee, dated December 22, 2004, and recorded on January 4, 2005, in Liber 1022, on Page 1436, and assigned by said mortgagee to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. as Trustee for Wamu Mortgage

Pass-Through Certificates Series 2005-PR1 Trust, as assigned, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred One Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty-Three Dollars and Fifty-Eight Cents (\$101,933.58), including interest at 3.131% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, front entrance of the Courthouse Building in the City of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM o'clock, on December 17, 2015 Said premises are located in Tuscola County, Michigan and are described as: Commencing at the Northwest corner of Section 12, Town 10 North, Range 7 East; thence South 88 degrees 54 minutes East 789.0 feet along the North line of Section 12 to the place of beginning; running thence South 88 degrees 54 minutes East, 100 feet; thence South 0 degrees 25 minutes East 643.50 feet; thence North 88 degrees 54 minutes West 100.0 feet; thence North 0 degrees 25 minutes West 643.50 feet to the place of beginning. Being a part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 12, Town 10 North, Range 7 East. 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.

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. as Trustee for Wamu Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates Series 2005-PR1 Trust Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C. 23938 Research Drive, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 S20151016115459 CONV

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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 GINGER M. SCOTT, A SINGLE WOMAN, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for CHEMICAL BANK, A MICHIGAN BANKING CORPORATION, Mortgagee, dated October 14, 2008, and recorded on October 29, 2008, in Liber 1160, on Page 1341, and assigned by said mortgagee to U.S. 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 Sixty-Three Thousand One Hundred Twenty-Eight Dollars and Thirty-Nine Cents (\$63,128.39), including interest at 6.250% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, front entrance of the Courthouse Building in the City of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM o'clock, on December 17, 2015 Said premises are located in Tuscola County, Michigan and are described as:

LOT 3 AND THE NORTH 12 FEET OF LOT 4, BLOCK 2, PLAT OF CENTERVILLE (NOW CARO) AS RECORDED IN LIBER 1 OF PLATS, PAGE 56 (NOW BEING PAGE 59A). 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. 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 Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's attorney.

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
Mortgagee/Assignee
Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C.
23938 Research Drive, Suite 300
Farmington Hills, MI 48335
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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 Joseph A Higginson Sr aka Joseph A Higginson, a married person, original mortgagor(s), to Wells Fargo Bank, NA, Mortgagee, dated July 21, 2011, and recorded on July 29, 2011 in Liber 1226 on Page 1268, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Eight Thousand Six Hundred Sixty-Eight and 47/100 Dollars (\$58,668.47).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on January 7, 2016.

Said premises are situated in Village of Fairgrove, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 38, Hillcrest Subdivision, according to the plat recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 27, of 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: November 25, 2015
For more information, please call:
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Trott Law, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Hwy Ste 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan
48334-5422
File #457695F01

11-25-4

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 LAWRENCE THRALL and BILLIE MAY THRALL, HUSBAND AND WIFE, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated August 16, 2013, and recorded on August 23, 2013, in Liber 1290, on Page 918, and assigned by said mortgagee to Nationstar Mortgage LLC, as assigned, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twelve Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-Eight Dollars and Three Cents (\$112,478.03), including interest at 4.625% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, front entrance of the Courthouse Building in the City of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM o'clock, on January 7,

2016 Said premises are located in Tuscola County, Michigan and are described as: THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PREMISES SITUATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF KINGSTON, COUNTY OF TUSCOLA, STATE OF MICHIGAN, TO WIT: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTH 1/4 POST OF SECTION 33, TOWN 12 NORTH, RANGE 11 EAST; RUNNING THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 15 MINUTES EAST, 264 FEET ON THE NORTH-SOUTH 1/4 LINE OF SAID SECTION 33; THENCE EAST 0 DEGREES, 165 FEET ON A LINE PARALLEL TO THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 33; THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 15 MINUTES WEST, 264 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 33; THENCE WEST 0 DEGREES, 165 FEET ALONG SAID SOUTH SECTION LINE TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; EXCEPT 60 FEET OF ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY. 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. 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 Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's attorney. Nationstar Mortgage LLC Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C. 23938 Research Drive, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 S20150731161309 FHLMC

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Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Michelle R. Burch, an unmarried woman, original mortgagor(s), to First Chicago NBD Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated July 10, 1998, and recorded on July 16, 1998 in Liber 744 on Page 1452, and assigned by mesne assignments to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association 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 Twenty-Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-Six and 89/100 Dollars (\$29,896.89).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on January 7, 2016.

Said premises are situated in Township of Akron, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at a point 21 rods North of the Southeast corner of Section 33, Town 14 North, Range 8 East, thence West 11 rods, thence South 6 1/2 rods, thence East 11 rods, thence North 6 1/2 rods to the point of beginning.

Right of way for Ringle Road over the Easterly side 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: December 2, 2015
For more information, please call:
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Trott Law, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Hwy Ste 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan
48334-5422
File #117469F04

12-2-4

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Phyllis E. Wheeler, who lived at 6447 Houghton St, Cass City, MI 48726, died on November 8, 2015. The decedent was the Grantor and Initial Trustee of the Phyllis E. Wheeler Trust dated June 10, 1992, as amended. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the trust estate will be forever barred unless presented to Chemical Bank, Trustee, c/o Cheryl Whitman, Chemical Bank Wealth Mgmt., 235 E. Main Street, Midland, MI 48640-5137, within four (4) months after the date of publication of this notice. Chemical Bank, Trustee c/o Cheryl Whitman Chemical Bank Wealth Mgmt. 235 E. Main Street Midland, MI 48640-5137 SMITH & BROOKER, P.C. BY: Charles T. Hewitt (P39724) Attorneys for Trustee 703 Washington Avenue Bay City, MI 48708-5732 (989)892-2595

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We will not publish thank you letters of a specific nature, for instance, from a club thanking merchants who donated prizes for a raffle.

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Tuesday, Dec. 15, 2015
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Elkland Township Fire Hall
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Dan Erla, Supervisor

NOTICE OF HEARING OF THE PETITION OF THE VILLAGE OF CASS CITY TO ANNEX CERTAIN TERRITORY TO THE VILLAGE OF CASS CITY

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Village Council of the Village of Cass City, Tuscola County, Michigan has petitioned the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners to annex to the Village of Cass City, Tuscola County, Michigan, the following described lands located in the Township of Elkland, Tuscola County, Michigan, to-wit:

Parcel 1:

Township of Elkland, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, Part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 28, Town 14 North, Range 11 East, being more particularly described as Beginning at the South 1/4 corner of said Section 28; thence South 89 degrees 52 minutes 43 seconds West along the South line of said Section 28, 328.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 17 minutes 49 seconds West, parallel with the North and South 1/4 line of said Section 28, 330.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 52 minutes 43 seconds East, parallel with said South line, 328.00 feet to the North and South 1/4 line of said Section 28; thence South 00 degrees 17 minutes 49 seconds East along said 1/4 line, 330.00 feet to the South 1/4 corner of said Section and the point of beginning.

Enhancement Parcel (Parcel 3):

A parcel of land in the Southwest 1/4 of Section 28, T.14 N.- R.11 E., Elkland Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as follows: Beginning at a point on the North and South 1/4 line of said Section which is 330.00 feet, N.00°-17'-49"W., of the South 1/4 corner of said Section; thence S.89°-52'-43"W., parallel with the South line of said Section, 528.00 feet to the centerline of a drain; thence N.00°-17'-49"W., parallel with said North and South 1/4 line and on said centerline, 15.82 feet; thence N.23°-01'-49"E., continuing on said centerline, 117.31 feet; thence S.88°-54'-25"E., 481.68 feet to said North and South 1/4 line; thence S.00°-17'-49"E., on said North and South 1/4 line, 113.47 feet to the point of beginning, containing 1.39 acres of land and subject to any easements of record.

This notice shall be published in the **Cass City Chronicle**, a newspaper published in the **Village of Cass City**, one time each week for three weeks immediately preceding the hearing on the petition.

The hearing on the petition will be a public hearing and all persons for or against the proposed annexation may be heard. **The hearing will be held in the Purdy Building Boardroom, 125 W. Lincoln Street, Caro, MI**, on the 28th day of December, 2015, at 7:30 a.m., EST.

Dates: December 1, 2015

Michael Hoagland
County Administrator for the Tuscola Board of Commissioners

Jodi Fetting
Clerk
County of Tuscola

Nanette Walsh
Village Clerk
Village of Cass City, MI

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A Budget Hearing will be held on **Monday, December 14, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.** for all interested citizens of the Village of Cass City.

The following budget is proposed for fiscal year 2016.

PROPOSED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR 2016

REVENUES:

General Fund	1,286,533
Major Street Fund	303,829
Local Street Fund	325,934
Economic Development Fund	1,520
Downtown Development Fund	47,595
Wastewater Treatment Fund	825,441
Water Fund	559,028
Motor Vehicle/Equipment Fund	476,631
	3,826,511 Operating Revenues

EXPENDITURES:

General Fund	1,286,514
Major Street Fund	303,550
Local Street Fund	325,813
Economic Development Fund	1,500
Downtown Development Fund	47,423
Wastewater Treatment Fund	825,174
Water Fund	545,906
Motor Vehicle/Equipment Fund	476,308
	3,812,188 Operating Expenses

The Property Tax Millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be subject of this hearing.

The meeting will be held at the Municipal Building, 6506 Main Street, Cass City, Michigan the purpose of discussion of the proposed budget. The proposed budget may be examined weekdays at the Municipal Building, 6506 Main Street, Cass City, Michigan from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. All interested citizens will have the opportunity to give written and oral comment.

Nanette S. Walsh
Clerk/Treasurer

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Call today and take a look at this 2 bedroom, 1 bath home that has some updates and has tons of potential. A great opportunity to own your own home.
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Christmas in the village

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THE CASS CITY Gavel Club served their chili buffet style in the Cass City Municipal Building, claiming this year's service club chili cook-off crown. Also utilizing the building were competitors the Cass City Rotary Club and Cass City Lions Club, which finished in second and third place respectively. Above, Gavel Club members Rusty Hudson (left) and Joe Leeson serve up a sample to area resident Stazha Zophia.

ond place and the Lions Club in third place. The winners of two gift baskets donated by local businesses were Tony Middaugh, whose name was selected in a random drawing, and Lowell Starr, whose name was picked among the residents who tasted all of the chilis during Saturday's event.

Peters indicated she was happy with the participation. "I don't think it's run its course yet," she added. "I think people still like it."

There are still more Christmas in the Village activities on tap this month.

The second of three free matinees at the Cass Theatre, sponsored by Thumb National Bank, is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 12, when "Dolphin Tale 2" will be shown, and the third free matinee will be Saturday, Dec. 19, featuring "Turbo". Doors will open at 1:30 p.m. for both matinees, which are slated to begin at 2 p.m.

Also scheduled are:

*The popular Breakfast with Santa gathering is slated for Saturday, Dec. 12, starting at 9 a.m. at the Cass City VFW Hall, with children up to age 11 admitted free (\$2 adults and children ages 12 and older).

*An eighth grade Washington, D.C., trip fundraiser - Santa's Workshop - will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 12 in the Cass City Elementary School cafeteria.

*The Tom Thumb Singers will present a Christmas concert at 7 p.m. Dec. 12 at the Cass City United Methodist Church. A repeat performance is set for Sunday, Dec. 13, starting at 3 p.m., also at the Cass City United Methodist Church.

*A town-wide window decorating contest will continue for both businesses and residents until judging Friday, Dec. 18. The results will be announced Tuesday, Dec. 22.

Area residents and businesses interested in contacting the chamber are encouraged to call the office at (89) 872-4618. Keller pointed out the land-line is now cell phone number, and she's available to answer or return calls from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. throughout the week. She can also be reached via email at ccc@casscitychamber.com.



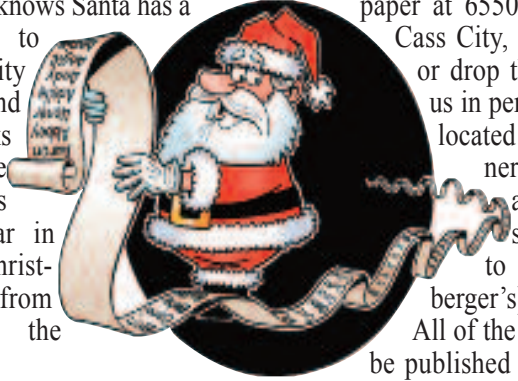
VIRGIL PETERS (left) of Knights Insurance Agency serves a sample of this year's third-place chili to City City's Rick Goodfellow, one of about 184 residents who tasted/judged some or all of the chilis prepared by 23 businesses.



RESIDENTS ENJOYED unusually mild December weather during the Lighted Christmas Parade Saturday night.

Hey kids! It's time to write letters to Santa

Hey kids, get busy writing those letters to Santa. Everybody knows Santa has a subscription to the Cass City Chronicle, and he checks each issue closely this time of year in search of Christmas lists from children in the Thumb area. All you have to do is write your letter and send it to us. The easiest way is to have mom or dad e-mail your note along with a photo of yourself to: sales@ccchronicle.net. Letters can also be mailed to the paper at 6550 Main St., Cass City, MI 48726, or drop them off to us in person (we're located at the corner of Main and Oak streets, next to Schneeberger's). All of the letters will be published in December - most of them in our annual Christmas edition, Wednesday, Dec. 23. But get started now because the deadline is Tuesday, Dec. 15.



AN ESTIMATED 325 to 350 people visited the Christmas in the Village Craft Show Saturday at Cass City High School, where some 50 vendors displayed their wares. The event raised about \$300 in cash and collected three large boxes of non-perishable food items that were donated to the Revive Ministries Food Pantry in town.



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