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JIM LUTH, OWNER and operator of the Cass City McDonald's (center, left) and Cass City Village Council President Carl Palmateer do the honors during last week's ribbon-cutting ceremony/grand reopening following completion of a nine-week facelift project at the local McDonald's restaurant.

Present two \$1,000 donations

Luths unveil new and improved McDonald's restaurant in town

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

If you're looking for a prime example of a local businessman who gives back to his community with much more than lip service, you'll find it in Cass City's Jim Luth.

Luth and his wife, Cheryl, recently unveiled a major makeover of their McDonald's restaurant in town during a ribbon-cutting ceremony early last week, and at the same time presented a pair of \$1,000 donation checks to Rawson Memorial District Library and to the Cass City Junior Citizen of the Year Scholarship Fund.

"I was blown away," Kate Van

Auken said of the donations, which she accepted in her roles as both library director and as a member of the scholarship committee.

"The Luths are so generous. Imagine them renovating their McDonald's, and we get a check," Van Auken added. "One thing Jim always says is that he truly likes this town and he always tries to give back.

"I am so fortunate that he chose the library for his donation," she said, noting the contribution to the junior citizen scholarship will also have a significant impact. "I am hoping this is the year we get to \$20,000 for the scholarship (fund). With interest rates being raised - although not

very much - I am hoping the annual return will be enough to cover the \$500 scholarship each year."

The upgrades at McDonald's began Oct. 12, with a projected nine-week construction period.

"We added the double order lane in the drive-through. We also added an employee parking area and reconfigured the dumpster area," said Luth, who is owner/operator of four McDonald's locations in the Thumb, including restaurants in Caro, Bad Axe and Sebawaing.

"The exterior is the new look for McDonald's," Luth added, referring to the latest improvements. "The Colors and décor (were) picked out by my wife, Cheryl, and daughter, Trish Hollingsworth, along with my son, Jim Luth, and my limited input for the color scheme.

"I made the decision to remodel based on the age of the location (nearly 20 years) and the need to modernize the look," Luth explained. "Some of the changes were new seating and décor, new 'play place' toys and additional touch screen educational games. We also added an internet room, with additional outlets to plug in lap tops, phones, or tablets.

"We did a minor update to this location about eight years ago and have changed the play place area...once before," he noted. "We added new roof units that will be more energy efficient.

"We have always had great community support," Luth said. "We hope all will check out the new look and enjoy all the changes. A big thanks goes out to all our 55 employees for putting up with all the construction and changes in schedules - special thanks to Erin Jaenicke (Kappen) the general manager of this location. It is very stressful during any remodel, but with all the changes made here, she has done a great job."

Luth started with McDonald's when he was just 16 years old.

"(I) grew up in Zilwaukee and started at the Tittabawassee McDonald's," he recalled. "Worked my way up in all the management positions and held a supervisor role with McDonald's Corporation. After 20 years with the company, I decided to become an owner/operator and start my own business. So I left McDonald's Corporation and opened the Cass City location 20 years ago.

"We have never looked back," he added. "My wife, Cheryl, and I recently moved from Caseville and

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Swan Song

50th New Year's Eve concert will be last sponsored by laymen's club

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

A New Year's Eve tradition in Cass City will mark its 50th anniversary this week when the annual New Year's Eve Gospel Sing gets underway Thursday night.

This year's gathering promises to be bittersweet, however, as it will be the last New Year's Eve concert sponsored by handful of faithful area residents who have continued a legacy founded by the Cass City Laymen's Club.

The concert is slated to begin at 7 p.m. in the Cass City High School gymnasium.

The event has continued to be advertised as being sponsored by the Cass

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Inmate-funded tablet initiative planned at Sanilac County Jail

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Sanilac County Sheriff Garry Biniiecki last week announced plans to implement a new program designed to allow county jail inmates monitored access to computer tablets in an effort to enable them to better prepare for productive lives once they are released.

Biniiecki said the Inmate Tablet Program is an expansion on an existing partnership his department has with Securus Technologies Inc.

"The pilot program will provide a no-cost to the county technology tool, which will equip our staff with additional strategies to assist in behavior modification and also give the inmates tools to reduce recidivism while they are incarcerated," the sheriff said. "These tools include job search capabilities, access to select and monitored library resources and, in the near future, the materials to help the inmates work toward their GED."

"The company provides the tablets at no cost to the county on a monthly rental fee to the inmate through their commissary account if they choose to participate," explained Undersheriff Brad Roff, who said inmates can rent the tablets for a monthly fee of \$30.

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MDARD lifts ban on poultry exhibitions in state - for now

The Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) lifted the statewide ban on poultry exhibitions last Wednesday.

MDARD officials implemented the ban as a precautionary measure last June in response to the Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) outbreak occurring across the United States.

MDARD officials stated they eval-

uated the disease risk and current national status and decided it's appropriate to lift the ban on poultry exhibitions. MDARD continues to monitor the national HPAI status and may reinstate the poultry exhibition ban if the disease re-emerges.

Officials said they would consider reinstating the ban under various circumstances, including:

*Detection of HPAI in a wild bird

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Missing Tuscola child found; youngster cold, but not hurt

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

A Tuscola County family received a precious early Christmas gift last week when searchers found a missing youngster in Juniata Township.


Tuscola County Undersheriff Glen Skrent reported the search began when deputies were dispatched to 3685 Rowland Rd. Tuesday at about 12:45 p.m. "A three-year-old male child was reported missing," Skrent said, noting the area involved is heavily wooded with swampy areas and ponds. "His grandmother, Phyllis Morrison, had been watching the child, (who) had been outside playing with a stray dog that had wandered into the area. When the grandmother had come back outside to give the child, Elijah, a coat, she found (he) was gone."

Two Michigan State Police tracking dogs, along with an MSP helicopter were called to assist deputies at the scene along with troopers from the Michigan State Police post in Caro, county and state weigh masters, and animal control.

"The Tuscola County CERT team (Citizen Emergency Response Team) was dispatched and staged in the area. Mayville and Vassar Fire Department personnel were also called to assist to begin a ground search," Skrent said. "Also, the Child is Missing program was called and they had put out area phone alert for the child.

"Shortly after 3 p.m., the helicopter spotted the child, along with the stray dog, over a half mile away from the house," he added. "The helicopter then directed ground personnel to where the child was."

An MMR Ambulance crew was called in to check on the boy, the son of Desirae Snyder, according to the undersheriff, who said the child was cold but uninjured.



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Gifts await first 2016 newborn

The arrival of 2016 will have special meaning to couples that are also expecting their own little arrivals, but just when the first baby of the new year will be born is anyone's guess.

Will the first birth take place just minutes or hours after the bells start ringing after midnight, Jan. 1, or will several days or even weeks pass before the blessed event?

Regardless, the first baby of the new year born and reported to the Chronicle by a Cass City area family will be showered with gifts and well wishes from local merchants, a tradition that has continued for many years in the

The only question mark each year is timing. In 2012 the first baby arrived Jan. 1, when Irwin and Susan Bricker of Cass City welcomed their daughter, Maria I. Bricker, at home on Leslie Rd.

In 2014 Josh and Adrienne Klein welcomed their first born

Lennox Rose Klein on Jan. 2. Last year Kristyn and Alejandro Casarez of Cass City welcomed their newborn son, Dominic Reyes Jay Casarez, who arrived Monday, Jan. 12.

As was true last year, the coming year's proud parents will receive a \$20 floral bouquet from Special Scents Floral Shoppe, Gilligan's will have a \$20 gift certificate waiting.

In addition, 2 area banks will offer their best wishes. Chemical Bank and Thumb National Bank each have a \$10 savings account for the new arrival.

But that's not all; Curtis Chrysler has chipped in a free oil change.

Finally, the family can read about their new arrival and other local news all year long with a free, one-year subscription to the Cass City Chronicle.





KNIGHTS INSURANCE owners Virgil (left) and Amy Peters (far right) recently donated \$523.00 from this year's annual Chili Cook-off to the Cass City Chamber of Commerce. Accepting the check was chamber Administrator Judy Keller.

**GREENLEAF TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE - The Greenleaf Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at the Township hall located at 7510 Gilbert Rd., Cass City, MI

Thursday, January 21, 2016 at 6:00 P.M.

PURPOSE OF MEETING: To consider a request for Special Land Use Permit from Thumb Radio Inc., Bad Axe, MI, for a Cellular Tower, for Tax Parcel ID Number 76-130-007-100-010-02.

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: Township of Greenleaf, County of Sanilac, State of Michigan, Located at the at the South West corner of the intersection of M-53 and Bay City Forestville Road, Tax Parcel ID Number 76-130-007-100-010-02.

Written comments concerning this matter can be submitted to the Township Clerk at the address indicated.

This notice is posted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Public Act 267 of 1976, as amended, MCL 41.72a(2) and (3). Any concerns regarding the requirement of the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act should be brought to the attention of the Township Clerk.

Lori Mazure, Clerk
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In Our OPINION...

Clarke Haire
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Editor

Chickenpox is still a threat in Michigan

With a new year just around the corner, Michigan health officials are encouraging parents to help ensure their children's health with immunizations.

Specifically, the latest concern is focused on varicella following recent reports of outbreaks around the state, prompting Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) officials to advise parents to make sure their children are up-to-date on vaccinations against the disease, also known as chickenpox.

Outbreaks have been reported in recent weeks in Grand Traverse, Calhoun, Muskegon and Wayne counties, and have involved mainly unvaccinated children in school settings. Several of the reported cases involved patients who were hospitalized.

"Since the introduction of the chickenpox vaccine 20 years ago, the immunization has greatly reduced the incidence of illnesses, hospitalizations, and deaths related to the disease. Michigan has seen a 97 percent decline in chickenpox in that time," said Dr. Eden Wells, chief medical executive with MDHHS. "The best thing you can do to protect your loved ones and community against chickenpox is to make sure your family is immunized."

Optimal protection in a community occurs when everyone who can be vaccinated, is vaccinated. Immunization against varicella and several other vaccine-preventable diseases is required for school entry in Michigan. However, parents have the option to waive the requirement through their local health department.

Chickenpox is caused by a virus in the herpes virus family and is characterized by an itchy, blistering rash. The rash may be preceded or accompanied by fever, tiredness, headache, and loss of appetite.

Chickenpox is highly contagious, with the virus spreading easily through coughing, sneezing, and other contact with respiratory secretions. Like other herpes-family viruses, this virus has the capability to remain in the body indefinitely as a latent infection and reactivate later in life. When the chickenpox virus reactivates it causes a painful condition called shingles, also known as zoster.

Chickenpox can be variable, ranging from mild with few "pox" lesions to very severe illness requiring hospitalization. Complications such as pneumonia, bacterial infections, and meningitis are more likely in adolescent and adult age groups.

Before the licensure and routine use of the vaccine, there were an estimated four million cases annually, with about 11,000 hospitalizations and an average of about 100 chickenpox-related deaths each year in the United States.

Studies have shown the recommended two-dose series given in childhood is somewhere between 89 percent and 98 percent effective in preventing any mild-to-moderate chickenpox disease and 100 percent effective in preventing severe chickenpox.

In this case, an ounce of prevention sure is worth a pound of cure.



Slices of Life

by Jill Pertler

A mom's talent runs deep



My talents never cease to amaze me. Multi-talents, actually; I am multi-talented and living in a household where my elaborate skills are acknowledged and revered. Well, maybe not revered, but they are used on a daily basis.

There are certain things – many things – at which I excel. I am so good at so many things that virtually no one but me is able to do them.

Lots of them have to do with the fact that I have super X-ray vision. I can see practically invisible items that no one else can. My acute sense of eyesight enables me to see crumpled paper, crayons, Hot Wheels and Legos from five feet away, which is the approximate distance from my eyes to the floor. The non-adults in my family can't see across this vast expanse, even though most of them have eyes that are much less than five feet from the floor.

My finely tuned eyesight can also make out dog hair on the carpet, food splatter in the microwave and (ahem) droplets on the toilet. My world is a fuller, more colorful place because of my tremendous eyes. I wonder what the world looks like to normal people?

I've also been blessed with supersonic hearing. My ears are nearly bionic. They can detect sounds – like a running toilet, dripping faucet, breaking glass or wrestling in the living room – that are lost to average human ears. The kids living with me (my offspring) were apparently born with normal ears, because they couldn't recognize a running toilet if they were seated atop it.

Sophisticated spatial talents – I've got those, too. They come in quite handy. I feel great sympathy for the people who weren't born with groovy spatial talents like mine. These poor souls aren't able to load and unload the dishwasher, fold clothes or even line up the 18 pairs of shoes and boots scattered by the back door. These tasks are far beyond the capabilities of people with everyday skills. It takes someone with a fair amount of genius to load the dishwasher.

As incredible as this all may seem, my list goes on. I was born with the empty gene. I possess the amazing and astounding ability to discern whether something is full, or empty.

Take a box of cookies. Most of the young people in my house know how to open the box and eat the cookies, but they are unable to determine when the box is empty. They simply take the last cookie, and leave the box on the shelf in the pantry. It takes years of practice to be able to lift an empty cookie box and know, without a doubt, that all the cookies are gone and it is time to toss said box in the garbage. I am lucky my kids have allowed me the opportunity for so much practice.

As far as talents go, mine run deeper than the pile of

Legos on my living room floor. For instance, I possess instantaneous laundry finesse; this enables me to assess a discarded item of clothing and immediately know whether it belongs in the closet or laundry pile (but never, ever on the floor). I can exchange an empty roll of toilet paper for a full one with just two hands. Pairing mittens – not to mention socks — is practically my forte, and not only am I able to identify when a toilet needs flushing, but I can complete the task with one flick of the wrist.

You might find it hard to believe that I possess skills that surpass the dreams of regular people, like my kids. Bless them. They take my talents in stride and treat me like my gifts are completely normal. Even a super-human, super-mom wants to feel normal a couple of times a week. I am lucky — they are so good to me. What more could I possibly want?



Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) officials say preliminary 2015 firearm deer harvest numbers in the Lower Peninsula appear to be up, while hunters had less success in the Upper Peninsula.

Each year, the DNR generates preliminary estimates of the firearm deer harvest shortly after the season closes. The 2015 firearm deer season wrapped up Nov. 30, with indications of mixed results throughout the state.

"We anticipated a poor harvest in the U.P. due to the drastically low deer population throughout much of the U.P. over the past couple of years," said Ashley Autenrieth, DNR deer program biologist. "However, we've seen uncharacteristically high temperatures and low snowfall levels so far this fall, and if this continues, we hope the herd will begin rebounding."

Although reports differ widely across and within regions, DNR biologists estimate the harvest, compared to 2014, was up perhaps as much as 17 percent in the Lower Peninsula, and declined approximately 19 percent in the U.P.

"Fortunately, the Lower Peninsula hasn't had a drastic drop in deer numbers over the last few years," said Chad Stewart, DNR deer management specialist.

"That, coupled with good wild apple and acorn production over the last two years, has made for good conditions for the deer herds in these areas," Stewart said.

Warmer than average temperatures made for a more challenging hunt in the beginning of the season, since deer don't tend to be as active in warmer temperatures. Biologists noted, however, that many hunters stayed out longer to enjoy the weather, which may have helped the harvest.

Biologists saw excellent body condition and antler development on many of the bucks that were registered at check stations.

Although the U.P. saw lower harvest numbers, the bucks that were registered tended to be either 3 1/2 or 4 1/2 years old. This reflects the low numbers of younger age classes from winter effects and the continuing impact of predators.

Regardless of preliminary impressions, Stewart stressed the importance of Michigan's hunter harvest survey, which he called "a vital tool for Michigan's deer program, and an important way in which data provided by hunters contributes to our information base."

A rigorous assessment of harvest and participation over all deer seasons will occur using the annual hunter mail survey. The survey is mailed in early January to randomly selected hunters.

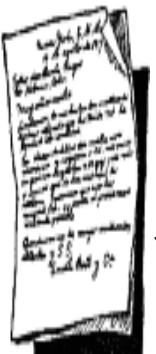
Hunters who do not receive a survey in the mail but wish to provide their hunting and harvest information may visit www.michigan.gov/deer and select the "Complete A Harvest Survey Online" link. Hunters should provide information only once they have completed all of their 2015 hunting activities, including seasons that are open as late as Jan. 1, 2016.

More from the DNR. Michigan is home to some outstanding fishing, with more than 3,000 miles of Great Lakes shoreline, more than 11,000 inland lakes, and tens of thousands of miles of rivers and streams.

Accordingly, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Fisheries Division strives to engage as many individuals as possible in our state's vast recreational opportunities, and provides special times to do so – including our annual Free Fishing Weekends. Conducted one weekend each winter and summer, these opportunities allow anyone to enjoy Michigan's world-class fishing for FREE!

The 2016 Winter Free Fishing Weekend will be held Saturday, February 13 and Sunday, February 14. As part of these weekends, all fishing license fees are waived for two days with residents and out-of-state visitors allowed to enjoy fishing on both inland and Great Lakes' waters for all species of fish during their respective open seasons. Please note all other regulations still apply during that time.

Please join this year's efforts to help get more individuals of all ages out fishing. We welcome you to become a part of the tradition that is the annual Free Fishing Weekends – a time to get together and have some fishing fun!



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Wednesday, December 30

•Spoonfuls of Plenty Free Community Meal, 4-6 p.m., LeeRoy Clark Building, 435 Green St., Caro. Open to anyone wanting a hot, home-style meal.

Thursday, December 31

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

Sunday, January 3

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

Monday, January 4

•Alcoholics Anonymous, "Monday at a Time," 8 p.m., Parkside Cafe, 2031 Main St., Ubyly. For more information, call Angela R. at (989) 658-2319.
•AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 553-5932.
•Novesta Township Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.
•Grief Support meetings, "Healing Together." Meadow Lane, 150 Meadow Lane, Bad Axe, 1-3 p.m. For questions or to register to attend please call the office at (989) 872-5852 or toll free (877) 872-5852. These sessions are open to anyone dealing with a grief or loss. Sponsored by Hospice Advantage, Cass City.

Tuesday, January 5

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

STANDING COMMUNITY CALENDAR ITEMS

First Sunday:

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Second Monday:

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

Second Tuesday:

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

Second Wednesday:

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

Second Thursday:

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

Third Tuesday:

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

Third Wednesday

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

Third Thursday:

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

Fourth Monday:

•Cass City School Board meeting, 7 p.m.
•Hills & Dales General Hospital Auxiliary meeting, 11:30 a.m., Gilligans (no meetings July, August, December).
•Tuscola County Right to Life meeting, 6:30-8 p.m., Caro Area District Library, 840 W. Frank St., Caro. For more information, call (989) 872-3259.

Fourth Wednesday:

•Owen-Gage School Board meeting, 7 p.m.
•Huron County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, Huron Behavioral Health, Bad Axe. For more information, contact Rhonda Quinn at (989) 269-9293.
•Sanilac County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, Sanilac County Medical Care Facility. Noon to 2 p.m. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121

Fourth Thursday:

•Community Lunch, noon, Shabbona United Methodist Church.
•Thumb TEA Party, 6:30 p.m., Evangelical Free Church, Cass City.

Last Monday:

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

Every Monday:

•Alcoholics Anonymous, "Monday at a Time," 8 p.m., Parkside Cafe, 2031 Main St., Ubyly. For more information, call Angela R. at (989) 658-2319.
•AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 553-5932.

Every Tuesday:

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

Every Wednesday:

•Spoonfuls of Plenty Free Community Meal, 4-6 p.m., LeeRoy Clark Building, 435 Green St., Caro. Open to anyone wanting a hot, home-style meal.

Every Thursday:

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

Anonymous holiday donations in Huron County reach \$6,900

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Huron County Sheriff's deputies were scheduled to deliver the last of several \$100 cash gifts Christmas Eve to residents having a hard time making ends meet this holiday season.

"The total ended up being \$6,900, which was \$1,900 more than last year and was donated by 11 families," said Huron County Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson, who announced early this month that a few families had come forward with money and requested his department to distribute the gifts in cash and gift certificates, at its discretion.

The same sort of anonymous gift-giving took place last year and, as was true in 2014, residents continued to approach the sheriff's department with additional money to distribute to those in need as Christmas neared.

"Last year's effort was very much appreciated and was displayed in the numerous thank-you cards and messages that I received from the many who we reached out to. Some... may recall there were five families last year that dropped off a total of fifty \$100 bills (\$5,000)," said Hanson, who initially reported this month that seven families had dropped off a combined total of \$4,400.

Later, three more families con-

tributed a combined \$2,200, boosting the total to \$6,600, which was followed by donation of another \$300.

Members of the county's law enforcement community along with local clergy, school officials and community leaders helped the sher-

iff's department select recipients for the gifts based on need.

"These acts of kindness certainly say a lot about the county we live in," Hanson said. "It was quite a year for receiving Christmas cheer at the sheriff's office this holiday season."



SGT. TODD Schember of the Huron County Sheriff's Department presents a \$100 bill to the Huron Industries Thrift Shop manager, who in turn selected a customer at random to receive the gift. Deputies distributed a combined \$6,900 this holiday season, all donated anonymously by 11 families who wanted to offer a helping hand to other county residents having a hard time making ends meet.

Circuit court proceedings

Several appear recently on felony charges

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

*Peter A. Swanson, 26, Mayville, pleaded no contest to charges of safe breaking, larceny in a building and attempted possession of a controlled substance Sept. 14 in Fremont Township.

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

*Byron B. Palmore, 34, Caro, pleaded no contest to delivery/manufacture of a controlled substance Nov. 20, 2014, in Indianfields Township.

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

*Theodore J. Conzelmann, 51, Frankenmuth, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while

under the influence of liquor, third offense, Oct. 9 in Vassar Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$10,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Maryann S. Smith, 28, Silverwood, pleaded guilty to three counts of forgery involving checks written for \$50, \$55 and \$100, all drawn on Lapeer County Bank and Trust between Oct. 27 and Oct. 30 in Mayville.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$5,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Patrick M. Gasta, 40, Caseville, pleaded no contest to a charge of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor - with an occupant under the age of 16 years Sept. 8, 2014, in Elmwood

Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (two prior felony convictions).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was revoked and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Mazin Mikho, 42, Clifford, received a six-month delayed sentence following his plea of no contest to delivery/manufacture of marijuana June 13, 2014, in Koylton Township.

The defendant was ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$858.

*Bert A. Simmonds III, 39, Flint, received a six-month delayed sentence following his plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, second offense, July 28 in Novesta Township.

He was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$558 plus attorneys fees of \$500.

Sheriff implementing tablet initiative

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"The tablet rental will give the inmate access to all the programs downloaded to the tablet from a private and secure server," Roff added. "The inmates will not have access to the open Internet - just what we authorize on the private, separate server."

The Sanilac County Sheriff's Department, which has partnered with Securus for nearly a decade to provide inmate phone service at the county jail, is the latest facility and the first facility in Michigan to utilize the Secureview Tablets.

"I am supportive of trying out the Securus Inmate Tablet Program on a trial basis because I believe the technology is secure and it has potential benefits for our staff, the inmates and society as a whole," Biniecki said. "I was reassured when Securus emphasized the span of control our staff has with 'master tablets' that our corrections deputies use to monitor and control access to inmates as necessary."

"So far, I am happy with the potential of these devices and the concept offer," the sheriff added. "However, we must proceed carefully and with caution because we are introducing a new device into a correctional environment, and with it comes some new challenges."

Securus Technologies Inc. is a leading technology provider to the government services sector, with more than 140 patents and a broad product set of advanced and customized applications for government agency customers. Securus currently serves some 2,300 governmental agencies in 45 states, the District of Columbia, Canada and Mexico.

Throughout the past year, the company has expanded its inmate tablet program - using what it calls Secureview Tablets - at jail facilities across the country.

The Secureview Tablets provide access to a number of applications designed to assist inmate reentry opportunities, said Luke Keiser, director of strategic marketing and new business for Securus Technologies.

"The proactive and constructive applications on the Secureview Tablets are very important to inmates and to all of us, quite frankly," Keiser said. "Society is paying to incarcerate individuals through our taxes, and it's important to remember that the vast majority of inmates will at some point be released back into society. These individuals must obtain employment in order to survive, and I can only imagine how tough this can be for them."

"I believe everyone is entitled to a second chance, and the applications on these tablets will assist them in their journey back into society."

According to Keiser, the employment application, called Jobview, is just one example of the types of applications available to inmates.

"Jobview is an industry-unique company which aggregates job opportunities for exiting inmates across the United States," he said. "The Jobview application allows inmates to look for and develop a plan to obtain employment once they are released."

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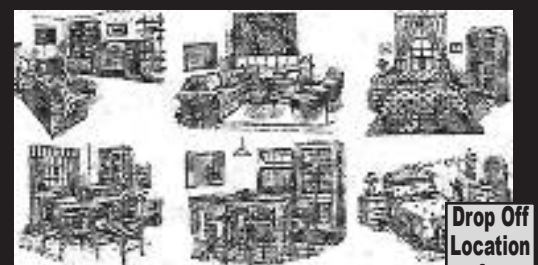
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Reporter's notebook

Guess it's time for a resolution. Not

by Tom Montgomery
Editor



Well, here we are again, ready to make that New Year's resolution again.

Unfortunately, many folks are going to make a vow most of them won't follow through on, covering a myriad of bad habits (shedding them) and/or good habits (starting them).

You probably won't be surprised to learn that many poll results indicate the most popular promises to self – and the quickest to fall by the wayside – are (in no particular order) to lose weight and get fit, quit smoking, learn something new, eat healthier and diet, get out of debt and save money, spend more time with family, travel to new places, be less stressed, volunteer, and drink less.

I wonder why they left off “make fewer sarcastic comments to family members, friends and co-workers”, and “try to make fun of your wife less often in your weekly newspaper column”?

Doesn't matter, considering I fully intend to fail in both of those categories, too, as I work through my 30th year at the Chronicle.

The way I see it, the biggest problem with New Year's resolutions is that success in bringing about personal change requires real work and effort, the prospects of which most of us aren't exactly thrilled with. Think about it; many resolutions are about reversing poor habits that you've spent considerable time nurturing. Doesn't it make sense that turning those behaviors around would take an equal amount of time?

I can't imagine how a resolution at the beginning of the year would make any difference in the amount of motivation you can muster to make a real change from within. I mean, when you get right down to it, you have to really want to make it happen and (gasp) be willing to put up with some discomfort along the way.

And who needs that, right?

I suppose that's why some folks who want to drop a few pounds, for example, are tempted to buy into advertisements for miraculous formulas that promise to let you shed pounds while lounging on the couch, snacking on a bag of Cheetos with a big ole cheesecake at the ready.

Or why so many wannabe exercise nuts fork out hundreds of bucks for fancy treadmills that are probably going to be used as storage tables before ending up on the front lawn during next summer's garage sale.

The bottom line? Change isn't easy, which is probably why my wife would really struggle if she ever vowed to not be right. All the time. About everything. Or to lighten up when it comes to reminding (nagging) me to do something she just reminded me about six months ago.

And while I'm at it, just once I'd like to hang a picture or arrange some furniture without her walking into the room with that expression on her face – most husbands have seen it – the one that instantly conveys the message, “Nice try, but it's not quite right. Or even close. Here, let me fix that for you...” Heck, I'd even be satisfied if she would resolve one of these years to give me a real answer when she's clearly upset about something, and I ask what's wrong, and she replies, “Nothing.”

Really, dear?

Now, that sort of wife-speak has taken years of marriage to perfect, so I can understand why she isn't all that enthusiastic about tackling resolutions that might address our frequent communication gaps. Honestly, neither am I. Maybe that's a good thing, given the fact that our race to see who will go completely deaf first appears to be neck and neck at this point.

As for resolutions, guess I'll pass again this year and leave them to folks who delight in embracing new frontiers and tackling challenges that promise to bring about positive changes in their lives.

Personally, I wouldn't mind change so much if things could just stay the same.

You, too?

MDARD lifts ban on poultry exhibits in state -- for now

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in the Mississippi flyway,

*Detection of HPAI in domestic flocks in states surrounding Michigan or nearby areas of Canada, and

*Cases of HPAI in wild or domestic birds in other flyways, if the cases appear to be spreading.

The ban implement over the summer prevented the commingling of birds from different locations, including exhibitions, swap meets, petting zoos at fairs, game bird and waterfowl fair displays, and Miracle of Life exhibits.

MDARD partnered with Michigan State University Extension (MSUE) 4-H, Michigan Association of Fairs and Exhibitions, and other partners to inform youth of the announcement and identify ways to engage Michigan's youth poultry exhibitors and allow them to showcase their knowledge and experience.

“I would like to thank MSU Extension and our youth leaders who created a meaningful educational experience out of an unfortunate situation,” said Dr. James Averill, MDARD's state veterinarian. “Their partnership was invaluable in protecting all of Michigan's poultry flocks statewide from this devastating disease.”

Concern for the possibility of a return of HPAI in the United States still remains.

Generally, heightened findings of influenza viruses in wild birds will begin in winter and go through spring as birds co-mingle and migrate south, and cold weather helps keep the virus alive. The last case of HPAI in domestic birds was documented in June; however, the domestic population is always at risk of influenza infection from wild waterfowl which may spread the virus in their droppings.

MDARD continues to encourage poultry owners to practice proper biosecurity and contact their local veterinarian if they have sick birds.

If a flock is experiencing severe illness or multiple death losses, residents are encouraged to contact the MDARD at 800-292-3939 or (517) 373-0440 (for after-hours emergencies).

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Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO (2010)

The latest recipients of the coveted Red Hawk Award of Excellence are high school senior Michael Milligan, seventh grade student Maria Weilbach and third grader Olivia Peters. School officials formally recognized each of the outstanding students during a monthly board of education meeting and presented them with a maroon ribbon and certificate last week.

Along with welcoming new leadership, Cass City School officials said good-bye to 16 veteran instructors through a buyout incentive plan that offered each of them \$30,000 a year over a 3-year period. Teachers who left the district were: Rosemary Bushong, Donna Emerson, Brenda Fulcher, Linda Guza, Jeanine McGee, Linda Rose, Yvonne Sherman, Shirley Tuckey, Nancy Walker, Judy Brown, Kay McCrea, Joe Guza, Jim Hobbs, Judy Hoelzle, Connie Iwankovitsch and Cheryl Kilbourn.

The final 2010 Schneeberger's Athlete of the Week award winner is Morgan Erla. Desperate for a victory, the Red Hawk junior recorded a game-high 12 points to lead the Red Hawk cagers past visiting Mayville in the team's final outing before the holiday break. Erla scored from the field in each quarter and added a pair of free throws in Cass City's 46-25 whipping of the Wildcats. With a 2-3 overall record, Erla's work on the glass will be key for Coach Jim Green's cagers to have success entering the new year. Erla, in his second year of varsity play, is the son of Michelle and Chuck Erla.

10 YEARS AGO (2005)

Marion Lucille Bullock Perry-Dafoe born Dec. 22, 1915, to Luella (Frank) and George Bullock near Cass City, has celebrated her 90th birthday. She was one of 6 children to be raised in the family home on Severance Road. When she was a young girl, her two brothers and young sister, Mildred passed away. Perry-Dafoe's sister, Myrtle, married Clark Montague and her sister Hazel was the wife of Carl Thane. Perry-Dafoe married Ralph Perry in May 1937. Their 3 sons are Jimmie (Geraldine) of Cass City, Ronald (Arlone) of Talala, Okla., and Richard (Paula) of Owosso. She has 12 grandchildren, 2 1 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Members of the Cass City varsity volleyball team are Courtney Rabideau, Carly Howard, Sara Meeker, Ashley Hendrick, Sarah Howard, Ashleigh Rabideau, April Pica, Lauren Dillon, Amanda Langenburg and Emily Schinnerer.

Leadership also changed at Hills and Dales General Hospital in a year that saw officials announce plans for a multimillion-dollar expansion/renovation project. Roger Marshall retired as hospital board chairman after 8 years at the helm, while Dan Hittler took over the reins. Then, in the fall, President and CEO Dee McKrow abruptly resigned after 10 years, citing “personal reasons.”

25 YEARS AGO (1990)

Hazel Seeley entertained Sunday supper guests for Christmas. Mr. and Mrs. William Ehrlich of Gageton, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Seeley and baby of Grand Rapids, Jeff Seeley, Kim Seeley and friend of North Branch, Melinda Kirn of Hope, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Kirn, Mr. and Mrs. Mick Kim, daughters Whitney and Meredith, Mrs. Eamey Seeley, Janis Seeley, Sherry Seeley, Charles Seeley, Brian Seeley, Roberta Seeley and Mrs. Audrey Katzenberger, all of Cass City.

Three area residents are among 73 Saginaw Valley State University students whose names will appear in the 1991 edition of “Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges.” They are Scott A. Mellendorf, Cass City, a senior majoring in social work; Janice L. Cummins, Gageton, a junior majoring in communications, and Sandra L. Miller, Owendale, a junior majoring in psychology. The students were selected by a university nominating committee and the editors of the annual directory based on academic achievement, service to community or university, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential to be considered, a student must be a junior, senior or graduate student who has maintained a minimum grade point

average of 2.5 (B minus), and who has been active in the community or on campus.

35 YEARS AGO (1980)

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Root had their family with them for supper Christmas night. Guests were Mr. arid Mrs. George McKee and family, Sally Roach and Lars Holmgren, the Swedish exchange student living with the McKees at Lapeer, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nemeth of Deford and Mr. and Mrs. Roger Root and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Garrison Stine and sons, Scott and Randy, had with them Sunday for a belated Christmas dinner, Dean Stine of Hastings, Miss Jackie Casto of Delton, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Nicholas and children of Kawkawlin, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Marker and children of Bay City and Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Stine.

Mrs. Virginia Zawilinski of Cass City announces the engagement of her daughter, Victoria Lynne Zawilinski, to Colin J. Almas, son of Mrs. Lois Tackeberry of Columbiaville and Grant (Bud) Almas of Mayville. Victoria is a 1977 graduate of Cass City High School and is attending Indiana Vocational College, where she is studying computer programming. Her father was the late Martin Zawilinski. Colin is also a 1977 graduate of Cass City High School and a 1980 graduate from International Telephone and Telegraph school of Indiana. He is now employed by Magnavox as an electronic technician. Both live in Fort Wayne, Ind. Wedding plans are indefinite.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Brastennick of Lehigh Acres, Fla., spent six days with Mr. and Mrs. Greg Vargo and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Vickerson and family in Norway, Mich., and six days with Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Robinson.

40 YEARS AGO (1975)

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Hutchinson and family had as guests Saturday for a belated Christmas dinner, Miss Phoebe Wiles of Florida, Mr. and Mrs. James Halsey and family of Pickford, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Lounsbury, Mr. and Mrs. John Sting and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Wiles.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hanby and family had as Christmas guests, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hanby, Mrs. Edith Ward and Miss Mary Hanby of Union Grove, Wis. The family also celebrated the 10th birthday of Lori Hanby Dec. 26.

Mrs. Mary Frost, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Isaacs of Cass City, delivered Sunday's sermon at Trinity United Methodist church, where her mother is pastor. Mrs. Frost, a seminary student in Dayton, Ohio, spoke during Student Recognition Day Sunday. Other students participating were Jean Alexander, Kelly Gee, and Cheryl Kozan.

Four tables of cards were played when the Euchre Club met Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Gracey. High prizes were won by Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Decker. Low prize was won by Lee Hendrick. A potluck lunch was served.

50 YEARS AGO (1965)

Happiness is a color television set won in a Chamber of Commerce drawing and happiness was what the Louie Pierce family experienced Friday noon, Dec. 24, when Chamber officials drew their name from several thousand in the final drawing. Pierce and his wife were present when their names were drawn and were virtually speechless.

Miss Suzanne Barnes, student at MSU, will return to East Lansing Sunday after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Barnes, and family. Miss Barnes filled in at the Chronicle office during her two weeks' vacation.

Mrs. Harold Jackson had with her for Christmas, Mr. and Mrs. James McCoy and daughters of Caro and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jackson. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Patnaude and children of Gageton were guests of Mrs. Patnaude's mother, Mrs. Jackson, Sunday.

Twelve Cass City area children were named winners in Wood Rexall Drug's annual pre-Christmas “Boys and Girls Contest” following compilation of voting Friday, Dec. 24. Customers

were allowed to cast votes depending on amount of purchases. Grand winner in the girl's category was Marlene Fisher with Trent Guinther winning the boy's grand prize. Both received bicycles. Other winners in the girl's category were: Teresa Tracy, electric organ; Patti Rabideau, record player; Cindy Marshall, doll buggy; Julie Oswald, toy oven, and Debbie Woolner, talking doll. Winners in the boys' division Included: Chris Glaspie, electric train; Carl Palmateer, electric guitar; Lester Auten, power workshop; Ricky Zawilinski, pool table, and John Brewton, pursuit plane. The above winners are listed in order of placing.

Radarman Seaman Jerry L. Murdick, USN, son of James Murdick of Snover, returned to Newport, R. L, last week aboard the fleet oiler USS Allagash. Allagash successfully completed a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean with the Sixth Fleet, and will spend the Christmas Holidays in her homeport. She steamed nearly 26,000 miles while deployed.

75 YEARS AGO (1940)

Mr. and Mrs. George Russell received unusual Christmas gifts in 1940 by the additions of a son, a daughter and a grandson to the family circle. The son and daughter became in-laws when two marriage ceremonies were performed Tuesday and the grandson, Frederick Watson Spaven, was born on December 25.

A quiet but pretty wedding took place at 8:00 p. m. Saturday, December 21, in the Congregational Church at Imlay City when Miss Rhea Kathryn Seeger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Seeger of Cass City, became the bride of Mr. Kenneth Sweet, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sweet of Imlay City.

Santa Claus can't be far away, reasoned Ulysses G. Parker, the latter part of last week for he had caught sight of a real live deer in the garden adjoining his farm house. Which one of Santa's sled haulers it was—Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner or Blitzen—Mr. Parker did not venture to mention, but to prove he wasn't “seeing things,” he called his wife and two neighbors to see the deer, a full grown doe, which accommodatingly remained long enough to be seen and admired. The animal left the farm by way of a nearby swale and Parker traced its tracks in the snow where it had made 25-foot length jumps.

100 YEARS AGO (1915)

Seven beans brought Geo. Bennett, \$920 when he marketed his crop. About four years ago Mr. Bennett was given seven yellow kidney beans by A. L. Chamberlain. He took them home and planted them in his garden. Year after year he flamed and saved the seed from the season before until he had a number of bushels of good healthy seed. This year Mr. Bennett had enough seed from four years growing to sow 10 acres and from this he threshed 230 bushels of beans which he sold for \$4 a bushel. A peculiar incident of the fact is that at one time this year the beans were under four inches of water, which stood on them for some time.

The Elkland Milling Co. expects to be ready to have the mill running within ten days. All new machinery is being used and the power is being furnished by three of the latest type Westinghouse motors. Notwithstanding the fact that the directors have been handicapped by lack of funds caused by subscribers for stock being very slow to settle, they have whipped the old plant into splendid condition and are only waiting the finishing of wiring by the city to be in complete readiness to run. Every director is determined to have the mill turn out only the highest grade work and will always work to that end.

Thanks for calling 872-2010 with feature story ideas

Year in Review

Chronicle staff looks back on some of the top stories of 2015

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Summing up any one year via a handful of stories is challenging at best, largely because it's a subjective task; 2015 will be remembered with sadness by anyone who lost a loved one, for example, while the year may have marked a new and wonderful beginning for others.

However, we all share in a general sense of community, weathering various events together as friends and neighbors, celebrating and mourning, lending a hand to those in need, and working together to maintain a way of life we've come to know and appreciate in many ways.

As a community newspaper, the Chronicle strives to report on the news and features that impact area residents. It's a job we take seriously, just as previous owners and staffers have over the past 100-plus years. And we hope it's a mission we will continue well into the future.

Before turning to the first chapter of 2016, however, it seems only appropriate to take a look back at the stories that helped to shape our community for better and worse in 2015.

With that in mind, the Chronicle's editorial staff presents its annual Year in Review compilation featuring stories pulled from our archives throughout the past 12 months.

GROCERY COMING

More than a year after Venu Ganga closed Erla's Food Center in Cass City, an auction of the property last October brought good news to the community.

Ben's Supercenter Inc. purchased the building and land, and while company officials are still in the process of ironing out details regarding their newest location in the Thumb, Ben's President Jim Zyrowski indicated local residents won't be disappointed with the final product.

"The Ben's team has been inspired by the overwhelming amount of requests from the local realtors, city officials and residents for Ben's Supercenter to join the Cass City business community," Zyrowski said. "We are busy making plans and evaluating the needs of the community. Residents deserve a quality shopping experience that the Ben's team is looking forward to providing."

Ben's Supercenter is family owned and operated. In September the company celebrated 50 years of serving the Tri-City area. Ben's currently owns and operates three locations; Ben's Supercenter in Brown City, Ben's Supercenter in Marlette and Ben's Contractor Center/Ben's Great Outdoors, also in Marlette.

Ganga and his wife, Madhavi Yeluri, purchased Erla's Foods Inc., in February 2001, after moving to the Thumb from Washington State.

The transfer of ownership to the Gangas marked the end of an era of sorts in town, where the Erla family's legacy of serving the community spanned nearly six decades.

CAMPBELL ELEMENTARY

Four years after closing the former Campbell Elementary School — a move implemented in conjunction with 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 — school officials earlier this month voted to sell the building.

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, as well as a cutting edge Applied Behavioral Analysis clinic offering interventions for children with autism.

The business offered \$50,001 for the property, while Silverwood area resident Sean Astley offered \$51,000 with hopes of developing the former school into state licensed home for the elderly.

The sale marked the end of months of debate over whether or not to sell Campbell — and at what price.

The local school board formally voted in April to list the building for \$120,000, a price reduced to \$79,000 earlier this year, after learning a proposal to let voters decide the issue at the polls wasn't a legal option.

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. However, other board members suggested it's highly unlikely enrollment will increase significantly due to the plant construction. They also noted the district has some existing space that could be used to accommodate additional students.

EXTENSION VOTE

Tuscola County Commissioners placed the financial future of Tuscola County MSU Extension programs, including 4-H, into the hands of voters in 2015 with the decision to place a special millage on the Tuesday, March 8, 2016, presidential primary election ballot.

The proposal totals .1 of a mill for six years, generating an estimated \$173,000 in the first year. The levy would cost the owner of a home with a market value of \$100,000 about \$5 more in taxes annually, and the revenue would be used to pay for not only 4-H programs, but also a host of professional agriculture services and nutrition programs provided through the MSU Extension office in Caro.

Commissioners, faced with a projected general fund budget deficit of several hundred thousands of dollars over the next few years, approved the vote over the summer. They also passed a motion to continue financially supporting local Extension programs until the election and — presuming voters support the millage — until tax revenue from the millage is collected.

According to Tuscola County Controller/Administrator Mike Hoagland, commissioners' decision to cut funding for the local Extension office in the near future is the result of multi-year financial planning designed to ward off serious revenue shortfalls.

"There's reason for concern, and if I had to point out a major one, it's the wind (farm tax) revenue," Hoagland said during an interview earlier this year. He explained the county fully depends on the income generated by the relatively new source of income. However, he added, "What (tax revenue) you get in year one, by year 10, it's 30 percent" of that amount.

"We're in our peak right now — our general fund is picking up \$950,000" this year wind farm tax revenue," Hoagland said. "But by the year 2019, we're projecting the gap — if nothing is done — will be somewhere around \$900,000 between general fund revenues and general fund expenditures."

As a result, Hoagland said commissioners are being forced to look at cutting services that are not mandated — the county's MSU Extension office included — no matter how valuable they are to the community.

MEATING THE NEED

A handful of Cass City area teens spent much of 2015 turning a \$2,500 grant, plenty of elbow grease and ample determination into an effort that would help to feed dozens of needy families in their own community.

The Cass City Junior-Senior High Future Farmers of America (FFA) Chapter was awarded \$2,500 early this year as part of the FFA: Food For All program, which provides grant money to local FFA chapters to support year-long service-learning projects that address hunger needs in their communities.

Cass City FFA members decided to fight hunger by raising pigs and chickens, then donating the processed meat to area low-income families who visit the Revive Ministries Food Pantry in Cass City. The effort was dubbed the "Meating the Need for Our Village Hunger Project".

The group filled the freezers at Revive with roughly 400 pounds of meat, which Revive officials began distributing in mid-July along with roasting pans to cook the chickens in, bought with money donated by individuals in the community, and thermometers donated by the Michigan Pork Producers Association.

In addition, the FFA members created a video with advice from local Michigan State University Extension food and nutrition professionals Laurie Messing and Kris Swartzendruber about meat safety and proper handling to show during the distribution.

The project continued to expand with donated pigs and a cow, along with yet another batch of chickens.

Along the way, the students took their cause to organizations in the area, presenting informational programs on the "meating the need" project in an effort to garner additional financial support.

The local FFAers' efforts have yielded amazing results, with the

youth having a hand in raising and delivering roughly 600 pounds of beef, another 500 pounds of pork, and roughly 1,600 pounds of chicken.

STATE ROAD FIX

Cass City area voters joined their brethren across the state last spring in soundly rejecting Proposal 1 — Michigan officials' plan to fix the state's crumbling roads and bridges.

Residents across the Thumb and Michigan overwhelmingly rejected the costly and complicated ballot proposal by historic proportions, with an estimated one in four of the state's 1,755,529 registered voters casting ballots and 80 percent of residents casting "no" votes.

Gov. Rick Snyder touted Proposal 1 as an effective, bipartisan plan that would provide a long-term funding source and also provide more money for education, local governments and recreational opportunities.

But the price tag was hefty — raising taxes by nearly \$2 billion, including \$1.3 billion a year for transportation.

Months later, in November, Snyder signed a seven-bill package implementing the state's legislative solution to infrastructure funding.

The plan's measures include hiking vehicle and motorcycle registration fees, upping taxes on fuel by 7.3 cents to 26.3 cents per gallon for all motor fuels, applies the fuel tax to natural gas and gasoline used by interstate trucks, ties the tax rate on diesel fuel to the same level as the tax on gasoline, and restricts state trunkline fund administrative expenses at MDOT to eight percent of expenditures (down from 10 percent).

Snyder said general fund dollars allocated for roads will be phased in over a five-year period, beginning with \$150 million in fiscal year 2019. The combined investment in roads resulting from the plan is estimated at \$2 billion.

STORMY YEAR

The year brought a dangerous and costly storm season, with one late June storm spawning a total of five tornadoes in eastern and southern Michigan, including an EF-1 twister that struck in Sanilac County. The damages include utter devastation at the 3,000-head DeVor Dairy Farm near Decker. Thousands of mid-Michigan residents were left without power.

In late July, violent thunderstorms struck the Thumb again, this time targeting Huron County, where a tornado roared through the village of Owendale, causing property damage from one end of the community to the other. Power outages were reported throughout the central Thumb.

And the stormy weather didn't end after summer turned to fall. In fact, National Weather Service (NWS) officials confirmed three rare November tornadoes in early November in the Thumb, including one near Bad Axe in Huron County and another in the Applegate area in Sanilac County, leaving hundreds of residents without power.

No injuries were reported, but the storms caused sporadic damage to roofs, vehicles, signs and other property, and downed tree limbs and power lines.

The trio of tornadoes confirmed by the NWS doubled the previous number of November tornadoes for southeast Michigan from three to six since 1950. Two of the twisters formed between 7 and 8 a.m., making them the first tornadoes to occur on record during that time period.

WAR ON DRUGS

Unfortunately, area law enforcement officials have been forced to up their efforts in the war against drugs in the Thumb, with the popularity of heroin and other narcotics making a comeback in Michigan.

Recent examples included the arrest of two men on felony heroin distribution charges in Huron County in early November. Huron County Sheriff's deputies, working with the Bad Axe police, also seized 46 packets of heroin, marijuana, scales, prescription pills, suspected drug sale records and cash.

In late October, Sanilac County Drug Task Force officers seized 350 pound of marijuana plants and another 10-plus pounds of processed marijuana while serving a search warrant in Lamotte Township.

Huron County Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson has noted an alarming number of drug overdoses and drug-related deaths in his county in 2015.

Heroin overdose deaths in Michigan increased from 271 during the four-year period of 1999-2002 to 728 from 2010 to 2012, according to state health officials. In addition,

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CASS CITY students Thomas Muter, fifth grade, and sophomore Kaitlin Witherspoon were recently honored as the latest recipients of the local school district's coveted Red Hawk Award of Excellence.

Muter, Witherspoon latest award winners

The Cass City Board of Education recently honored the final Red Hawk Award of Excellence recipients for 2015.

They are Thomas Muter, a fifth grade student, and sophomore Kaitlin Witherspoon.

During the months of October, December, February and April of each school year, each of the district's school building staffs is asked to nominate students for the award based on leadership, service, outstanding behavior, excellent academic performance, being most improved or other accomplishments in or outside of school.

The nominees and their families are then invited to attend a monthly school board meeting, where the administration and board members present each recipient with a maroon ribbon and certificate and personally congratulate each of them.

Teacher Julie R. Bitzer nominated Muter. "As educators, we are privileged to work alongside truly exceptional people," Bitzer stated in her nomination letter. "Thomas Muter displays many outstanding qualities. (He) comes to school every day eager to learn.

"Having the experience of growing up on a working farm and being an avid reader, he brings a broad background of knowledge with him and applies that to what he is currently learning. He asks deep thinking questions that initiate a greater understanding for the rest of the student population in the classroom," she added.

"The quality of work he produces is outstanding. A lot of care and thought is given to each one of his answers. Striving for excellence, Thomas' conscientious nature ensures that he has gone over everything at least two or three times to guarantee a cored and thorough answer," Bitzer continued.

"Thomas is a hard worker and has the ability to work well with others. This, as we all know, is a skill that will be very helpful in the future. His determination to acquire the most from his education will help him have a successful future," she said. "We are fortunate to have students like Thomas Muter in our district as positive role models for others as they develop their skills."

Teacher Amy Tamlyn nominated Witherspoon, noting she is familiar with her work both in the classroom and as a volunteer with the Friends of the Playground, which recently completed an extensive maintenance project at Cass City's community playscape, located near the Cass City Early Childhood Education Center.

"This summer our group devoted several weeks towards revitalizing the aging structure, and we depended greatly on community volunteers. Kaitlin Witherspoon arrived each morning happy and willing to help in any way we needed her to," Tamlyn said.

"She spent countless hours painting, staining and shoveling mulch and pea stone, and she worked all day, not leaving until we did. Kaitlin was a vital member of our volunteer team, and it was with her help that we now have a beautiful playscape for the children of Cass City to enjoy for years to come," she added.

"Kaitlin's drive to work hard has been something that I have also witnessed in the classroom," Tamlyn noted. "I had Kaitlin in class last year for algebra and again this year for geometry. No matter how challenging the lessons in class might be, she comes to class with her work done and maintains a positive attitude and a willingness to do whatever it takes to learn the material. This has often meant working on homework after school in my classroom and doing additional work to master the material.

Kaitlin has never given up when things have challenged her, and has time and time again demonstrated a strong work ethic," she added.

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Last New Year's concert on tap

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City Laymen's Club, although the organization hasn't been an active "club" in the real sense for many years. Still, the legacy started by a group of faithful men back in the mid-1960s has survived the test of time in the community.

And this final New Year's Eve Gospel Sing promises to continue a number of traditions, including the return of the Calvarymen Quartet, with some former members making an appearance. The faces and voices of the Calvarymen have changed many times over the past several years, but the group's faithfulness to the Cass City gathering has not. The Calvarymen appeared at the first-ever local New Year's Eve Gospel Concert and have returned to Cass City every year since.

This year's line-up also features The Thurstons and the Grimshaw Family, both of which are no strangers to the Gospel concert in Cass City.

The event is free, but a freewill offering will be taken. There will be an intermission with donuts, coffee and milk. The concert is slated to conclude at about 10 p.m.

"This is an opportunity to welcome in the new year with Christian friends enjoying great Gospel music by some of Michigan's finest artists," said longtime Cass City Laymen's Club member Arthur Severance, whose father, Lloyd, was among the founding members of the club and whose family has helped to continue the tradition.

Making the decision to end that tradition wasn't an easy one and came only after much prayer and discussion, according to Severance, who is confident the annual concert will continue in one form or another in the future. In fact, he said, Phil Parkins, pastor of the Wahjamega Country Church and who currently sings with the Calvarymen, has indicated he's interested in organizing such an event.

The local New Year's Eve Gospel Sing was organized by the laymen's club, a small group of area men dedicated to serving God as laymen. The members came from all denominations, representing a host of area churches.

Although no longer active, a few members – most of them relatives of the founding members – have continued to organize the concert in an effort to offer the community an alternative to traditional New Year's celebrations.

The first concert was held at the old high school (formerly Cass City Intermediate School, which was demolished and is now the site of the Cass City Playscape). Tickets were sold that first year and the sing featured the Calvarymen and Crystalaires.

The laymen's club was founded in 1966, with Severance's father serving as president, William O'Dell as secretary and Warren Kelly as treasurer.

"It was kind of set up for the laymen to get together, but also to sponsor some programs at the school. They (hosted) Rex Humbard and the Cathedrals," Severance said. "We did have regular meetings and we had devotions."

Those involved in the early years included Keith McConkey and Burton Allen. "There were a few others; Don Buehrly and Dale Buehrly were both part of it," he said, adding the club remained active for about two decades.

In recent years, Severance and his brother, Les, and Arthur's son, Randy, along with their wives and other family members have helped to keep the legacy alive. Others taking an active role are Randy's son, Sean, Bill Bader and Paul and Barbie Brooks.

"We've also had tremendous cooperation from the school," Severance noted, adding local custodians have put in a fair share of work helping to set up for the concerts and clean up afterwards.

The decision to discontinue the annual concerts had nothing to do with a lack of interest, and annual attendance has remained relatively strong – the crowds initially numbered around 500, then peaked at 600 to 700 people before dipping to an average of 300 to 400 concert goers.

Money wasn't a deciding factor, either; the free-will offerings have almost always covered expenses, according to Severance, who said the decision to close out the Gospel sing had more to do with a lack of younger people stepping up to take over the reins of the event.

Still, Severance and others who have been involved in the New Year's Eve tradition are thankful for what they've been able to accomplish. "We've had a lot of good support," he said. "I think it's been a good run. We just felt it was time to let it go. We'll miss it."

Staff looks back on top stories

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admissions to publicly-funded programs for heroin treatment doubled from roughly 6,500 in 2002 to about 13,600 in 2013.

Heroin use in the United States jumped a whopping 79 percent from 2007 to 2012, and heroin overdose deaths rose 45 percent between 2006 and 2010.

Experts say the increased use and overdoses involving heroin are directly related to the rapid increase in the misuse of opiate prescription drugs such as OxyContin and Vicodin. The steep cost of those drugs is prompting a number of addicts to seek out heroin, a cheaper opiate.

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THE CASS CITY High School boys' bowling team members are: (front, l-r) Darren Hutchinson, Alex Graham (back) Coach Todd Potrykus, Kalean Boynton, Chandler Cryderman, Kyle Schneeberger and Joseph Skiles. Missing is Josh Schaufele.



THE CASS CITY High School girls' bowling team members are, from the left, Coach Dora Potrykus, Olivia Smerdon, Amy Verhines, Taylor Spencer, Katerina Halvorson and Kendra Goss.

Let's roll

The Cass City High School bowling teams are low on numbers, but high on spirit as the 2016 season opener quickly approaches.

Dora Potrykus returns to the helm of the Lady Red Hawk squad with just 5 players including one senior, three juniors and one sophomore.

Kendra Goss is the team's lone 12th grader, and is joined by 11th graders Amy Verhines, Jenna Schaufele, Olivia Smerdon and 10th grader Katerina Halvorson on the 2016 squad that is slated to open play Jan. 5th at North Huron High School.

Joining the Lady Red Hawks in Kinde will be Coach Todd Potrykus and his Cass City boys' team that features a pair of seniors and five underclassmen.

Chandler Cryderman and Alex Graham are expected to show the way for the Red Hawks in their final seasons, while sophomores Darren Hutchinson, Joseph Skiles, Kalean Boynton and freshman Kyle Schneeberger are eager to hit the lanes.

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WORTH THE WAIT. Area youth Kenneth Stimpfel shot this dandy 8-point buck while hunting on private property on the last day of the 2015 gun season. The trophy was his first buck.

Regional wins highlight 2015 sporting year

by Clarke Haire
Publisher

Success in the high school sports arena was wide-spread during the 2015 calendar year. Athletes from Cass City, Owen-Gage, Kingston and Ubyly were among several from the Thumb area that enjoyed championship seasons.

Locally, near the top of the list of champs would fall the Cass City grapplers. Coach Don Markel's Red Hawks recorded a magical season ending in 2015 that included Greater Thumb Conference honors, a district trophy, and the school's first regional crown. In addition, the team's 40 wins in a season is an all-time program best. An impressive feat considering over the past two decades, Cass City has collected seven district and nine league banners.

Five Red Hawk senior wrestlers ended their careers during a 2015 quarterfinal loss to eventual state champion New Lothrop. They included Blake Lebioda, Fred Leeson, Josh Daniels, Daymon Tabako and Ethan Montei. Lebioda had a record of 42-8 in his final go around, while Daniels was 33-10, Tabako was 28-7 and Ethan Montei was 39-8. Lebioda and Montei surpassed the 100 career victory mark during their four-year varsity careers.

For many, sharing top billings with the Cass City grapplers are Coach Jon Zdrojewski's long distance runners.

They, too, earned multiple championships. Led by brothers Bransen and CarLee Stimpfel the Red Hawk cross county team won their first Greater Thumb West championship since 2008 in convincing fashion - falling just two points short of a perfect score that featured five of the top six fastest times at the league meet.

While the Greater Thumb West championship came as no surprise to most area fans, the Red Hawks' regional championship did.

It took personal best times from the five Red Hawks scorers to earn the MHSAA Division 3 Regional hardware. Standouts Branson Stimpfel - he turned in a winning time of 15:43, just missing the Cass City school record by a mere 3 seconds - and CarLee Stimpfel - his new personal best time of 16:28 landed the Red Hawk sophomore on the school's All-Time Best Top 10 Board - led the way for the winners, while the underrated contributions from Jose Torres with a new personal best time of 17:21, Zane Wright with a new personal best time of 17:46 and Micheal Rader with a new personal best time of 17:48, resulted in bragging rights on the day for Cass City.

Cross County titles were also earned in Ubyly. The Greater Thumb East champion Bearcats were also double winners at the Cass City Invite where Alex Grifka finished as runner-up to pace the winners who also had Nicholas Swanson and Nathan Gilbert with top 10 showings.

The Lady Bearcats, who also claimed the Reese Invite, had two of the top three finishers in Haili Gusa and Janelle White at the Cass City race. Gusa topped the field with a time of 20:31 and White finished third with a time of 20:59.

Emma Hembrough, Sabrina Schumacher and Shannon Particka provided Ubyly with plenty of depth from top to bottom on their line-up card.

On the hardwood courts, Kingston was the school of champions. Coach Dave Lester's boys' team won its own Class D district in thrilling fashion with a 41-32 double overtime victory over Peck. In the Cardinals regional match-up, it would be Bay City All Saints celebrating an exciting win as a Justin Bates trey propelled the Cougars to a 37-36 decision in the closing seconds ending the careers of North Central Thumb League all-conference guards Aaron VanHorn and Travis Tucker.

Still, it was Jay Green's Lady Cardinals that were the talk of the town. The champion Cards were perfect in North Central Thumb League action at 12-0 and would add district and regional banners, before bowing

in a quarterfinal tilt in Oakland County. Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes captured the Class D outing 39-36, putting Kingston into the record books with a 21-4 overall mark, while saying good-bye to seniors Jenna Boyle and Cassidy MacGuire.

"Jenna and Cassidy had outstanding careers, posting a 39-1 league record with three league titles, two district titles and one regional title during their three years on varsity," Green said.

Turning to play of the gridiron, Owen-Gage, Cass City and Ubyly would all make playoff visits in 2015.

In Owendale, rookie Head Coach Jim Wencil guided the Bulldogs to their first undefeated regular season since 1979 en route to their third straight Mid Michigan 8-Man title.

The Bulldogs high-powered offense, that averaged over 60 points per contest during the regular season, were held to a season low points total during a 48-28 pre-regional affair against Cedarville. The loss marked the final game for 6 senior Bulldogs including Jacob Wright, Dylan Fritz, Dan Good, Devon Lorenz, Derik Harp and Kevin Brinkman.

In Ubyly, victories over Tawas City, Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port, Marlette, Memphis, Harbor Beach, Brown City and Bad Axe returned the Bearcats to the Division 7 playoff for the first time since 2012 highlighting the final season for seniors Anthony Sweeney, Jeffery Wright, Daniel Ruthkowski, Cole Maikzrek and Roman Weltin.

Closer to home, the Red Hawks equaled the district's win total in a season at eight with a 34-6 victory over host Ubyly in post season play. However, the Red Hawks came up just short in their district final game against Sandusky as the Redskins used a last minute touchdown by wide receiver Danny Hale to deny Cass City its first district championship with a 7-0 triumph.

Playing in their final Red Hawk football game were 11 seniors. They included Sawyer Cuthrell, Mason Erla, Parker Haire, Branden Horne, Devan Kluger, Jake Lawrence, Joe Kampe, Ryan Schmidt, Corne DeVor, Keith Lounsbury and Ethan Hulbert.

Not all the news in 2015 was positive. Thumb basketball fans mourned the loss of Terry Reid, Marlette's longtime coach, mentor and friend. Reid, 76, passed away in August after a long medical battle.

The former Red Raider teacher and athletic director was best known for his efforts on the hardwood floors.

According to Dave Fredrick, of the Tribune Recorder Leader, Reid led the Lady Red Raiders basketball program for 21 seasons. He also coached the Red Raiders boys' team at various levels and from 1991 to 1997 Reid served as mentor for both the girls and boys varsity teams.

During that time, Marlette girls teams compiled a lofty 315 - 149 record. Reid inherited a team that went 1-19 and three years later the Lady Red Raiders posted a 22-2 mark.

Also in 2015, for the second straight year, Cass City junior Mason Erla was named to the Michigan High School Baseball Coaching Association (MHSBCA) Division 3 all-state baseball team.

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

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

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

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

Sadly, Erla suffered an ACL injury during the Red Hawks' 2015 football playoff win over Ubyly that will sideline the 3-sport star for the remainder of his senior career.

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Schneeberger's choice for their "Athlete of the Week" award is Jacob Wright.

The high-scoring Owen-Gage senior recorded a pair of double-doubles to end play in 2015, helping the Bulldogs improve to 5-0 on the season.

Playing on back-to-back nights, Wright tossed in 18 points and grabbed 11 rebounds in a 61-39 win over host Mackinac Island High School last Monday, before going off for 35 points and 11 rebounds in a 68-57 victory over Northport in a contest played at Kalkaska High School.

Jacob is the son of Brian and Rhonda Wright.

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DATE	OPPONENT
12/9	Mayville
12/11	Sandusky 51, CC 36
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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Jan. 8 vs. Lakers
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JV & Varsity Girls' Basketball

Jan. 7 vs. Lakers
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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 68, CC 46
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
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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
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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 ALAN K. COLOSKY, a single man, 122 S. EAST STREET, VASSAR, MI 48768, Mortgagor(s) to FRANKENMUTH CREDIT UNION, 580 NORTH MAIN STREET, FRANKENMUTH, MI 48734, Mortgagee dated JANUARY 24, 2003, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Tuscola County, and State of Michigan on MARCH 17, 2003, in LIBER 921 on PAGE 223 and loan modification dated FEBRUARY 28, 2013, and recorded on MARCH 11, 2013, in LIBER 1274 on PAGE 48 of Tuscola County Records with ALAN COLOSKY aka ALAN K. COLOSKY, a married man and JENNIFER COLOSKY, his wife, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of FORTY SIX THOUSAND TWENTY THREE AND 18/100THS (\$46,023.18) DOLLARS at 7% 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 JANUARY 14, 2016, 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: VILLAGE NOW CITY OF VASSAR, COUNTY OF TUSCOLA AND STATE OF MICHIGAN, to wit: ALL THAT PART OF LOTS 15 AND 16, BLOCK 22 OF THE PLAT OF THE VILLAGE (NOW CITY) OF VASSAR, NOW BEING T. NORTH'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF VASSAR, DESCRIBED AS COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 16; THENCE SOUTHERLY ALONG EAST STREET, 8 RODS; THENCE WEST ALONG THE LINE OF LOT 15, 8 RODS; THENCE NORTH PARALLEL WITH EAST STREET, 8 RODS; THENCE EAST TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, EXCEPT THE EAST 8 RODS OF THE SOUTH 1 / 2 OF LOT 15, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN LIBER 1 OF PLATS, PAGE 21A OF TUSCOLA COUNTY RECORDS. PROPERTY ADDRESS: 122 S. EAST STREET, VASSAR, MI 48768 During the SIX (6) MONTHS immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during the thirty (30) days immediately following the sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foregoing Mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.

KENNETH C. BUTLER II (P 28477)
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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, Michigan at 10:00 AM on JANUARY 14, 2016.

Said premises are located in the City of Caro, Tuscola County Michigan, and are described as: Lot 9, Block 43 of the Plat of Centerville (now Caro), according to the Plat recorded in Liber 11 of Deeds, Pages 362-363, now being Liber 1 of Plats, Page 56, now being Page 59A.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with

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

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

Dated: December 16, 2015
Orlans Associates, P.C.
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12-16-4

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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 14, 2016.

Said premises are situated in Township of Dayton, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel A: Part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 21, Township 11 North, Range 10 East, described as: Beginning at a point on the East line of said Southeast 1/4 which is North 00 degrees 01 minutes 39 seconds West along said East line 984.39 feet from the Southeast corner of said Section 21; thence continuing North 00 degrees 01 minutes 39 seconds West along said East line 337.70 feet to the North line of said Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4; thence South 89 degrees 39 minutes 18 seconds West along said North line 1291.21 feet to the East line of the West 33 feet of said Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4; thence South 00 degrees 01 minutes 56 seconds East along said East line; 337.70 feet; thence North 89 degrees 39 minutes 13 seconds East parallel with said North line 1291.18 feet to the point of beginning.

Being the same property conveyed to Harold C Garrison by deed dated February 20, 1998 and recorded March 5, 1998 in Deed Book 731, Page 1250, in the Office of the Recorder of Tuscola County, Michigan. 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 16, 2015
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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 14, 2016.

Said premises are situated in Township of Millington, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Parcel J:
A Parcel of land in the Northeast 1/4 of Section 21, Township 10 North, Range 8 East, Millington Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as follows: To fix the point of beginning commence at the Northeast corner of Section 21; thence South 00 degrees 09 minutes 22 seconds West. On the East line of said Section, 867.17 feet; thence South 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, parallel with the North line of said Section 450.57 feet to the point of beginning of this description; thence South 00 degrees 09 minutes 22 seconds West, parallel with said East Section Line, 208.43 feet; thence South 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, parallel with said North Section line, 803.70 feet; thence North 00 degrees 19 minutes 41 seconds East, 208.43 feet; thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, parallel with said North Section Line, 803.08 feet to the point of beginning.

Subject to and together with a private easement for ingress, egress and utilities on, over, under and across the following described parcel of land: A strip of line 66.00 feet in width across a portion of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 21, Township 10 North, Range 8 East, Millington Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, being 33.00 feet measured either at right angles or radially, each side of the following described centerline: To fix the point of beginning commence at the Northeast corner of Section 21, thence South 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, on the North line of said Section 714.09 feet to the point of beginning of said centerline; thence South 00 degrees 34 minutes 5 seconds East, 308.97 feet to the point of curvature of a 178.50 foot radius curve left (delta angle of 78 degrees 53 minutes 16 seconds) 245.77 feet to a point of reverse curve, said arc being subtended by a chord bearing South 40 degrees 00 minutes 43 seconds East, 226.81 feet to said point of reverse curve; thence Southeasterly, on the arc of a 178.50 foot radius curve to right (delta angle of 79 degrees 36 minutes 43 seconds) 248.02 feet to the point of tangency of said curve, said curve being subtended by a chord bearing South 39 degrees 39 minutes 00 seconds East, 228.55 feet to said point of tangency; thence South 00 degrees 09 minutes 22 seconds West, parallel with the East line of said Section, 625.28 feet to the point of ending of said centerline.

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 16, 2015
For more information, please call:
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Attorneys For Servicer
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Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-5422
File #330674F02

12-16-4

Johnson, Blumberg, & Associates, LLC
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MORTGAGE SALE-Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made BY Larry Gehrke and Nancy Gehrke, husband and wife, whose address is 1488 E. Dutcher Rd., Caro, Michigan 48723, as original Mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., being a mortgage dated March 18, 2015, and recorded on April 8, 2015 in Liber 1326 Page 1160, Tuscola County Records, State of Michigan and then assigned to Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, as assignee as documented by an assignment dated December 4, 2015 and recorded on December 10, 2015 in Liber 1342 Page 1149, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of ONE HUNDRED NINETEEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FORTY-SIX AND 24/100 (\$119,846.24).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, at public sale to the highest bidder at the AT THE PLACE OF HOLDING THE CIRCUIT COURT WITHIN TUSCOLA COUNTY, at 10:00 a.m. on January 21, 2016. Said premises are situated in the Township of Almer, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the Northeast quarter corner of Section 14, Town 13 North, Range 9 East, thence South 208.7 feet and thence West 208.7 feet, thence East 208.7 feet to the point of begin-

ning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA § 600.3241a in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCLA § 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 23, 2015 For more information, please call: (312) 541-9710, Kenneth J. Johnson, Johnson, Blumberg, & Associates, LLC, 5955 West Main Street, Suite 18, Kalamazoo, MI 49009. File No.: MI 15 3104

12-23-4

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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 Anthony Dickenson, a married man, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated December 6, 2011, and recorded on December 8, 2011 in Liber 1236 on Page 1213, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Wells Fargo Bank, NA as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Eleven Thousand Four Hundred Thirty-Two and 00/100 Dollars (\$111,432.00). 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 28, 2016.

Said premises are situated in Township of Watertown, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel B:

A parcel of land in the Southeast 1/4 of Section 23, Town 10 North, Range 9 East, described as follows: To fix the point of beginning, commencing at the Southeast corner of Section 23; thence North 00 degrees 25 minutes 18 seconds East, on the East line of said Section 987.01 feet to the point of beginning of this description; thence South 89 degrees 54 minutes 16 seconds West, on a line which is parallel with said 335.28 feet, measured at right angles, South of the North line of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section, 1313.36 feet to a point on the West line of said Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4; thence North 00 degrees 19 minutes 52 seconds West on said West line of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4, 335.29 feet to the Northwest 1/4 of said Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4; thence North 89 degrees 54 minutes 16 seconds East, on said North line of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4, 1313.9 feet to the Northeast corner of said Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4; thence South 00 degrees 25 minutes 18 seconds West, on said East Section line, 335.29 feet to the point of beginning.

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

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

Dated: December 30, 2015
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Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-5422
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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 James E Kilburn and Beth A Kilburn, Husband and Wife, original mortgagor(s), to Icon Financial Group Inc, Mortgagee, dated August 18, 2005, and recorded on September 2, 2005 in Liber 1052 on Page 1339, and assigned by mesne assignments to PNC Bank, National Association, successor by merger to National City Bank, successor by merger to

City Mortgage Co. as assignee as docu-

mented by an assignment, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty Thousand Seven Hundred Fourteen and 81/100 Dollars (\$60,714.81).

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 28, 2016.

Said premises are situated in Township of Columbia, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Parcel 1:
Commencing at the Southeast corner of the West half of the East half of the Southwest quarter, Section 36, Town 15 North, Range 8 East (sometimes referred to as Akron Township), thence West 120 feet, thence North 160 feet, thence East 120 feet, thence South 160 to the place of beginning.

Parcel 2:
Commencing at a point 120 feet West of the Southeast corner of the West 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4, Section 36, Town 15 North, Range 8 East (sometimes referred to as Akron Township), thence West 60 feet, thence North 220 feet, thence East 180 feet, thence South 60 feet, thence West 120 feet, thence South 160 feet to the point of beginning. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Dated: December 30, 2015 For more information, please call: FC H (248) 593-1300 Trott Law, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Hwy Ste 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-5422 File #432395F02

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by SANDRA WEATHERS, A MARRIED WOMAN, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated September 25, 2007, and recorded on October 22, 2007, in Liber 1133, on Page 1, 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 Ninety-Six Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-Two Dollars and Thirty-Three Cents (\$96,842.33), including interest at 8.750% 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 28, 2016 Said premises are located in Tuscola County, Michigan and are described as: Lot 6, Block 4, of MERRITT'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF VASSAR, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, page 21 now being page 22A of Tuscola County Records, EXCEPTING land described as beginning at the Northwest corner of said lot 6; thence running along the North line of said lot 6, South 88 degrees 15 minutes 00 seconds East, 49.98 feet; thence South 15 degrees 24 minutes 56 seconds East 201.96 feet to the South line of said lot 6; thence along said Lot line, South 64 degrees 11 minutes 00 seconds west 15.00 feet to the West line of said Lot; thence along said Lot line, North 23 degrees 58 minutes 08 seconds West 221.88 feet to said Northwest corner of lot 6 and the place of beginning.

ALSO Lots 7 and 8, all in Block 4, MERRITT'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF VASSAR, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, page 21 now being page 22A of Tuscola County Records, ALSO the Westerly 24.75 feet of Avenue A, of MERRITT'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF VASSAR, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, page 21 now being 22A of Tuscola County Records. 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.

Nationstar Mortgage LLC Mortgagee/ Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C. 23938 Research Drive, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 S20151202142613 FNMA

12-30-4

Public Notice
Village of Cass City

Public Hearing
2016 – 2020 Park and Recreation Master Plan

The Village of Cass City Village Council will be holding a Public Hearing on Monday January 25, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 6506 Main Street, Cass City, MI 48726. The purpose of the public hearing is to hear public comments regarding the adoption of the proposed Village of Cass City Five Year Park and Recreation Master Plan. After the public hearing, the Village Council may take action to adopt the master plan. For more information, contact the Village at (989) 872-1911.

Nanette Walsh
Clerk/Treasurer

PUBLIC NOTICE
Village of Cass City

Public Review
Five Year Park and Recreation Master Plan
2016 – 2020

The Village of Cass City Park and Recreation Advisory Committee will be holding a Public Review on Friday, January 8, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 6506 Main Street, Cass City, MI 48726.

The purpose of the public review is to make the Five Year Park and Recreation Master Plan 2016 – 2020 available for public review and comment. The Master Plan Draft is available for review at Rawson Memorial Library, Pine Street, Cass City, MI 48726 or the Municipal Office 6506 Main Street, Cass City, MI 48726. For more information, contact the Village at (989) 872-2911.

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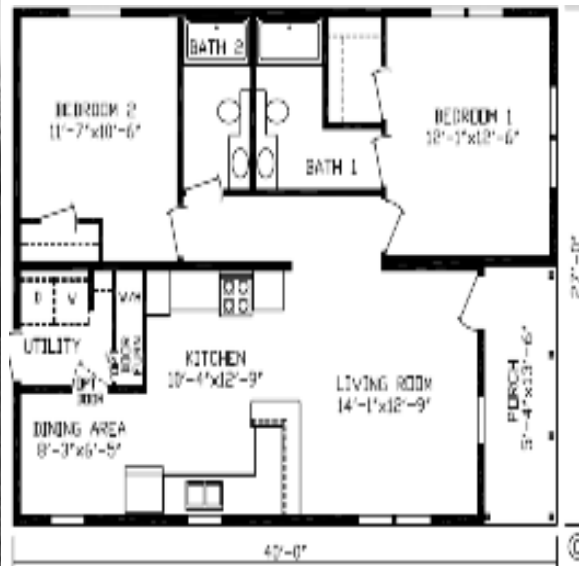
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McDonald's

Continued from page one.

now live in Cass City. Our son and daughter both work as supervisors for our company. Both are following in my footsteps and plan on becoming owner/operators of McDonald's sometime in the future."

In addition to being a member of the local business community, Luth has been an active member of the Cass City Chamber of Commerce and has worked with the Junior Citizen of the Year program for the past 18 years. He's also supplied the food for the annual "Breakfast With Santa" program in town for eight years, in addition to supporting both the local school district and library in various capacities.

"We always try to support and give back to all the communities we have locations in," Luth said.

That's a business philosophy that hasn't escaped the notice of Cass City residents like Van Auken.

"Jim says in February it will be 20 years since they first put a McDonald's in Cass City, and this isn't the first time they have renovated, either," she said. "They continue to keep investing in their business and in our community, which to me – a resident – means a lot."



RONALD MCDONALD poses with Palmateer (right) and Luth, who presented \$1,000 donations to both Rawson Memorial District Library and to the Cass City Junior Citizen of the Year Scholarship Fund during last week's grand reopening celebration at Luth's Cass City McDonald's.



RONALD MCDONALD shares a light moment and a smile with Cass City Village Manager Peter Cristiano.

Baker enrolling

Baker College of Cass City, a satellite of Baker College of Flint, continues to enroll students for the 2016 winter quarter, with on-ground classes beginning Monday, Jan. 11. Online courses start Thursday, Jan. 7.

Students have the flexibility to take courses on ground at the Cass City campus or a combination of on ground and online.

Baker officials have announced the Cass City admissions office will resume normal business hours Monday, Jan. 4. The office will be open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and on Fridays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Other hours are available by appointment.

Baker College of Cass City students have access to financial assistance, including scholarships, grants, low-interest loans and work-study programs. For more information, contact Aaron Faist in the admissions office at aaron.faist@baker.edu or by calling (810) 766-4000. Students may schedule an appointment via the Baker College website, www.baker.edu.

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