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As expected, long-awaited M-STEP scores are low

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Cass City School officials say they're generally pleased with the district's long-awaited inaugural set of M-STEP (Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress) scores, but the data has left them with more questions than answers.

M-STEP is the state's new standardized student assessment exam. It replaced the bubble-based, multiple-choice MEAP (Michigan

Education Assessment Program) exam that Michigan school officials have administered for more than 40 years.

The M-STEP, administered for the first time in the spring of 2015, tested students in the areas of English language arts, mathematics, science and social studies.

Statewide, the results were less than impressive. Just 12 percent of Michigan fourth graders tested proficient in science; the highest proficiency rate was in the third grade

language arts at just 50 percent; and in math, proficiency ranged from 28 percent among high school juniors to 49 percent in third grade.

State and local education officials said they expected scores to be low initially.

"As we anticipated, scores statewide were lower than they were on the MEAP assessment, which had been previously given to all students in grades three through eight," said Cass City School Supt. Jeff Hartel, who along with the district's other

administrators received their first look at the results last week – a year and half after students took the exam.

"Cass City Public Schools did very well in third and sixth grade, scoring well above state and county schools in both math and English language arts," Hartel said. "Modest results were also achieved in seventh grade, scoring above county and state schools in math and science, but below county and state schools in English language arts.

"Improvement is needed in fifth grade and eighth grade," Hartel continued, adding students scored below both county and state schools on math and English language arts. Eighth graders scored above county and state students in social studies, while fifth grade students scored below their peers at the county and state levels in social studies.

"Eleventh grade MME (scores) showed great results in math and English language arts, scoring above both county and state schools in both area," Hartel said. "However, science results showed us below county and state schools, and social studies showed us ahead of county schools but below state schools."

The M-STEP, the result of a Michigan Legislature mandate requiring the Michigan Department of Education to develop a new standardized test last year, differs from the MEAP in a number of ways, starting with the degree of difficulty. State officials said the new exam would "reset the bar" for measuring learning improvement. Unlike the MEAP, the M-STEP was administered primarily on-line, requiring written responses and critical thinking.

Cass City Junior-Senior High School Principal Chad Daniels noted one of the big differences is that students are now frequently given questions accompanied by several correct answers. The challenge is for them to choose the most correct response, he said.

There will also be a learning curve with respect to student getting used to on-line testing, according to Hartel, who pointed out the M-STEP data will be more useful after the exam has been administered enough times to provide school officials with scores they can compare with local students' previous results.

"There's nothing to compare, apples to apples, right now – the only thing you can compare is with other schools in the county," he said. "There's a lot of things we can learn from the data, but you have to be careful because it's so new."

"I think our scores at the elementary are comparable to where we would have been at the MEAP two years ago," Cass City Elementary School

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Spring 2015 M-STEP data for Cass City, Tuscola County and state

	ELA			Math			Science			Social Studies		
	Cass City	County	State	Cass City	County	State	Cass City	County	State	Cass City	County	State
Grade 3	61%	49%	50%	77%	51%	49%						
Grade 4	62%	38%	47%	56%	36%	41%	11%	<10%	12%			
Grade 5	39%	43%	49%	22%	28%	33%				8%	14%	22%
Grade 6	58%	41%	45%	59%	31%	33%						
Grade 7	38%	41%	49%	40%	26%	33%	27%	19%	23%			
Grade 8	36%	44%	48%	24%	26%	32%				31%	25%	30%
Grade 11	62%	53%	49%	47%	29%	29%	28%	30%	29%	43%	41%	44%

Green= Above Average

Red=Below Average

Orange=County Below State Average

Anthony on elite list of top women hospital leaders

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Hills and Dales General Hospital President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Jean Anthony was recently included in a "who's who" among hospital leaders across the nation.

Becker's Hospital Review named Anthony among the "Top 130 Women Hospital and Health System Leaders to Know". Recipients of the honor were described as having established themselves as successful

leaders within the ever-changing healthcare industry.

The recipients were selected based on editorial

judgment and discretion of members of the Becker's editorial team, which evaluated leaders for their management and leadership skills and career accomplishments. The team read through and considered a record number of nominations.

Becker's Hospital Review is one of five publications of Becker's Healthcare, considered a leading source of cutting-edge business and legal information for healthcare industry leaders.

Anthony was appointed president and CEO of Hills and Dales General Hospital in 2014, filling a vacancy left by the departure of veteran administrator Mike Falatko.

She has been a fixture at Hills and Dales for nearly 40 years, beginning her career as a licensed practical nurse (LPN). In the years since, she earned her license as a registered nurse (RN) as well as a Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree and a Master of Arts in Organizational Management Degree.

Prior to being named president and CEO, Anthony served the local hospital as chief operating officer (COO) for 14 years. She also served

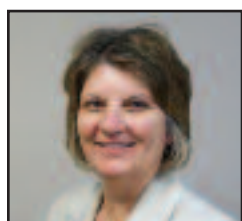
as vice president of patient services for the hospital.

Hills and Dales' current vice president of patient services, Jennifer TerBush, nominated Anthony for inclusion on the Becker's Hospital

Review list.

"I can't think of someone more deserving. When the opportunity came to nominate someone, I knew had to send in Jean's name," TerBush said. "She has led Hills and

Dales during some of the most difficult times in healthcare. She is respected by her staff, professional partners, and community members. She exemplifies the true quality of a successful leader."



Jean Anthony



Happy birthday, baby!

CLINTON AND TARYN Ellis of Cass City are the proud parents of the first baby born to a local couple in 2016 and reported to the Chronicle. They welcomed Cambrey Jane Ellis last Wednesday, Jan. 6, at 7:43 a.m. at Covenant Hospital in Saginaw. She was also welcomed by a big brother, Dominic, 19 months. In keeping with tradition, local merchants will shower the family with a host of gifts, including a floral bouquet from Special Scents Floral Shoppe, a gift certificate from Gilligan's, \$10 to open savings accounts at both Thumb National Bank and Chemical Bank, a free oil change at Curtis Chrysler, and a one-year subscription to the Chronicle.

Federal agents nab trio in the Bad Axe area

Federal agents from the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agency out of Detroit arrested a trio of suspects in the Bad Axe area early Friday morning.

The arrests took place at about 6:30 a.m., according to Huron County Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson.

"They were in regards to local individuals having parts in criminal activities involving illegal immigrants," Hanson reported. "These arrests were the result of a lengthy on-going investigation that originally began as a local joint investigation involving the Bad Axe City Police and our office."

Hanson said the two adult females and one adult male taken into custody were transported to the Bay City Federal Court House to be arraigned on federal charges. The federal investigation is likely to continue, he added.

"Besides ICE, other agencies involved with this incident were CBP Aviation, the Michigan State Police and, as mention earlier, the City of Bad Axe Police and our office," the sheriff said.

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Exchange student wins coveted scholarship

Cass City exchange student Borys Lesyk was recently selected by a volunteer committee representing the Bureau of Education and Cultural Affairs to receive a Civic Education Workshop scholarship, which will pay for his attendance at a special event this spring.



BORYS LESYK, a FLEX exchange student from the Ukraine and currently residing in Cass City with host parent Gail Smith, recently topped a field of 550 competitors in an essay contest that earned him an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., to attend a Civic Education Workshop in the spring.

"The fully-funded, nearly week-long workshop will be held in Washington, D.C. March 13-19," said Gail Smith of Cass City, who is hosting Lesyk. "Borys' qualifying essay, identifying the spirit of volunteerism and charity, which helps make America so great, was selected from a field of over 550 competitors."

In his essay, Borys wrote, "Firstly, when I arrived to U.S...I was really surprised with a number of different people volunteering for all kinds of different events. Volunteering brings you no money, but it gives you just a ton of pleasure, because you are helping other people who are needing this help."

"He feels strongly, that with war dividing his country so sharply, that only by working together for a common good, as one team, towards a common goal, can his country heal," Smith said. "He sees volunteerism and charity as the means to that end. He hopes when he returns in June, he can be a part of that change."

Lesyk is from the Ukraine - Kherson to be exact, near the Russian border and Crimea. The 17-year-old is attending Cass City High School during his stay in America, which began in August.

According to Smith, FLEX is a highly competitive scholarship program for students from countries that used to be part of the old Soviet Union. "It is jointly funded by the United States and the sending government," she noted.

Senior Citizen Movies on tap at the library

Rawson Memorial District Library in Cass City is hosting its next Senior Citizen Movies Friday, Jan. 15, 1:30 p.m.

Films slated to be shown are: "Invisible Universe Revealed" - 25 years ago, NASA launched one of the most ambitious experiments in the history of astronomy: the Hubble Space Telescope. Amazingly, when the telescope first sent images back to Earth, it seemed that the entire project was a massive failure.

Hear scientists and engineers on the front line tell the amazing Hubble story. Join NOVA for the story of this magnificent machine and its astonishing discoveries (60 minutes).

"Greek Islands" - the Greek Islands' sunny climate, great beaches, and relaxed culture attract travelers from all over the world.

Go island-hopping on Aegean ferries, visit touristy Santorini, ride a motorbike around Samos, and hang out on barely-known Lipsi. With tips from the tourist office, find offbeat ways to enjoy the islands and picturesque places to stay (30 minutes).

Refreshments will be served. This older adult program is offered free of charge.

Land management meets on tap in Caro and Ubly

Throughout January and February, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and Michigan United Conservation Clubs, along with other key partners, will host informational meetings in southern Michigan to promote general Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) enrollment and the Michigan Pheasant Restoration Initiative.

The sessions will include two in the Thumb: Monday, Jan. 11, starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Tuscola Technology Center, 1401 Cleaver Rd., Caro; and Monday Feb. 8, starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Rooster Ranch, 7480 Germania Rd., Ubly.

"These meetings will provide landowners with valuable information and the necessary tools for creating and enhancing wildlife habitat on their properties," said Anna Mitterling, the wildlife cooperative coordinator with Michigan United Conservation Clubs. "Landowners will walk away with tips for receiving financial assistance and will have access to experts who work with habitat improvement programs."

The Michigan Pheasant Restoration Initiative is a conservation initiative to restore and enhance Michigan pheasant habitat, populations, and hunting opportunities on private and public lands through pheasant cooperatives. The initiative works by acquiring state and federal resources to assist landowners in cooperatives to improve wildlife habitat on their properties and by enhancing habitat on selected state game areas, recreation areas and other public lands.

More information is available by contacting Anna Mitterling at amitterling@mucc.org or via phone at (517) 346-6454.

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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.

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In Our OPINION...

Guest Author
Kim Salerno

Try walking a mile in a trustee's shoes

When tensions are high — even when they're not — it can be easy to criticize the folks who serve on a local board of education.

We suspect, however, that there would be more pats on the back and fewer critical remarks if more members of the community would take a mental mile-long stroll in the shoes of a school board trustee.

It can be a thankless job.

Board of education trustees are charged with the stewardship of multi-million dollar budgets as well as overseeing teaching and administrative staffs and thousands of children, from the youngest tots just starting their educations to high school seniors itching to collect their diplomas and conquer the world.

School board members must understand the ins and outs of public education funding, including the impacts of countless unfunded mandates, new state regulations and standardized tests that seem to change from one year to the next based on the whims of Lansing and/or Washington, D.C. They face shrinking enrollments and, subsequently, shrinking revenues while the cost of doing everything continues to rise.

Boards of education are challenged to keep up with curriculums, weigh financial and other considerations while making policy decisions, ensuring buildings are safe and functional, and serving as the final step in resolving disciplinary issues.

Trustees not only volunteer thousands of hours attending various meetings and extracurricular functions, many also devote additional time to complete training in an effort to become even more effective board members.

Trustees receive very little compensation for their efforts, yet they often find themselves in the line of fire when it comes to making unpopular but necessary decisions for the good of all.

January is set aside each year as a time for special recognition of school board members and all they do, and we'd like to personally thank each trustee, past and present, who has served in the Cass City Public Schools as well as those in our neighboring districts, including Owen-Gage, Kingston and Ubly.

We'd also like to encourage all area residents to make a point of offering a word of praise, support and encouragement to these volunteers, who give of their time, talent and experience.

Board members come from all walks of life — they're parents, grandparents, neighbors, retirees, bankers, mechanics, pharmacists, etc. — but they all share at least one goal; providing our children with a quality education in a safe and healthy environment.

That's a job worthy of both our respect and gratitude year-round.

Slices of Life

by Jill Pertler

New year, new resolutions




It's a new year — a time when many of us consider changing more than our calendars.

It's time to get trim around the midsection. Redecorate the bedroom. Read more. Complain less. Join the gym. Clean out the junk drawer. Drink more water and less chardonnay. Take the planking challenge. Learn a new language. Grow our hair out. Get a haircut. Get a promotion. Get a job. Be kinder, less judgmental and less critical of everyone — including ourselves. It's time to make a resolute resolution to fix, firm and duct tape all the things in our lives that are chipped, chabby or otherwise crumbling and non-functional.

The task could be perceived as overwhelming — fixing all the things that need fixing, because there is a lot that can be fixed. At least based on the view from my cracked window.

But I've always been energized by a good challenge and approach the changing of the calendar with the enthusiasm and vigor of Richard Simmons in a 80s workout video (but without the sequins).

I'm one of those annoying people who enjoys coming up with goals for self-improvement, personal growth and poundage loss. I type them up and put them in a folder aptly named, "goals." Each year at this time I take a peek to check my progress over the last twelve months.

And then I write new goals, which are often similar to the old goals that I never quite met the year before — or the year before that. I enjoy coming up with goals; I never claimed I had the aptitude for achieving them.

A lesser person might find this discouraging. Not me! I am optimistic about my goal-setting and maybe even someday goal-completing capabilities. So what if I've been losing the same 10 pounds since the last century? At least I'm goal-driven and goal-oriented. That should count for something. I suppose it does, just not on the bathroom scale.

As with most things in life, my husband and I have differing opinions about resolutions. I adopt them; he ignores them. In his eyes, resolutions are a waste of time. He doesn't need no stinking resolution to get the job done. It's infuriating.

Take the weight thing. I can work for two years to meet a fitness goal. He skips dinner one night and is down seven pounds the following morning. And he tells me about it. (Of course he does.) I yearn to clean all the junk out of our lives. He yearns to clean the garage on Saturday afternoon. I plan for (and worry about) the future. He lives in the present. Together we make a complete human being.

However, I remain resolved — to convince him of the advantages of New Year's resolutions. It's been a goal of mine for years. He's yet to be persuaded.

This year when I asked him what his resolutions

were he said, "Not to make any resolutions."


When I heard his response, I gave a silent cheer. Because when you think about it resolving not to resolve could be considered a resolution in itself. I'm choosing to label it as such and therefore have already met one of my goals for the year. But don't tell my husband I said so. He doesn't believe in resolutions.

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

Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)



The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has been collecting records for individual deer since 1987 — although it has been recording deer data for more than 50 years — and near the end of 2015, the agency added its one millionth deer record to this database.

Michigan hunters have the opportunity to voluntarily bring their harvested deer to DNR deer check stations throughout the deer hunting season and receive a deer hunter cooperators patch. The data collected through this process includes age, sex and location of the deer harvested.

"Checking one million deer in this time frame shows the department's commitment to collecting data from our deer herd to support science-based management, but also shows the level of cooperation by our hunters throughout the years," said Chad Stewart, DNR deer management specialist.

Biologists analyze the data collected at deer check stations to understand how Michigan's deer herd changes over time. The information helps the DNR understand the relationship between regulation changes, such as antler point restrictions, and the deer herd's response.

"Having one million individual deer records in our dataset is impressive, and something both the department and hunters should be proud of," said Sarah Mayhew, DNR wildlife statistician.

Checking harvested deer also supports surveillance for diseases such as bovine tuberculosis and chronic wasting disease, which benefits both the DNR and hunters.

New Cass City Chamber of Commerce Administrator Judy Keller indicated she was pleased with a story the Chronicle published last week regarding the chamber's plans for the coming year. However, she asked that we note the best phone number to reach her to discuss chamber business is (989) 872-4618.

The number is local, but actually reaches Keller via a cell phone. So, rest assured, if you don't reach Keller at first, leave her a message and she'll get back to you as soon as possible.

Can spring really be that far away?

For the optimists among you, we'd just like to point out that the folks at Battel's Sugar Bush, a family that has been producing pure maple syrup in the Cass City area for more than 125 years, announced over the weekend the date for this year's annual sugarbush open house.

The event is slated for Saturday, March 19, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Battels will be serving up a complimentary pancake with sausage so you can try out some fresh — and we're talking really fresh — maple syrup. They'll also be glad to show you around the woods and sugar shack.

Everyone is welcome. Bring the family! There's no need to RSVP, just come as you are. The Battel family will be in the woods rain or shine. If it's cold outside, it's always warm next to their wood-fired syrup evaporator.

The sugarbush is located at 7964 Daus Rd., Cass City (look for the white sugar shack in the woods, just west of the address. Parking is along the road).

Interested in learning more? Check out the Battel's Sugarbush Pure Maple Syrup page on Facebook.

The Cass City Booster Club will hold their annual silent auction fundraiser on Friday, Jan. 22 at the high school during the boys' basketball games with guest Unionville-Sebewaing Area Schools.

Bidding will begin prior to the junior varsity contest at 5:30 pm. If you have items to donate to the cause, contact Heather Weiler at 989-551-4692.

Letters to the Editor

School board members deserve our recognition

Dear editor,

January is School Board Recognition Month — a time to salute the work of our volunteer school board members and to celebrate public education.

School Board Recognition Month is celebrated by more than 541 school districts in Michigan, honoring over 4,100 elected school board members for their untiring dedication to school governance.

This recognition of school board members reflects our combined commitment to leadership and accountability by all, thus assuring that ALL students have a chance to succeed.

School board members in the Cass City Public School District develop policies and make tough decisions that help shape the future of our district. They bear responsibility for an annual budget of close to \$10 million, help educate over 1,000 students, manage approximately 170 employees, and are trusted with the upkeep of every building and vehicle owned by the district.

School board members are citizens whose decisions affect the children of Cass City and the surrounding area. Their decisions help shape our community's future and prepare our children to be successful members of this community or anywhere they may decide to call home.

Cass City's board of education preserves the core of our democracy — public education. Showing appreciation

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Wednesday, January 13

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

Thursday, January 14

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

Monday, January 18

- 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.

Tuesday, January 19

- 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.)
- 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.

STANDING COMMUNITY CALENDAR ITEMS

First Sunday:

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

First Monday:

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

Second Monday:

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

Second Tuesday:

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

Second Wednesday:

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

Second Thursday:

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

Third Tuesday:

- Living with Parkinson's Support Group, 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., Holiday Inn Express, 55 Rapson Lane West, Bad Axe. For more information, call Merry at (989) 673-4121.
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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.

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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.

Deputies: driver had headlights off

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Tuscola Sheriff's deputies are continuing their investigation into a two-vehicle collision in which one of the motorists was reportedly driving without her headlights on last Wednesday night.

Deputies were dispatched to the scene - M-15 near Rupprecht Road in Vassar Township - at about 6:20 p.m., according to Tuscola County Undersheriff Glen Skrent.

"Through drivers' statements and witness statements, they determined

that a 32-year-old female from Bay City was driving southbound on M-15. The driver was reported to have been in the northbound lane and driving without the headlights on," Skrent said. "A 36-year-old female from Reese was northbound and attempted to avoid the other driver and swerved into the southbound lane. At that time the other driver also attempted to swerve back into the southbound lane and they collided head-on.

"The female driver from Bay City was injured and transported to Covenant Hospital with non-life

threatening injuries," Skrent reported, adding the other driver and her toddler son were also injured. They were also transported to Covenant Hospital for non-life threatening injuries.

"Alcohol may have been a factor in the crash with the Bay City driver," he said. "The investigation continues and will be turned over to the prosecutor's office for review."

MMR Ambulance along with the Reese and Vassar police departments and the Vassar Fire Department assisted deputies at the scene.

Sanilac deputies field flurry of accidents

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Sanilac County Sheriff's deputies say the first real blast of winter weather in the Thumb contributed to a flurry of traffic crashes - 11 in all - over a period of hours early last week.

Deputies responded to all of the crashes Monday before 3:30 p.m. on the east, according to Sgt. Ron DuBois.

"Lake effect snowfall amounts above predicted totals, coupled with strong winds and cold temperatures caused multiple accidents, predominantly on the east side of the county," DuBois said. "Sheriff's deputies responded to one accident after

another for most of the morning and early afternoon hours until the primary weather pattern broke.

DuBois said the crashes included three involving injuries - a two-vehicle crash on Maple Grove Road, near Basler Road that sent one person to the hospital with minor injuries; a one-vehicle accident, also involving minor injuries, on Lakeshore Road near Mills Road; and a one-vehicle rollover accident with minor injuries on Wildcat Road near Galbraith Line Road.

Property damage accidents were reported near the intersections of Applegate and Church roads (semi-truck went into a ditch), Ruth and Forester roads (vehicle slid into a ditch), South Lakeshore and

Shorward roads (two-vehicle collision), North Lakeshore and Custer roads (vehicle slid off roadway), and Brown and Peck roads (vehicle slid into a ditch). In addition, car-deer crashes were reported near the intersections of Ubyly and Cumber roads, North Sandusky and Nichol roads, and Shepherd and Burns Line roads.

Sanilac County Sheriff Garry Biniecki is reminding drivers to slow down during hazardous weather and factor extra time into their travel plans.

"Slower traveling speeds and paying full attention while driving will give motorists more time to react to potential hazards this winter season," Biniecki said.

Circuit court proceedings

Several appear recently on felony charges

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

*Kathleen A. Fromme, 35, Saginaw, was sentenced to 365 days in the county jail and 60 months probation following her plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor - with an occupant under the age of 16 years, second offense, Aug. 3 in Caro. She was also convicted of being an habitual offender (two prior felony convictions).

In addition to jail time, she was ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$1,258 plus restitution of \$120 and attorneys fees of \$500.

*Rachelle L. Neal, 35, Mayville, was sentenced to 365 days in jail and 24 months probation following her plea of guilty to a charge of conspiracy to deliver/manufacture methamphetamine/Ecstasy between Dec. 23, 2014, and June 30, 2015, in Caro.

She was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,258 plus attorneys fees of \$500.

*Doris A. Mosher, 24, Vassar, was sentenced to 12 months probation following her pleas of no contest to two counts of being a prisoner in possession of contraband, attempted stealing/retaining a financial transaction device without consent of the device holder, possession of marijuana, and two counts of retail fraud, second degree, Aug. 7-10, in Caro.

She was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$544 plus restitution of \$242.82.

*Tyler C. Gokey, 24, Caro, was sentenced to 180 days in jail and 60 months probation following his conviction on a charge of larceny in a building July 5 in Caro.

He was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,258 plus restitution of \$4.95 plus attorneys fees of \$500.

*Crystal M. Emery, 36, Akron, pleaded no contest to charges of delivery/manufacture of methamphetamine/Ecstasy, possession of methamphetamine/Ecstasy, and the purchase/possession of ephedrine and/or pseudoephedrine for the purpose of manufacturing methamphetamine/Ecstasy between July 8 and Sept. 14 in Juniata Township. She was also convicted of being an

habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

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

*Bert F. Emerson Jr., 53, Deford, pleaded guilty to a charge of possession of ammunition by a felon Oct. 30, 2014, in Kingston Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$2,500. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Sean M. Macauley, 35, Saginaw, pleaded no contest to careless discharge of a firearm - causing injury or death June 6 in Gilford Township.

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

*Kristina J. Farr, 40, Cass City, pleaded no contest to retail fraud, first degree (involving property valued at \$200 to \$1,000) March 7 in Caro. She was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$2,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Derek A. Williams, 36, Clio, pleaded guilty to a charge of aggravated stalking July 13-14 in Arbeta Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$20,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Brandon P. Hutchinson, 32, Caro, pleaded guilty to violating the Sex Offenders Registration Act by failing to report an updated place of employment Aug. 11 in Caro.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Anthony J. Thompson, 20, Millington, pleaded guilty to charges of larceny from a motor vehicle and attempting to lie to a peace officer July 12 in Millington Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (two

prior felony convictions).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$2,500. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Pamela S. Bates, 46, Brown City, pleaded guilty to altering or forging a motor vehicle title Feb. 16 in the village of Kingston/Koylton Township.

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

*Robert E. Packard, 26, Cass City, pleaded no contest to five counts of child sexually abusive activity and five counts of possession of child sexually abusive material between Jan. 31 and April 22, 2014.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$200,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Albert H. Kitchen Jr., 43, Marlette, pleaded guilty to two counts of manufacture/delivery of a counterfeit prescription form March 11 in Koylton Township.

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

*Arek J. Creason, 20, Cass City, pleaded no contest to two counts of assault with intent to commit sexual penetration Aug. 3-4 in Kingston Township.


A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$2,500. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Wayne A. West, 37, Caro, was sentenced to 93 days in jail following his pleas of no contest to driving while his license was suspended or revoked, and two counts of malicious destruction of property totaling \$200 to \$1,000 July 2 in Vassar.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$2,725.


*Brandon M. Smith, 24, Caro, pleaded no contest to armed robbery Oct. 16, 2014, in Caro. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

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



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Beauty skin deep?
On my planet, yes

by Tom Montgomery
Editor



Lately my work email inbox has been saturated with tons of emails urging me to act now so I can lose 25 pounds fast and fit into that bikini by summer.

Aside from the frightening vision that thought conjures up, these types of emails irk me. They waste my time and, more importantly, encourage women and men to take another look at themselves in the mirror so they'll feel bad about themselves and then spend money on something that probably isn't going to work (let's face it; most of these pitches are gimmicks that promise results with little or no effort).

As if most of us could ever look in the mirror and not obsess (at least a little) about this wrinkle or that sag or...well, you get the idea.

Sure, companies are certain to guilt someone into buying their magic shake or food plan – that's why many of them are still in business – but it's not exactly a win-win, right?

Okay, so weight can be a health issue. I get that. But some of these companies target just about every woman who isn't a size six. As if having hips is a crime or disease.

It's unfortunate that we're so delusional when it comes to our bodies and our self-esteem. I suppose we can blame television shows, commercials and movies for much of that. But we have ourselves to blame, too, for believing that the images we're bombarded with represent reality.

They don't.

I'm willing to bet that a number of the beautiful people you see on the big screen aren't nearly as perfect before spending a couple hours in a make-up chair. You might also be a bit shocked if you saw them in person without benefit of the sort of technology they have at their disposal today – computer programs that soften images, smooth here, lift there, etc.

Like I said, most of us are forced to live with our unsightly bulges, thinning hairlines and arm flab here on Planet Reality.

Even if we didn't, how many of us would really like to live the sort of lives many of these extraordinarily beautiful people seem to live – filled with drama, divorce, domestic violence, substance abuse and criminal behavior, not to mention the sort of narcissism that defies logic of any kind.

I guess I can understand how a celebrity could become completely self-centered when they have more money than they know what to do with, and they are surrounded by people telling them they're beautiful. What I can't figure out are the sort of people who pay money to watch them do whatever it is they do that made them famous.

But I digress (plus, that's a whole other column).

Anyway, it seems to me all the time and effort spent on beauty is, eventually, going to go by the wayside, courtesy of time.

But back to reality, where the most fortunate of us have figured out that beauty really is just skin deep, where those fortunate enough to have found their soul mate feel blessed for a lifetime, regardless of their better half's physical imperfections.

And where, if we're smart, we make an effort to let our friends and loved ones know that they are beautiful people, and that we value their presence in our lives because of what they bring – not for how much they weigh or because of their flawless complexion.

That thought always occurs to me when my wife is tempted to point out something she isn't happy about after looking into a mirror. I hate that, because I can't help but see the same beautiful woman she's always been.

If she could see herself the way I do – the way many men on this planet see their soul mates – I probably wouldn't be so critical of those silly emails littering my inbox.

Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO (2011)

Ryleigh Middaugh announces the engagement of her parents, Caitlyn Rickett and Tony Middaugh. Caitlyn is the daughter of Wendy Rickett of Cass City and Steven Rickett of East Tawas. She is a 2008 graduate of Cass City High School. Tony is the son of Dori Russell of Cass City, Edward Middaugh of Port Austin, and Ron Russell of Cass City. He is a 2009 graduate of Cass City High School and currently serves on the Cass City Fire Department. Tony proposed to Caitlyn at the NASCAR races in Brooklyn at the Michigan International Speedway. The couple is currently planning a December 2011 wedding.

Jon Zdrojewski recently presented Shari Bock, food service director for the Cass City Public Schools, with a check for \$1,000 on behalf of the Cass City Gavel Club. The money will be used to help fund the Cass City Backpack program. "We are currently filling 96 bags each week for students to take home for extra nutrition on the weekends," Bock said. "We have also received donations this year from the Pinney Foundation, Rawson Foundation (and) United Way as well as many individual donors," she added. "We need to raise \$9,600 each year to continue to fill our current need and we could not do it without the generous donations from Cass City service clubs and community members. Their donations are greatly appreciated."

10 YEARS AGO (2006)

When it comes to recreation, Nathan Haag didn't write the book, but the Cass City resident has been around sports and other organized activities all of his life. Which is why Cass City Village officials have tapped the 24-year-old to serve as the village's new parks and recreation director. "Nathan is a very skilled young man. Everybody I've talked to really respects him, and we're expecting great things from him," village Manager Peter Cristiano said. For Haag, the new job represents yet another hat he'll wear on the job. Haag, who played varsity football and baseball when he attended Cass City High School, is also a former village of Cass City lifeguard.

Megan Suzette Powell and Jason Charles Barrigar, both of Cass City, announce their engagement. Megan is the daughter of Morris and Pamela Powell of Cass City. She is currently employed as a hairdresser. Jason is the son of Randy Barrigar of Caro and Michele Barrigar of Cass City. He is currently a student at Ferris State University and will graduate in May 2007 with a Bachelor's Degree in biology. An Aug. 12, 2006 wedding is being planned at the Cass City United Methodist Church.

25 YEARS AGO (1991)

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Sawdon of Deford announce the engagement of their daughter, Lori Kay Sawdon, to Karl Shea Walker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Walker of Port Arthur, Texas. Miss Sawdon, a graduate of Central Michigan University, earned a bachelor of science in business administration degree and is employed as an account representative for the Dow Chemical Co. in Midland. Walker, a graduate of Texas A & M, holds a bachelor of science degree in business management and is a sales representative for the Dow Chemical Co. in Dallas, Texas.

Several area residents are among those named to the dean's list at Great Lakes Junior College, Caro campus, for the fall 1990 term. They are Tracy Crawford, Norma Fisher, Amy Francis, Raymond Grider, Carol Langley, Dawn Lipe, Marilyn Truemmer, Jeffrey Tuckey, Karen Turner and Jacquelyn Yost, all of Cass City; James Brown of Snover, Marcie Draschil of Owendale, Pamela Furlong of Kingston, Dorothy Haag of Gagetown, Brenda Parrish of Decker and Joan Hahn and Nanette Hosner, both of Deford. In order to be named to the dean's list, a student must achieve a grade point average of at least 3.5.

A total of 1,141 students, including 4 from Cass City, achieved place-

ment on the fall quarter dean's list at Michigan Technological University, Houghton, by earning a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

The local students are Edward K. Bergman, a junior majoring in mechanical engineering; Michael T. Bills, a freshman majoring in mechanical engineering; Deborah E. Blue, a senior majoring in biological sciences, and Tamela L. Hutchinson, a freshman majoring in medical technology.

35 YEARS AGO (1981)

George Richards will be 100 years old Wednesday, Jan. 21. He has never moved from the place he was born almost a century ago, a farm a quarter-mile east of M-53, on Richards Road, two miles south of Hemans. The Lamotte Township farm is only two years older than he is. His parents were both born in this country, apparently both in Michigan. Richards had two brothers and two sisters. He was the middle one of the five. At age 99, his memory is not what it once was. "As I remember it," he said of the surrounding area when he was growing up, "it was all pretty new around here." George married his wife Mabel, now 95, she was a practical nurse, who delivered many babies. Her maiden name was Woods. In addition to his farming, Richards was a justice of the peace for many years and served on the township board of review.

Michelle Palmer is the Campus Life Sweetheart candidate from Cass City High School. She will be competing for the title at the sweetheart pageant on Feb. 14 at Vassar High School against candidates representing other Tuscola and Sanilac county high schools. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Palmer of Cass City. Proceeds from the fund raising project are used to further the work of the Campus Life organization.

Tuscola County Board of Commissioners members are Paul Nagy, Vassar, elected board chairman, Bill Clark, Vassar, the only new member this year, Ken Kennedy, Millington, Margaret Wenta, Fostoria, Royce Russell, Gagetown, Donna Rayl, Akron, the vice-chairman, and J. Benson Collon, Caro.

40 YEARS AGO (1976)

Who says a woman's place is in the home? It could be on the business end of a fire hose, according to Mrs. Danny Gee of Cass City. Mrs. Gee, 26, says she's seriously considering applying for a position on the Elkland Township Fire Department. She hasn't made up her mind yet and says it may be two or three months before she decides. "I would very much like to be a member of the department," Mrs. Gee, whose husband is already a member of the department, told the Chronicle last week. "I enjoy helping people and this is one way to do it." Mrs. Gee says the fact that she's a woman should have nothing to do with whether or not she's accepted.

Maynard McConkey, Cass City, a veteran of township and county politics, was elected Chairman of the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners at the board's organizational meeting Tuesday at the courthouse in Caro.

The belated annual holiday get-together of the Patch and Wentworth families was held Sunday at Shabbona Hall with 40 present. Attending from a distance included William Patch and family and Cathy Stewart of Harrison and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Wentworth of Almont. Following the dinner, games were played.

Jeanne E. Alexander of Cass City is among the outstanding scholars on Alma College's Term Honors List for the first term of the 1976-77 academic year. Miss Alexander, a senior at Alma and a graduate of Cass City High School, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Alexander of Cass City.

50 YEARS AGO (1966)

Mr. and Mrs. Vilas Moore and family of North Branch visited Mrs. Stephen Moore Sunday.

Mrs. Lloyd Finkbeiner was a Sunday dinner guest of Mrs. Ruth

Finkbeiner.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Loomis returned home Saturday from Williamston where they had spent several days with Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Murray and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Foote of Argyle announce the engagement of their daughter, Ellen Kay, to Pvt. Edward James Pfaff. Miss Foote is a 1965 graduate of Deckerville High School. Pfaff also graduated from Deckerville in 1964. He is now serving in the U.S. Army at Fort Knox, Ky.

75 YEARS AGO (1941)

As a convenience to automobile operators residing in the eastern part of Tuscola County, Sheriff Lewis Massoll has arranged to issue drivers' licenses in Cass City on Friday, January 10, from 9:00 a. m. to 5:00 p. m., and each Friday thereafter until further notice. Vernon Everett, chief deputy sheriff, will be in charge of this service and may be found at the council room each Friday. A similar service has been established at Vassar for the convenience of residents in the southern part of the county. Mr. Everett will be in that village on Thursdays.

Probably more than one Rotary Ann exclaimed "Where did you get that hat?" when her better half came home from the Rotary luncheon on Tuesday. If she thought the hat was ill-fitting, she should have seen Auctioneer Willis Campbell wield the big shears and cut several lids that appeared worse to him and for which he received only low bids. Rotarians were surprised after their luncheon at Hotel Gordon on Tuesday, to see a tableful of their hats brought into the dining room by Willis Campbell and Otto Prieskorn and to hear the announcement that the hats would be sold at auction. Proceeds reached a figure approaching \$24.00 which went into the crippled children's fund.

John Mark of Cass City and Mrs. Susanna Johnston of Lum were quietly married on Thursday evening, January 2, in the home of Rev. E. M. Gibson, pastor of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Churches of Riverside and Mizpah. They were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Clare Tuckey. Mrs. Tuckey is a niece of Mrs. Johnston. Immediately following the wedding, a dinner was served to the bridal party and the immediate families, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Wanner. Mr. and Mrs. Mark will make their home on South Seeger Street in Cass City.

100 YEARS AGO (1916)

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McColl celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at their home Tuesday, January 11. Five of their seven children were able to be present, Mr. and Mrs. D.H. McColl of Greenleaf, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Rich and children of Deckerville, Mrs. Crissie Giesel and Mrs. E. F. Kreimen of Saginaw and Mr. and Mrs. G. W. London and children. The absent ones are Dr. A. C. McColl of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Mrs. E. F. Kempter of Corvallis, Mont. Other guests were Hector Livingston of Greenleaf, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Delong, Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Graham, Mr. and Mrs. William Crandell and two daughters, Hiram Crandell and Rev. H. C. Hayward.

Sheriff Holcomb brought the first "grist" to the new mill of the Elkland Milling Co. and G. E. Krapf sold the Company the first wheat. N. Bigelow has bargained for the first sack of flour manufactured by the Midget Marvel, the new flour mill installed in the plant. Harvey Hyde, manager of the mill, expected to commence the manufacture of flour yesterday.

At the annual meeting of members of the Case City Fair held Tuesday afternoon, C. J. Striffler was elected president; S. F. Bigelow, vice president; H.L. Hunt, secretary; F.J. Nash, Jr., treasurer; John Marshall, Richard Bayley and John Reagh were elected directors for terms of three years. In the selection of the above named officers and directors, all were re-elected to succeed themselves except Mr. Reagh, who commences on his first term as director.

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CMU med students to serve patients at local clinic, hospital

Hills and Dales General Hospital officials recently announced a continued partnership with Central Michigan University's (CMU) Comprehensive Community Clerkship program, part of the CMU Medical School.

agency room, surgery and the medical/surgery floor.

CMU College of Medicine has a strong emphasis on rural and medically underserved regions. Hills and Dales welcomed four students last July and now will welcome two more.



Thomas Lindsay

"This clerkship allows the students to gain essential experience in a rural setting," said Danielle Blaine, director of public relations for the Cass City hospital. "Beginning Jan. 18, two CMU Medical Students will partner with Dr. Surendra Raythatha (Dr. Ray) at the Cass City Family Practice.

"Thomas Lindsay, from Grand Rapids, is one of the students," Blaine noted. "He earned his Bachelors of Science Degree in human biology from Michigan State University. Outside of med school, Thomas enjoys hiking, camping, swimming, cooking and staying active.



Brett Pierce

"Brett Pierce is the other student. His hometown is Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and Frankenmuth," she added. "He earned his bachelor's degree in biomedical sciences from Central Michigan University. He enjoys sailing, skiing and playing racquetball, along with being an avid Detroit Tigers fan.

"Thomas and Brett are third year medical students at CMU's College of Medicine," Blaine said. "They will work with Dr. Raythatha at Hills and Dales until July."

While serving at the local hospital, the students will rotate through various departments including the emer-

First M-STEP scores low

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Principal Aaron Fernald commented. "I think what we have is a good snapshot of what we have and where we need to improve."

All three administrators agreed state officials need to – and probably will – improve the turnaround time between when the M-STEP is administered and the compilation and release of the testing results to local school officials.

They also agreed that school officials need more detailed results that outline what specific skills students lack or excel in within each testing area, enabling schools to concentrate on skills that need to be improved.

"I don't think it's any time to panic," said Hartel, who added the test results will not be part of teachers' evaluations for three years. "I think there's just some frustration. Now that we have the data, we don't know what it means."

Hartel indicated he believes state officials will, in time, provide schools with more detailed results, and he acknowledged the motivation behind developing the new exam.

"We have a lot of work to do," he said. "We know it is right to ensure stronger standards and tougher assessments for our students, and we're working every day to deliver the results they need."

Cass City Public Schools Request for Proposal

3 Year Lease - 32 Acres of Farmland

Date of Pre-Bid Meeting (Mandatory Attendance):
February 3, 2016 - 10:00 a.m.

Intent to Respond Statement: Email or Letter (No Phone Calls)
February 10, 2016 - 3:00 p.m.

Bid Due Date
February 17, 2016 - 3:00 p.m.

Bid Opening and Awarding of Bid:
February 17, 2016 - 3:30 p.m.

Jeff Hartel, Superintendent
Cass City Public Schools
4868 N. Seeger St.
Cass City, Michigan 48726
989.912.1821

jhartel@casscityschools.org - subject line: RFP Farmland Bid

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Date of Pre-Bid Meeting (Mandatory Attendance):
February 4, 2016 - 10:00 a.m.

Intent to Respond Statement: Email or Letter, No Phone Calls
February 10, 2016 - 3:00 p.m.

Proposal Due Date:
February 17, 2016 - 3:00 p.m.

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February 17, 2016 - 3:30 p.m.

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Sunday Evening Service 6:00 p.m.

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NOTICE

Novesta Township Residents

A Public Hearing has been scheduled before the Novesta Township Planning Commission for **Tuesday, February 2, 2016 at 7:45 p.m.** regarding a request for a special land use permit.

The request is for D & D Roofing and Siding business to be built on parcel # 018-036-000-1100-02 located at 7760 E. Deckerville Road, Deford, Michigan 48729.

The hearing will be held at the Cass City Gun Club located at 2676 Englehart Rd. Cass City, Michigan.

Joann Peters
Novesta Twp Clerk



Have you seen this motorcycle?

TUSCOLA COUNTY Sheriff's deputies are asking for the public's help in identifying the owner of this motorcycle, which deputies recently recovered and believed might be stolen. "It is part of an on-going investigation into four wheeler and motorcycle thefts throughout the area," Undersheriff Glen Skrent explained, adding the owner of the bike pictured above is asked contact Sgt. James Hook at (989) 673-8161 (ext. 2232).

NOTICE

2016 Meeting Schedules for Novesta Township Residents

ALL Novesta Township meetings will be held at the Cass City Gun Club at 7:30 p.m.

Regular Board Meetings:

February 1, 2016	March 7, 2016
April 4, 2016	May 2, 2016
June 6, 2016	July 11, 2016
August 1, 2016	September 12, 2016
October 3, 2016	November 7, 2016
	December 5, 2016

Annual Meeting of Electors:

March 26, 2016 at 9 a.m.

Planning Commission Meetings

February 2, 2016	April 5, 2016
June 7, 2016	August 9, 2016
October 4, 2016	December 6, 2016

Joann Peters
Novesta Twp Clerk

Baker College designated a "top school" for servicemen, veterans

Baker College has been designated a Top School by Military Advanced Education and Transition (MAET) in its 2016 Guide to Colleges and Universities.

MAET is a journal of higher education for service members and veterans making the transition from military to the civilian sector.

The guide provides the foundational information a prospective student would use to frame his or her educational needs. Rankings are the result of a questionnaire completed by more than 600 institutions of higher learning that measures best practices in military and veteran education.

The schools are ranked on six measures: military culture, financial aid, flexibility, general support, on-campus support, and online support services

Assisting MAET in developing the measures and questionnaire was an advisory board of educational and government experts along with criteria based on recommendations from the Department of Veterans Affairs and other military services.

"This is another significant designation by veteran-focused media that identifies Baker College as a top choice for active and veteran members of the military," said Christy Brasfield, Baker College advisor and military education officer, and a U.S. Air Force veteran.

"Our military services team is

focused on helping military-connected students obtain quality higher education degrees," Brasfield added. "Some of the benefits offered to those with military experience include comprehensive educational counseling, waived fees, reduced tuition and lifetime career services."

The Baker College military services team assists military-connected students in identifying educational benefits and other needed services, such as medical claims and emergency needs. This assistance is provided at on-ground campuses and virtually for those enrolled in online programs. Outside agency representatives also visit campus monthly as additional resources.

In addition to individual services, Baker College has a student veteran organization and quarterly events for

military-connected students.

MAET Editor Kelly Fodel said, "Our goal is to be a dynamic resource for active service members and those who have moved from the military to their civilian careers, helping them find the school that best fits their plans for the future. This year's guide is our most comprehensive to-date, thanks to our newly established advisory board, (which) evaluated the drafts of the questionnaire, made pages of notes and suggestions, and helped to re-define questions for clarity."

The guide is available at www.mae-kmi.com.

For more information about Baker College military services, contact Brasfield at (810) 766-2212 or military@baker.edu, or visit www.baker.edu.

Letters to the Editor

Trustees deserve our recognition

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tion for the important work of school boards should be a year-round

process, but too often we neglect to recognize the dedication and hard work of these men and women. This month, we ask that all members of the community take a moment and thank a school board member.

The current members of the Cass City Board of Education are: President Alice Zaleski, Vice President Craig Bellew, Treasurer Dave Osentoski, Secretary Janie Meeker, and trustees Dan Manwell, Stacy Bliss and Emily Phillips.

To each of you, a job well done!

Sincerely,

Jeff Hartel, superintendent
Cass City Public Schools

Student ag career and college meet slated today

Tuscola County Farm Bureau is hosting a free Ag Career and College Night today (Wednesday) for all area students in grades seven through 12.

The workshop, targeting students interesting in pursuing a career in an agriculture-related field, will be held at the Tuscola Technology Center, 1401 Cleaver Rd., Caro, from 6 to 8 p.m., with registration starting at 5:45 p.m.

More than 20 employers will be represented at the event, and students are encouraged to bring their resumes. The night will include food and prizes for participants.

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RED HAWK Branden Horne moves down the lane despite the defense of Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port's Bailey Krzeszewski during Friday's GTW affair. The senior guard had a career night, posting a dozen points in the Cass City victory.

Laker gals cruise to GTW victory

by Clarke Haire
Publisher

Michelle Schulze poured in a game-high 20 points Thursday for Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port, but it was playmaker Mariah Cook that dominated play in the 58-37 victory over host Cass City.

The Red Hawks stayed close for most of the opening quarter and actually trailed just 11-9 after a Kelcie Autry trey. But a 6-0 run spearheaded by Cook would result in an 8-point Laker advantage entering period two.

Cook sandwiched a pair of pretty assists to Schulze around her own driving lay-in in the final two minutes of the frame to produce the 17-11 gap.

"Going in our plan was to try to limit Cook's touches and not let her beat us on her own. I thought we had some success with this strategy but she's a very good player," said Cass City Coach Steve Hollocker.

Much of the responsibility for holding Cook in check rested with Cass

City sophomore Rylie Weiler. The Red Hawk guard was able to hold Cook to a pair of field goals in the opening half that ended with the visitors enjoying a 35-21 spread. Weiler's athletic shot block of a Cook drive late in the half had the home team crowd on their feet, despite sending the high-scoring Cook to the foul line, where she connected on 6 of 8 tosses before the break. She would finish the night with 17 points.

The Lakers upped their advantage to 46-27 midway through the third as Cook buried a pair of treys, part of a 13-6 run by the winners before entering into the final 8 minutes of action.

To their credit, Cass City never quit and hoops by Kelsey Bouverette, Lauren Fernald and Lauren Dickinson helped the hosts keep pace in the final stanza.

"I thought we played in a better offensive rhythm than the last couple of games. We still have a lot to work on but I'm encouraged by our improvements from game to game.

I'm also very pleased with our level of intensity," Hollocker said.

Adding, "We know going into these games that our opponents will typically be far more experienced than we are based on the fact that we're a very young team. We just have to focus on practicing hard and playing hard every second of every game and learning from our mistakes to continue to grow as a team."

Bouverette recorded a double-double to lead Cass City. She canned 12 points and added 10 rebounds and 2 block shots, while Fernald added eight points, Weiler six points and three assists and Cuthrell six points, 12 rebounds and three blocks.

Savage returns for Lady Cards

Welcome back Sarah Savage.

After a three-game absence, Kingston's senior team leader returned to the floor Friday to help keep the Cardinals undefeated in North Central Thumb League play with a 60-27 win over visiting Dryden.

The hosts led 12-5 after eight minutes and 35-10 at the intermission.

Savage, who was sidelined due to sickness, recorded 17 points in the Cardinal victory to help up their conference mark to 4-0 on the season. Madison Cofer added 10 for the winners, while Lily Lyons chipped in nine.

For Dryden, Taylor Wakerly had a team-high five points.

Girls' Basketball Standings

Greater Thumb West			
	W	L	W L
EPBP	2	0	5 3
Reese	2	0	4 3
Bad Axe	1	1	5 3
Vassar	1	1	2 5
USA	0	2	4 4
Cass City	0	2	2 5

Greater Thumb East			
	W	L	W L
Harbor Beach	2	0	7 2
Marlette	2	0	6 1
Brown City	1	1	7 1
Sandusky	1	1	7 1
Ubyly	0	2	3 4
Memphis	0	2	2 6

NCTL			
	W	L	W L
Kingston	4	0	6 3
Peck	2	0	4 4
Deckerville	3	1	4 3
Mayville	1	3	2 5
North Huron	1	2	1 6
Dryden	0	1	0 5
Caseville	0	4	1 5

Summit League			
	W	L	W L
SASA	1	0	5 1
BCAS	0	0	5 1
Flint Int.	0	0	3 1
Akron-Fair.	0	0	2 5
Owen-Gage	0	1	2 6



CASS CITY'S Sayge Cuthrell blocks Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port's Kaylee Krohn from a rebound during Greater Thumb West action. The Red Hawk sophomore collected 12 boards, but it wouldn't be enough to turn back the Lakers.

Horne delivers in Cass City victory

Branden Horne turned in a career performance Friday to help Cass City deny the visiting Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port Lakers in the Greater Thumb West opener for both teams.

The senior guard sparked the Red Hawk offense with a game-high 12 points, while the host's defense limited their guests to solo field goals in both the second and third quarters to produce the 47-26 victory.

Horne, notwithstanding his 5' 6" frame, gave Cass City an 8-4 advantage with a pair of offensive rebound put backs, followed by a 15' jump shot midway thru the opening frame, before the Lakers used baskets by Keegan Valentine, Drew Sholler and Brandon Wolschlagler to help even the score at 10-10 entering the second stanza.

The Red Hawks switched from a man-to-man defense to a zone defense in the period before the break and was able to hold the Lakers scoreless from the field until Sholler's buzzer beating lay-up sliced the margin to 18-13 at the break.

However, a huge 17-2 run to open the final half would have Cass City in command entering the final period.

Horne, who began the season on the bench, but was inserted into the starting lineup to start play in the New Year, continued his assault on the Lakers in the final half.

After baskets by Sawyer Cuthrell and Logan Schenk stretched the margin to 22-13, Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port Coach Ron Swartzendruber was forced to call timeout in an effort to slow the host's momentum. Instead, Horne hit his first trey on the night, forcing another Laker timeout just 23 seconds later.

Once again Cass City responded from the break in the action with a triple – this one from Cuthrell – part of a 10-0 spurt to open the final half.

After Valentine's baseline drive with 4:53 showing on the clock ended the run, Cass City used three consecutive hoops from Parker Haire and a free throw from Darren Miller to end the period with 7 unanswered points.

Leading 35-15, another Horne trey in the final period had Cass City enjoying a 41-19 gap that had most Laker fans heading towards the exits.

Cuthrell canned a dozen points on the night to shared game-scoring honors with Horne, while Haire chipped in nine second half tallies. The Red Hawks also had Schenk with six points and Miller with three.

For Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port, Valentine netted 11 markers and Brennan Wissner added six.

BCAS

Earlier in the week, Cass City traveled to face Bay City All Saints Wednesday in the team's final tune-up before entering Greater Thumb West play.

The Cougars led throughout the contest, building leads of 31-14 after two quarters and 45-27 after three en route to the 59-35 shellacking.

Leading the way for the Red Hawks was Cuthrell with a game-high 23 points including all but one of the team's first 14 first half points. Haire was next best for the visitors with 5.

The Cougars were paced by a trio of double digit scorers. Hunter Skorczewski tossed in a team-high 17 points, while Joe Tany and Grant Dittmer scored 12 and 11 points, respectively.

Boys' Basketball Standings

Greater Thumb West			
	W	L	W L
Bad Axe	1	0	7 0
USA	1	0	6 0
Cass City	1	0	4 3
EPBP	0	1	4 2
Reese	0	1	3 2
Vassar	0	1	3 3

Greater Thumb East			
	W	L	W L
Sandusky	1	0	5 1
Harbor Beach	1	0	3 2
Marlette	1	0	4 2
Ubyly	1	1	2 4
Brown City	0	1	2 5
Memphis	0	2	1 6

NCTL Stars			
	W	L	W L
Dryden	1	0	3 1
Deckerville	3	1	3 3
Kingston	2	1	2 3
Mayville	2	2	2 4

NCTL Stripes			
	W	L	W L
Peck	3	0	4 2
North Huron	2	2	2 5
CPS	0	3	2 3
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DARREN DICKSON is in control against Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port's James Grannel during GTC action in Sandusky. The Cass City grappler won the 160-weight class bout 17-2.

Wrestlers on tap tonight in Cass City

Despite some flaws, the Cass City wrestling team continues to improve.

The Red Hawk grapplers traveled to North Branch Saturday and recorded a fourth place finish at the Bronco invite, while earlier in the week, the defending Greater Thumb Conference champs ran their league mark to 5-1 with a pair of easy wins over Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port and

host Sandusky.

"We continue to improve from week to week. However, we have some technique issues to clear up if we expect to continue our success," says Cass City Coach Don Markel.

Chesaning was the lone team to finish undefeated over the weekend and grabbed top honors with a perfect 5-0 mark. Next in the team rankings

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Grapplers finish fourth

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was Crosswell-Lexington, followed by Mt. Morris, Cass City, Capac, Marlette, North Brach, Almont, Akron-Fairgrove and Vassar.

A trio of undefeated wrestlers led Cass City to a 4-1 showing at the 11-team event, where the Red Hawks whipped Akron-Fairgrove 78-6 and Almont 59-24, but came up just short to Mt. Morris, 37-34, to place second in pool play action.

In the elimination rounds, Cass City defeated Marlette 54-28 and Capac 42-33 to capture the Gold Pool.

Red Hawks Alex Jeffery, Seth Osentoski and T.J Moore all posted unblemished 5-0 showings to earn individual champion honors, while Eric Peters, Brad Baker and Darren Dickson each were 4-1 and finished as individual runner-ups.

Jeffery's path to the 112-weight class title included pins over Capac's Justin Lee and Marlette's Nathan Noble, and a 10-4 decision against Mt. Morris' Scotty Amaya.

Osentoski was best in the 135-weight class, posting pins over Avery Bartlett of Almont, and Capac's Lonnie Fritz, before earning a 5-0 decision against Richard Reimann, of Mt. Morris. Moore pinned Marlette's Kyle Abbott, Capac's Jeremiah Mardlin, Almont's Hunter Spies, and Akron-Fairgrove's Landon Magierka on his way to first place in the 215-weight class.

GTC MATCHES

On Wednesday, Cass City had no problems defeating Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port and Sandusky. Five double winners helped the Red Hawks turn back the Lakers 59-24, before having similar success against the host Redskins that fell 54-25.

Double winners for Cass City were Tyler Cowdry, Hayden Larkin, Wyatt Dickson, Jeffery and Moore.

Cass City's dual meet record stands at 16-5 entering tonight's (Wednesday) home match against Ubly and Vassar.

Fabulous Four's Fearless Forecast

2016 Basketball Picks Jan. 12-15



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Clarke Haire



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Kingston at North Huron

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TUESDAY, JAN. 12

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Reese at Sandusky
USA at Ubly

THURSDAY, JAN. 14

Cass City at Reese
Memphis at Ubly

FRIDAY, JAN. 15

Kingston at North Huron
New Haven at Owen-Gage

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New Haven

Last Week's Results
Season Results

8-6
26-13 66%

11-3
26-13 66%

11-3
26-13 66%

8-6
28-11 71%



STARTING THE new year successfully is local hunter Matthew Lynch. The Cass City resident is an avid rabbit hunter who bagged his prey without the help of tracking dogs to kick off 2016.

Schneeberger's ATHLETE of the WEEK

Branden Horne is Schneeberger's choice for this week's Athlete of the Week honors.

The Cass City senior guard has worked his way into the starting line-up for the Red Hawk basketball team and the



move from the bench recently paid off for Coach Tyler Erla against the visiting Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port Lakers.

Horne, a 3-sport athlete, recorded a career-best and team-high 12 points Friday to lead the hosts past the Lakers 47-26 to open play in the Greater Thumb West.

Says Coach Erla, Branden hasn't seen much playing time, but he's been practicing really hard and earned it. And he's been producing.

Horne, a second year varsity player, hit on three shots from the floor and added two baskets from behind the 3-point arc in the Red Hawk victory.

Branden is the son of Dennille Horne and Mike Horne.

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12/9	Mayville
12/11	Sandusky 51, CC 36
12/14	CC 46, Capac 34
12/16	CC 56, Memphis 48
12/18	Marlette 48, CC 34
1/6	BCAS 59, CC 35
1/8	CC 47, Lakers 26
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. 18 vs. Caro
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JV & Varsity Girls' Basketball

Jan. 19 vs. Caro
JV starts at 6:00 p.m.

Wrestling

Ubyly/Vassar

January 13 at 6:00 p.m.

Varsity Girls' Basketball

DATE	OPPONENT
12/1	CC 53, Mayville 13
12/4	Marlette 50, CC 28
12/10	Sandusky 68, CC 46
12/15	CC 36, Memphis 27
12/17	Bad Axe 45, CC 26
1/7	Lakers 58, CC 37
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
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Junior Varsity Girls' Basketball

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

Games begin at 6 p.m.

Gymnastics

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

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12-16-5

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 600.3241 a, the property may be redeemed during the thirty (30) days immediately following the sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foregoing Mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.

KENNETH C. BUTLER II (P 28477)
ATTORNEY FOR MORTGAGEE

Johnson, Blumberg, & Associates, LLC 5955 West Main Street, Suite 18 Kalamazoo MI, 49009

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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 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 beginning.

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 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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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 venue, 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
For more information, please call: FC D (248) 593-1309
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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 National

City Mortgage Co. 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 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 venue, 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.

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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 venue, 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 22 A 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.

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MORTGAGE SALE – Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by TONYA K. JOHNSON, A SINGLE WOMAN, to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., Mortgagee, dated December 23, 2009, and recorded on December 29, 2009, in Liber 1190, on Page 75, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Three Thousand Six Hundred Nineteen Dollars and Forty-Six Cents (\$73,619.46), including interest at 5.500% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, front entrance of the Courthouse Building in the City of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM o'clock, on February 4, 2016 Said premises are located in Tuscola County, Michigan and are described as: Parcel A: part of the Northwest quarter of Section 17, Town 12 North, Range 9 East, described as commencing at the Northwest corner of Section 17, thence north 89 degrees 55 minutes 36 seconds East, 200.00 feet along the North line of said Section to the point of beginning; thence north 89 degrees 55 minutes 36 seconds east, 416.84 feet, along the North line of said Section; thence South 00 degrees 03 minutes 45 seconds East, 418.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 55 minutes 36 seconds West, 416.84 feet; thence North 00 degrees 03 minutes 45 seconds West, 418.00 feet to the point of beginning. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241, in which case the redemption period shall be 1 month, or under MCL 600.3241a 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later, or extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238.

If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 600 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C. 23938 Research Drive, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 S20151210121721 USDA

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Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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by an assignment, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Fifty-Eight Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Three and 73/100 Dollars (\$158,483.73).

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 February 4, 2016.

Said premises are situated in Township of Tuscola, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: North 235 feet of South 415 feet of East 350 feet of Northeast 1/4 of Section 23, Town 11 North, Range 7 East, but excepting therefrom the portion thereof which lies within the parcel of land described as: Commencing at a point on East and West 1/4 line 93 feet West of East 1/4 corner of said Section 23, thence West 489 feet along said East and West 1/4 line, North 251 feet, South 73 Degrees 40 Minutes East 70 feet, South 49 Degrees 50 Minutes East 120 feet, South 65 Degrees East 364.36 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 MCL 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: January 6, 2016
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at 10:00 AM, on February 11, 2016.

Said premises are situated in Village of Millington, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 12, Block 1 of Bishop's Second Addition, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 65, now being Page 13B

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

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

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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 ven-

due, front entrance of the Courthouse Building in the City of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM o'clock, on February 11, 2016 Said premises are located in Tuscola County, Michigan and are described as: Lots 4 and 5, Block 2 of the Plat of the Village of Newberry (now Kingston), according to the Plat recorded in Liber 24 of Deeds, pages 304D

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Obituaries

Eugene Hergenreder

Eugene H. Hergenreder, 92, of Kingston, died Saturday, January 2, 2016 after a short illness. Eugene was



born July 17, 1923 at home in Kingston to the late Henry and Katherine (Zollner) Hergenreder. He married Lottie Marie Woidan on July 3, 1949. He enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps. while attending high school and later received his GED. He was honorably discharged from the service after serving two tours of duty and reaching the rank of Staff

Sergeant. After returning home from the service, he worked in the family gas station with his father and later purchased the business. In addition, he and his wife Lottie owned and operated a grocery store in Wilmont known as "Charlies Market" and he drove school bus at Kingston Community Schools for 12 ½ years. He later worked for General Cable in Cass City and retired from Saginaw Steering Gear after 22 ½ years of service. Eugene served as a Boy Scout Leader, was a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Wilmont Catholic Church. He enjoyed gardening, playing cards, and loved fishing and spending time with his family. Surviving are his wife of 66 years, Lottie; daughters Judith (Dennis)

Nepper and Joan (Fred) Peter, all of Caro, and son Eugene (Sharon) Hergenreder Jr. of Cass City; grandchildren, Steven (Farrah) Hammett, Michelle (Kenneth) Buggia, Michael (Carrie) Peter, Brandon Hergenreder, and Allison Hergenreder; 8 great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his sister Lucille Jakubowski. Cremation has taken place and a private service was held. In lieu of flowers, those considering memorial contributions are asked to consider memorial contributions to the Kingston VFW Post 3719 Ross St., Kingston MI 48741 or Heartland Hospice 1429 Straits Dr., Bay City MI 48706. To sign an online guestbook, visit www.cremationsocietymidmi.com.

Robin Russell

Robin Marie Russell, 56, of Cass City, died Monday, January 4, 2016 in her home following a short illness. She was born November 14, 1959 in Caro to Louis Charles and Dolores Mae (Thane) Cheek. She married George Erwin Russell February 2, 1979 in the First Presbyterian Church of Cass City. Robin worked for Walmart in Bad Axe as the HBA Department Manager, retiring in 2015 after more than 20 years of service. When the children were young she and George served 4-H as volunteer sheep superintendent at the local fair. Robin loved camping and spending time at their property in West Branch with family. She loved Jeeping at Silver Lake and climbed the highest hills. The grandchildren were the center of her life and she never told them No. Robin always kept her "girls" close by, her dachshunds Evelyn and Ellie. Robin is survived by her husband, George; children: Marie (Bryan) Koch of Gagetown, Keith Russell of Cass City, Amy (Jimmy) Sattelberg

of Deford, Mike (Kathy) Russell of Decker; grandchildren: Bryce, Kaylee, Tanner, Kirsten, Toby, Cody, Jason (Tiffany), Cole, Aidan; great-grandson, Logan; father, Louis Cheek of Zephyrhills, FL; sisters: Carol Ann (Ed) Gonzales of Essexville, Vera (Bill) Parmenter of Unionville; brother, Charles Cheek of Oklahoma City, OK; many nieces and nephews. Robin is also survived by George's siblings and their families. She was preceded in death by her mother, Dolores Cheek. A funeral service was held January 7 in Kranz Funeral Home – Cass City with Brad Speirs of Novesta Church of Christ officiating. Interment will be in Elkland Township Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund. Family and friends may share memories, prayers and stories with the family at www.kranzfuneralhome.com. Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City.

Delphine McKillop

Delphine McKillop, age 83, of Imlay City, passed away suddenly after a short illness Monday, December 21, 2015 at Hyde Park Assisted Living in Flushing. Delphine M. Erla was born on July 20, 1932 in Hamtramck, Michigan. She was the daughter of John and Genevieve Erla. She grew up in



Imlay City. Delphine graduated with the Class of 1950 from Imlay City High School. She married Eugene "Spike" K. McKillop on August 22, 1953 in Imlay City. Delphine was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and she actively assisted in the Imlay City

Rotary Club with their fund raising. She was a supervisor at General Telephone & Electric for 20 years. Delphine was an avid fan of watching the Detroit Tigers and Detroit Piston ball games, and making trips to the casinos. Delphine is survived by daughters: Jan (Paul) Franklin of Manhattan Beach, CA and Karen (James) Kline of Flushing. Her grandchildren: Jason Kline, Jeff Kline, Ryan Franklin and Trevor Franklin. Her brothers and sisters: Lorraine Klimas of Sterling Heights, Chuck (Agnes) Erla of Cass City, Doris (Tom) Sieland of GA, Arnold (Sharon) Erla of Cass City, Don (Mary Lou) Erla of Cass City, Dan (Marlene) Erla of Cass City, Marilyn Erla of Cass City, and Clark (Pat) Erla of AZ. She is preceded in death by her husband: Eugene "Spike" McKillop, brother: Richard Erla and sisters: Florence Pijanowski and Gertie Erla. A funeral service was held Monday, December 28, 2015 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Imlay City. Father "Doc" Ortman will officiate. Burial will follow at Imlay Township Cemetery. Many thanks to the staff of Hyde Park Assisted Living for the wonderful care that Delphine received. Funeral arrangements made by Muir Brothers Funeral Home of Imlay City. Please be sure to sign our on-line register book at muirbrothersfh.com

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