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## Board approves revised spending plan for 2015-16

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Revised budgets can sometimes bring bad news for school officials, but the Cass City Board of Education Monday reviewed new numbers that — in spite of some red ink — may have come as a relief, considering the number of unexpected factors impacting the district's financial picture.

The board, meeting in regular session, reviewed the figures with Chief Financial Officer Allison Zimba, who presented a revised 2015-16 spending plan that revealed a deficit of just \$9,393 in a budget totaling nearly \$10 million.

The figures, adjusted since the board adopted the budget last June, were affected by several changes, according to Zimba. Among the most important, she pointed out, was a decrease in enrollment — school officials projected 20 fewer students, but the actual number was 35, translating into a loss of nearly \$111,000 in state revenue. The number of children enrolled in Cass City's Great Start Readiness Program is also down, costing some \$10,500.

The new teachers' contract also cost more than anticipated when school officials drafted the budget. Instead of a proposed one-percent pay hike

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**OWEN-GAGE SCHOOL** officials recently unveiled a new LED outdoor sign at the district's campus in Owendale. The Owendale Lions Club chipped with a financial donation to help secure the new sign after a tornado destroyed the old one last summer. (See story, page 8)

## Police, Kingston School officials hope to identify author of threat

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Law enforcement officials are continuing their investigation into a written threat that prompted officials in the Kingston Community Schools to initiate a lockdown in the district last Wednesday afternoon.

School officials are also hoping someone will come forward with information leading to the individual(s) responsible for the incident. A number of Thumb schools have dealt with similar situations in recent years.

"I'd like to catch them," school Supt. Matt Drake said following the incident. "It's not fun to be threatened. It disrupts the day, it gets the kids very upset, it gets the parents upset, it gets the staff upset."

Drake put the high school in "lockdown" mode early Wednesday afternoon after a student reported finding a "general mass threat" written on a bathroom stall.

A note posted on the district's website and Facebook page stated Kingston's administration immediately contacted the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department, which worked with Michigan State Police troopers and the Mayville and Kingston police departments to ensure the students and staff were safe.

"Police were on the scene very quickly to perform a visual sweep of the building. Within an hour, the state police arrived with a canine unit and swept the building using a trained dog," school officials said,

noting school was dismissed 10 minutes late.

"A suspect has not been identified at this time and the investigation is on-going. If you have the opportunity to talk to your student and they believe that they may know anything that would help us catch the person responsible for this or any crime, they may make an anonymous contact on-line at 'OK2SAY'." The note to parents stated.

OK2SAY is a statewide student safety program which allows students to confidentially report tips on

potential harm or criminal activities directed at students, school employees and schools. It uses a comprehensive communication system to facilitate tip sharing among students, parents, school personnel, community mental health service programs, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and law enforcement officials about harmful behaviors.

Tips can be submitted 24 hours a day, 365 days a year by telephone, text message, email, mobile app, or via the OK2SAY website.

## Village outlines plans for park

by Clarke Haire  
Publisher

A proposed 2016-2020 Parks and Recreation Master Plan dominated most of Monday's regular meeting of the Cass City Village Council.

Village Manager Peter Cristiano explained that developing goals and objectives is an important part of any recreation planning process, and the overall goal of the local parks and recreation department is to provide recreational opportunities for the community it serves.

Among the objectives in Cass City's latest five-year master plan are providing safe, broad, and community-based recreational opportunities that improve the overall quality of life for all residents of the Thumb area.

"We will continue to add amenities to the park facilities based on community input," Cristiano vowed, adding, "We hope to improve the park's infrastructure to provide better access to and through the park, plus acquiring

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## New year, new investigations for Sanilac County drug team

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

It's a new year, but the war on drug trafficking in the Thumb hasn't missed a beat. Members of the Sanilac County Drug Task Force keeping busy this month with a variety of investigations, including one involving a possible fatal heroin overdose in Sandusky.

According to drug team Director Jim Johnson, the latest investigation unfolded Jan. 16 in Sanilac County's Marion Township.

Drug task force officers, with the

assistance of the Sanilac County Sheriff's Department and the St. Clair County Sheriff's K-9, made a traffic stop and seizure of "field tested" cocaine, heroin and marijuana. In addition, officers seized a 2006 SUV and more than \$750 in cash.

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## Troopers asking for citizen's help in vehicle thefts

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

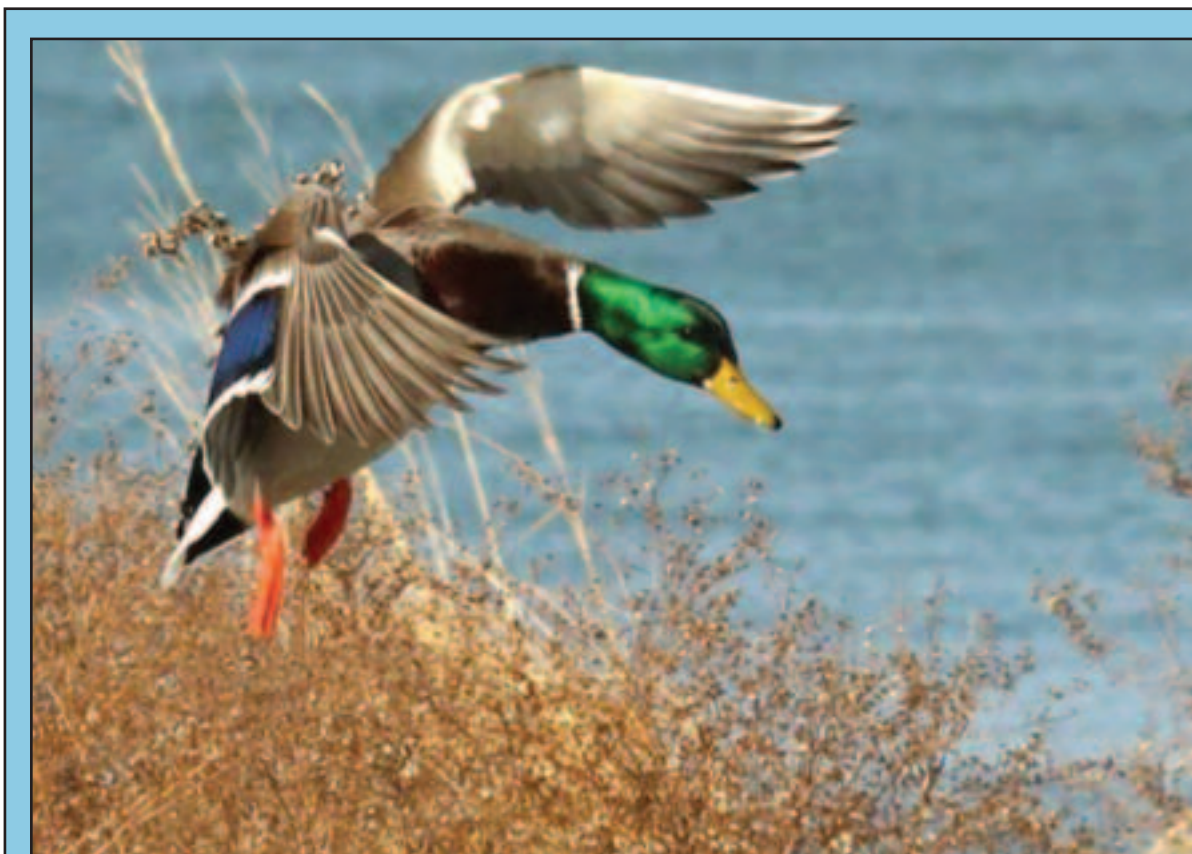
Troopers from the Michigan State Police post in Caro say an SUV they recovered in a ditch earlier this month led to recovery of three stolen vehicles.

The incident occurred Jan. 10, but details were not released until Monday morning.

"Troopers, along with the Marlette Police Department, were dispatched to M-53 near Airport Road for a Trailblazer in a ditch. The Trailblazer, which was heading southbound, was also pulling an enclosed trailer," said Detective Sgt. Brian McComb of the Caro post, who noted the driver fled the scene before officers arrived.

"The investigation revealed the

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**CASS CITY'S CHERYL** Viney Osentoski has made a name for herself among area photography enthusiasts with her skill in capturing outstanding photos outdoors. "(This) was taken along the river at Port Huron," she commented last week. "There were probably 50 ducks basking in the sun; some on land and some in the water."

## Foundation sets meeting for those planning to apply for spring grant dollars

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Area residents interested in learning how to apply for grant money in conjunction with the Tuscola County Community Foundation's annual spring grant distribution are encouraged to attend an upcoming information meeting.

Ken Micklash, executive director of the foundation, will host the meeting to explain the application process and to answer questions. The session is slated to get underway at 3 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11, at the Tuscola Technology Center, 1401 Cleaver Rd., Caro.

"Approximately, \$109,000 will be available to apply for during this upcoming spring grant cycle for eligible Tuscola County organizations," Micklash said. "The meeting will acquaint participants with the community foundation's grant guidelines, its grant application forms and additional details concerning the available funding."

Attendance at the meeting is not required in order to apply for grant funding, but applications must be postmarked by March 1.

Funding available for the spring distribution will come from the following funds:

\***Janks Fund** — \$50,000 (for unrestricted projects).

\***Andrews Fund** — \$15,000 (children's activities).

\***Future Youth Involvement (FYI) Fund** — \$30,000 (youth programs).

\***Homelessness Fund** — \$1,800 (to aid the homeless in Tuscola County).

\***Healthy Youth/Healthy Seniors Fund** — \$4,000 (tobacco cessation).

\***Founders Fund** — \$2,700 (unrestricted projects).

\***Greater Millington Area Fund** — \$5,000 (projects for the betterment of the Millington community).

\***Anne S. Laethem Fund** — \$500 (preservation of historic buildings in Tuscola County).

\***Don List Fund for Special Needs Children** — \$800 (to provide for special needs children).

Interested parties are asked to RSVP by writing to Tuscola County Community Foundation, P.O. Box 534, Caro, MI 48723, by calling (989) 673-8223, or via email to tccf534@centurytel.net.

The Tuscola County Community Foundation was founded in 1998 with three funds. Today, foundation officials oversee more than 90 funds — roughly half of them scholarships.

The foundation boasts assets of more than \$10 million, with combined annual distributions of about \$450,000 via spring and fall grant cycles.

The foundation's combined assets include more than \$900,000 in funds established by Cass City area residents and organizations.



THE 2015-16 Foreign Exchange Students are (l-r) Justus Rathschlog of Germany, Kateryna Dzyuba of Ukraine, Kanykei Arstanbaeva of Kyrqyzstan, Larissa Moreira of Brazil and Borys Lesyk of Ukraine.

### Braun and Summers announce engagement

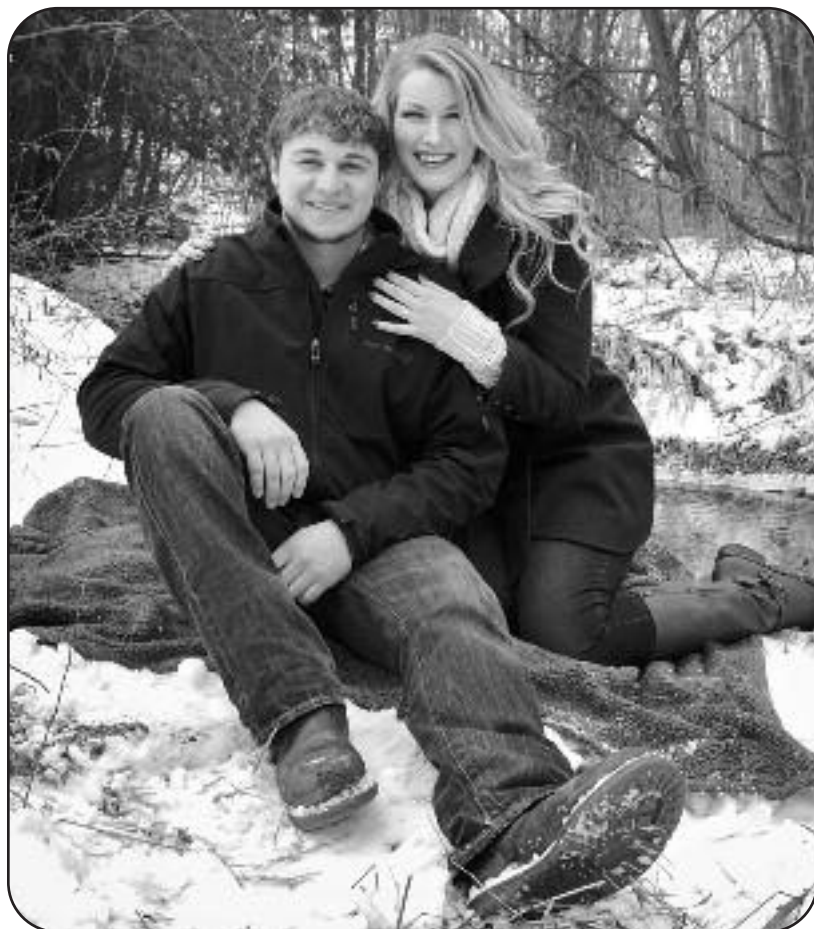
Nancy Hrabcak of Cass City, and Joe Braun of Ubly, along with Tom and Melinda Summers of Gagetown, announce the engagement of their

children Angela Braun and Justin Summers. Braun is the granddaughter of Donna and the late Michael Walsh of

Ubly and the late Clarence and Loraine Braun. She is currently employed at Co-Op Elevator of Pigeon. She is a 2012 graduate of Cass City High School. Braun resides in Unionville.

Summers is the grandson of Larry and Carol Summers of Cass City, Paul and Jan Dunham of Caro and Nancy and the late Lee Stockenauer of Vassar. Summers is employed at Kappen Tree Service. He is a 2013 graduate of Cass City High School. Summers resides in Unionville.

Currently the wedding is being planned for September 24, 2016 with the ceremony at Novesta Church of Christ.



Justin Summers and Angela Braun

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# In Our OPINION..

Guest Author  
Kim Salerno

## Frigid weather can threaten life, limb

Thumb area residents have been getting a healthy portion of the sort of arctic-like cold Michigan is known for this time of year, and although milder weather may return now and then, chances are good the winter of 2016 will bring more in the way of frigid temperatures and bone-chilling breezes.

Which is why officials with the Michigan State Police, Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division (MSP/EMHSD), are reminding everyone to be extra cautious when going out in the cold.

Exposure to extremely cold temperatures could potentially cause frostbite and hypothermia, as well as create hazardous driving conditions.

To stay safe during cold weather:

\*Stay indoors if possible. If you must go outside, wear protective gear — hats, mittens and gloves, etc. — in addition to a warm coat. Always protect your lungs with a scarf.

\*Understand the hazards of wind chill. As wind speed increases, heat is carried away from a person's body more rapidly and could lead to severe hypothermia.

\*Watch for signs of frostbite, which include loss of feeling or pale appearance of fingers, toes or face. A wind chill of 20 degrees below zero can cause frostbite in just 30 minutes.

Frostbite is an injury to the body that is caused by freezing, causing a loss of feeling and color in affected areas. It most often affects the nose, ears, cheeks, chin, fingers, or toes. Frostbite, indicated by a white or grayish-yellow skin area, skin that feels unusually firm or waxy, and numbness, can permanently damage the body, and severe cases can lead to amputation.

\*Watch for signs of hypothermia, which include uncontrollable shivering, memory loss, drowsiness, and bright red, cold skin.

When exposed to cold temperatures, the body begins to lose heat faster than it can be produced. The result is hypothermia, or abnormally low body temperature. Body temperature that is too low affects the brain, making the victim unable to think clearly or move well. This makes hypothermia particularly dangerous because a person may not know it is happening and won't be able to do anything about it.

Hypothermia occurs most commonly at very cold environmental temperatures, but can occur even at cool temperatures (above 40°F) if a person becomes chilled from rain, sweat, or submersion in cold water.

\*Weather-proof doors and windows to trap heat inside your home.

\*Check heating units. Poorly operating or damaged heating units can release carbon monoxide gas. Test carbon monoxide detectors for proper operation and battery life.

\*Check on family, friends and neighbors who are at risk and may need additional assistance.

\*Watch pets closely and keep them indoors when possible. Animals can suffer from hypothermia, frostbite and other cold weather injuries.

\*Check and restock your emergency preparedness kit. If you don't have a kit, make one.

\*Minimize travel. If travel is necessary, keep a full tank of gas and an emergency preparedness kit in your vehicle. Put warm clothing — such as gloves, blankets and hats — in your kit in case you become stranded.

Michigan weather is unpredictable any time of year, but especially during the winter months. If you are stranded, do not leave your vehicle. Stay with the vehicle and wait for help.

Travelers are encouraged to go to [www.michigan.gov/road-conditions](http://www.michigan.gov/road-conditions) and [www.michigan.gov/drive](http://www.michigan.gov/drive) to check road conditions before traveling. Road conditions are also available by calling the MSP Travel Hotline at 1-800-381-8477. The MSP/EMHSD asks that you view these websites or call the Travel Hotline rather than calling your local MSP post or 911.

# Slices of Life

by Jill Pertler

## Facebook faux pas - part 2

Last week I touched on a few etiquette blunders common to Facebook. As I wrote, the list of questionable situations continued to grow. There are multiple ways to faux pas on FB and as such last week's column has morphed into a twofer.

There are certain rules — or perhaps better put, norms — Facey users follow. The first of them being: if you take a selfie, you post the selfie. Most people are excellent at remembering to take selfies. Unfortunately I am not most people. I am afflicted with selfie amnesia. I go to restaurants, sporting events and even family get-togethers and completely forget my selfie duties. When I get home and want to report on my adventures, I'm selfie-less and without a photo to accompany my prose. It's a wonder anyone likes any of my posts.

We all have lots of friends on Facebook — more than in real life. All it takes to be a Facey friend is the click of a mouse. A real live friendship requires time and effort. I couldn't possibly have 572 real live friends, but I manage that number on social media with ease. Here's the conundrum: What happens when one of your FB friends (who isn't a real friend) is at the grocery store on aisle four at the same time as you? Do you say hello, or do you pretend not to notice them even though you liked their family selfie at the sushi bar less than 24 hours earlier? I don't pretend to possess the answers. I just ask the pertinent questions.

Similarly as charming (not to mention awkward), what do you do when you get a friend request from someone you know in real life but aren't friends with, nor are you interested in becoming friends? Say

the loud and obnoxious guy from work wants to be your FB friend. If you ignore or deny his request, he'll corner you in the break room and create a confrontation you'd rather avoid. If you accept, you'll be bombarded by his selfies, memes and political comments on your newsfeed.

Facebook is known for its Like button. People assess the success of their post based on the number of likes it gets. But what do you do when a person makes a sad post — about losing their job, crashing their car, a pending divorce, their dog dying or some other depressing news? Some people hit the Like button, I assume to show support for the crisis. I have a hard time with this because it seems I am liking the catastrophe. I could comment, and sometimes do, but we all know commenting requires quadruple the energy of liking. Some people have voiced a need for a Dislike button, which seems reasonable for dire news situations. Mr. Zuckerberg should consider it.

Another situation that makes me squirm is when someone refers to a monumental and life-changing event — either happy or sad — and I have no idea what they are talking about: "I can't believe this happened to me again. I have the worst luck in the world! Life sucks." Or, equally excruciating: "I'm on cloud nine! I finally got it! Best day ever!" How do you respond when you are unsure about what you are liking or commenting on? Sometimes another person who is also in the dark posts a comment asking about what is happening. I'm thankful for their candor. I scroll through all the comments looking for the answer from the original poster, but it's hardly ever there. If curiosity gets the best of me, I go to their FB page and scroll through recent items to see if I can figure out what the heck is going on in their life. I mostly come up empty, so it's basically a waste of time — kind of like scrolling uncontrollably.

There's a Facebook faux pas none of us can relate to.

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.

## Letters to the Editor

### Many deserve credit for success of drive

Dear editor,

In last week's Chronicle there was an editorial that mentioned my name in response to the polio drive at Cass City Junior-Senior High School. While I am appreciative of the Cass City Rotary's attempt to recognize me, I feel that the recognition is undeserved.

I will agree that the polio drive was a success. I would also like to acknowledge that I can't be any prouder of our students' performance. However, I would like to make sure that recognition is put where it belongs.

That recognition belongs to the Rotary Club, Lions Club, Gavel Club, AAUW, PTO and various other service organizations that make it their daily objective to assist others and better the community.

That recognition belongs to the school staff and our community, which have instilled positive beliefs, work ethic and values in our children.


That recognition also goes out to our student body, which has applied all that has been exposed to them to make us proud.

As far as my involvement goes, all I did was strike the match to light a fire. That fire was easy to get going because the community, staff and parents did such a great job with the kindling!

Go Red Hawks!!!

Sincerely yours,

Chad Daniels  
Principal  
Cass City Junior-Senior High School



## Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)


The village of Cass City is now four acres larger. Village manager Peter Cristiano says the addition was approved by the Tuscola Board of Commissioners and is now awaiting final confirmation from the Michigan Secretary of State.

The land is located across from the Shell gas station at the west end of the village. The first objective of the new owners — Frankenmuth Credit Union — is to put in an ATM. Other hopes for the land include building a grocery store.

Two area high school seniors are among the 120 finalists for the Michigan High School Athletic Association's (MHSAA) Scholar-Athlete Awards. To be eligible for the \$1,000 scholarships, students must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 (on a 4.0 scale) and previously have won a varsity letter in at least one sport in which the MHSAA sponsors a post-season tournament.

The 32 Scholar-Athlete Award recipients will be honored March 26 at the Breslin Student Events Center in East Lansing. Good luck to Owen-Gage's Dan Good and Cass City's Sawyer Cuthrell.

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## Reporter's notebook

A lesson in fixing what isn't broken

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor



I wonder why some folks feel the need to fix things that simply aren't broken.

The thought occurred to me recently when I flipped on what has been my go-to radio station for years – 96.1FM WHNN – and found myself listening to the sort of modern mamby pamby, pablum puking, did-someone-actually-pay-this-person-to-record-this-crap that I avoid like the plague.

What happened to my “oldies” station? Actually, I've never been fond of that term. Seems to me the hits of the past should be called classics.

But I digress.

And what happened to veteran morning radio personalities Johnny Burke and Blondie?

The answer to the first question is an abrupt format change sprung on listeners, announced as the all new “My 96.1...The Best Variety of Yesterday and Today.”

No, thanks.

The answer to the second question is the apparent surprise and unceremonious dismissal of both Johnny and Blondie after years of service to the station and its listeners.

Why?

While the powers that be are droning on and on about their new “evolutionary” format, they don't appear to be any more interested in explaining their decisions than they've been to acknowledge the social media backlash that has followed.

That's okay, I'll take a shot at it. I'm guessing maybe they figured they could draw in some younger listeners and, presumably, boost ad sales. Times are tough these days for media companies all over, so I get that. But did they really take a hard look at how many of us oldies in their audience they would lose in the process? If the gamble turns out to be a wash or worse, what have they gained? More importantly, what have they lost?

Whether or not you liked the Johnny or Blondie show, there's a reason these two have been drawing in listeners for all these years: a lot of people liked their show. It was a niche, full of variety, that WHNN's competitors haven't been able to compete with. Well, up until now. The station's focus on classic rock was also niche.

If the change in format wasn't enough to send listeners to other stations – you know, the ones that have been doing what WHNN is now also doing – I'm betting the way the media executives in this case treated their employees has offended a chunk of the station's now-former audience, even those listeners whose feathers were ruffled by Burke's own tendency to be abrupt on the air at times.

And if listeners are abandoning the oldies ship in droves, what about the station's advertisers? Can they afford to ignore listeners?

Can't be all that comfortable for the remaining employees, either. I mean, if the suits upstairs can dump a pair of veteran broadcasters (seemingly) that quickly, how secure can their jobs be?

I initially thought I might be overreacting a bit. Then I logged onto WHNN's Facebook page, which has been bombarded with blistering comments from listeners, with a majority of those speaking out saying their goodbyes to what's left of WHNN.

As for this oldie – er, classic – I've joined the ranks of music lovers now in search of another radio station, hopefully one run by people who aren't tempted to fix what isn't broken.

# Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



## 5 YEARS AGO (2011)

Officials at Revive Ministries of Cass City have generated enough community support to make a down payment on the former Burkhard Plumbing and Heating building on Main Street in Cass City. The building will now serve as the headquarters for the local ministry's programs, which include monthly food pantries, clothing and housewares shoppe, crafts for kids and Friday morning coffee time.

Amanda Deering, daughter of Gary and Becky Deering of Cass City, recently graduated from Purdue University. She completed her Ph.D. in the Department of Food Science with a specialization in food microbiology and food safety, focusing primarily on plants and fresh produce. Deering is currently employed as a research associate in the Department of Food Science at Purdue University. Her husband, Dr. Robert Pruitt, is also employed at Purdue as a professor in the Department of Botany and Plant Pathology, and they reside in Lafayette, Ind. Dr. Deering is a 1997 graduate of Cass City High School.

## 10 YEARS AGO (2006)

Craig Emmert of Cass City recently graduated with honors at Milligan College, located in northeastern Tennessee. Emmert earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in education (history and psychology). He was a member of the Alpha Chi Honor Society and the Phi Alpha Theta Honor Society. Also while at Milligan, Emmert was a 4-year starter for the school's basketball team. He is the son of Chuck and Amy Emmert of Cass City.

Elkland Township Fire Chief Ron Pawloski will enter his tenth year serving as the local fire chief following a recent board meeting.

Cass City resident Kerry Shagene has been named to the dean's list at Albion College for the fall 2005 semester. Shagene is a senior majoring in speech communication and minoring in management. A Cass City High School graduate, she is the daughter of William Shagene and Andre Shagene of Cass City.

## 25 YEARS AGO (1991)

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Willis of Gagetown, a son, Trent Charles, Dec. 13. He weighed 9 pounds, 7 ounces and was 22 inches long. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cummings of Gagetown, Mr. and Mrs. Don Willis of Cass City, and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Marshall of Caro. Great-grandparents are Mrs. Charles Cummings of Gagetown, Mr. and Mrs. Elton Willis of Cass City, and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Cox of Florida.

Air Force Airman Carmen L. Taylor, an apprentice security specialist, has arrived for duty at Rhein-Main Air Base, Frankfurt, Germany. Taylor is the daughter of Richard and Phoebe Spencer of Cass City. She is a 1980 graduate of Caro High School.

Connie A. Schneeberger of Cass City has been named to the dean's list at Taylor University, Upland, Ind. for the fall 1990 semester. She is a sophomore majoring in social work. A graduate of Cass City High School, Schneeberger is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence (Bud) Schneeberger.

Lynn Maleck, granddaughter of Lena Maleck of Cass City and Mr. and Mrs. Keith Sturdevant of Smiths Creek, is serving as a nurse in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Maleck, Laingsburg, she previously worked as a registered nurse at Sparrow Hospital, Flint.

## 35 YEARS AGO (1981)

New officers of the Elkland Township Fire Department are Ron Pawloski, assistant chief, and Dave McNaughton, chief. Jim Jezewski, secretary; Dick Root, lieutenant; Don Root, captain, and Gary Diebel, treasurer.

A Sunday noon ceremony with poinsettias, Christmas decor and a Christmas tree was the setting for the wedding of Diane Lynn Loeding and Philip Joseph Matusik. They were united in marriage on Dec. 28 at the home of the bride's parents. Elder Dean Smith officiated. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Loeding of Snover. The groom is the son of Stanley Matusik of Snover and the late Dorothy Matusik.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Wissner of Sebawa announce the engagement of their daughter, Tammy Sue, to Douglas John Laurie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Laurie of Cass City.

Tammy is a sophomore at Michigan State University majoring in home economics education. Doug, also a sophomore at MSU, is majoring in dairy science. A Sept. 12 wedding is being planned.

## 40 YEARS AGO (1976)

Cass City needs an additional \$18,700 to complete its municipal swimming pool project, it was learned at Tuesday night's Village Council meeting held at the Municipal Building. Village President Lambert Althaver explained that the final project costs, including the pool itself and the bathhouse, should hit \$217,700. Total contributions from the estate of the late Helen Stevens are expected to reach \$193,000, which includes \$68,000 still to be received from the estate. Althaver said cost of the pool itself should total \$105,000, with the balance taken up by the building, lockers, fencing, landscaping and architect's fees.

The whistle atop the Elkland Township Fire Hall will be blown at least three times a day starting this week, Fire Chief Jim Jezewski announced. He said the whistle will be sounded at 7:00 a.m., noon, and 5:00 p.m. daily until further notice. Jezewski said the additional soundings must be made due to mechanical difficulties with the whistle. He said a new whistle will be installed in the near future and until it is, the old one will get a workout.

Mr. and Mrs. Dolan Sweeney, Ubyly, announce the engagement of their daughter, Marilyn Jane, to Roderick Dean Walsh, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Walsh, also of Ubyly. The bride-elect is a 1973 graduate of Ubyly High School, and is currently a senior at Central Michigan University. The prospective bridegroom, who also graduated from Ubyly High School in 1973, operates a dairy farm with his father. An Aug. 14 wedding is being planned.

Carolyn Bencoter, Cass City, is the new chairman of the Huron Inter-Agency Services to the Handicapped. She succeeds Don Richards who resigned the chairmanship due to his additional responsibilities. Richards heads the Regional Education Materials Center and Miss Bencoter directs the Special Education Learning Materials Service. Both offices are in Cass City and serve Huron, Sanilac and Tuscola Intermediate School Districts.

Jeanne E. Alexander of Cass City is among the outstanding scholars on Alma College's Term Honors list for the first term of the 1975-76 academic year. Miss Alexander, a junior 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)

Mike Swedo, Evans Products Company official for the past year, has been named plant manager, replacing Jerald Stroupe, plant manager for the past six years. Swedo was named to the position on October 1 and officially took over on December 1. Stroupe, who has returned to the firm's main office in Plymouth, is currently in the sales department. Swedo joined the Evans Company a year ago Tuesday, coming from the American Standards Company in Columbus, Ohio, an air conditioning firm, where he was plant superintendent. The new manager lives in Gagetown with his wife. Two married daughters live in Detroit. One of the daughters leaves Tuesday for Japan from where she will join her husband in Okinawa. Stroupe, active in Cass City civic and community affairs, moved to a Plymouth suburb Tuesday.

A new owner will enter the Cass City business scene March 1 when Ferris Ware, 33, takes over the Western Auto Store in the village. When Ware assumes control he will move the business into a new, larger store. He announced this week that he has purchased the stock of Townsend's Store and will rent the building. Ware said that he will sell out the present stock in the store and replace it with Western Auto merchandise as space becomes available. Charles “Duke” Turner, present owner, reported he will return to work for Chrysler Corporation. Before purchasing Western Auto from R. M. Hunter, Turner worked for 13 years with Chrysler. He resigned to enter business here and has operated the local store for nearly four years. Ware needs no introduction to most Cass City area persons. He is a native of Cass City and graduated from Cass City High

School in 1950.

Pvt. Theodore N. Marshall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ted R. Marshall, Route 1, Deford, completed advanced artillery training as a cannoner at the Army Artillery and Missile School, Fort Sill, Okla., Jan. 20. Marshall was trained to serve as a crewman in field artillery gun or howitzer units. Training as a cannoner includes maintenance of weapons used in field artillery. Instruction is also given in ammunition handling, storage and loading of artillery guns, howitzers and heavy machine guns and communications. Marshall also learned tactical employment of self-propelled field artillery combat vehicles and techniques of driving wheeled vehicles used to transport weapons, personnel and supplies. The 20-year-old soldier, a 1963 graduate of Cass City High School, was engaged in farming before entering the Army in September 1965. He was last assigned at Fort Knox, Ky.

## 75 YEARS AGO (1941)

William T. Noble former Cass City resident, has been awarded first prize in a national photographic contest, sponsored by a nationally circulated publishers' magazine, The National Publisher. Mr. Noble is now employed as staff photographer and city editor at the Lapeer County Press of Lapeer, Michigan. News photographers of weekly and daily papers from all parts of the United States participated in the contest.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Craig were surprised when about 50 relatives and friends met in the Craig home in celebration of their silver wedding anniversary. A beautiful wedding cake centered the table on which lunch was served. The evening was spent in music, readings and visiting. Guests were present from Saginaw, Lansing, Flint, Port Huron, Marlette, Kingston and Cass City. Mrs. Craig was formerly Winnifred MacTavish.

A quiet wedding took place at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, January 18, in the Lutheran parsonage at St. Clair, Michigan, when Miss Margaret Jean Orr, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Morton Orr, of Cass City became the bride of Mr. Edwin Sassanella, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Sassanella, of Port Huron. Rev. C. H. Siess, pastor of the Emanuel Lutheran Church, performed the ceremony. They were attended by Miss Phyllis Krieger of Port Huron and Samuel Turner of Selfridge Field.

Thirty-five members of the Baptist Church gathered in the church basement to honor the birthday of their pastor, Rev. Frank B. Smith, and Mrs. Gladys Perryman of Detroit, who for the last two weeks has been assisting with the music during special meetings. The affair was a complete surprise to both, even though Mrs. Perryman very graciously assisted with arrangements, thinking the party was entirely for Mr. Smith. The time was spent in games and stunts and ice cream and cake were served. The honored guests were each presented with a gift.

## 100 YEARS AGO (1916)

The following officers were elected by the Decker State Bank at their annual meeting: William Ehlers, president; Oscar Rogers, vice-president; David Innes, second vice president; Herbert Ehlers, cashier; Mylo Ragan, assistant cashier. The first three men and Peter C. Pardee and Otto W. Nique constitute the board of directors. The directors transferred \$500 to the surplus account, showing a good healthy condition of affairs.

Lieut. and Mrs. Ernest A. Perkins have returned to the states from the Philippines where Mr. Perkins has been stationed for two years. They arrived at San Francisco Jan. 15. They expected to start east on their arrival at San Francisco to visit Mr. Perkins' father at Cass City and other relatives in Michigan and Mrs. Perkins' relatives in Virginia. Mr. Perkins having been assigned to the Navy Yard at Bremerton, Wash., they changed their plans and proceeded at once to that place from San Francisco.

John W. Fields expresses himself as well satisfied with the results of his auction sale held Tuesday, Jan. 18. Before the sale he made an estimate of the amount he thought his livestock, feed and implements should bring, and when Auctioneer McCullough had finished his work and the return were footed up, Mr. Fields was surprised and pleased to learn that the results were fully \$200 over his expectations. The Chronicle was the only newspaper used in advertising the sale.

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- Clear a path to the meter free from snow and ice for easy access.
- Remove soft snow build-up gently, using only a broom or your hand rather than a shovel that could damage the meter.
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Worship Service 8:30 a.m. • Sunday School 9:45 a.m. • Worship Service 10:50 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Service & Youth Group 6:30 p.m. • Wednesday Family Night 6:30 p.m.  
Pastor: Phil Burkett • www.casscitymc.org



## Cass City United Methodist Church

5100 Cemetery Rd., P.O. Box 125, Cass City, MI 48726 • 872-3422

Worship: 11:00 a.m. (Summer 9:30 a.m.) • Sunday School - Sept.-May 9:30 a.m.  
Community Dinner - Monthly (2nd Wed. at noon)  
Pastor: Rev. Jackie Roe



## Community Baptist Church (Independent Fundamental)

4446 Ale St., Cass City, MI 48726 • 989-872-4088

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



## Deford Community Church

1392 N. Kingston Rd.

(1/4 mile south of Deford on Kingston Rd.)

872-4055

Sundays - 10 a.m.

Wednesday - 7 p.m.

Pastor: David Cooper

DefordCommunityChurch.org



## Evangelical Free Church of Cass City

6430 Chestnut Blvd., Cass City, MI 48726 • 872-5060

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Barrier Free

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Sunday School All Ages 9:45 a.m. • Sunday Morning Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

Sunday Evening Service 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

AWANA Clubs 6:15 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. • Wednesday - Teen Club 6:15 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Pastor: David G. Hill

Website: www.fbccc.us



## First Presbyterian Church

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6505 Church St., Cass City, MI 48726 • 872-5400 • Worship Service 10:45 a.m.

Exercise Program: Mon., Wed. & Fri. at 8:30 a.m. • After School

Adventure: Wed. following school - 4:15 • Bible Study: Wed. 7 p.m.

Pastor: Rev. Linda Graham



## Fraser Presbyterian Church

3006 Huron Line Rd., Cass City, MI 48726 • 872-5400

Sunday School - Sept.-May 10:30 a.m. • Worship Service 9:30 a.m.

Social/Mission Coffee Hour following worship • Pastor: Rev. Linda Graham



## Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

6820 E. Main St., Cass City, MI 48726 • 872-2770

Worship Service 9:30 a.m. • Bible Class & Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Steve Bagnall

www.goodshepherdlutherancasscity.webs.com



## Living Word Worship Center Church of God

6536 Houghton Street, Cass City, MI 48726 • 989-872-4637

Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship Service: 11:00 a.m.

Family Training Hour: Wednesday 7 p.m. (including youth and children's services)

Pastor: Rev. Mark Karwowski

Website: www.lwwccog.net



## Mizpah Missionary Church

4631 N. Van Dyke, Cass City, MI 48726

Sunday School: 10 a.m. • Sunday Service: 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

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4292 S. Seeger St., Cass City, MI 48726 • 872-3336

Sunday Mass: Saturday 5:00 p.m. - Sunday: 8:00 a.m.

Daily Mass: Wednesday 9:00 a.m.

Parochial Administration: Fr. Christian Tabares



## Board okays revised budget

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(\$40,000), the new labor agreement included .75 of a step and a .75-percent raise (\$95,000), Zimba said, and the district spent \$7,800 more than expected in legal expenses due to lengthened contract negotiations.

Zimba noted school officials also opted to reduce the district's staff sick day payout liability by an extra \$26,000. A number of teachers have "banked" 100 days in sick pay, and the additional payment will reduce that liability to 90 days.

On the positive side, the district has sold the former Campbell Elementary School building, bringing in roughly \$49,000, and revenues were higher than anticipated in the areas of property taxes (up \$9,000) and athletics (\$12,000, with an additional \$5,000 from the Cass City Gavel Club).

Zimba reported the sale of Campbell saved an estimated \$10,000 in anticipated utility bills, offsetting expenditures in lighting upgrades at the elementary and high schools, and excavation work at the elementary.

Under the revised 2015-16 spending plan, Zimba reported the district began the fiscal year with a fund balance of just over \$1.4 million and is expected to end the year with nearly \$1.4 million, or an amount equal to 14.21 percent of expenditures.

### M-STEP SCORES

Turning to academics, elementary school Principal Aaron Fernald and high school Principal Chad Daniels briefly discussed Michigan schools' long-awaited inaugural M-STEP (Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress) scores.

Both indicated school officials were generally pleased with the scores, but pointed out the data provided to districts by the state so far has left them with more questions than answers.

Fernald acknowledged Cass City's elementary scores were among the highest in Tuscola County, but noted there were weak areas, particularly among fifth graders in English-language arts and math.

Fernald pointed out the scoring doesn't make sense in some areas. For example, he said, students who scored 80 percent or better in social studies were not deemed proficient in the subject, while those who correctly answered 50 percent of the questions in math were deemed proficient.

Daniels indicated getting answers to those sorts of questions is frustrating, but that administrators and staff are forging ahead with ideas to help students learn the subject matter they are expected to understand, based on the new standardized testing program.

"I'm happy with the scores," Daniels said. Can we do better? Yes."

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 the past 44 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 anticipated scores would be low initially. However, Cass City School Supt. Jeff Hartel reported local students performed well in a number of subject areas and grade levels.

"(We) 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."

### IN OTHER BUSINESS

In other business during the regular monthly meeting Monday night, the board:

\*Heard a report from veteran teacher Lloyd Schinnerer on a relatively new program called the "Social Studies Power Hour", which requires seventh and eighth grade students who fail to complete homework assignments to do so during their lunch hours in a monitored classroom setting twice a week.

The program was implemented to instill in students a work ethic that encourages them to complete unfinished assignments for partial grades rather than settling for a failing grade. "That's what so many of the kids want to do - they don't want to do the work. They take the zeros, and the zeros just kill their grades," Schinnerer told the board.

"I feel it's been successful. I think overall the failures are down," added Schinnerer, who says he sometimes has as many as 30 or 40 kids in attendance during the lunch hour sessions. "It needed to be done, and hopefully these kids will begin to catch on to these skills."

\*Approved a resolution urging repeal of Senate Bill 571, which was included in campaign finance reform legislation at the last minute in December and subsequently signed into law by Gov. Rick Snyder.

Critics of Senate Bill 571 say the legislation, in effect, implements a gag order on local schools and municipalities when it comes to discussing upcoming ballot proposals. The law now prohibits any public body from using tax dollars in any form - via phone calls, emails or any other form of communication - to openly discuss a proposal within 60 days of the election.

\*Held its annual reorganization meeting, which included election of officers. Re-elected were President Alice Zaleski, Vice President Craig Bellew, Treasurer Dave Osentoski and Secretary Janie Meeker.

\*Noted school officials will be holding mandatory bid meetings for the three-year lease of 32 acres of district-owned farmland (Wednesday, Feb. 3) and for a three-year contract for the district's trash pick-up and recycling (Thursday, Feb. 4). Bids for both contracts will be opened Wednesday, Feb. 17, at 3:30 p.m.

\*Approved permission for a Sunday performance (March 13) of the all-school play.

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# Village of Cass City, Michigan Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for 2015

In 1996, Congress amended the Safe Drinking Water Act. This legislation added a provision requiring all community water systems deliver to their customers a brief Annual Water Quality Report.

The Village of Cass City is pleased to provide you with this year's Annual Drinking Water Quality Report. We want to keep you informed about the water quality and services we have delivered to you over the past year. Our goal is, and always has been, to provide a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. The Village of Cass City obtains its water from three different municipal wells. All three wells are located in the Village Park, at the east end of town. Wells No. 1 and No. 2, located just east of the tennis courts, were installed in 1946. They are 290 feet and 240 feet deep respectively. Well No. 3 is located on the west side of the volleyball courts. Well No. 3 was installed in 1998 and extends to a depth of 311 feet. All three municipal wells are drilled into the bedrock of the Michigan Formation. The Village now has the capacity to pump 1,656,000 gallons of water per day.

On January 23, 2006 the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) lowered the MCL(Maximum Contaminant Level) for arsenic from 50 ppb to 10ppb. The Village of Cass City did not meet the new Arsenic standard. An arsenic removal plant was constructed by the village to meet the new standard. On April 18, 2007 the Village started supplying water that exceeds the new standard of 10ppb. The arsenic was reduced from a high of 29ppb to under 5ppb.

The State of Michigan has produced a Source Water Assessment for each of the Village's wells. This Assessment reports the susceptibility of our water supply sources to contamination. The susceptibility score is broken down into 7 categories. Very Low, Low, Moderately Low, Moderate, Moderately High, High, or Very High. The score, given by the State, for all three of the Village wells, is **Moderately High**. The susceptibility rating is based primarily on geologic sensitivity, water chemistry and contaminant sources. The complete Source Water Assessment is available by contacting the Village office.

This report shows our water quality and what it means to you, our customers. Copies of the report are not mailed directly to each individual customer. Customers may request a paper copy from the village office at 6506 Main Street, Cass City, MI., 48726 or by calling (989) 872-2911.

**If you have any questions concerning this report, or about your water, or your water utility please contact Gary Barnes, Monday thru Friday, 8:00 a.m. thru 3:30 p.m., 989-872-2911. The Village also has regularly scheduled Village Council Meetings the last Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall, 6506 Main Street, Cass City Michigan. The public is welcome at all meetings of the Village Council.**

All drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate the water poses a health risk. As water travels over the land or underground, it can pick up substances or contaminants such as microbes, inorganic and organic chemicals, and radioactive substances. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) "Safe Drinking Water Hotline: at 1-800-426-4791

The Village of Cass City routinely monitors for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. The Village has conducted tests for over 150 different contaminants, on each municipal well and throughout the system. The following table shows the results of the most recent monitoring for 2015.

## VILLAGE OF CASS CITY MICHIGAN DRINKING WATER TEST ANALYSIS

### TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS USED IN TABLE BELOW

- Non-Detects** - (ND) - laboratory analysis indicates that the contaminant is not present.
- Parts Per Million** - (ppm) - one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.
- Parts Per Billion** - (ppb) - one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.
- Maximum Contaminant Level** - (MCL) is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCL are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
- Maximum Contaminant Level Goal** - (MCLG) is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
- Maximum Residual disinfectant Level** - (MRDL) is the highest level of free chlorine allowed in the distribution system.
- Action Level** - (AL) is the concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
- Picocuries per liter** - (pCi/l) picocuries per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water.

The State of Michigan allows us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. All of the data is representative of our water quality, but some are more than one year old. The tables below represent the most current testing information available.

## Contaminants Regulated by The State of Michigan

CHLORINE RESIDUALS From the Distribution System in 2015					
Contaminant	Date of Most Recent Testing	Highest Level Detected in our Water in 2015	Lowest Level Detected in our Water	Highest running Annual average	Likely Source of Contamination
Free Chlorine Residuals	3 samples taken each month throughout the system in 2015	.58 ppm	.10 ppm	.44	Water additive used to control microbes

BYPRODUCTS FROM CHLORINE DISINFECTANTS Detected in the Distribution System in 2015							
Contaminant	Date of Most Recent Testing	Level Detected in our Water	Range detected in our water Only one sample taken there is no range of samples	Violation Yes/No	MCL	MCLG	Likely Source of Contamination
Total Trihalomethanes	07-20-2015	6.0 ppb	6.0 ppb	No	80 ppb	No MCLG	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Total Haloacetic Acids	07-20-2015	ND	ND	No	60 ppb	No MCLG	By-product of drinking water chlorination

LEAD AND COPPER Detected in the Distribution System							
Contaminant	Date of Most Recent Testing	Number of sites Tested	90th Percentile	Number of sites over Action Level	Violation Yes/No	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Lead	08-19-2014 and 08-20-2014	11	1 ppb	0	No	15 ppb	Corrosion of household plumbing
Copper	08-19-2014 and 08-20-2014	11	267 ppb	0	No	1300 ppb	Corrosion of household plumbing; Erosion of natural deposits

RADIOLOGICAL CONTAMINANTS Samples taken from all 3 Village Wells						
Contaminant	Date of Most Recent Testing	Level detected in our water	Violation Yes/No	MCL	MCLG	Likely Source of Contamination
Gross Alpha	4-2-2015	0.28 ± 1.32 pCi/L	No	15 pCi/L	0	Erosion of natural deposits
Radium 226	4-2-2015	90 ± 0.55 pCi/L	No	5 pCi/L	0	Erosion of natural deposits

INORGANIC CONTAMINANTS Samples were taken from water treatment plant tap							
Contaminant	Date of Most Recent Testing	Highest Level Detected in our Water	Range detected in our water	Violation Yes/No	MCL	MCLG	Likely Source of Contamination
Barium	4-16-12	.14 ppm	Only 1 sample taken. There is no range of detection	No	2 ppm	2 ppm	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride	2-04-2015	.72 ppm	Only 1 sample taken. There is no range of detection	No	4 ppm	4 ppm	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories

ARSENIC Samples taken quarterly from arsenic treatment plant tap in 2015						
Contaminant	Highest Level Detected in our Water in 2015	Range detected in our water	Violation Yes/No	MCL	MCLG	Likely Source of Contamination
Arsenic	4 ppb	3 ppb To 4 ppb	No	10ppb	0	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronics production wastes

## POTENTIAL HEALTH CONCERNS FOR CONTAMINANTS LISTED IN TABLES ABOVE

- Arsenic** - Some people who drink water containing arsenic in excess of the MCL over many years could experience skin damage or problems with their circulatory system, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer. Some people who drink water containing arsenic in excess of the MCL, over many years could experience skin damage or problems with their circulatory system, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.
- Barium** - Some people who drink water containing barium in excess of the MCL, over many years could experience an increase in their blood pressure.
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Contaminant	Date of Most Recent Testing	Level Detected In Distribution System	MCL	Likely Source of Contaminant
Sodium	02-04-2015	15 ppm	No MCL	Erosion of natural deposits
Sulfate	02-04-2015	45 ppm	No MCL	Erosion of natural deposits

**All sources of drinking water are subject to potential contamination by substances that are naturally occurring or man-made. These substances can be:**

- Microbial Contaminants**, such as viruses and bacteria, may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants**, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.
- Pesticides and herbicides**, may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture and residential uses.
- Radioactive contaminants**, are naturally occurring, or can be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.
- Organic chemical contaminants**, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public systems. The FDA regulates contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

MCL's (Maximum Contaminant Levels) are set at very stringent standards. To understand the possible health effects described for many regulated contaminants, a person would have to drink 2 liters of water every day at the MCL level for a lifetime, to have a "one-in-a-million chance" of experiencing the described health effect.

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**O-G Schools boasting upgraded outdoor sign**

Owen-Gage School officials recently unveiled a new outdoor sign being used to display school and communi-

ty events. The district's previous sign was destroyed last July when a tornado ripped through the community, uprooting trees, down power lines and damaging property throughout the village. "The sign on the property was an older sign and was in need of repair, but it served its purpose," said Owen-Gage Administrative Assistant Mary Ann Minkler. "The demolition of the old sign left Owen-Gage with a great opportunity to upgrade to something that will be more with the times," she added. "After working diligently with Sign Image, they found what the district believes will be the perfect LED sign for the community."

The four-foot by 10-foot sign was installed on an island near the circle drive. "The sign is full color and has been completely renovated to meet our needs. Our intent is to display events that will take place at the school, but we like that we can display events for the local community as well," Minkler said. "Although the upgrade comes with a bit of a cost, the district is happy that they have already received multiple calls from those who enjoy the messages and time display. Many have said it adds to the community," she noted. "We would like to thank our local Lions (club) for their generous donation to help fund the sign."

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**Troopers probing vehicle thefts**

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Trailblazer was stolen from Ogemaw County," McComb reported. "The enclosed trailer contained two stolen Harley Davidson motorcycles and several other parts from Harley Davidson motorcycles that have been reported stolen from around the state." The trailer also contained miscellaneous power tools, according to McComb, who said investigators have not determined if the trailer was stolen because the identifying numbers were ground off. "The enclosed fiberglass trailer is approximately 15 feet in length and was at one time red. The trailer has since been painted gray," he said. Anyone with information related to the theft is asked to contact the Caro post at (989) 673-2156.

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CASS CITY wrestler Joseph Kampo, top, works his way to a fall over Marlette's Joseph Gratton in 1:29 during Greater Thumb Conference action.

## Grapplers eye GTC tourney

Cass City's grapplers improved to 8-1 in the Greater Thumb Conference (GTC) last week, defeating guests Marlette and Memphis by similar scores.

Coach Don Markel's Red Hawks delivered Marlette a 51-30 setback Wednesday, before downing Memphis 48-30 to wrap up the dual meet portion of their 2016 conference schedule. Now, the defending GTC champions have their eyes set on the fast approaching GTC Tournament, where league honors will be decided.

"In order to capture at least a tie of the GTC league championship, the Hawks will need to place at least one place ahead of Bad Axe at the GTC Tournament to be held at Brown City on Saturday, February 6th," said Markel, noting Bad Axe sits at 9-0 in the GTC.

Taylor Cowdry (103), Alex Jeffrey (112/119), Wyatt Dickson (145/152), Seth Osentoski (135), T. J. Moore (189/215) and Joe Kampo (285) all were double winners against the Red Raiders and Yellowjackets to pace the hosts.

On Saturday, Cass City went 4-1 at the Mayville Team Tourney to place second in the 15-team field. The Red Hawks edged Lutheran Westland 42-34, while whipping Memphis 55-21, and a unified team (composed of wrestlers from teams in attendance) 78-6 to advance from the pool play rounds.

In the elimination rounds, Cass City defeated Lake Orion 42-36, but came up short to tournament champion Crosswell-Lexington 47-29 in the championship match.

The top five team finishers were Crosswell-Lexington, Cass City, Bryon, Lake Orion and Mayville.

Cowdry and Moore each posted perfect 5-0 records over the weekend to lead the runners-up, while Jeffrey, Dickson, Race Woloshen, Seth Osentoski and Brad Baker each went 4-1 and Brent Baker went 3-1 in a balanced effort for Cass City.

"The hard work and technique work that we have put in earlier in the season are beginning to pay dividends, but we still have a lot to do to repeat as league champions," Markel said.

## USA survives Greater Thumb West thriller

In a close contest witnessed by the biggest home crowd of the season, Unionville-Sebewaing Area snatched victory from host Cass City Friday when Gage Lopez hit the shot of a lifetime before time expired in a Greater Thumb West thriller for the ages.

USA led throughout the final half, until with 40 seconds left in the game a Logan Schenk basket vaulted Cass City on top, 59-58, with a clutch basket in the paint.

On the ensuing possession, USA tossed up an ill-advised shot from deep in three-point land that hit nothing but air, and the off-target heave was secured by the hosts.

However, with just seven ticks remaining, Cass City missed a pair of tosses at the foul line that helped set up Lopez's heroics.

After grabbing the rebound on the final missed charity toss, USA elected not to call a time out, but rather raced down the court to find Lopez open on the wing. The senior guard rose up and connected on the game winner as the buzzer sounded, prompting the Patriot student body to spill out onto the floor to celebrate the exciting 61-59 victory.

Cass City would lead early in the game as Parker Haire continued his hot shooting of late. Haire recorded seven of his team's first nine points on his way to a dozen markers before the half, when the Red Hawks trailed 26-25.

USA added to its advantage after the break, with Aaron Saenz heating up for the winners. Despite a solid defensive effort by the Red Hawks' Sawyer Cuthrell that limited the high-scoring Patriot guard from scoring from the perimeter, Saenz used his height advantage to get to the basket and back-to-back drives, including an old-fashion three-point play, which had the visitors enjoying a 42-33 spread that forced a Cass City timeout with 3:21 on the clock. When the two teams returned to the

floor, a Cuthrell triple and Darren Miller free-throw narrowed the gap to 46-39 entering the final eight minutes.

An 11-3 run capped by another Cuthrell triple forced a USA timeout and, with 4:36 remaining in regulation, it was suddenly anybody's game down the stretch.

After Saenz hit a driving lay-in to make the score 52-49, baskets by Haire, Cuthrell and Brad Hacker closed the gap to 58-57, setting the stage for Schenk's game-winning basket. Instead, it would be Lopez that provided the fireworks as his

buzzer beater was true from 20 feet out.

For the second straight contest, Cass City struggled at the foul line. After surviving six consecutive misses at the line to close out Monday's victory over Caro, the Red Hawks couldn't overcome a 2-of-7 showing at the line in the final quarter against USA.

Cass City was led by Cuthrell and Haire with 16 points apiece, while Hacker tossed in 12 points.

For USA, Saenz had 16 points, Michael Kemp 10, Macklin Gettel nine, and Hunter Bohn, eight.

## Veterans pace local gymnasts

Veterans Alexis Bates and Victoria Mathewson continue to lead the Cass City gymnastic team, according to Coach Kathy Bouverette.

"Alexus and Victoria have looked good," she said. Adding, "Megan Graham has been our most consistent (rookie)."

The Lady Red Hawks traveled to Adrian Saturday and finished with a team score of 109 at the 6-school invite. Tecumseh was the meet winner with a score of 130.3, while Jackson Lumen Christian was the runner-up and tallied a score of 127.050. Both schools surpassed the regional qualifying standard of 120 that must be equaled or exceeded four times during the regular season to advance into post season regional play.

Tecumseh - which put together two teams at the gathering - had their "Black" team place third in the team standings with 118.175, followed by Bay City Western with 109.725, Cass City, and host Adrian with 88.850.

For Cass City, several individual performances highlighted the day.

On the vault, Bates turned in a score of 8.175 to place sixth overall.

Other showings on the vault for the Red Hawks had Savannah Walker, Mathewson and Graham with marks of 7.6, 7.4 and 7.3, respectively.

Bates also recorded Cass City's top scores on the balance beam and floor exercise. Her score of 7.475 on the beam was the eighth best on the day and was somewhat expected from the seasoned junior. However, Emily Gilliam, who turned in a 7.3 mark on the beam to place 11th overall, was a pleasant surprise for the visitors.

On the mats, Bates and Mathewson were tops for Cass City with floor exercise scores of 7.575 and 7.275. Other Red Hawks with quality efforts during the floor exercises were Becca Mulrath (6.7) Sophia Romain (6.6), Brittany Swiderski (6.6) and Gilliam (6.45).

On the uneven bars, Mathewson was best for Cass City with a score 7.050. She placed 14th overall, one spot better than Bates who registered a score of 6.925.

## Owen-Gage routs Vikings

A trio of double-digit performers led Owen-Gage to a 74-39 Summit League win Friday over Akron-Fairgrove in Owendale.

The Bulldogs led 16-8 after one quarter and 34-20 after two. A 23-6 Bulldog run to open the final half removed most of the doubt from the game's outcome.

David Binder tossed in 28 points to lead the winners, while Jacob Wright added 18 points and Dan Good chipped in 14.

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## Owen-Gage standout headed to Delta College next fall

Awards have come early and often in the sporting arena for Owen-Gage senior Jacob Wright. The three-sport Bulldog star has been honored for his efforts on the gridiron, hardwood courts, and baseball diamonds during his fabled high school career.

On the football field, the Bulldog quarterback has been instrumental in leading his team to back-to-back Summit League championships as the league's all-conference dream team signal caller. On the basketball court, Wright is in the midst of an impressive senior season, averaging more than 26 points per game, and is on the verge of breaking the 1,000 career point mark.

Still, it's Wright's success on the ball diamonds that caught the eye of Delta College Baseball Coach Danny Smith, who recently signed the 6-foot four-inch southpaw to a one-year commitment to play for the Pioneers.

Smith served as the head varsity coach at St. Louis from 2001-2008, leading the Sharks to four league titles and one district championship. He was hired by Delta College in 2011 as the program's first-ever head coach after spending three years as an

assistant with the Saginaw Valley State University program. He feels Wright will make an immediate impact.

"Jacob will be on our pitching rotation," said Smith, adding Wright will be part of a pitching staff that includes former Cass City standout Cody Orban.

As a member of the Owen-Gage varsity baseball team as an eight grader, Wright received honorable mention recognition in the North Central Thumb League (NCTL). During his freshman year, Owen-Gage switched to compete in the Michigan Summit League, where he was named a first team all-conference performer for the league champs. In his sophomore year, Wright was a repeat all-conference first team performer and was named a Tuscola County Advertiser second team player. Last year, Wright was a repeat Summit League and Tuscola County Advertiser first team selection in addition to earning all-district honors.

Wright's career numbers entering his final season at Owen-Gage include a .297 batting average with 300 RBIs. During the four-year span, Wright has recorded 313 strike outs.



IT'S OFFICIAL. Owen-Gage's Jacob Wright shakes hands with Delta College Coach Danny Smith, committing his services to the Pioneer baseball team next season. Witnessing the monumental occasion are the Bulldog senior's parents, Brian and Rhonda Wright.

### Boys' Basketball Standings

Greater Thumb West				
	W	L	W	L
Bad Axe	3	0	10	0
USA	3	0	8	1
Reese	1	2	6	3
Cass City	1	2	5	6
Vassar	1	2	7	4
EPBP	0	3	4	6
Greater Thumb East				
	W	L	W	L
Marlette	3	0	8	2
Harbor Beach	2	1	6	3
Sandusky	2	1	7	3
Udby	2	2	5	5
Brown City	1	2	4	6
Memphis	0	4	1	10
NCTL Stars				
	W	L	W	L
Deckerville	6	1	6	4
Kingston	6	1	6	6
Dryden	4	1	7	2
Mayville	3	4	4	6
NCTL Stripes				
	W	L	W	L
Peck	4	2	5	4
North Huron	2	5	2	9
CPS	1	5	3	6
Caseville	0	6	0	7
Summit League				
	W	L	W	L
SASA	1	0	3	3
BCAS	3	1	4	5
Flint, Int.	2	1	4	4
Owen-Gage	1	2	7	2
Akron-Fair	0	4	1	6

# Slow starts haunt Lady Hawk cagers in defeats

If Cass City hopes to break into the win column in the rough and tough Greater Thumb West any time soon, Thursday's home contest with Vassar may be the Lady Red Hawks' best chance during the 2016 campaign.

Both teams enter the week with identical 2-8 overall records, though the Vulcans have an upset win over Bad Axe in conference play to their credit, while the Red Hawks are still in search of their maiden league victory.

For Coach Steve Hollocker's gals to chalk up their first GTW decision, a much better start from last week's losses against Caro and USA will be needed.

After being held scoreless in the initial quarter of Tuesday's M-81 Clash against the Tigers, Cass City was outscored 19-1 over the opening eight minutes of Thursday's league affair against the Patriots en route to a 60-20 drubbing.

## Girls' Basketball Standings

Greater Thumb West				
	W	L	W	L
Reese	4	0	7	3
EPBP	3	1	6	5
Bad Axe	2	2	7	4
USA	2	2	8	4
Vassar	1	3	2	8
Cass City	0	4	2	8
Greater Thumb East				
	W	L	W	L
Marlette	4	0	10	1
Sandusky	3	1	10	1
Harbor Beach	2	2	7	4
Brown City	2	2	9	2
Ubyly	2	3	4	7
Memphis	0	4	2	10
NCTL				
	W	L	W	L
Kingston	5	0	8	3
Deckerville	5	1	6	4
Peck	3	1	6	5
North Huron	2	2	3	7
Dryden	2	4	3	6
Mayville	1	3	2	6
Caseville	0	6	1	7
Summit League				
	W	L	W	L
SASA	3	0	8	1
BCAS	3	1	10	2
Flint Int.	1	1	4	4
Akron-Fair.	1	2	3	8
Owen-Gage	0	4	3	9

"It was a tough week, but we just have to play through adversity. The focus continues to be on getting better each time we step on the court. We still have a lot of basketball to play and look forward to continuing to work hard and improving with each game," said Hollocker.

Kelsey Bouverette halted a USA 10-0 run to open the second stanza with her basket in the paint, but with just over four minutes remaining until the break the damage was done.

Sophomore guard Lauren Adams couldn't be stopped for most of the night and would finish with a game-high 20 points despite sitting out much of the final frame. Marisa Morton and Meghan Reithel each chipped in nine markers for the Patriots, while Kayla Gremel added 8 and Nicole Bauer, 7.

Cass City, on the other hand, was limited to four field goals through three quarters and would enter the final eight minutes trailing 52-12. After Bouverette's bucket in the paint broke the lid on the basket for Cass City, Lauren Dickinson's trey ended the opening half scoring.

Bouverette and Dickinson would hit for baskets again in the third, but other than a pair of free throws from Sayge Cuthrell, the hosts' offense stalled.

Cuthrell paced Cass City with 7 points that included a 5-of-6 effort at the stripe. Dickinson finished with five points, while Bouverette and Lauren Fernald each had four.

## M-81 CLASH

Caro used their defense early and offense late to knock off host Cass City Tuesday.

The Tigers led 10-0 after one quarter, but would settle for a 29-17 advantage entering the fourth.

There, Caro exploded for 19 points to complete the 48-25 non-conference win.

A trio of double digit scorers led the winners. Jennifer Gutierrez nailed three treys on her way to game scoring honors with 13 points, while Abby Chrowski and Tristen Dennis each tossed in 11.

Cuthrell had 9 points and Bouverette, 8, for Cass City.

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#### WEDNESDAY, JAN. 27

Bad Axe at Sandusky  
Brown City at Cass City  
Reese at Marlette  
Ubyly at Vassar

Bad Axe  
Brown City  
Reese  
Vassar

Bad Axe  
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Vassar

Sandusky  
Cass City  
Marlette  
Vassar

Bad Axe  
Cass City  
Reese  
Vassar

#### FRIDAY, JAN. 29

Bad Axe at USA  
Vassar at Cass City  
Sandusky at Ubyly  
Owen-Gage at SASA

Bad Axe  
Cass City  
Sandusky  
Owen-Gage

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USA  
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Sandusky  
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### GIRLS' BASKETBALL

#### TUESDAY, JAN. 26

Brown City at Cass City  
Ubyly at Vassar  
Reese at Marlette

Brown City  
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Brown City  
Ubyly  
Marlette

Brown City  
Vassar  
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Brown City  
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Reese

#### THURSDAY, JAN. 28

Vassar at Cass City  
Bad Axe at USA  
Sandusky at Ubyly  
Kingston at Peck

Vassar  
Bad Axe  
Sandusky  
Kingston

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#### FRIDAY, JAN. 29

Owen-Gage at SASA

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51-18 73%

14-3  
50-19 72%

14-3  
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Wrestlers Alex Jeffrey, Race Woloshen and Brad Baker were chosen as Schneeberger's Athlete of the Week award winners.

The Cass City grapplers all posted 4-1 records over the weekend to help the Red Hawks to a runner-up finish at the Mayville Team Tournament.

Jeffrey's win on Saturday came in the 112-weight class and included a pin in 2:41 over Memphis's Jeramee White. Woloshen's victories came in the 130-weight class and included a tight, exciting 5-4 decision against Memphis's Tyler Lemanski and Baker's triumphs came in the 215-weight class.

Earlier last week, Jeffrey was a double-winner in a Greater Thumb Conference affair against visiting Memphis and Marlette, while Baker and Woloshen recorded solo victories in the home outing to help Cass City improve to 8-1 in the Greater Thumb Conference.

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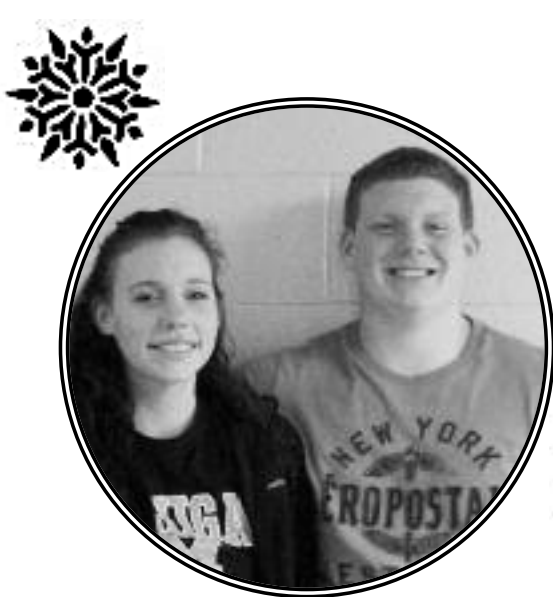
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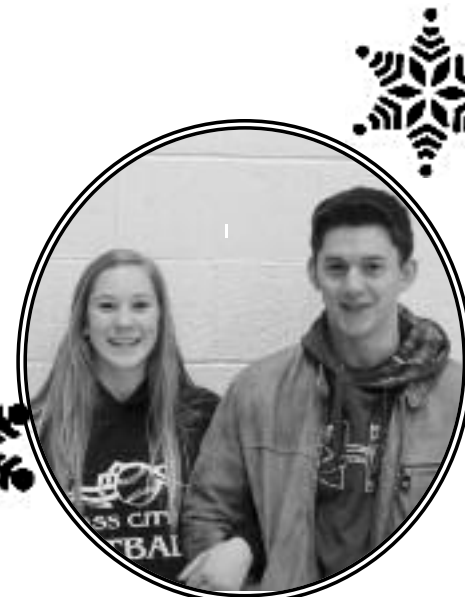
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**MORTGAGE SALE** – Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by TONYA K. JOHNSON, A SINGLE WOMAN, to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., Mortgagee, dated December 23, 2009, and recorded on December 29, 2009, in Liber 1190, on Page 75, Tuscola 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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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 Benjamin Grzemkowski and Marsha Lynn Grzemkowski, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated July 31, 2006, and recorded on November 20, 2006 in Liber 1103 on Page 45, and modified by Affidavit or Order recorded on December 18, 2014 in Liber 1320 on Page 1352, and assigned by mesne assignments to U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as Trustee for LSF8 Master Participation Trust as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Fifty-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 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: January 6, 2016  
For more information, please call:  
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Trott Law, P.C.  
Attorneys For Servicer  
31440 Northwestern Hwy Ste 200  
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-5422  
File #409614F01

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## Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Thomas E McDonald and Cheryl McDonald, his wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mac-Clair Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated September 2, 1998, and recorded on September 2, 1998 in Liber 749 on Page 185, and assigned by mesne assignments to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Six Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-Seven and 88/100 Dollars (\$66,837.88).

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 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 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: January 13, 2016  
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Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-5422  
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**MORTGAGE SALE** – Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by BILLIE M. THRALL, A MARRIED WOMAN and LAWRENCE A. THRALL, HER HUSBAND, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated October 8, 2002, and recorded on October 16, 2002, in Liber 898, on Page 628, and assigned by said mortgagee to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, as assigned, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-One Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-Six Dollars and Seventy-One Cents (\$51,996.71), including interest at 2.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, 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

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241, in which case the redemption period shall be 1 month, or under MCL 600.3241a 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later, or extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238.

If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 600 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.  
JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association Mortgagee/Assignee  
Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C. 23938  
Research Drive, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 S20151205145318  
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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Harley L Brock A Married Man and Helen Brock, His Wife, Mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc as nominee for The Icon Financial Group Inc, Mortgagee, dated the 7th day of February, 2006 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for The County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 20th day of March, 2006 in Liber 1074 of Tuscola County Records, page 925, said Mortgage having been assigned to Ditech Financial LLC on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Eighty Two Thousand Five Hundred Forty Nine & 26/100 (\$82,549.26), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof.

Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 18th day of February, 2016 at 10:00 AM o'clock Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in Village of Caro, Tuscola Cty MI (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Tuscola is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 4.250 per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises.

Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land, including any and all structures, and homes, manufactured or otherwise, located thereon, situated in the Township of Akron, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, and

described as follows, to wit: Beginning at the Southwest corner of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 23, Town 14 North, Range 8 East; thence East on the East and West 1/4 line of said Section, 208 feet; thence North at right angles to said 1/4 line 208 feet; thence West, parallel with said 1/4 line, 208 feet; thence South 208 feet to place of beginning.

During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during 30 days immediately following the sale. Pursuant to MCLA 600.3278, the mortgagor(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney

Dated: 1/20/2016  
Ditech Financial LLC Mortgagee  
FABRIZIO & BROOK, P.C.  
Attorney for Ditech Financial LLC  
700 Tower Drive, Ste. 510  
Troy, MI 48098  
(248) 362-2600  
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**MORTGAGE SALE** – Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Brent A Atkerson and Susan Atkerson, Joint Tenancy to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for First Commonwealth Mortgage Corp., its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated July 21, 2006 and recorded August 3, 2006 in Liber 1089 Page 1223 and modified by agreement dated October 1, 2012 and recorded February 25, 2013 in Liber 1272 Page 1120 Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned to: U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for RASC 2006-KS9, by assignment dated September 20, 2012 and recorded September 27, 2012 in Liber 1260, Page 1154, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Seven Thousand Forty-Eight Dollars and Twenty-Two Cents (\$57,048.22) including interest 8% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, Circuit Court of Tuscola County at 10:00AM on February 18, 2016 Said premises are situated in Township of Almer, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 13, Block 1 of Agar Subdivision, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, page 86, now being page 36B Commonly known as 1025 Agar Road, Caro MI 48723 The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later; or unless MCL 600.3240(17) applies.

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

Dated: 1/20/2016  
U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Residential Asset Securities Corporation, Home Equity Mortgage Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-KS9, Assignee of Mortgage Attorneys:

Potestivo & Associates, P.C.  
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Our File No: 16-32946

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**MORTGAGE SALE** – Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Roy S. Lee and Katherine Lee, Husband and Wife to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Flagstar Bank, FSB its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated May 2, 2007 and recorded May 14, 2007 in Liber 1119 Page 603 Tuscola County Records, Michigan.

Said mortgage was assigned to: Flagstar Bank, FSB, by assignment dated July 11, 2014 and recorded July 18, 2014 in Liber 1311, Page 643, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Nine Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Two Dollars and Seventy-Seven Cents (\$139,482.77) including interest 6.5% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, Circuit Court of Tuscola County at 10:00 am on February 18, 2016 Said premises are situated in Township of Watertown, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Land beginning 8 rods South of the Northeast corner of Block 33 of the Map of the Village of Fostoria; thence West 8 rods; thence South 4 rods; thence West 10 rods; thence South 9 one-half rods; thence East 18 rods; thence North 13 one-half rods to the place of beginning, except the East 33 feet thereof, all being a part of Block 33 of the map of the Village of Fostoria according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats on Page 45A.

Commonly known as 9330 Maple Street, Fostoria MI 48435 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later; or unless MCL 600.3240(17) applies. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Dated: 1/20/2016  
Flagstar Bank, FSB, Assignee of  
Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C.  
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Roger P. Warrington and Tamara L. Warrington, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Ameriquet Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated February 1, 2005, and recorded on February 16, 2005 in Liber 1027 on Page 1264, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee, in trust for registered holders of ABFC 2005-AQ1 Trust, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2005-AQ1 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 Four Thousand Six Hundred Fifty-Five and 93/100 Dollars (\$104,655.93).

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 18, 2016.

Said premises are situated in Village of Kingston, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 1 and 2 Block B of Legg's Addition to the Village of Kingston, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, page 65, now being page 15B.

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: January 20, 2016  
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**1-20-4**

**NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE**

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Default has occurred in the conditions of a mortgage made by DONALD PETERS and LEISA PETERS, husband and wife (collectively, "Mortgagor"), to CHEMICAL BANK, a Michigan banking corporation, having an office at 333 E. Main Street, Midland, Michigan 48640-6511 (the "Mortgagee"), dated May 21, 2015, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Tuscola County, Michigan on June 1, 2015, in Liber 1330, Page 942 (the "Mortgage"). By reason of such default, the Mortgagee elects to declare and hereby declares the entire unpaid amount of the Mortgage due and payable forthwith. Mortgagee is the owner of the indebtedness secured by the Mortgage.

As of the date of this Notice there is claimed to be due for principal and interest on the Mortgage the sum of Sixty Four Thousand Six Hundred Forty Five and 73/100 Dollars (\$64,645.73). No suit or proceeding at law has been instituted to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage or any part thereof.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in the Mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, and to pay the above amount, with interest, as provided in the Mortgage, and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fee allowed by law, and all taxes and insurance premiums paid by the undersigned before sale, the Mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the mortgaged premises at public ven-

due to the highest bidder at the Tuscola County Courthouse in Caro, Michigan on Thursday the 25th day of February, 2016, at ten o'clock in the forenoon. The premises covered by the Mortgage are situated in the Township of Fremont, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, and are described as follows: Beginning at the Northwest corner of the East 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 27, Town 11 North, Range 9 East; thence East 313 feet; thence South 209 feet; thence West 313 feet; thence North 209 feet to the point of beginning.

Together with all existing or subsequently erected or affixed buildings, improvements and fixtures; all easements, rights of way, and appurtenances; all rights to make divisions of the land that are exempt from the platting requirements of the Michigan Land Division Act, as it shall be amended; all water, water rights, watercourses and ditch rights (including stock in utilities with ditch or irrigation rights); and all other rights, royalties, and profits, relating to the premises, including without limitation all minerals, oil, gas geothermal and similar matters.

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Notice is further given that the length of the redemption period will be six (6) months from the date of sale, unless the premises are abandoned. If the premises are abandoned, the redemption period will be the later of thirty (30) days from the date of the sale or upon expiration of fifteen (15) days after the Mortgagor is given notice pursuant to MCLA §600.3241a(b) that the premises are considered abandoned and Mortgagor, Mortgagor's heirs, executor, or administrator, or a person lawfully claiming from or under one (1) of them has not given the written notice required by MCLA §600.3241a(c) stating that the premises are not abandoned.

If the premises are sold at a foreclosure sale, under MCLA §600.3278 the Mortgagor will be held responsible to the person who buys the premises at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the Mortgagee for damaging the premises during the redemption period.  
Dated: January 20, 2016

**CHEMICAL BANK**

Mortgagee  
Timothy Hillegonds  
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Grand Rapids, MI 49503-2487  
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**1-20-4**

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by SHARON K DILLEREE and RICHARD M DILLEREE JR, Husband and Wife, As Tenants by the Entireties, Mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc. (MERS) as nominee for Best Rate Funding Corp., Mortgagee, dated the 22nd day of February, 2006 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for The County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 20th day of March, 2006 in Liber 1074 of Tuscola County Records, page 892; Affidavit of Scriveners Error Recorded 12/16/2015, Liber 1342, Page 1394, said Mortgage having been assigned to Seterus, Inc., as authorized subservicer for Federal National Mortgage Association ("Fannie Mae"), a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of One Hundred Ninety Six Thousand Fifteen Dollars and 59/100 (\$196015.59), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof.

Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 25th day of February, 2016 at 10:00 AM o'clock Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in Village of Caro, Tuscola Cty MI (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Tuscola is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the

amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 4.250 per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land, including any and all structures, and homes, manufactured or otherwise, located thereon, situated in the Township of Caro, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit: Part of the Southwest Fractional 1/4 of the Southwest Fractional 1/4 of Section 31, Township 13 North, Range 10 East, described as: Beginning at a point north 00 degrees 08 minutes 12 seconds West, 1311.74 feet and North 89 degrees 59 minutes 39 seconds East, 535.86 feet from the Southwest corner of said section 31; thence continuing North 89 degrees 59 minutes 39 seconds East, 524.00 feet to the occupational East line of the Southwest fractional 1/4 of the Southwest fractional 1/4 of said section 31: Thence along said East line, South 00 degrees 37 minutes 41 seconds East, 415.67 feet thence South 89 degrees 59 minutes 39 seconds West, 524.00 feet thence North 00 degrees 37 minutes 41 seconds West, 415.67 feet to the point of beginning.

During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during 30 days immediately following the sale. Pursuant to MCLA 600.3278, the mortgagor(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney Dated: 1/27/2016 Seterus, Inc., as authorized subservicer for Federal National Mortgage Association ("Fannie Mae"), a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America Mortgagee FABRIZIO & BROOK, P.C. Attorney for Seterus, Inc., as authorized subservicer for Federal National Mortgage Association ("Fannie Mae"), a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America

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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 LeRoy W. Bankston Jr., also known as LeRoy W. Bankston and Mildred V. Bankston, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Financial Freedom Senior Funding Corporation, a subsidiary of Indy Mac Bank F.S.B., Mortgagee, dated June 11, 2008, and recorded on July 2, 2008 in Liber 1153 on Page 335, and assigned by mesne assignments to CIT Bank, N.A. as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred One Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-Three and 11/100 Dollars (\$101,943.11).

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 25, 2016.

Said premises are situated in Township of Dayton, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 5, of Shay Lake Resorts Subdivision, according to the plat recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Pages 38 - 39. 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: January 27, 2016  
For more information, please call:  
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Shannon L. Hubbard, a single woman, original mortgagor(s), to The Prime Financial Group, Inc., A Michigan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated October 31, 2003, and recorded on December 4, 2003 in Liber 967 on Page 811, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc. as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-One Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-Nine and 57/100 Dollars (\$71,579.57).

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 25, 2016.

Said premises are situated in City of Vassar, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 27 of Swanson's Acres, City of Vassar, Tuscola County, Michigan, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 51B of Tuscola County Records.

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

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Register of Deeds, for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 27th day of September, 2011, in Liber 1230, Page 1318 of Tuscola Records, which said mortgage was assigned to Independent Bank, thru mesne assignments, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal of \$64,884.14 (sixty-four thousand eight hundred eighty-four and 14/100) plus accrued interest at 5.375% (five point three seven five) percent per annum.

And no suit proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on, the 25th day of February, 2016, at 10:00:00 AM said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage.

Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the Township of Fremont, in the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan and described as follows to wit: Situated in the Township of Fremont, County of Tuscola and State of Michigan: Part of the North half of the Southwest quarter of Section 5, Town 11 North, Range 9 East, described as: Beginning at a point on the West line of said Section which is South 00 degrees 08 minutes 27 seconds East, 500.00 feet from the West quarter corner of said Section 5; thence continuing along said West line of said Section 5, South 00 degrees 08 minutes 27 seconds East, 330.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 57 minutes 36 seconds East, 1325.90 feet; thence North 00 degrees 02 minutes 00 seconds West, 330.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 57 minutes 36 seconds West, 1326.52 feet to the place of beginning.

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Dated: January 27, 2016  
By: Foreclosing Attorneys Attorney for Plaintiff Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A.  
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# Satisfaction

## Survey reveals Tuscola Courthouse users felt they received fair, prompt treatment

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Not surprisingly, a number of people who come into contact with the Tuscola County court system aren't thrilled with how their cases turn out, but a majority of those participating in a recent survey agreed their treatment was fair and expeditious.

And this isn't the first time such a survey resulted in praise for how the local court system operates.

*According to the survey, "Overwhelming majorities of customers said that Tuscola County's judiciary was fair, dealt with their case in a timely fashion, and treated them with courtesy and respect."*

"For a third consecutive year, court customers in Tuscola County said they are satisfied with their experiences with the Tuscola County trial courts, according to Adam D. Pavlik, Tuscola County Circuit Court administrator.

"As part of a statewide survey, the Tuscola County trial courts asked court users about their level of satisfaction with court services," Pavlik explained. "Overwhelming majorities of customers said that Tuscola County's judiciary was fair, dealt with their case in a timely fashion, and treated them with courtesy and respect."

"We are extremely pleased to have gotten such positive feedback from the public we serve," said Tuscola County Chief Judge Amy Grace Gierhart. "When you consider that the nature of our work usually leaves one side or the other dissatisfied with the outcome, it is a remarkable accomplishment that the vast majority of court users come away feeling like they were treated well."

The survey results included several areas of strength: 95 percent of user's surveys reported they were treated with courtesy and respect by court staff, 88 percent stated they were able to get their business done in a timely fashion, and 82 percent reported they felt that their case was handled fairly.

"Of course, we recognize there is always room to improve," Gierhart said. "However, only 54 percent of survey respondents said their case was resolved in a fashion that was favorable to them. We are very pleased that we are courteously helping people deal with their court business in a timely fashion, whether or not they are pleased with the outcome in their specific case."

The survey was developed with input from judges and court administrators around the state, and was offered to a broad range of court users, from litigants and attorneys to jurors and people simply observing court proceedings, according to Pavlik, who noted the project is an initiative of the State Court Administrative Office, which tabulated the results.

The Public Satisfaction Survey program is one of a variety of initiatives being pursued by the Michigan Supreme Court to measure court performance in Michigan. Statewide results for the 2015 survey will be available at <http://courts.mi.gov>.



### Staring down a bandit...

**A RELATIVELY MILD winter has made it easier for wildlife in the Thumb to find plenty of food so far this year – at least this raccoon, photographed by Chronicle Editor Tom Montgomery in the Deford area last week, didn't appear to have missed many meals.**

## Michigan Sugar hosts annual meeting

Michigan Sugar Company officials emphasized economic growth and

partnership with local communities during the company's recent annual shareholders meeting in Bay City. Officials also outlined key policy priorities for the coming year.

The meeting closely follows a record sugarbeet production season as well as the recent announcement that Michigan Sugar will invest more than \$125 million at its facilities in Bay City, Caro, Crosswell and Sebawaing.

"We are on track to keep becoming more efficient and advanced by the year," said Mark Flegenheimer, CEO of Michigan Sugar. "When Michigan Sugar does well, we're able to create good jobs across Michigan's Thumb, invest in our facilities, and boost the local economy in communities we've called home for more than 100 years."

Flegenheimer credited Michigan's sugarbeet growers for embracing modern technology and best practices to continue boosting yields.

Total production during the 2015 growing season topped five million tons of Michigan-grown sugarbeets – and yields also set a new record at 31.6 tons per acre. To handle the

record crop, Michigan Sugar will employ more than 2,300 local full- and part-time workers at the peak of production and processing, with more than 1,100 employed at its flagship facility in Bay City.

During the recent annual meeting, Luther Markwart, executive vice president of the American Sugarbeet Growers Association, applauded Michigan Sugar for its leadership on agriculture policy. Markwart identified several critical issues for sugarbeet producers, including the need to maintain a level playing field for trade, maintain a strong federal crop insurance program, and ensure that policymakers at all levels have information on modern sugarbeet production.

Headquartered in Bay City, Michigan Sugar Company is a grower-owned sugar cooperative and the third largest beet sugar processor in the United States, producing an annual average of more than 1 billion pounds of sugar. The company sells its products in wholesale and retail quantities under the Pioneer Sugar and Big Chief Sugar brands.

## Village outlines plans for park

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additional land if deemed necessary."

Other goals include providing facilities and programming to the community at current levels that allow for social interaction for all ages, plus continuing to improve and upgrade the facilities while improving marketing of recreational programs to the community.

"Park facilities are among the most visible indicators of a community's identity and pride, as well as local tax dollars at work," said Cristiano, who emphasized the need to keep park facilities safe and well maintained, and add support facilities to improve the ease of use, especially for people with disabilities, by making sure all improvements and upgrades, where feasible, are barrier free.

Yet another goal of the parks and recreational plan is to improve the health and fitness of local residents.

"Because there are limited opportunities for fitness in the area, the village wants to offer facilities that will allow residents to enjoy the benefits of physical fitness," Cristiano said.

Future improvements to the park call for improved sand at the volleyball courts, construction of a splash park, renovation of the bathhouse, construction of an enclosure for the pool, replacement of old playground equipment, renovation of the tennis courts, installation of a surveillance system, improvement of existing trails, construction of an ice ring, and paving and improving existing roads.

"The capital improvements are not a fixed element and are neither all-inclusive nor exclusive. Goals are the broadest level. They are overreaching and general. They merely reflect the results from input by village staff, board members and input from the community," said Cristiano, noting the plans will most likely be amended at some point in the future due to unanticipated circumstances and available funding.

Two steps have to be completed before the Parks and Recreation Master Plan can be used to apply for any grants through the state. Step one has been completed with the public review having been held Jan. 8. The second step calls for a public hearing to be held Monday, Feb. 8, at 1 p.m. at the village hall.

While the five-year master plan is a work in process, equipment for the Helen Stevens Memorial Pool was approved during the half-hour session. Through the efforts of Trustee Nancy Barrios, Village Treasurer Nanette Walsch and DPW Superintendent Gary Barns, a matching grant was obtained in the amount of \$4,500 for the purchase of picnic tables, umbrellas and benches for the crown jewel of the park.

"The total cost of this equipment is \$8,647. With the Tuscola match, the cost to the village is \$4,147," said Barrios.

Also Monday, Barrios' motion for the purchase of playgroup equipment – an Aiden's Pass Play System with slides, swings and riding toys – was unanimously approved.

Once again, a matching grant obtained from the Pinney Foundation in the amount of \$5,000 will reduce the cost to the village to just \$3,351.

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