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School enrollment dips below 1,000 students

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Cass City School Supt. Jeff Hartel could only shake his head following last week's biannual statewide student count – a tally that showed the local district's enrollment has dipped below 1,000 kids for the first time in memory.

The total, including all students in Young 5s through the 12th grade, translated into the loss of 26 pupils since the previous count conducted last fall. Over the past decade, Cass City School officials have watched enrollment fall by roughly 500 kids – that's an annual average decrease of 3.7 percent since the 2005-06 school year.

Hartel presented the numbers to the

Cass City Board of Education Monday night.

With the district scoring above many of its peers on standardized tests and in various academic studies/reports in recent years, Hartel indicated he's at a loss to fully explain the trend, which had the local enrollment estimated at a combined 991 students a week ago, down from 1,017 students last fall. Cass City's enrollment totaled nearly 1,500 pupils in 2005-06, and more than 1,600 students in the 2001-02 school year.

At this point, Hartel is certain of one thing: he'd love to hear from anyone who knows how to stop the bleeding.

"(It's) way too many. We all need to take note of that number – it's the

first time we've seen (three digits) there, probably, ever," said Hartel, who last fall reported the high school enrollment – grades nine through 12 – had fallen below 300 students for

the first time in recent memory.

"We are not the only ones, believe me; it's across the state, it's across the county," Hartel added, noting the good news is school officials have

seen eight new students enroll since the most recent count day (Feb. 16).

A breakdown of last week's student numbers revealed the loss of 16 kids. Please turn to page 7.

Read Estate benefits area vision impaired, several organizations

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

A Novesta Township native known for her love of letter writing, travel and socializing with friends and neighbors left much more than some wonderful memories when she died last April; she also left a legacy of generosity that will benefit countless others.

Maxine Read, who was 93 and residing at Timberline Lodge in Caro when she passed away April 5, was recently recognized as the donor of a financial gift that enabled the Cass City Lions Club to purchase two low vision machines.

According to local Lions President Ed Knight, the machines assist the visually impaired with various levels of magnification, making it easier to read documents, labels, books and other materials.

The Lions are making both units – along with three others purchased in the past with proceeds from club raffles, White Cane Sales, broom/bunny/bulb sales, Da Yoopers concerts and other fundraisers – available for use by the public. They are loaned out on a first-come, first-served and need basis.

More information about borrowing one of the units is available by contacting any Cass City Lions Club member.

Cass City resident Mike Diegel, a former longtime neighbor of Read's and trustee of her estate, was on hand for a brief presentation ceremony with

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U-W seeking \$ requests

The board of directors of the United Way of Tuscola County awarded almost \$50,000 in funding to area non-profit organizations in 2015, and this year's funding application process is beginning now, with specific agency allocations slated to be determined in late March.

"The allocations follow a process that starts with agencies submitting funding requests and other required documentation," explained Jim Heiser, director of operations for the United Way of Tuscola County. "Agency representatives review programs and budgets with the United Way board, and allocation recommendations are made to programs that support education, health or self-sufficiency.

"Applications for funding can be made by agencies that are recognized by the IRS as 501 c (3) tax exempt and meet established criteria, including articles of incorporation (and) charitable solicitation registration," Heiser said.

He noted applications have been e-mailed to agencies that were funded in previous years. Agencies that have not received an application or that are making application for the first time should call United Way of Tuscola County at (989) 325-1980 immediately to be included in the process.

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THE HURON COUNTY Sheriff's department formally commissioned its new airboat, "Sheriffs' Endeavor", Thursday at the Filion Road Public Access Site. The purchase was the result of a cooperative effort involving the Huron and Tuscola County sheriff's departments, represented in the photo at left by Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson (Huron), far right, and Sheriff Lee Teschendorf (Tuscola), far left. Also pictured is Sanilac County Sheriff Garry Biniecki.

"Sheriffs' Endeavor" commissioned; \$154,000 airboat ready to save lives

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Huron County Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson can recall more stories about recovering the bodies of drowning victims through Saginaw Bay ice than he'd care to remember in a life-

time.

But as he stood in front of a crowd of roughly 65 local, county and state law enforcement and government officials Thursday morning at the Filion Road Public Access Site along the bay's eastern shore, Hanson indicated he's confident there will be far

more stories of successful rescues than recovery missions in the future, thanks to the recent purchase of a state-of-the-art airboat.

Last week's gathering was organized to commission the \$154,000 craft, which officials named "Sheriffs' Endeavor". Please turn to page 16.



FORMER LONGTIME Cass City Village Manager Lou LaPonsie (center) stands with the Rev. David Hill, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Cass City (left) and Jim McLoskey, district representative for state Senator Mike Green, during a tribute ceremony honoring LaPonsie, who recently retired as city manager in Marlette and has enjoyed a career in local government administration spanning more than four decades.

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Something funny happened on Lou LaPonsie's way to retirement about 18 years ago; he didn't retire.

Since then, the longtime Cass City resident and former veteran Cass City village manager has reinvented retirement as most folks understand the word. For many, it means saying goodbye to an employer and career after a good many years of distinguished service on the job in their field.

For LaPonsie, it's meant saying goodbye, followed by a few days or weeks off and then taking on the challenge of another job, in another town, with another staff – most recently he closed the books on a seven-year stint as "interim" city manager in Marlette.

And LaPonsie, now 83, is just fine with that.

"(I like) the variety – every commu-

nity is different, the people are different, there are different needs," LaPonsie, who still resides in Cass City, said of what has drawn him back to new challenges time and time again. "I've enjoyed that very much, working with the people, the staffs and the councils."

LaPonsie's record of public service hasn't gone unnoticed.

Following his retirement from the city of Marlette, Thumb area legislators senators Mike Green (31st District) and Phil Pavlov (25th District), and state Rep. Paul Muxlow (83rd District), along with Caro area resident Jim McLoskey, a district representative for Green since 2011, recently honored LaPonsie with a tribute in front of family and friends at the First Baptist Church in Cass City.

"He is deserving of our gratitude and praise for his contributions to the state of Michigan and the many cities he has worked for," the tribute

states in part. "It was through great loyalty and a strong sense of service that he began his role as public servant. After his first job in local government in L'Anse, Lou left the Upper Peninsula to begin his journey as the village manager of Cass City.

"Under Lou's leadership, the city of Marlette has achieved a positive fund balance, capital outlay expenditures that are now within the budget, a reduction of expenses, and removal of debt through negotiations with state government officials. His wisdom, professionalism and generosity have earned him widespread acclaim and our deepest appreciation."

A native of Rudyard in the Upper Peninsula, LaPonsie's resume is long and distinguished, including four years of service in the U.S. Navy. He also served as department of public works (DPW) superintendent for L'Anse for three years, and spent 11 years working as a highway inspec-

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Retired (again)

Legislators honor former veteran Cass City Village manager for 40-plus years of service to local governments in Thumb



Ashton, Conner and Evan Arthur

It's a boy!

Arthur's announce birth of brother

Conner and Evan Arthur would like to introduce you to their baby brother, Ashton Scott Arthur.

Ashton was born December 4 at 8:10 a.m. to Michael and Brandy Arthur, he weighed 8 pounds and measured 20-3/4 inches.

He was also welcomed home by his grandparents John and Patti Arthur and Shelly Guilds, all of Cass City.

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Grade 12

Ana Luiza Abbiate, Bailey Bischer, Evan Block, Kaylee Block*, Emily Booms, Joshua Bowman, Macanna Briolat, Alexandria Camp*, Austin Chernov, Makayla Clink, Abigail Deering, Trevor Dropiewski*, Jennifer Gentner*, Jacqueline Gilbert, Lindsey Glaza, Madison Glaza, Andrew Godzinski, Katlyn Groth, Grant Hagen, Aaron Hund, Ethan Hund, Aliyah Kaczor, Courtney Klee*, Nolan Lemke, James McBride, Justin Messing, Jaylynn Monzo, Nicole Osantowski, Ashley Osentoski*, Kasey Palmer, Arianna Partaka, Michaela Partaka*, Shannon Particka*, Melanie Puvalowski, Elena Rodriguez*, Lucas Rothe, Daniel Rutkowski*, Blake Schumacher, Rebecca Speciale, Ashley Sweeney*, Brigitte Vogel, Jesse Vogel, James Weber, Roman Weltin, Jeffrey Wright, and Jonathan Wright*.

Grade 11

Morgan Block, David Bowman, Jonathan Brandel, Derek Brown, Jessi Clink, Kaitlynn Foster, Adam Grifka, Chelsea Holdwick, Michelle Inbody, Aaron Klama, Lauren Kranz, Noah Krueger, Rachel Lemanski, Megan Leppke, Olivia Lipskey*, Autumn Loss, Emma Melnik, Riley Murray, Lindsey Nast, Steven Niemiec, Jr., Jillian Osentoski, Kirah Osentoski*, Tyler Osentoski, Gavyn Pallas, Brianna Pionk*, Allison Romzek, Jared Sabins, Richard Schmidt, Jesse Schumacher, Travis Terbrack, Cade Walsh, Ariel Waterbeck, Eric Wolschleger, and Abby Wright.

Grade 10

Olivia Bender*, Taylor Berger, Danielle Briolat*, Justin Briolat*, Chantelle Burk, Rachel Cook*, Dylan Crickon, Evan Franzel, Kendra Franzel, Andrew Gilbert*, Lauren Gillig, Emily Godzinski, Alex Grifka, Jacob Halifax*, Emma Hembrough, Erin Inbody, Macy Knoblock*, Ashton Lemke*, Matthew Maikrzek, Peyton McLellan, Jason Mierop, Brent Osentoski, Mary-Christine Osentoski, Katelyn Palmer, Kara Peruski, Emelia Rodriguez, Izabel

Rodriguez, Kacie Roggenbuck, Nicholas Schultz*, Rafaella Schumacher*, Madelyn Smalley*, David Sorenson, Katrina Stevenson, Nicholas Swanson*, Brett Sweeney, Ryan Sweeney*, Samantha Sweeney, Jacob Uhl*, Savannah Walker*, Janelle White*, Steffen Wolff, Lea Wyss, and Yuxin Xue*.

Grade 9

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Grade 8

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Grade 7

Andrew Becker*, Alivia Bischer*, Kylee Brandt, Kendra Glaza, Josephine Gusa*, Cole Hagen, Katie Heilig, Carson Heleski*, Amanda Hill, Haley Klama*, Coryne Klemmer, Haley Krueger*, Shelby Kuntze*, Allison Lautner*, Dajnae Leipprandt, Erin McCarty*, Reese McLellan*, Cole Messing, Shelby Messing*, Madison Michalski, Taylor Pedrotte, Sarah Peplinski*, Levi Peruski, Dawson Schumacher,

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Mental health key lies in facts, funds

Guest editorial

by Robert Sheehan, chief executive officer
Michigan Association of Community Health Boards,
Submitted by Tuscola Behavioral Health Systems

Recent mass shootings across the United States have left devastated Americans wondering what can be done to prevent such violent acts and keep our children and families safe from harm. While it's clear there is much we need to learn as a society about what causes violence and how best to prevent it, we must not resort to unfounded conclusions about those in our society with mental health needs.

Many people are not aware that adults and children with mental health needs are actually more likely to be a victim of violence than a perpetrator.

Numerous studies have been done to confirm this simple fact, including one study by North Carolina State University in 2014, which found that 30.9 percent of participants with mental health needs had been the victim of violence in the past six months.

Often, in incidences of violence by an individual with a mental illness, those who knew the person tend to make sweeping generalizations, such as "If I had known, I would have expelled him from school," or "If I had any idea, she would have been fired from her job long ago." In reality, such actions would only further isolate that individual, and would do nothing to help them avoid harm to themselves or others.

Rather than punish an individual for a crime they've yet to, or may never, commit, we should be supporting those with mental health needs and helping them to seek essential treatment.

We must work together as a society to break down the stigma that stands in the way of providing care for those with mental health needs. Such stigma makes people feel ashamed of seeking mental health treatment, while seeking treatment for physical health issues is seldom questioned.


If individuals with mental health needs are repeatedly exposed to the message that admitting to a mental health condition or seeking treatment for a mental health need would result in the loss of employment, expulsion from school, or other losses, they will be less likely to come forward to seek help.

Rather than discouraging individuals with mental health needs from seeking treatment, we should focus on increasing the funding allotted to help individuals receive the treatment and support they need to live healthy, productive lives. A great advocate for such funding at the federal level is Michigan's U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow.

Sen. Stabenow's Excellence in Mental Health Act, passed in 2014, set in motion a series of opportunities to strengthen mental health and addiction care. The act also established a new path to integrating these services with physical health care to improve access to high-quality care for those in need. The funding set aside as a result of the legislation will allow Michigan, along with other states, to develop a comprehensive plan for the integrated care of behavioral health and intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Only through adequate funding of our mental health system and the elimination of hurtful stigma surrounding mental health will we be able to provide a clear path forward for those with mental health needs in our state.


It's incumbent on all of us to get involved in the legislative process by encouraging Michigan's legislators to support adequate mental health funding.



Slices of Life

by Jill Pertler

Where's the peanut butter?



It was a normal, unassuming typical Tuesday, the day the peanut butter went missing. I couldn't believe it myself. Although looking back, it shouldn't have been too big a surprise. But I'm jumping ahead of the story.

I enjoy a piece of peanut butter toast on occasion. Last Tuesday was going to be one of those occasions. I took out the bread and the toaster and opened the cupboard to fetch the peanut butter. It was gone.

I was puzzled at first, thinking perhaps someone put the peanut butter in an alternate location. I looked behind other items on the shelf, but the tea bags and hot cocoa were not hiding the peanut butter. I checked the likely places in the kitchen: the fridge, pantry and cupboards and came up empty. I went to my boys' bedrooms and looked on the dressers, bookshelves and under the beds. There wasn't a ground peanut to be had.

I even rummaged through the garbage. Maybe someone tossed the peanut butter in there. Stranger things have happened. I've found cutlery, plates and cups in the garbage on prior occasions (but that's another article). After all my searching, I remained – in a word – peanutbutterless. (And hungry.)

I was perplexed. We don't purchase the little snack-size peanut butter. Our jar is economy-grade and hefty. There weren't many places one could stuff a large jar of peanut butter. Nor did I think someone had eaten the entire jar. That would take some doing.

The people living with me are capable of enormous consumption. They are mostly teenage boys and teenage boys are notorious for their eating aptitudes. I don't want to brag, but my boys can down an entire box of Triscuits while waiting for the oven to preheat so they can cook and eat a whole pizza (or two). And that's just an after-school snack.

But a nearly full economy-size jar of peanut butter would be a little much – even for boys with gargantuan snacking talents. Still, I knew I hadn't touched the peanut butter. It had to be one of them.

It was a mystery, and my middle name is practically Scooby Do, so I did what any ordinary, 2016 CSI-inclined mom would do. I sent a group text: "Who took the peanut butter?" I typed in the frustrated-face emoji to further communicate my angst.

My husband, who is well versed in our weird and wacky life because he has also retrieved forks and spoons from the garbage, replied with the smiley face emoji. That guy gets me. I had to smile. Over the years we've learned sometimes you have to laugh at the oddity of any given situation. It's either that or go crazy. And if we went loco, who'd be around to search for the peanut butter?

Within three minutes of sending the first text, I'd

heard from all the innocents, who were adamant about their peanut butter deficiencies. Then I got the message I'd been waiting for. The confession. Indeed, one child did take the entire jar of peanut butter – for a school project.

What can a mom say to that? School projects trump breakfast any time of the day. I beamed with pride; my son went to the effort of remembering he had a school project. Then I reached for the strawberry jam. My stomach was rumbling and the toast was just about ready.

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



Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Danielle Blaine, Hills and Dales General Hospital Foundation spokesperson, says Saturday night's annual winter fundraising event was well received, after transforming the former Millionaire's Party into a "tailgate party" held at the Northwood Meadows Assisted Living Facility.

"Dick Wallace won the grand prize of \$1,000 and Carolyn Cary of Dickinson & Wright won second prize (\$750) and graciously donated it back to us," Blaine said.

Hey Dick, you weren't the only lucky winner recently from Cass City. On Sunday afternoon I received a phone call claiming the Haires were the runners-up in a fundraiser raffle for the Saginaw River Dawgs.

Money won always seems to be better than money earned, in my opinion, and the \$500 prize will certainly go to good use, once again in my opinion.

Sandy, our seven-year-old golden retriever, is heading for an overdue cranial cruciate ligament surgery that is expected to cost north of \$1,000.

The Thumb's most recent snow storm came and left in similar fashion – quickly.

After receiving a foot-plus of the white stuff on Tuesday, Feb. 9, unseasonably warm temperatures over the weekend had snowmobile enthusiasts starting from scratch in the Thumb.

Despite the quick thaw, the Cass River seems to be avoiding flood stage near us. I checked Jeff Parcel's homestead near the Cemetery Road Bridge and also at Evergreen Park in Sanilac County along M-53. Both areas appeared free and clear of any flooding.

I'd like to share an email I received: Hello Mr. Haire, This is Brittany Loomis; I am the Speech Therapist in Cass City now. I have a student up at the high school that has Autism that I have been working with. She is high functioning and we have started working on skills that will hopefully help her to be able to live on her own some day. Her passion is writing and that is what she would like to do as a job after high school. If I can say so myself, she is really good! She has been published before on a popular Autism resource website, autismspeaks.org. I was wondering if there would be an opportunity for her to write a poem or short article for the Chronicle, maybe one to two times a month. I believe that this would be a good experience for her to "practice" having a job as a writer, and she and I could use it as a good way to build independence skills. I would be guiding her through this process the entire time.

Sounds like a plan Ms. Loomis, watch for tenth grader Liz Hayes' contributions in upcoming issues of the Chronicle.

Letters to the Editor

Flint residents need community's support

The Flint water crisis has troubled many of us in this community, and we often wonder what we can do to help. Flint has been a troubled area for many years, with poverty, crime and decay of the city since the rapid exit of many manufacturing plants during the end of the 20th century.

In order to save money, Flint started a project to obtain water from Lake Huron instead of continuing to get their water from Detroit. With the cost of water rising and the water pipeline from Lake Huron not finished, it was decided Flint could obtain water from the Flint River.

The water from the Flint River was not adequately treated with chemicals to offset the water's corrosive properties, which led to the deterioration of water pipes and exposure to lead. This lead has caused blood levels in Flint residences to be highly elevated.

Lead causes many problems in the body, especially in unborn babies and in children. You can have elevated levels of lead in your body and not have any symptoms. The only way to tell if you have elevated levels is through a blood test.

Effects of elevated lead levels include decreased bone and muscle growth, poor muscle coordination, damage to hearing, nervous system and kidneys. Also there is often developmental delay and problems with learning and behavior. It can cause seizures.

Lead eventually takes up residence in our bones and is very difficult to get rid of. Sometimes a child can be treated in a hospital with agents that bind the lead so the body can get rid of it naturally, and sometimes it is a lifetime problem.

A good diet high in iron and calcium are very important. Also be wary of old plumbing with copper pipes

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

Thursday, February 25

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

Monday, February 29

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

Tuesday, March 1

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

STANDING COMMUNITY CALENDAR ITEMS

- First Sunday:**
- Gagetown United Methodist Brunch, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., All you can eat. \$6 donation.
- First Monday:**
- Novesta Township Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.
 - Grief Support meetings, "Healing Together." Meadow Lane, 150 Meadow Lane, Bad Axe, 1-3 p.m. For questions or to register to attend please call the office at (989) 872-5852 or toll free (877) 872-5852. These sessions are open to anyone dealing with a grief or loss. Sponsored by Hospice Advantage, Cass City.
- Second Monday:**
- Elkland Township Board meeting, 7 p.m.
 - VFW monthly meeting, 7:00 p.m., VFW Hall, Cass City.
- Second Tuesday:**
- Thumb Octagon Barn meeting, 7 p.m., fire hall in Gagetown.
 - Tuscola County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m., HDC Intergenerational Building, 430 Montague Ave., Caro. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.
 - Kedron OES #33 of Caro meeting, 7 p.m.
 - Huron County Family Caregiver Support Group, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Human Development Commission, 150 Nugent Rd., Bad Axe. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.
- Second Wednesday:**
- Dorcas meal at Cass City United Methodist Church at noon. 1 1/4 mile north of Cass City. (989) 872-4604 for take outs.
- Second Thursday:**
- Caregiver Connection, 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m., Country Gardens, Scheurer Hospital, 203 N. Caseville Rd., Pigeon. For more information, call Merry at (989) 673-4121.
- Third Tuesday:**
- Living with Parkinson's Support Group, 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., Holiday Inn Express, 55 Rapson Lane West, Bad Axe. For more information, call Merry at (989) 673-4121.
 - Family Caregiver Support Group, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Harbor Beach Community Hospital Administration Building/Conference Center, 147 S. First St., Harbor Beach. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121
 - Ubyly Lions Club meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the Ubyly Thumb Veterans Organization Hall, 2165 Bingham St., Ubyly MI 48475. A pot luck is served prior to the meeting. Everyone is welcomed.
- Third Wednesday**
- Spaghetti Dinner at Cass City VFW Hall from 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Take out available. For more information call (989) 872-4933.
- Third Thursday:**
- Sanilac County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, 3 p.m., HDC Adult Day Services Building, 227 N. Elk St., Sandusky. For more information, contact Kim at (989) 673-4121 or Amanda at (810) 648-4497.
 - Grief Support meetings, "Healing Together." Heritage Hill, 1430 Cleaver Rd., Caro, 7-8:30 p.m. For questions or to register to attend please call the office at (989) 872-5852 or toll free (877) 872-5852. These sessions are open to anyone dealing with a grief or loss. Sponsored by Hospice Advantage, Cass City.
 - Caregiver Support Group, 11:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m., Bullard-Sanford Memorial Library, 520 W. Huron Ave., Vassar. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.
- Third Saturday:**
- Revive Food Pantry, from 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. Must live in the Cass City School District and meet the financial guidelines. For more information, call (989)551-7803.
- Fourth Monday:**
- Cass City School Board meeting, 7 p.m.
 - Hills & Dales General Hospital Auxiliary meeting, 11:30 a.m., Gilligans (no meetings July, August, December).
 - Tuscola County Right to Life meeting, 6:30-8 p.m., Caro Area District Library, 840 W. Frank St., Caro. For more information, call (989) 872-3259.
- Fourth Wednesday:**
- Owen-Gage School Board meeting, 7 p.m.
 - Huron County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, Huron Behavioral Health, Bad Axe. For more information, contact Rhonda Quinn at (989) 269-9293.
 - Sanilac County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, Sanilac County Medical Care Facility. Noon to 2 p.m. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121
- Fourth Thursday:**
- Community Lunch, noon, Shabbona United Methodist Church.
 - Thumb TEA Party, 6:30 p.m., Evangelical Free Church, Cass City.
- Last Monday:**
- Cass City Village Council meeting, 7 p.m., municipal building.
- Every Monday:**
- Alcoholics Anonymous, "Monday at a Time," 8 p.m., Parkside Cafe, 2031 Main St., Ubyly. For more information, call Angela R. at (989) 658-2319.
 - AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 553-5932.
- Every Tuesday:**
- Al-anon meeting, 7 p.m., St. Francis Parrish, Pigeon.
 - AA Meeting, 7-8 p.m., St. Joseph Church, 4960 N. Argyle Rd. (Meeting will be held in the hall next to the little stone church.)
- Every Wednesday:**
- Spoonfuls of Plenty Free Community Meal, 4-6 p.m., LeeRoy Clark Building, 435 Green St., Caro. Open to anyone wanting a hot, home-style meal.
- Every Thursday:**
- AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 553-5932.

Baker making shift to semesters

Baker College officials have announced the college will transition from a quarter format to a semester format beginning in fall of 2017.

A traditional academic year is a nine-month period composed of either quarter- or semester-based coursework. As a quarter-based institution, Baker College currently offers three quarters of coursework, each typically 10 to 12 weeks in duration, along with a summer session. The semester calendar will offer two 16-week semesters of coursework and a 12-week summer session.

"The trend in higher education is certainly a semester schedule, especially in Michigan," said Bart Daig, Ph.D., Baker College System president and CEO. "Our students will

gain many benefits when our schedule aligns with the majority of higher education institutions."

Daig cited the following student benefits:

- *Longer-term internships that will provide additional real-world training.
- *Availability during traditional college breaks for summer and holiday employment.

- *Entering the job market at the same time in the spring as most other college graduates.

- *Greater ease of transferring credits and enrollment to and from other institutions of higher education.

The new schedule also better aligns with high school calendars, according to Daig, who said it allows for additional opportunities to collabo-

rate with high schools and for enhanced support of Baker College's multiple existing high school dual-enrollment, direct-credit and early middle college initiatives.

"Of high importance in this transition is to not disrupt the academic progress of current students," said Denise Bannan, Ph. D., Baker College System vice president for academics.

"It will be cost- and time-neutral for them. Advisors will ensure that this will not increase the cost to complete a program, nor will it increase a student's time to graduation, Bannan added. "Annual tuition fees and financial aid on the semester calendar will remain comparable to those on our present quarter calendar."

Circuit court proceedings

Several appear recently on felony charges

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

*Darryl J. Townsend, 51, Wyandotte, pleaded guilty to charges of possession of cocaine, heroin or another narcotic (less than 25 grams), second offense, and operating a motor vehicle while impaired Dec. 11 in Fremont Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

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

*Michael A. Periso, 28, Caro, pleaded no contest to assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault) and domestic violence between Sept. 7 and Sept. 12 in Indianfields Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$15,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Bert F. Emerson Jr., 54, Deford, was sentenced to 180 days in the county jail and 12 months probation following his plea of guilty to possession of ammunition by a felon Oct. 30, 2014, in Kingston Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

In addition to jail time, he was ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$1,258.

*Charles M. Nehls, 36, Caro, pleaded no contest to a charge of domestic violence, third offense, Nov. 14 in Caro. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (two prior felony convictions).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$15,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Tad B. Jones, 28, Mayville, pleaded no contest to assault by strangulation and guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor Nov. 25 in Ellington Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at a combined \$11,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Joshua P. Williams, 23, Millington, pleaded guilty to charges of assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer, possession of marijuana and operating a motor vehicle

while under the influence of liquor, second offense, Nov. 21 in Juniata Township.

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

*Antonio J. Novosad, 28, Cass City, pleaded no contest to assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer, attempted home invasion, first degree, and assault by strangulation Nov. 18 in Cass City.

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

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Reporter's notebook



Are couples who wait missing out?

by Tom Montgomery
Editor



My wife and I marked our 34th wedding anniversary over the weekend.

We exchanged vows at a relatively young age — I was 20, she was older than 20. Our prospects weren't set in stone, but we had plenty of initiative, enthusiasm and each other.

We lived in married housing at CMU while I finished my degree. My wife worked at big box retailer in Mount Pleasant, and I fried doughnuts at night at a French bakery in town. Money was tight, but we couldn't have been happier.

Those memories make me wonder if some couples who wait for their trip to the altar are missing out.

Writer Julie Shaw tackled that subject some years ago in an article in Slate Magazine, where she noted many men and women want to wed, but they just aren't in a hurry.

"Marriage these days signals that you've figured out how to be a grown-up," Shaw wrote. "You've played the field, backpacked to Europe, and held a bartending gig to supplement an unpaid internship. You've 'arrived', having finished school, settled into a career path, bought a condo, figured out who you are, and found your soul mate."

Shaw disputes the notion of marriage as an "end of the road" decision.

"Marriage wasn't something we did after we'd grown up — it was how we have grown up and grown together," she wrote. "The stability, companionship and intimacy of marriage enabled us to overcome our challenges and develop as individuals and (as) a couple. We learned how to be strong for one another, to comfort, to counsel and to share our joys and not just our problems."

Of course, a successful marriage requires us guys to put a little effort into understanding wife-speak. I recently saw a handy tutorial on the subject on Facebook under the heading, "5 Deadly Terms Used by a Woman".

Here we go: "Fine" — this is a word women use to end an argument when they know they're right and you need to shut up; "Nothing" — means something and you need to be worried; "Go ahead" — this is a dare, not permission; "That's okay" — she's thinking long and hard about how and when you will pay for your mistake; and "Wow!" — not a compliment, but rather her expressing amazement at how one person could be so stupid.

On a serious note, I think Shaw hit the nail on the head at the conclusion of her article when she said, "Marriage doesn't require a big bank account, a dazzling resume, or a televised wedding — it requires maturity, commitment and a desire to grow up together."

Amen.

Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO (2011)

Army Reserve Pvt. David V. Hilt recently graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. During the 9 weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises. Hilt is the son of Joe and Julie Hilt of Kingston. He is a 2010 graduate of Kingston High School.

Cass City Middle School students who recently participated in the MSBOA Solo & Ensemble Festival at USA Schools included: Bryan Pinkoski, Erika Martin, Libby Venema, Katie House, Luke Koepf, Alex Graham, Taylor Spencer, Jordan Kittle, Chandler Cryderman and DeJza Robles. Missing are Cecealya Horne and Mandy Czekai.

Schneeberger's honors Cass City wrestlers Josh Jensen, Cody Crouch and Mike Milligan as their Athletes of the Week award winners. The Red Hawk trio all advanced from Saturday's Division 4 individual regionals in Ithaca and will compete next at the Palace of Auburn Hills during the state finals, slated for March 3-5. Jensen, a junior, will take a lofty 52-3 record into the season-ending meet after finishing runner-up over the weekend in the 171-pound weight class, while seniors Crouch and Milligan both placed 4th to qualify for state honors. Crouch holds a 49-10 mark in the 130-pound weight class, and Milligan, a 42-8 record in the 189-pound weight class following Saturday's action.

10 YEARS AGO (2006)

Steven Walther of Cass City recently graduated from Universal Technical Institute in Glendale Heights, Ill. He received a degree in auto/diesel/industrial technology. While in school Walther was chosen to work as a peer tutor. He was named "Student of the course" 7 times and remained in the program, graduating with a 3.94 grade point average. Walther is employed by Wieland International in Saginaw as a diesel technician. He is the son of Cathy and Jeff Healy of Cass City and Steve Walther of Roscommon. His grandparents are Bill and Judy Britt, Thomas and the late Nadara Walther and Delbert and Dorothy Healy, all of Cass City.

Erin Venema of Cass City has been named to the dean's list at Spring Arbor University, Spring Arbor, for the fall 2005 semester. Venema, the daughter of Stuart and Brenda Venema is a senior majoring in special education. To be named to the dean's list, a student must earn a minimum grade point average of 3.5.

Jessup Hoyt and Elizabeth Hoyt, the children of Janet Hoyt of Snover, have been awarded scholarships at Northwood University, Midland. Jessup Hoyt, a Northwood freshman from Snover, was granted the Jeffrey A. Bennett Accounting Scholarship for the 2005-06 academic year. Elizabeth Hoyt, a Northwood Junior from Bay City, was awarded the Tri-City Scholarship for the same period.

25 YEARS AGO (1991)

Sgt. Joseph Yax, a chemical warfare specialist from Cass City, and other servicemen participating in Operation Desert Storm were honored over the weekend with the erection of a snow soldier in front of the Lloyd Hoadley residence, Yax's sister, Valerie, 4-year-old nephew, Joseph, and Hoadley, a good friend, spent much of Sunday building the camouflage-clad snowman.

Lisa Hirn of Cass City is among 45 Northwood Institute students who have been named to the 1991 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges". Hirn, a senior at Northwood, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hirn, Cass City. She and other students named to the directory were selected as national outstanding leaders based on academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

Mark Hirn has been named to the fall term dean's list at Northwood Institute, Midland. To achieve dean's list recognition, students must earn a minimum grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. Hirn, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Hirn, Cass City, is a junior at Northwood. He is majoring in marketing and management. Grant J. Hulburt, a 1990 graduate of

Cass City High School and the son of Gene and Josephine Hulburt of Cass City, recently enlisted in the U.S. Army for a 4-year tour of duty as an infantryman. He reported for duty Feb. 5 and is receiving his basic training at Fort Benning, GA.

A group of relatives and friends surprised Don Hendrick when they met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Hendrick to help him celebrate his birthday Saturday evening. A buffet lunch was served including a decorated birthday cake.

35 YEARS AGO (1981)

John Glaza began working at Thumb Electric Cooperative the day it generated its first watt of electricity. That was June 18, 1938. After more than 42 years on the job, he finally decided it was time to retire. Friday, Feb. 20, was his last day. He was the last of the original employees to retire. Saturday, he was guest of honor at a retirement dinner at the Ubyly Heights Country Club. Glaza, who celebrated his 64th birthday his last day at work, held only two jobs during his 42 plus years. He was a power plant operator until 1967 and chief engineer at the Ubyly plant after that, which still involved some operator's duties.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Rienstra had as guests for the week end, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Rienstra and children, Dennis, Reuben, Samuel and Amber, of Harrison, Saturday guests included Mr. and Mrs. Larry Krueger and family and Mrs. Gertrude Krueger of Harbor Beach, Mrs. Mildred Herr of Cass City, Mrs. Larry Radzwin and girls of North Branch and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Reinelt of Argyle.

The Cass City Lions Club has donated a Michigan Eye Hank kit to Hills and Dales General Hospital. Receiving it is Ken Jensen, hospital administrator, from Ron Keegan, club secretary and Don Erla, president. The kit contains surgical instruments and two containers. Eyes removed from deceased persons are taken to the Eye Bank in Ann Arbor, and can be used for transplants or research. Donor cards, which must have been signed by the person and next of kin, are available from Lions Club members and Cass City drugstores.

Jim Kelly of Kingston is \$100 richer this week because he shopped in Cass City last week end. Kelly was the winner of the Washington's Birthday Sale promotion sponsored by the Cass City retail committee.

Rodney Hutchinson received a B.S. degree in business administration at the end of the fall semester at Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant. He majored in information systems management. He is the son of Alvin and Barb Hutchinson and he is a 1976 graduate of Cass City High School. He is now employed as a programmer-systems analyst for Kansas City Power and Light in Kansas City, Mo.

40 YEARS AGO (1976)

Born Feb. 9 to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bean of Mt. Clemens, formerly of Cass City, their third child and first boy, Arthur Jr. He joined two sisters, Vickie and Helen at home. The baby weighed seven pounds, 11 ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. William Kitchin of Cass City announce the birth of their first great-grandchild. A daughter, Erika Lynn, was born Friday, Feb. 20, to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sweet of Davison. Mrs. Sweet is the former Linda Bentley. The baby weighed six pounds and 13 ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Hennessey, Ben, Sue and Nancy, Becky Peters and Arnold Bell had supper Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. William Patch, honoring Ben who leaves for school in California Thursday.

The Owen-Gage Forensic meet was held Wednesday, Feb. 18, to prepare contestants for district competition. The winners of the various categories were: Humorous Interpretation: Janet Albrecht and Janet Menzel. Serious Interpretation: Kaye Brinkman and Frances Koss. Story Telling: Marie Gremel and Dawn Erickson. Radio News Broadcasting: Gerry Prich and Jane Stapleton. Informative Speaking: Brenda Haley and Lynn Prich. Multiple Reading: Gerry Prich and Dawn Erickson. Extemporaneous: Lawrence Rapson. Boys' Oratory: Uli Feiler. Girls' Oratory: Cathy Repshinska and Cory LaFave.

William S. Van Allen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Van Allen of Cass City, graduated from basic training Jan. 23, at Great Lakes, Ill. Advanced training followed at Great Lakes in a Basic Seaman Course. He is a 1974 graduate of Cass City High School and entered the Navy Nov. 18. He arrived home Feb. 11 for a 20-day leave. Following a two-week stay at Norfolk, Va., he will be sta-

tioned in the Persian Gulf area for 18 months.

50 YEARS AGO (1966)

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Vender left Friday for Marietta, Ohio, to attend Centennial services of First Presbyterian Church. Mr. Vender was associate minister on the church staff, working on a part time schedule upon resigning in Cass City and at the time of retirement in 1958-'59. The Venders were invited as guests of the church and to participate in the Centennial schedule Feb. 20-27. They expect to return to Cass City about midweek.

The kindergarten classes made a trip by bus to the Dean Hutchinson farm Tuesday Feb. 15, to see the sheep. The teachers, Mrs. Keith Murphy, Mrs. Wayne Butcher and Mrs. John Esau, and a committee of mothers accompanied the students.

The birthday of Mrs. Vern Watson, which was Saturday, was celebrated with a family dinner Sunday in the Watson home. Present for the occasion were Mr. and Mrs. Norman Naren and son David of Royal Oak, Bill Watson of Detroit, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Watson and daughter Barbara of Ubyly and the Misses Shirley and Charlotte Watson of Cass City.

75 YEARS AGO (1941)

John Bayley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bayley, who recently enlisted in U. S. Air Corps, left on Thursday of last week to join other members of the corps in Detroit and will leave there for various training camps.

The penthouse dining room at Devon Gables had the air of a veritable spring garden for the luncheon party Saturday afternoon given by Eleanor Marie Cram to announce to her friends that she is engaged to marry John Alexander Day of Detroit. The luncheon tables were gay with individual rose and sweet-pea corsages marking each place. Attached to the corsages were little florist envelopes enclosing tiny cards upon which were written the names, "Eleanor and Johnnie." Similar flowers in low white bowls composed the attractive center arrangements on the tables. Miss Cram is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Cram and Mr. Day is the son of Mrs. Zora Day of Cass City. No date has been set for the wedding.

"I am fine and have a nice sun tan," writes Private James W. Crane, stationed at Hickam Field, Honolulu, Hawaii, to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Crane, at Cass City. "We have received our uniforms. I have five uniforms, two ties, one flight cap and two pairs of shoes. I bet I would tip the scales past 165 easily. I am enclosing a picture of the kind of airplanes that we have here. We are supposed to get some of those flying fortresses over here soon. "I surely would like to have my Model A here, but a car costs too much down here. A car like I had costs about \$125 to \$275 which is a lot for that model. "I went out to Warpulkie Beach, and visited the Royal Hawaiian Hotel, a nice place. The Army and Navy Y. M. C. A. is surely a nice place to go."

100 YEARS AGO (1916)

The week beginning March 6th has been designated Tuberculosis Week in the schools of Michigan by the Superintendent of Public Instruction. Teachers of public schools are asked to cooperate in carrying out the work. This is an anti-tuberculosis year in Michigan. An appropriation of \$100,000 is being expended in a campaign against the disease. 2500 people die every year in Michigan, and 150,000 in the United States, from tuberculosis alone. Physicians estimate that from 75 percent to 90 percent of all people become infected with it sometime in their lives. The disease is resisted or overcome through correct living habits. The school's part in eradicating the disease is mainly along the line of prevention to train the boys and girls in health habits.

On Monday morning Miss Agnes Stapleton, daughter of J. Stapleton, and Roy Klein of Alpena, were united in marriage at St. Agatha's Church. An elaborate dinner was served to about fifty guests at the bride's home. The bride was becomingly attired in a suit of Hunters green poplin with hat to match, while the bridesmaid, Miss Bridget Phelan, wore a suit of the same color with light tan hat. The groom wore a navy blue serge suit. He was attended by his brother. The couple were well known here as the bride has lived here from childhood and the groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Alois Klein, who at one time were in business here. Many useful gifts were presented. They expect to make their future home near Alpena. They have the good wishes of their friends.

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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.



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CASS CITY native Angela Lounsbury has returned to her hometown as Dr. Angela Lounsbury, an optometrist now serving patients at Envision Eye Care.

20/20

Dr. Lounsbury's vision to return to Cass City, join practice becomes reality

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Don't try to tell Dr. Angela Lounsbury that you can't go home again. The Cass City native not only came back home after leaving the Thumb to train for and pursue a career in optometry, she also recently returned to practice her profession in the community, where she is seeing patients at Envision Eye Care.

"Envision Eye Care is thrilled to welcome Dr. Angela Lounsbury to the practice," said Dr. David Krebs, who opened the local eye care center in January 2010 after completing extensive renovations of a building at the corner of M-81 and Nestle Street in Cass City. "Angela is kind, thoughtful and intelligent, and we are proud to welcome her back to live and work in her hometown of Cass City."

Krebs, who originally opened Envision Eye Care in Saginaw in 2008 and is board certified by the American Board of Ophthalmology, noted Lounsbury is certified by the National Board of Examiners in Optometry.

Krebs' practice offers a variety of services, from comprehensive eye exams, glaucoma evaluations and treatment, contact lens exams and a complete optical shop, to cataract surgery and LASIK laser vision correction. He also specializes in cornea, external disease and refractive surgery.

Becoming a part of the local practice fit right in with Lounsbury's career goals.

"I always knew I wanted to go into the healthcare field and be able to go on mission trips to help others as well," commented the 2005 Cass City High School graduate. "I decided that helping others to see the world more clearly would be a great thing to be able to do. I have also been able to have the opportunity to use my skill set while on a mission trip to Guyana, where we were able to see hundreds of people who otherwise had no access to vision care."

Lounsbury, who works at the Envision Eye Care locations in both Saginaw and Cass City, earned her undergraduate degree in vision science at Ferris State University. "I attended Michigan College of Optometry and graduated as a doctor of optometry with high distinction in 2012, and have been working since that time," she said.

"I enjoy having a variety in my day and being able to see patients with varying needs — from cataract surgery, to contacts, to pediatrics — really keeps things interesting," Lounsbury said. "I enjoy it all, but there really is nothing better than giving a patient their first pair of glasses or contacts where they can really see the details in the world around them. It is really an awesome thing."

"There are challenges as well," she added. "The greatest for me is when there is a disease process affecting their eyes that I am unable to fix. Even though I can do my best to make the most of their vision, no one wants to be told there is nothing that will help them see perfectly again."

Both Lounsbury and her husband, Joe, are originally from Cass City. Angela is the daughter of Mark and Carol Stoeckle, and Joe is the son of Tom and Virginia Lounsbury. Angela and Joe have two children of their own; RosaMae and Benjamin Lounsbury.

"It is great to be back home," Angela said. "I had always hoped I would be able to practice here in some capacity, but being a small town, I wasn't sure if I would have an opportunity."

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Budget Public Hearing (Truth in Budgeting) Notice

The Village of Gagetown Council will hold a public hearing on the proposed village budget for fiscal year April 1, 2016 through March 31, 2017 at 4764 State St. (Next to bank), Gagetown on Monday, March 7, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. Copies of the budget will be available the night of the meeting.

Notice complies with MCL 141.436 & MCL 211.24e

Prepared by: Joan Koch
Clerk/Treasurer
Village of Gagetown
February 24, 2016

Two area teens win scholarships

Addy Battel, an eighth grader at Cass City Junior-Senior High School, and Macy Knoblock, a tenth grade student at Ubyly Community Schools, have both been awarded a \$2,000 Michigan State University Pre-College Achievement Scholarship.

Students in grades eight through 10 during the 2015-16 school year, who attended an MSU summer pre-college program last year, were eligible to apply for the scholarships last fall.

Battel participated in 4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resources Camp, while Knoblock took part in 4-H Exploration Days at MSU. These are just two of six pre-college programs offered by MSU Extension 4-

H Youth Development.

MSU pre-college programs are designed to help youth explore possible career interests by connecting them with university faculty and other resources. MSU pre-college programs also help youth envision their future so they can wisely choose their high school classes and prepare for college.

Selection for the scholarships is based on academic ability and potential, demonstration of extra-curricular and community service experience, demonstration of leadership and teamwork skills, ability to overcome obstacles, teacher and program director nominations, and strength of

their student essay. The scholarship is applied toward the student's first year at MSU as a degree-seeking student.

The pre-college programs annually offered by MSU Extension 4-H Youth Development are: 4-H Capitol Experience, 4-H Renewable Energy Camp, 4-H Exploration Days, 4-H Great Lakes & Natural Resources Camp, 4-H Animal and Veterinary Science Camp, and the Michigan 4-H Youth Conservation Council.

For more information on these 4-H pre-college programs as well as other MSU pre-college programs, visit Spartan Youth Programs at <http://www.spartanyouth.msu.edu>.

School enrollment dips below 1,000 kids

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in grades Young 5s through sixth grade – a total of 529 students compared to 545 last fall – and 10 fewer students in grades seven through 12 – 462, compared to 472 last fall.

Enrollment plays a key role in school funding from the state, which “blends” student counts conducted twice a year by districts; once in February and again the following fall. The state’s blending formula places the greatest emphasis on the fall count, which is worth 90 percent of the total.

The blended enrollment number is multiplied by schools’ foundation allowances to determine how much revenue they will receive for the year. Cass City, for example, received \$7,391 per student for the 2015-16 school year, a \$140-per-student increase compared to 2014-15.

“They gave us more (money), but they took away money from other areas,” Hartel noted, adding state officials have indicated they plan to give schools an additional \$120 per student – roughly \$119,000 more for Cass City based on the current enrollment – next year.

Although school officials know they’re in line for a state funding increase next year, there’s no way to predict fluctuations in the student population week to week due to kids coming and going via Schools of Choice – and when they come and go, they take/bring their state funding with them. Equally important, Hartel says, is the possibility that while state officials are promising

more funding in 2016-17, they could take away revenue in other areas, as they have this year.

IN OTHER BUSINESS

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

*Awarded a three-year contract for the district’s trash pick-up and disposal, and approved a five-year lease for 32 acres of farmland belonging to the school.

The board awarded the trash disposal contract to Emterra of Bad Axe, which submitted the low bid of \$6,531 per year. Also submitting bids were Diva Disposal (Cass City), \$7,980, Republic Services (Flint), \$8,589, and Waste Management (Clinton Township), \$11,360. Cass City’s current contract is with Republic Services at a cost of \$7,810 annually.

The land lease was awarded to Becker Farms, LLC, which submitted a high bid of \$191 per acre (\$6,112 annually). Also submitting bids were Michael Milligan (\$126 per acre or \$4,032 annually) and Scott Marshall (\$94 per acre or \$3,008 annually).

*Adopted an updated ag advisory board membership in accordance with the district’s agriscience program by-laws. The board is composed of high school Principal Chad Daniels, agriscience teacher and FFA Advisor Russ Weyer, and community members Eric Brown, Dave Milligan and Randy Severance.

*Tabled action on a proposed two-

year soccer cooperative with the Caseville Schools. Cass City dropped its soccer program about three years ago due to a lack of numbers. Athletic Director Don Markel said the proposed co-op would not be funded by Cass City nor would it include transportation. Cass City currently participates in other athletic cooperatives with Ubyly (gymnastics) and Caro (swimming).

The board delayed action at the request of a parent who asked school officials to gauge interest in the sport to see if there are enough student athletes interested to re-establish soccer in Cass City.

*Unanimously approved Markel’s recommendation of Kate Van Auken as the district’s nominee for the Friend of Youth, an honor presented in conjunction with the Thumb Meet of Champions each spring.

*Hosted Cass City Junior High FFA members Addy Battel and Pearl Daskam, who performed their FFA competition presentations related to public speaking and creed speaking, respectively. Battel recently qualified to compete at the state level, while Daskam was named an alternate to the state competition, slated for March 9-11 at MSU.

*Heard a brief report from junior-senior high school Director of Guidance Christin Hempton, who outlined the various steps involved in the “Junior Check In” process designed to help ensure students complete all graduation requirements and are prepared to apply for scholarships and college admission.

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March 18, 2016 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Public Accuracy Test for the Tuesday, March 8, 2016 General Election has been scheduled for Thursday, March 3, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. at the Elkland Township Fire Hall, Cass City, Michigan.

The Public Accuracy test is conducted to demonstrate that the program and tabulators that will be used to tabulate the ballots of the election have been prepared in accordance with law.

Ed LaBelle
Elkland Township Clerk

NOTICE TO ELLINGTON TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS OF A SPECIAL MEETING

In the past year Ellington Township Planning Commission has worked hard on updating its wind zoning ordinance. It is adopted and in place. A few citizens asked to discuss their concerns regarding Wind development in our community. The Township Planning Commission has set up a special meeting to hear their concerns and thoughts.

SPECIAL MEETING WILL BE HELD
Wednesday, March 9th, 2016 at 7 p.m.
at the Tuscola Technology Center
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Chairperson Planning Commission
George Mika

U-W of Tuscola Co. seeking requests for funding

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In other United Way of Tuscola County news, the 2016 leadership team was recently elected.

Mary Kulis (representing Consumers Energy) will serve as president with Susan Holder (Tuscola Behavioral Health Systems) named vice president. Dawn Prieskorn (Oetiker) was elected secretary/treasurer and Heiser will serve as ethics officer. The current all-volunteer board of directors is also composed of directors Jason Bitzer, Jodi Fetting, Sandy Gaudreau, Heiser, Myrtle Oatzen and Ken Spencer.

Heiser noted that one way area residents can support the local United Way is by using AmazonSmile when making Amazon purchases – and by indicating United Way of Tuscola County as their charitable organization.

“United Way of Tuscola County is registered with AmazonSmile, a website operated by Amazon that lets customers enjoy the same wide selection of products and convenient shopping features as on Amazon.com,” he explained. “The difference is that when customers shop on Amazon Smile (smile.amazon.com), the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate .5% of the

price of eligible purchases to the charitable organization selected by the customer. The AmazonSmile Foundation does not charge fees or any other charges for this fundraising program.”

Area residents are also encouraged

to contribute directly to the United Way of Tuscola County by sending their donation to: United Way of Tuscola County, P.O. Box 51, Cass City, MI 48726. For additional information and a brochure, call (989) 325-1980.

Letters to the Editor

Flint residents need support

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and lead soldering. If you have old paint, do not sand or allow it to peel. Often a new layer of paint will cover the old, lead-based paint. Many years ago, lead was outlawed in paint. So new paints are lead-free and safe.

The children of the Cass City United Methodist Church are very concerned about this public health crisis in our state and have started a fundraiser to help supply the citizens of Flint with safe water and water filters. This project is being organized by their Sunday school teacher, Lori Inbody, and Pastor Jackie Roe.

If you are interested in helping, you may send money to the Cass City United Methodist Church directly – at P.O. Box 125, Cass City, MI 48726 – or directly to the Detroit Conference Treasurer Office, 1309 N. Ballenger Hwy., Suite 1, Flint, MI 48504. Checks need to be made payable to “Detroit Conference” with #0918 on the memo line. The Crossroads District of the Methodist Church has hired someone to serve as district emergency water crisis coordinator.

This will be a long-term problem, and the people of Flint are going to need our help. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Cass City United Methodist Church at 872-3422.

Sincerely,

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Local FFAers shine at regionals, Battel earns trip to state convention

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

The Cass City Junior-Senior High School FFA program will be sending one junior high competitor to state level competition, with two other students earning alternate positions, following last Wednesday's FFA Regional Level Leadership Contests at Laker High School.

Cass City Junior High FFA member Addy Battel was named the regional winner and won a gold medal in the Public Speaking event. She will be competing at the Michigan FFA State Convention, which will be held at the MSU Campus March 9-11.

Also in regional competition, Cass City's Joseph Sieradzki took third place and gold honors in the High School Extemporaneous Public Speaking category, earning a place as an alternate to the state contests. Also named an alternate was Pearl Daskam, who finished in third place and won gold honors in the Junior High Creed Speaking event at regionals.

In addition, Cass City Junior High students who competed in the Conduct of Meeting event finished in fourth place and earned a silver award. The team consisted of Cody Sangster, Emily Bootz, Meredith Morrell, Bella Hill, Mariah Mellendorf, Ethan Healy, Matt Danks and Marissa Petiprin Ball.

Battel's public speaking topic is Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza, and her appearance at the state FFA convention is slated for Thursday, March 10, at 8 a.m. at MSU.

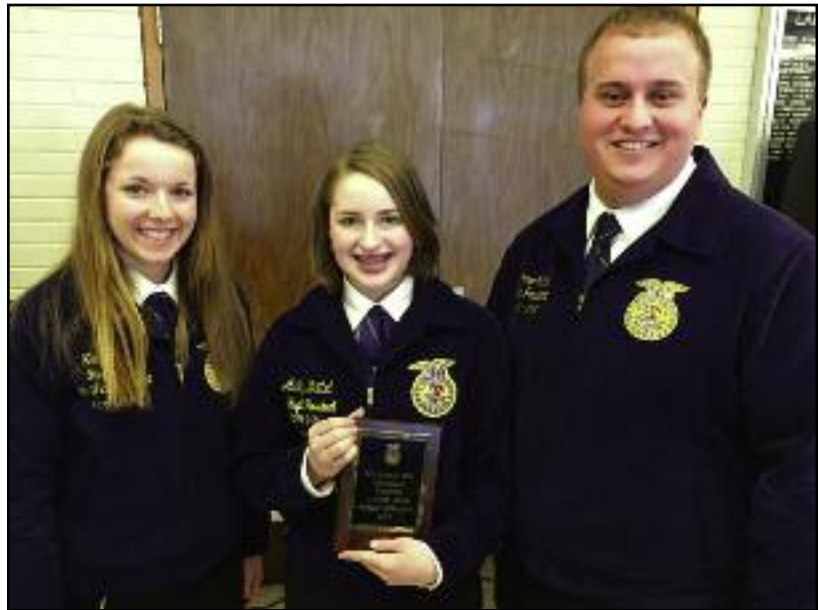
"My experience in the leadership contests this year has been nothing but rewarding — and stressful, and hard, but rewarding," Battel commented.

"Of course I learned how to write and present a speech, but I did that last year," she said. "This year I was able to fine tune my presentation style, my voice quality, my gestures, while keeping up with an ever-changing topic. My hard work paid off with first place at district and regional contests, and I'm continually working as state contest comes nearer."

"I extremely excited for the chance to compete at the state level a second time, of course. Beyond that, I guess it's a mixture of relief, both that it all paid off and that it's almost over," added Battel, whose passion for FFA has led her to become involved a variety of Cass City Junior High FFA projects since the local chapter was established about two years ago.

"Since I was very little, I had always wanted to be in FFA, especially because most of my family had been in FFA and I knew what I had to look forward to," she said.

"I was one of three charter members of the Cass City Junior High FFA Chapter, and I immediately became very involved," she added. "In the past year and a half, I have started my own Supervised Agricultural Experience business, started the hunger project with friends, participated in career development events and, of course, leadership contests."



CASS CITY Junior High FFA member Addy Battel, pictured above (center) with state FFA officers Holly Tait, Region III vice president, and Connor Ewald, president, advanced to the state FFA Leadership Contests when she took first place and gold honors in public speaking during regional level competition last week.



CASS CITY FFA members who competed in the FFA Regional Leadership Contests last week at Laker High School are (front row, from left) Marissa Petiprin Ball (alternate), Emily Bootz, Bella Hill, Mariah Mellendorf, Addy Battel, Pearl Daskam, (back row, left) Matthew Danks, Meredith Morrell, Cody Sangster, Joseph Sieradzki and Ethan Healy. Also pictured is Cass City agriscience teacher and FFA Advisor Russ Weyer.



AMONG THOSE ON hand for LaPonsie's recent tribute presentation were (front row, from left), daughter Joy Montei, wife Carol LaPonsie, Lou LaPonsie, daughter-in-law Kathy LaPonsie, (back row, left) grandson Joseph Montei, granddaughter Lindsey Montei, son Daniel LaPonsie, son-in-law John Montei, and son Aaron LaPonsie. enjoyed a career in local government administration spanning more than four decades.

Legislators honor LaPonsie for public service

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tor/engineer for the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), contributing to major construction projects such as the approaches to the Mackinac Bridge and Sault Ste. Marie International Bridge, portions of I-75, and M-10 between Bay City and Midland.

In the early 1970s, the job of village manager in Cass City brought LaPonsie and his family to the Thumb. His 25 1/2-year career in Cass City was highlighted by a number of accomplishments, including meeting the goal of paving and construction of curb and gutter on all village streets, and comprehensive water and sewer upgrades throughout the village, all projects that were made possible with the help of thousands of dollars in grant funding LaPonsie helped to secure over the years.

LaPonsie retired from the village at age 65, but his years of experience prompted Sebawaing Village officials to seek him out for an interim DPW superintendent position, a job he would have for about six months. But his "second retirement" didn't last long.

"I was asked to go to Sandusky, and (then) I was asked to go to Marlette," LaPonsie recalled, adding he spent 8 years as Sandusky City manager and during that time got to know the mayor of Marlette, which would be his next professional destination.

Serving as manager in the Sanilac County municipality would also prove to be a challenge, as Marlette had roughly \$10,000 in its general fund when LaPonsie came on board. "When I left, they had a half-million (dollars) and they were doing street projects, water and sewer projects," said LaPonsie, who is quick to say the credit for that sort of turnaround goes to several people, including the

existing staff.

"Like at most places I've been — in fact all the places I've been — you can see the staff wanting to see things happen," he added. "You do what you can with what you've got, (but) it's a team effort."

LaPonsie figures his role has included bringing a different perspective into the communities he's served, each facing its own set of challenges — they see things one way, and you may see things at a different angle, and that may help.

"I enjoy going to work and seeing the challenges," LaPonsie added, "especially when you've got the staff — and I did in the communities I've been in — that's willing to jump in."

While LaPonsie came to expect the unexpected as a village or city manager, there have also been constants

in his life, and he'll tell you the one he admires most is a lady who has "packed my lunch for years" — Carol LaPonsie, his wife of 58 years (they'll celebrate their 59th anniversary in May).

"She's been a strong supporter. We're not only husband and wife, but we're the best of friends," LaPonsie said. He and Carol have raised seven children, and today have 13 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

LaPonsie says his wife has a list of things for him to take care of now that he has a little more time on his hands. That might be a sign that he's really ready to retire this time.

But don't count on it. "Jim (McLoskey) asked me if I'd be willing to fill in short term (in another municipality)," LaPonsie said, adding, "Yeah, I'd be open to that."

Read Estate benefits many

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Knight last week.

Diegel declined to be specific regarding the amount of money left to the Lions, but indicated Read made sure everyone named in her estate received an ample gift — and there were many recipients.

"It was a generous amount of money," Diegel said of the Lions gift. "She gave it to hospitals, the Red Cross, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, food kitchens. She had a big heart. She liked Cass City."

Read worked as a retail sales clerk for Knepps Department Store in Bay City for more than 32 years. In her younger years, she and her sister, Anabell, taught MSU Extension classes in Tuscola County. The sisters also traveled a great deal, visiting at least seven Canadian provinces along with California and Florida.

Friends said Read was talented when it came to home improvement projects, and she enjoyed singing and listening to gospel hymns. She was also an avid letter writer and a l w a y s looked forward having friends stop for a visit.

Diegel and his wife, Chris, were among Read's friends as well as neighbors when she lived in her ranch home along Main Street across from the B a k e r College campus in Cass City. Diegel said his family had been neighbors with Read since the 1990s and often shared meals. The Diegel family also saw to Read's home, mowing her lawn in the summer and shoveling snow in the winter.



CASS CITY LIONS Club President Ed Knight (left) and Mike Diegel, trustee of the Maxine Read Estate, display one of two machines designed to magnify reading material for those with visual impairments.



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"We were with her every day," Diegel said, noting his wife and Read would occasionally enjoy day-long outings, shopping out eating along the way. "She became one of the family, so that was nice. She was a good person to be around," he added.

THE 2016 KINGSTON Snowball Royal couple is King Zach Harris and Queen Ashton Fetting. The senior pair highlighted Friday's halftime ceremonies with North Huron. The Cardinals posted a 58-31 victory to cap the successful evening.



Moore grabs regional title

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Cowdry and Osentoski both finished with third place honors. Junior Cowdry, went 3-1 in the 103 weight class and will enter the state finals with a 46-8 record. Carlito Lilly, Laingsburg, recorded a fall over Cowdry in his first match, but the mighty mite bounced back with three straight wins over Danville's Mike Post, Manchester's Grant Tungate and New Lothrop's Logan Zell.

Osentoski, also a junior, posted a 3-1 mark in the 135 weight class and will enter the state finals with a 44-13 record. Osentoski defeated Andy

Faith, Westland Lutheran, twice on the day and Jerry Nard, of Hamady, once, while being turned back by Clay Regan, Dansville.

Dickson, a sophomore, placed fourth in the 145 weight class with a 1-2 mark on the day and will enter the state finals with a 43-13 record. He defeated Brown City's Derick Daws in a fall for his regional win.

Cass City freshman Race Woloshen saw his rookie season come to an end on Saturday. Despite going 1-2 for the day, he was not able to finish in the top four spots in the 125 weight class.

The Individual State Finals are to be held at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

Bearcats bow in crossover tilt

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ing on the Bearcats' home floor.

The Red Hawks led 8-2 after eight minutes and increase their cushion to 15-7 at the halfway point during the preview of both teams opening night Class C district contest in Harbor Beach.

"I like our draw," said Erla of his team's post season assignment. "I know we first have to get past Ubyly, but if we do, I hope Bad Axe (who awaits the winner of the March 7 contest) is undefeated when we meet. We'll have nothing to lose and all the pressure will be on the

Hatchets."

Cuthrell scored 16 points to record game scoring honors and lead Cass City, while Haire, who faced a box-and-one defense in the opening half, netted four points.

On Friday, Ubyly returned to Greater Thumb East action and defeated Brown City 48-43.

The Green Devils took a 25-20 edge at the intermission, only to see the hosts use a 17-11 effort in the final eight minutes to seal the deal.

Jeffrey Wright's 23 points led Ubyly. For Brown City, Caleb Muxlow had 22 points.

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Flint International at Kingston

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 24

Bad Axe at Ubyly

FRIDAY, FEB. 26

USA at Bad Axe
Cass City at Vassar
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pler for Cass City was the team's lone Individual Regional champ over the weekend in New Lothrop, where the Red Hawk junior bounced back from injury to advance into the State Final Meet with a perfect 2-0 showing.

In fact, Moore's regional victories came on falls. In the semifinals, he pinned William Hartz at 5:08 and in the finals, Joseph Gratton was pinned at 1:25. Moore, who has more than 100 career victories, will enter the state finals with a lofty 39-3 season total.

T.J. is the son of Tracey and Perry Moore.

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MORTGAGE SALE
THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Notice is hereby given that Default has occurred in a Mortgage given by Valmore Chapin and Georgianna Chapin, husband and wife, mortgagors, to Mayville State Bank, mortgagee. The Mortgage is dated December 11, 2007, and was recorded on December 21, 2007, in Liber 1137, on page 996 of the Tuscola County records. The balance owing on the Mortgage as of the date of this Notice is \$41,501.82, including interest at 4.625% per year. The Mortgage contains a power of sale clause and no proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt owing.

The Mortgage will be foreclosed by selling the property described below at a public auction to the highest bidder. The sale will be held on March 10, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. local time at the main entrance to the Tuscola County Court Facility, 440 N. State Street, Caro, Michigan, that being the place of holding Circuit Court for Tuscola County, Michigan. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the Mortgage, including interest, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes or insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee before the sale.

The property to be sold is located in the Township of Watertown, County of Tuscola, Michigan and is described as:

The W 392 ft of the S 330 ft of the SE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 24, T10N, R9E, Watertown Twp., Tuscola Co., Michigan EXCEPTING the S 13 rods of the W 8 rods thereof. Also part of the SE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 24, T10N, R9E, Watertown Twp., Tuscola Co., Michigan, described as beginning at a point on the S line of said SE 1/4 which is S 88°55'07" W, along said S line, 900.00 ft from the SE corner of said Section 24; thence continuing S 88°55'07" W, along S line, 41.83 ft; thence N 00°49'39" W, parallel with the W line of said SE 1/4 of the SE 1/4, 330.00 ft; thence N 88°55'07" E, parallel with said S line, 41.83 ft; thence S 00°49'36" E, parallel with said W line, 330.00 ft to the point of beginning.

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If the property described in this notice is sold at a foreclosure sale, then under MCL 600.3278, the Mortgagor(s) will be held responsible to the buyer of the property at the foreclosure sale, or to the Mortgage holder, for damage done to the property during the redemption period.

The redemption period will expire twelve (12) months after the date of the foreclosure sale, unless the property is determined abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will expire 30 days after the date of the foreclosure sale, or when the time to provide notice under MCL 600.3241a(c) expires, whichever is later.

SMITH, MARTIN, POWERS & KNIER, P.C.

Dated: January 29, 2016

Henry L. Knier, Jr. (P46393)
Attorney for Mayville State Bank, Mortgagee
900 Washington Ave., P.O. Box 219
Bay City, MI 48707 - (989) 892-4574

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IF YOU ARE A MILITARY SERVICEMEMBER ON ACTIVE DUTY NOW OR IN THE PRIOR NINE MONTHS, PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE. Mortgage Sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Richard A. Fullerton and Genia Fullerton, husband and wife, As Joint Tenants to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. acting solely as a nominee for Taylor, Bean & Whitaker Mortgage Corp., Mortgagee, dated February 18, 2009, and recorded on March 11, 2009, in Liber 1169, Page 629, Tuscola County Records, said mortgage was assigned to Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC by an Assignment of Mortgage dated November 18, 2014 and recorded December 09, 2014 in Liber 1320, Page 478, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Five Thousand Four Hundred Twenty-Five and 38/100 (\$105,425.38) including interest at the rate of 4.50000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the Circuit Court in said Tuscola County, where the premises to be sold or some part of them are situated, at 10:00 AM on March 3, 2016 Said premises are situated in the Township of Indianfields, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 11, TOWN 12 NORTH RANGE 9 EAST, DESCRIBED AS BEGINNING AT A POINT OF THE EAST LINE OF SAID NORTHEAST QUARTER, WHICH IS SOUTH 01 DEGREE 43 MINUTES 19 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID EAST LINE 300.06 FEET FROM THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 11; THENCE CONTINUING SOUTH 01 DEGREE 43 MINUTES 19 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID EAST LINE 300.06 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 48 MINUTES 04 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE 335.04 FEET; THENCE NORTH 01 DEGREE 41 MINUTES 10 SECONDS WEST 300.03 FEET; THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 45 MINUTES 51 SECONDS EAST 334.86 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, RIGHT OF WAY RYAN ROAD OVER THE EASTERLY SIDE THEREOF. Commonly known as: 1050 Ryan Rd., Caro, MI 48723

If the property is eventually sold at foreclosure sale, the redemption period will be 6.00 months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned or used for agricultural purposes. If the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 and/or 600.3241a, the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of sale, or 15 days after statutory notice, whichever is later. If the property is presumed to be used for agricultural purposes prior to the date of the foreclosure sale pursuant to MCL 600.3240, the redemption period is 1 year.

Pursuant to MCL 600.3278, if the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, the borrower(s) 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. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages are, if any, limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: February 3, 2016
Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC
43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180,

Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302, (248) 335-9200
Case No. 16MI00045-1

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IF YOU ARE A MILITARY SERVICEMEMBER ON ACTIVE DUTY NOW OR IN THE PRIOR NINE MONTHS, PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE. Mortgage Sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Bernard N. Milot and Sharon M. Milot, husband and wife to World Alliance Financial Corp., Mortgagee, dated December 31, 2008, and recorded on January 14, 2009, in Liber 1165, Page 348, Tuscola County Records, said mortgage was assigned to Reverse Mortgage Solutions, Inc. by an Assignment of Mortgage dated April 11, 2010 and recorded May 04, 2010 in Liber 1197, Page 825, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Nine Thousand One Hundred Fifty-Three and 75/100 (\$99,153.75) including interest at the rate of 2.90000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the Circuit Court in said Tuscola County, where the premises to be sold or some part of them are situated, at 10:00 AM on March 10, 2016 Said premises are situated in the Township of Fremont, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Part of the West half of the South half of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 26, Town 11 North, Range 9 East, Fremont Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, being further described as commencing at the Southwest Corner of said Section, thence North 88 degrees 56 minutes 57 seconds East 304.18 feet along the South section line to the point of beginning, thence North 57 degrees 15 minutes 17 seconds West 94.58 feet, thence North 0 degrees 50 minutes 48 seconds West 278.27 feet, thence North 88 degrees 56 minutes 26 seconds East 436.19 feet, thence South 00 degrees 53 minutes 48 seconds East 330.98 feet to the South Section line, thence South 88 degrees 56 minutes 57 seconds West 357.84 feet, along said Section line to the Point of Beginning, Tuscola County Records.

Commonly known as: 950 West Saginaw Road, Mayville, MI 48744 If the property is eventually sold at foreclosure sale, the redemption period will be 6.00 months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned or used for agricultural purposes. If the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 and/or 600.3241a, the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of sale, or 15 days after statutory notice, whichever is later. If the property is presumed to be used for agricultural purposes prior to the date of the foreclosure sale pursuant to MCL 600.3240, the redemption period is 1 year.

Pursuant to MCL 600.3278, if the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, the borrower(s) 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.

TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages are, if any, limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: February 10, 2016
Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Reverse Mortgage Solutions, Inc.
43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302, (248) 335-9200
Case No. 15MI01432-1

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SCHNEIDERMAN & SHERMAN, P.C., IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT, ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT (248)539-7400 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by JOSEPH J. URCHICK and SAMANTHA URCHICK, HUSBAND AND WIFE, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated October 3, 2013, and recorded on January 14, 2015, in Liber 1322, on Page 432, 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-Seven Thousand Six Hundred Sixty-Four Dollars and Seven Cents (\$57,664.07), including interest at 4.750% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, front entrance of the Courthouse Building in the City of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM o'clock, on March 10, 2016 Said premises are located in Tuscola County, Michigan and are described as: Section 30, Town 11 North, Range 9 East Commencing at a point in the center of State Highway M-38 at the intersection of Section line between Sections 29 and 30, Township 11 North, Range 9 East, thence North 440 feet, thence West 100 feet, thence South to the center of State Highway M-38; thence Southeasterly along the center of said State Highway M-38 to the Point of Beginning, EXCEPT land deeded to the State of Michigan in Warranty Deed recorded January 5, 1960 in Liber 328 of Deeds Pages 490-491. Tuscola County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241, in which case the redemption period shall be 1 month, or under MCL 600.3241a 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later, or extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 600 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association Mortgagee/Assignee
Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C.
23938 Research Drive, Suite 300
Farmington Hills, MI 48335
S20150910142852 USDA

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IF YOU ARE NOW ON ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY OR HAVE BEEN IN THE PRIOR ONE YEAR, PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT 248-502-1400.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Terry M.

Balzer, a single man, to Household Finance Corporation III, Mortgagee, dated April 12, 2000 and recorded April 20, 2000 in Liber 799, Page 377, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as Trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Seven Thousand One Hundred Fifty-Eight and 58/100 Dollars (\$127,158.58), including interest at 11.247% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on MARCH 17, 2016.

Said premises are located in the Township of Vassar, Tuscola County Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at a point 852 feet West of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 27, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, Township of Vassar, Tuscola County, Michigan, thence North 250 feet, thence West 293 feet, thence South 250 feet, thence East 293 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. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.
Dated: February 17, 2016
Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007
File No. 15-010316

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on MARCH 24, 2016, AT 10:00 A.M. local time, said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder in the main lobby of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Tuscola is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, aforesaid, on said mortgage with interest thereon and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises.

Which said premises are described as follows: TOWNSHIP OF FAIRGROVE, COUNTY OF TUSCOLA AND STATE OF MICHIGAN, to wit: Commencing at the East quarter corner of Section 9, Town 13 North, Range 8 East, thence South 0 degrees 33 minutes East, 657.98 feet along the East Section line to the point of beginning. RUNNING THENCE South 0 degrees 33 minutes East, 148.50 feet along the East Section line, thence North 89 degrees 53 minutes 15 seconds West, 1658.10 feet, thence North 06 degrees 53 minutes 15 seconds West, 149.61 feet along the centerline of an existing ditch, thence South 89 degrees 53 minutes 15 seconds East, 1674.62 feet along an old existing fence line (meandering fence) to the point of beginning.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 2681 RINGLE ROAD, AKRON, MI 48701 During the SIX (6) MONTHS immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241 a, the property may be redeemed during the thirty (30) days immediately following the sale.

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

KENNETH C. BUTLER II (P

28477)
ATTORNEY FOR MORTGAGEE
24525 Harper Avenue
St. Clair Shores, MI 48080
(586) 777-0770
Dated: 2-24-16

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FORECLOSURE NOTICE THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR COLLECTING A DEBT.

IF THE DEBT WAS DISCHARGED IN A BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDING, THIS NOTICE IS NOT AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT THAT DEBT. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below. ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee for any reason. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest, and the purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's attorney.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Jeffrey T Nichols and Carol M Nichols, Husband and Wife to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc., Mortgagee, dated April 23, 2004 and recorded by affidavit May 22, 2012 in Liber 1250 Page 670 and validated by order dated May 23, 2013 and recorded June 10, 2013 in Liber 1282 Page 152 and amended by order dated November 16, 2015 and recorded December 10, 2015 in Liber 1342 Page 980 Tuscola County Records, Michigan on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Seven Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-Five Dollars and Eighty-Nine Cents (\$97,265.89) including interest 5.375% 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 March 24, 2016 Said premises are situated in City of Vassar, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 31, Canterbury Woods, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 5, Page 13 of Plats, Tuscola County Records. Commonly known as 4877 Canterbury Ct, Vassar MI 48768 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: 2/24/16 CitiMortgage, Inc.
Successor by merger to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc.
Mortgagee Attorneys:
Potestivo & Associates, P.C.
811 South Blvd. Suite 100
Rochester Hills, MI 48307
(248) 844-5123
Our File No: 15-23950

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Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale
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INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Anthony R. Beecher, a single man, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Towne Mortgage Company dba AmeriCU Mortgage its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated March 19, 2010, and recorded on April 5, 2010 in Liber 1195 on Page 400, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC 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 Eighty-Two Thousand Twenty-Two and 42/100 Dollars (\$82,022.42).

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 March 24, 2016.

Said premises are situated in Township of Denmark, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: A parcel of Land lying in the Northeast corner of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 32, Township 12 North, range 7 East, described as: commencing at a point 2 rods West and 8 rods South of the North 1/4 stake of the North and South 1/4 line of Section 32; thence West 6 rods 10 feet; thence South 70.00 feet; thence East 109.00 feet; thence North 70.00 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: February 24, 2016
For more information, please call:
FC H (248) 593-1300
Trott Law, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Hwy Ste. 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan
48334-5422
File #460283F01

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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 Richard L. Polzin, An Unmarried Man,

original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Citizens Bank, its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated August 25, 2008, and recorded on August 28, 2008 in Liber 1156 on Page 1246, and modified by agreement dated November 18, 2014, and recorded on March 11, 2015 in Liber 1325 on Page 246, and assigned by said Mortgagee to PHH Mortgage Corporation 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 Ninety Thousand Seventy and 68/100 Dollars (\$90,070.68).

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 March 24, 2016.

Said premises are situated in Township of Watertown, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: The West 10.01 acres of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 17, Town 10 North, Range 9 East, described as beginning at the North 1/4 corner of said Section 17, thence North 87 Degrees 40 Minutes 33 Seconds East along the North line of said Section 17, 328.65 Feet, thence South 01

Degrees 33 Minutes 34 Seconds East parallel with the North and South 1/4 line of said Section 17, 1326.61, thence South 87 Degrees 34 Minutes 46 Seconds West along the North, East and West 1/8 line of said Section 17, 328.66 Feet, thence North 01 Degrees 33 Minutes 34 Seconds West along the North and South 1/4 line of said Section 17, 1327.16 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: February 24, 2016
For more information, please call:
FC J (248) 593-1311
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Obituaries

Billy Branham

Billy Ronald Branham, 83, of Cass City died following a short illness Wednesday, February 17, 2016 in McLaren Bay Region, Bay City.

He was born August 26, 1932 in Portsmouth, OH, the second of two children born to Hiram and Violet F. (Bodmer) Branham.

He married Betty Dorothy Nelson October 18, 1957 in Indiana. Billy served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War. He worked in the steel industry for Jones and Laughlin Steel Company and then LTV Steel in Warren for many years until his retirement. Billy enjoyed hunting, especially hunting deer with his bow. He made his own bows and arrows. Billy also enjoyed fishing, working around the house and working on cars. Playing country music on his guitar was a favorite pastime also.

Billy is survived by his wife, Betty; daughters: Cheryl Glassford of Cass City, Linda Branham of Deford; grandchildren: Kristy (Jonathan) Sherman, Brad Glassford; great-grandchildren - Hope Stilson & Aaron Sherman, Kristy Sherman's children.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Norma "Jean" Clancy. Private family services will be held at a later date.

Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund. Family and friends may share memories, prayers and stories with the family at www.kranzfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City.

Dianne Chrzan

Dianne Kay Chrzan, 72, of Cass City, died following a long illness Monday, February 15, 2016 in her daughter's home.

She was born April 23, 1943 in Bay City, the second of four children born to Charles and Lurine (Davenport) Ahrens.

Dianne graduated from Bay City Central High School. She worked as a CNA for Tendercare Nursing Facility for several years. Dianne enjoyed playing Solitaire and completing crossword puzzles. She was a great cook and baker. Dianne loved her grandchildren with all her heart.

Dianne is survived by her children: Susan (James) Cameron of Rhodes, MI, David (Angie) Chrzan of Russell Springs, KY, Jennifer (Allan) Horne of Cass City, Greg (Tina) Chrzan of Cass City, Jeff (Kemberelyn) Chrzan of Killeen, TX; stepson, Ronald Weitzel of Cass City; grandchildren: Amber, David, Lakeisha, Latisha, Brent, Jennifer (Cody), Hailey, Desirae, James Jr., Andrew, Brady, Tiffany, Harlie, Kellie, Brandon, Elizabeth, Johnathon; many great grandchildren; sister, Sharon Chesney of Saginaw; many nieces and nephews; extended family: Laura Phelps of Cass City, Lucinda Phelps of Cass City.

She was preceded in death by her parents; great granddaughter, Allyn; brother, Duane Ahrens; sister, Judy Sproull.

A funeral service was held Wednesday, February 17, in Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City with Debra L. Kranz, Funeral Service Celebrant officiating.

Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund. Family and friends may share memories, prayers and stories with the family at www.kranzfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City.

Richard Walker

Richard Allan "Dick" Walker, 71, of Cass City died Wednesday, February 17, 2016 in Medilodge of Cass City.

He was born April 7, 1944 in Evert to Reginald and Ila Belle (Loomis) Walker. He married Karen Beck in 1967. She died in 1977.

Richard was employed by General Motors as an assembly line worker. He was a member of the Caro Moose Lodge and Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of Cass City. Richard enjoyed travelling; especially, "up North" in Evert, Harrison and the Mackinaw Bridge. He loved spending time with his grandchildren, telling them stories and making them watch old movies. Richard was known to play Euchre and had a fondness for birds, cardinals and blue jays were his favorites.

Richard is survived by his daughter, Lori Walker of Cass City; grandsons: Jaron Walker, Trevyn Conley and Austin Conley; granddaughters: Karen Muma, Savannah Muma, McKenna Carr and McLyne Carr; four great-grandchildren; sisters: Francis Robinson and Viola "Kay" Walker; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his daughter Wendy; grandson Jacob Carr; great-grandson Cayden Conley; brothers: Wesley Walker and Robert Walker; sisters: Barbara Jean Fox and Marguerite Hillard.

A funeral service was held Sunday, February 21, in Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City with Brad Speirs of Novesta Church of Christ officiating.

Interment will be in Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City. Pallbearers for Mr. Walker: Jaron Walker, Trevyn Conley, Austin Conley, Ron Dibble and Danny Bergman.

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HURON COUNTY Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson points to the old and new airboats while explaining the differences between the crafts.

Thumb sheriffs commission new airboat for ice rescues



HURON COUNTY Undersheriff Duane Miller, one of several officers trained to operate the new airboat, is pictured above at the controls of the craft during a demonstration trip Thursday morning on Saginaw Bay. The photo below is a view from the cabin looking towards the rear of the airboat.



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“Sheriffs’ Endeavor” in honor of a cooperative effort involving the Huron and Tuscola county sheriff’s departments, which worked hand in hand to make the project a reality.

“The new patrol/airboat is specifically designed for harsh ice operations, but it’s also multi-purpose. It is four feet longer and heavier duty by far than our old air boat and is equipped with a 650 horsepower General Motors engine, which is 200 horsepower more than our old airboat,” Hanson pointed out.

“Its center of gravity is much lower than the old airboat and it can operate in as high as four- to five-foot seas safely, where a three-foot sea was dangerous on the old airboat,” he said. “It can also carry much more weight than the old airboat.”

The pilot house of the 20-foot craft, manufactured by Midwest Rescue Airboats, Gardner, Kan., is heated and can accommodate up to five people, according to the sheriff.

“It’s equipped with a side mounted jib crane that can lift 600 pounds, and has safety cameras, police and marine radios and a bigger screen GPS. It also has an ice brake, which can be used to partially lift the patrol/airboat so it doesn’t freeze to the ice if it has to remain stationary for any period of time,” he added.

“Our understanding is there may be four or five other airboats somewhat comparable to it in our state, which includes the Coast Guard’s. However, ours is likely to be the most capable because of its latest technology in hull design and power. It’s also one of two of its kind owned by a Michigan sheriff’s office with (the other office) being the Chippewa County Sheriff’s office up in the Soo.”

TRAGIC HISTORY

The road to equipping Thumb law enforcement officials with the specialized tools needed to effectively respond to ice rescue operations has been paved with tragedies.

“Over seventeen years ago, on Feb. 6, 1999, 42-year-old Kerry Southworth of Elkton went ice fishing on Wildfowl Bay off of McKinley Township, when he accidentally broke through the ice and lost his life,” Hanson recalled.

“Divers began to assemble the following day to plan how to get Kerry from below the cold water. Our office was always equipped to respond to emergencies on the open waters of our county, but we relied heavily on hoping to be able to coordinate with a couple of local Saginaw Bay area residents for their airboats and assistance, which is the tool of choice for ice and shallow water search and rescues,” he said.

“It wasn’t a problem if the volunteers were available and nearby when an emergency arose because they would always gladly respond and graciously assist in whichever way they could. That was actually the case with Kerry’s tragic incident and fortunately a local airboat was available to take our divers out to get Kerry and bring him home to his family,” Hanson added.

“In years prior to that fateful day, there had been other similar tragic and near death ice fishing and snowmobile related incidents on the open water of Saginaw Bay, as well as duck and deer hunting incidents in the shallow marshy areas and on the islands of Saginaw Bay. However, there were those occasions of emergency where time was of the essence and an airboat was not able to respond in a timely fashion or one wasn’t available at all,” he continued.

“So shortly following Kerry’s death, his family and friends banded together with Deputy Richard Koehler and other deputies from our office to raise money to purchase a departmental airboat. Through the generosity of those and many other individuals, as well as local service and sportsman clubs and businesses, over \$30,000 was collected to purchase and minimally equip an air-

boat.”
It was nearly a year after Kerry’s accident that the sheriff’s department purchased a 16-foot Diamondback Airboat in Florida and brought it back to put into service in January 2000.

“Over the next 16 years, that airboat responded to many emergencies on the waters in our county, as well as in Tuscola, Bay and other counties, even as far away as Grand Traverse County,” Hanson said.

“In its history up until today, it was quite often the difference between life or death. And on those tragic occasions, it was the platform that allowed divers to recover victims and return them to their families, one from as far as five miles offshore.”

However, those ice search and rescue operations took their toll on the hull and structure of the airboat, which was designed for recreational use in the Everglades and not for the extreme service required during very cold weather and travel on ice.

THE SOLUTION

During the last four years, nearly every time the airboat was operated on the ice for any time at all, it would usually have to be taken in for repairs. In fact, it had also gotten to the point where water was seeping into the hull and a backup third bilge pump was installed for precautionary measures,” Hanson said. “It was apparent in late 2013 that we were going to have to make some major repairs in the next year or two, which were going to be expensive.”

That’s when Tuscola County Sheriff’s deputy and Emergency Management Director Steve Anderson contacted Huron County Undersheriff Duane Miller about the possibility of replacing the boat.

“Tuscola Deputy Anderson was

aware of our airboat’s condition and he was interested in helping us replace our airboat,” Hanson noted. “This was because his county had been relying on us to handle incidents in their county. Between the two counties that border each other, there are over 116 miles of shoreline being shared on Saginaw Bay and Lake Huron.”

The project soon involved more personnel. Huron County Emergency Management Director Randy Miller was added, and the team decided to apply for grant funding through Region 3 LETPA — a Homeland Security grant program for law enforcement members in Alcona, Arenac, Bay, Genesee, Gladwin, Huron, Iosco, Lapeer, Midland, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Saginaw, Sanilac and Tuscola counties.

“It was a very intense process and their hard work eventually paid off last winter,” Hanson said. “However, the \$154,000 project would require \$35,000 out of pocket to complete. A meeting was held between me and Tuscola Sheriff Lee Teschendorf, along with command staff from both offices. With cooperation from both county boards of commissioners, it was agreed our county would commit \$25,000 and Tuscola would commit \$10,000.”

It was also determined that the new airboat would be in the control and ownership of the Huron County Sheriff’s Office, and its operational expenses would be Huron County’s obligation as well.

“Tuscola further dedicated two deputies for use in time of need at their expense. It was also decided that once up and running, the airboat would be available to support any member of Region 3 anytime, anywhere,” Hanson said.

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