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4-H, Extension services on line in March 8 vote

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

The future of MSU Extension services in Tuscola County, including 4-H programs that annually impact hundreds of youths, will be on the line when voters head to the polls to cast their votes in the Tuesday, March 8, presidential primary election.

Residents are being asked to approve a special tax of one-tenth of a mill for the next six years.

The Tuscola County Board of

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

If approved, the tax would generate an estimated \$173,000 in the first year. The levy would cost the owner

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WORLD WAR II veteran Bob Stickle of Cass City was recently invited to Bill Hartzell's class at Cass City Junior-Senior High School to share his experiences as a soldier during D-Day. The class is an elective in which students view films with historical themes and then conduct their own research in an effort separate fact from Hollywood fiction.

\$6 million school bond vote slated in Kingston

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

The Tuesday, March 8, presidential primary election will feature a pair of local ballot measures in the Kingston Community School District, where officials will be asking voters to approve a \$6 million bond issue to fund a myriad of what school officials say are long-overdue building and equipment upgrades ranging from technology needs to roof replacement.

In addition, voters will be asked to renew the school's 18-mill non-homestead operating tax levy for another 10 years. This levy has been in place since Proposal A was passed in 1994. The tax impacts only non-homestead property, such as industrial, commercial and second homes. State law requires every school district to levy the tax or lose a significant portion of their state funding.

The bond issue, meanwhile, would generate an estimated \$6,010,000 and be paid back over a period of 20 years.

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HDC looking for area homes needing repairs

by Clarke Haire
Publisher

Representatives from the Human Development Commission (HDC) were on hand Monday during the Cass City Village Council's regular monthly meeting to discuss their search for homes in the area that are in need of repairs.

HDC Housing Rehabilitation specialists Brian Neuville and Jeff Bliss told the local trustees they are seeking houses in Tuscola, Huron, Sanilac and Lapeer counties that will qualify for their Homeowner Rehabilitation Program.

"We looking to do nine or 10 projects," said Neuville, adding qualifying homes must be located within the village limits and include the Tuscola County target areas of Cass City, Caro and Vassar.

The Homeowner Rehabilitation Program offer assistance in the form of a

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D-Day memories

Retired Cass City educator, World War II vet Bob Stickle shares invasion memories with students

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

A group of Cass City Junior-Senior High School students were recently treated to a rare opportunity that is becoming even rarer with each passing day: experiencing a slice of a major World War II battle through the eyes of a soldier who was there.

Bill Hartzell's students met with Cass City's Bob Stickle in conjunction with a unit they're studying on the subject.

Stickle, a former longtime educator who spent his entire 30-year career with the Cass City Public Schools, including serving as middle school principal for 22 years, participated in the Battle of Normandy more than 70 years ago. The Normandy Invasion, or D-Day, remains the largest seaborne invasion in history, involving nearly three million troops crossing the English Channel from England to Normandy in occupied France.

The class that brought Stickle back into a classroom is a new elective suggested and taught by Hartzell on history-based movies – in this case, the 1998 American epic war film,

"Saving Private Ryan," starring Tom Hanks, Edward Burns, Matt Damon and Tim Sizemore.

Stickle fought in both the European and Pacific theatres during World War II.

"I was a senior in high school when I went into the military," he told the students, noting he entered the Army and completed his basic training "in a cornfield" in Illinois known as Camp Ellis.

"I was 18 years old. I was like every other 18-year-old; you think that you're bullet-proof – it's not going to happen to you, it's going to happen to somebody else. But, of course, it does happen," Stickle said. "I was always impressed with how well our troops handled...going into action, seeing little fear. I think that says something about character."

"I was inducted into 'limited service' (no combat)," he continued. "When I finished basic training, limited service was eliminated; you were either fit for duty or you went home."

Stickle was assigned to an Army engineers unit that constructed bridges and handled demolition jobs such as clearing mine fields. He said the unit was sent overseas along with many others as D-Day approached. He pointed out his involvement in the invasion came after the initial assault, although he saw portions of the battle unfold. "The sky was literally filled with U.S. aircraft on bombing runs," he recalled.

"It (initial assault) was over and the area was secured, but we still saw dead bodies and so forth, which is one of the things that will never leave you," said Stickle, one of about only a half-dozen surviving World

War II veterans in Cass City today.

"The worst of it was over," he added. "Our unit – we did suffer some casualties from aircraft fire."

Of course demolition work is dangerous, too. "If you're trained properly and you use your head, it's not that dangerous," Stickle told the students. "Well, there's always fear, of course. It's scary."

Stickle, who also briefly talked about the service medals and ribbons he received, as well as topics such as the rations fed to soldiers during World War II, recalled the end of the war in Europe and his subsequent transfer to the Pacific Theatre of Operation via a 60-day sea voyage.

"We were being prepped for the planned invasion of Japan," he explained, noting that invasion proved unnecessary after the United States' use of atomic warfare finally prompted the Japanese to surrender. "Was it worth it? Yes, as far as I'm concerned," he said.

"Did it (war) change me? Yes, definitely; I grew up considerably," Stickle told the students. "You change; it changes you as an individual. My personal opinion is that it improved me as an individual."

At the same time, Stickle acknowledged that change came at a tremendous cost, not only in terms of servicemen wounded and killed, but also among those who returned home to face the effects of a disorder without a name in that day – Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder.

"It obviously affected guys. It wasn't (recognized) as it is now, but you could see it," Stickle said in response to a student's question on the subject.

"Even as limited as our contact was

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Adams battling cancer; benefit slated Saturday in Sanilac Co.

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

His family and friends know him as Roger Adams, dad and grandpa, but hundreds of youngsters know he's really Santa Claus.

And Adams, of Ruth, never disappoints, with his signature white beard, broad smile, trademark red and white coat and hat and, of course, Mrs. Claus (family and friends also know her as Joann Adams) at his side. Even without his "working clothes", youngsters flock to him – in restaurants, during shopping trips, even while vacationing in California.

It's a tradition the Adams have enjoyed sharing with others for years, but the Christmas of 2015 took a frightening turn for the couple and their family when Roger was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in December.

Co-workers and friends have

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ROGER AND JOANN Adams visit with then-22-month-old Madysyn Hartel, daughter of Miranda and Brad Hartel, during Cass City's Christmas in the Village Community Gathering last December at the local VFW hall. Co-workers and friends plan to host a benefit spaghetti dinner for Roger Adams Saturday, March 5, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the VFW hall in Sandusky.

Michigan health officials confirm case of Zika virus

Michigan health officials have identified the first confirmed case of Zika virus in a Michigan resident.

The patient, a female resident from Ingham County, contracted the virus while traveling in a country where Zika virus is being transmitted, according to officials, who noted the patient is not pregnant and experienced symptoms consistent with Zika virus disease shortly after her return to Michigan.

Zika virus is spread to people primarily through the bite of an infected Aedes aegypti mosquito. These mosquitoes are not found in Michigan, but are widespread in tropical and subtropical areas.

The most common symptoms are fever, rash, joint pain and red, itchy eyes. Symptoms are typically mild and last several days to a week. Many people who are infected will not experience any symptoms.

There have been rare reported cases of Guillain-Barre syndrome following Zika virus infection. There have also been rare reports of sexual transmission of Zika virus infection. There is no vaccine to prevent or medicine to treat Zika virus infection.

"This is the time of year when many Michigan residents are traveling to

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CASS CITY fourth graders who will be representing the district in the 35th annual Tuscola County Spelling Bee are (from left) Carter Patrick and Braylon LeValley from Robin Beckrow's class, Lance Britt and Ryan Mellendorf from Cori Gniewek's class, and Abby Stapleton and Natalie Holdburg from Lisa Green's class. The county spelling bee is slated for Thursday, March 3, at Mayville Elementary School.

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TRAVELING CHRONICLE - Above Mandi Bartnik poses with an issue of the Cass City Chronicle in front of the Eiffel Tower in Paris, France. Bartnik recently graduated from Northwood University.

Bartnik graduates from Northwood University

Mandi Ruth Bartnik, daughter of Dave & Shelly Bartnik of Deford, graduated December 19th, 2015, from Northwood University, with a bachelor's degree in business administration in accounting, with a minor in Management. She currently has an internship with Anderson Tuckey Bernhardt & Doran, and is presently studying for the CPA.

Mandi also studied abroad her senior year in Europe. She studied in London England & Paris France. She is a 2011 graduate of Cass City High School.

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Guest Author
Kim Salerno

Cast a “yes” vote for county youth

You can't buy much for \$5 dollars these days, but in Tuscola County, voters have the opportunity to invest in hundreds of youngsters whose lives and futures are being shaped by 4-H programs that instill in them a solid work ethic, pride in a job well done, and a desire to give back to their communities.

That \$5 is what the owner of a home with a market value of \$100,000 would pay in additional taxes if the proposed one-tenth of a mill to support MSU Extension programs (including 4-H) in Tuscola County is approved during the Tuesday, March 8, presidential primary election.

The special tax would be levied for the next six years, generating \$173,000 in the first year.

The decision to seek additional tax revenue came after the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners, faced with a projected general fund budget deficit of several hundred thousand dollars over the next few years, opted to cut funding for the county's MSU Extension office – not because commissioners don't value Extension programs, but because those programs are among a handful the county is not required by the state to fund.

It should be noted that county officials agreed to continue funding Extension programs until voters had the opportunity to approve a millage and the tax begins to generate revenue.

On paper, the consequences of turning down the millage are cut and dried.

In a nutshell, the county's MSU Extension Office would close its doors. There would be no more 4-H youth programs or any other Extension program services in the county; no more local soil testing, insect identification or plant disease identification, no more farm visits, no research trials.

4-H volunteers and leaders, however, will tell you the greatest impact will be on the county's youth, who for years have benefited from local 4-H programs that create and nurture leadership skills, self-confidence and community involvement – programs that help to keep them busy with positive activities, and encourage them to contribute to their hometowns.

Research backs up those claims.

For more than a decade, preeminent youth development scholars, Drs. Richard M. Lerner and Jacqueline V. Lerner, and a team at the Institute for Applied Research in Youth Development at Tufts University, Medford, Mass., partnered with faculty at America's land-grant colleges and universities to conduct a study that began in 2002 and was repeated for eight years, surveying more than 7,000 adolescents from diverse backgrounds across 42 U.S. states.

The study revealed that youth involved in 4-H programs are four times more likely to make contributions to their communities, two times more likely to be civically active, two times more likely to make healthier choices, and two times more likely to participate in science, engineering and computer technology programs during out-of-school time.

Jackie Garner, who serves as Tuscola County 4-H Council president as well as treasurer of the Tuscola County Fair Board, told county commissioners last summer that their investment in 4-H adds up to about 33 cents per 4-Her when taking into account the investment involved (roughly \$140,000 annually) and the estimated 8,500 volunteer hours provided to the kids involved in the program.



“It (4-H) serves 500 kids and it could serve a lot more,” Garner said. “It costs 33 cents a child to keep kids on the straight and narrow. It's a pretty good deal.”

We couldn't agree more, which is why we encourage all county residents to invest in our children by voting “yes” in support of the Tuscola County MSU Extension millage next week.

Slices of Life

by Jill Pertler

Sweetening your grapes

It can seem overwhelming sometimes – this thing called life. You awaken at 4:00 a.m. because it is a “migraine day,” and roll over while trying not to move your head, just hoping to get back to sleep for another hour or two.

You discover the furnace needs repairs and the washing machine needs replacing – all in the same day. The morning alarm didn't go off and no one had time to make coffee. You are out of ketchup and you'd planned on having hamburgers for supper. There's dog hair all over the carpet and muddy cat paw prints across the newly cleaned kitchen floor (and table, but I wouldn't admit to that publicly). The dining room table is covered in receipts and tax documents. It's the first of the month and bills are due and you can't find the check-book.

One kid claims he doesn't have clean underwear because the laundry is piled high because the washer has been broken for a few days because it broke when one of the other kids was doing a load and he or she never thought to tell you.

Another of the kids calls. He has a flat tire. Again. Your car is nearly out of gas so you have to fill up before you can go rescue him. The school calls. Your kid threw up in science class. Again. It is raining or snowing or maybe probably both. The snow blower or the lawn mower or maybe probably both are on the fritz. Again.

You forgot to take your vitamins and only realize this when you reach for the aspirin. Because you still have that headache.

Your day, your week, heck your life in general seeps with potential for chaos and complaints. It can be overwhelming sometimes. It can be.

The furnace needs repairs and I am able to call a repairperson and keep our house warm. The washing machine needs replacing and I am able to go to the store and order a new one. I have a coffee maker. It works when I press a button.

A hamburger without ketchup is still a hamburger. Plus, I can probably find a recipe for an interesting sauce online. It's practically why Pinterest was invented.

Dog hair indicates a house that has the ability to love and care for animals. Ditto that for the cat paw prints. Pets give us an unconditional love like no other. Dogs do, at least. Cats allow us to clean up their paw prints.

Receipts and tax documents mean we had jobs and income during the previous year. We were able to purchase food and pay the mortgage and live in our house and be a family.

The bills are due. They aren't overdue. A lack of clean clothes and washing machine doesn't prevent those clothes from being laundered. Teaching kids how to hand wash items in a pinch is a valuable skill. Besides clean underwear is over-rated.

Having a snow blower and lawn mower means you have somewhere to blow and mow. Rain and snow

means Mother Nature is doing her job. Precipitation is typically a good thing. Every living being – from a daisy to an oak tree to a resident of California would tell you so.

A flat tire can be fixed. No one is hurt and filling up the gas is a lot less painful now than a year ago. You can pick up the sick kid while rescuing the flat tire one. That's a twofer. And tonight at supper they will be home with you. All under one roof. You don't appreciate simple things like that until they are gone.

Life. It can be overwhelming sometimes. It sure can. For me this is most likely to happen in the wee hours of the morning while I lie in bed thinking of my to-do list and all the things that could go wrong with the upcoming day or week or year or millennium.

It can be overwhelming sometimes. It is overwhelming sometimes. But it doesn't have to be. Not always. You get to choose the fullness of your cup and the sweetness of your grapes (or wine as the case may be). As long as you realize you're the one with the power to do so.

I attempt to make mine full to the brim with a nice white – preferably an oaky Chardonnay.

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

Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)



The Parenting Awareness Coalition of Tuscola County is hosting a FREE family fun night Thursday in honor of Parenting Awareness Month.

The evening's activities include a pizza dinner, books, door prizes and magical entertainment. The event will be held at the Tuscola Technology Center in Caro from 6 to 7:30 pm.

Parenting Awareness Month is a Michigan initiative to promote awareness, education, and resources – through state outreach and local efforts – emphasizing the importance of effective parenting in nurturing children to become healthy, caring, and contributing citizens. Call (989) 673-2144 (ext. 30325) for details.

Celebrating Tuscola's Star Committee was established in 2003 by the Community Foundation, the Tuscola County Human Services Council and Tuscola 2020, Inc.

The group will hold its 14th annual celebration Thursday, April 21, starting at 7:30 a.m. at the Tuscola Technology Center, located at 1401 Cleaver Rd. in Caro.

While the gathering is weeks away, now is the time to nominate individuals for consideration as this year's “Tuscola County Stars”. To do so, contact Susan at (989) 550-8283 or email her at susan-nawalker@gmail.com

Did you know, in Michigan the 2014 fair market rent (FMR) for a two-bedroom unit was \$784? To afford rent and utilities, without paying more than 30 percent of income on housing, a family must earn \$31,368 yearly.

In Tuscola County, the 2014 FMR for a two-bedroom unit was \$637. To afford rent and utilities, without paying more than 30 percent of income on housing, a family must earn \$2,123 monthly.

Finally, did you know the hourly wage needed for a two-bedroom unit at 2014 FMR was \$12.25 in Tuscola County?

Well, now you do.

Here's some leap year trivia: 1) How many days long is a leap year? 2) What year is the next leap year? 3) If you were born on Feb. 29, on which day would you celebrate your birthday during a non-leap year when February only has 28 days? 4) If you were born in 2004, your actual age may be 12, but what is your leap year age? 5) Which famous ancient Roman ruler introduced the first leap year back in 45 BC? The answers are: 1) 366 days. 2) 2020. 3) Feb. 28th or March 1. 4) There has been only one leap year since 2004. 5) Julius Caesar.

Letters to the Editor

Let's spend \$2 or \$3 to help our children

Editor,

Sue and I raised a wonderful family in a wonderful place named Tuscola County.

While our three girls were growing up, they were involved in 4-H. Volunteers spent hundreds of hours teaching and guiding them to help them become the great human beings they are today.

People such as Edie Izydorek and many others guided, loved and taught them to be responsible, hard-working people.

Today, that tradition continues, with leaders donating their time and resources to help our children and grandchildren become responsible, caring adults.

Two 4-H leaders I know – there are dozens I do not know – are Mark and Patricia Hansen. Mark is an extremely busy man who nevertheless finds time to mentor and teach a 4-H group that competes nationally in rocket competitions.

Mark and Patricia are not only teachers of the science of rocketry, but show the kids love and kindness on their journey to adulthood. Our community is blessed to have these people, and many 4-H leaders like them, to show caring, kindness and compassion to the next generation(s).

In a time when we pay school administrators six-figure incomes “for the kids”, let's find the extra \$2 or \$3 4-H needs to keep helping our children become citizens we can be proud of.

Please vote “yes” for 4-H on March 8.

Jim Baughman
Deford

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Wednesday, March 2

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

Thursday, March 3

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

Sunday, March 6

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

Monday, March 7

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

Tuesday, March 8

•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.)
•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.

STANDING COMMUNITY CALENDAR ITEMS

First Sunday:

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Second Monday:

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

Second Tuesday:

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

Second Wednesday:

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

Second Thursday:

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

Third Tuesday:

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

Third Wednesday

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

Third Thursday:

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

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.

Hills and Dales' "tailgate party" fundraiser generates \$14,000-plus

The Hills and Dales Foundation recently hosted its 17th annual Winter Fundraising Event at Northwood Meadows, raising more than \$14,000.

The gathering included a large raffle, silent auction, 50/50 raffle, DJ, costume contest and more. "The theme was a "tailgate party", and the community members had a blast showing up in their favorite team gear," said Danielle Blaine, foundation director and director of community relations for Hills and Dales General Hospital.

"The foundation had remarkable support from the community, with over 130 people in attendance," Blaine reported. "They also received numerous individual and business sponsorships and donations."

Winners of this year's grand prize and second prize were Dick Wallace of Cass City and Carolyn Cary of

Saginaw. The 50/50 winner was Dave Wohl, a staff member at Hills and Dales. Other raffle winners included Peggy Davidson, Jason Bellor and Kathy Kerr.

"This was such a fun event," Blaine said. "The tailgate theme made for a relaxed and entertaining evening. It is always a nice way to break up the winter. We are truly blessed to have such a supportive community and we are already looking forward to next year's event."

Hills and Dales Foundation officials use the money raised from events such as the annual Winter Fundraiser toward purchases of new equipment and/or updated technology for the hospital.

The support and contributions to the event makes a huge impact on the efforts of the foundation, according to event sponsor and Hills and Dales General Hospital Board Chairman

Pat Curtis of Pat Curtis Chevrolet Cadillac.

"I support this event and the Hills and Dales Foundation because I know what great services Hills and Dales provides to our community," Curtis said. "I've had the opportunity to learn more and more during my time on the board of directors, and I want other people to understand the importance of Hills and Dales."

"This hospital provides quality care in our backyard, with excellent physicians and staff members; we are blessed," he added. "I want to help build awareness so everyone knows how great Hills and Dales is."

For additional information about the fundraise and other ways to support the Hills and Dales Foundation, contact Blaine at (989) 912-6401 or via email at dblaine@hillsanddales.com.

Michigan Sugar acquires AmCane Sugar

Michigan Sugar Company officials recently announced they have acquired the assets of AmCane Sugar LLC, a cane sugar refiner and specialty sugar manufacturer based in Taylor.

The addition of AmCane will broaden Michigan Sugar's product offerings and allow it to meet its customers' requirements for a variety of specialty products and organic sugars, according to Michigan Sugar President and CEO Mark Flegenheimer.

AmCane's refinery in Taylor and its packaging and blending operation in Toledo, Ohio, is expected to increase Michigan Sugar's revenues by more than \$60 million and increase its sugar sales volumes by nearly 15 percent.

Flegenheimer said AmCane employs 100 workers at its combined facilities and refines a broad line of specialized cane sugar products, including liquid sucrose, VLC liquid sugar, evaporated cane juice, large/coarse grain sugar, and boiled brown sugar.

"Acquiring AmCane allows us to expand our value-added offerings," Flegenheimer said. "Adding cane sugar products to our product lineup will allow us to better serve our customers while maintaining a keen focus on value-enhanced products."

David Rosenzweig, CEO of AmCane, added, "We are delighted to see AmCane join the Michigan Sugar family. Their strong financial condition will provide AmCane the needed resources to prosper for many years."

Michigan Sugar Company is a

cooperative owned by over 1,000 sugarbeet growers, employing 940 year-round employees and 1,450 seasonal workers. It generates over one-half billion dollars in direct economic activity annually in the local communities in which it operates.

Michigan Sugar Company became a cooperative in 2002, and Monitor sugar beet growers and Monitor's

Bay City factory joined the cooperative in October 2004. Beginning with the 2004 crop, a single, grower-owned cooperative processed all sugar produced in Michigan.

Michigan Sugar Company annually produces nearly one billion pounds of sugar under the Pioneer and Big Chief brand names.

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Reporter's notebook



Let's do the best we can

by Tom Montgomery
Editor



If you ever wondered what Santa was whispering to the dozens of excited youngsters awaiting their turn on his lap during Cass City's annual Christmas in the Village Community Gathering last December, I have it on good authority that he's fond of encouraging the kids to do the best they can.

It's a simple piece of advice, one that Santa – his friends also know him by the name of Roger Adams – figures will encourage children to think a little more about giving and less about getting.

Adams knows a thing or two about that. You see, while he was all smiles, the regulation twinkle in his eye that cold night in Cass City – and his bride, Joann, at his side – Adams must have felt the weight of the cancer inside his body.

And, yet, he chose to give of himself, just as he has in Cass City and across the Thumb for the past several years.

It couldn't have been easy, and you can hear a certain sadness in Adams' voice when he mentions he and Joann were forced to cancel a few appearances towards the end of the holiday.

Adams was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in December. The devastating disease has robbed him of the energy he once knew, forcing him to leave his "off-season" job as a case manager and social worker for Sanilac County Mental Health.

Co-workers have organized a spaghetti dinner fundraiser for the Adams, who reside "up north" near Ruth. The event is slated for Saturday, March 5, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the VFW hall in Sandusky (850 S. Sandusky Rd). The event will include raffles and a bake sale. More information is available by calling (810) 404-7930.

Although cancer has turned the Adams' lives upside down, memories of their work as Santa and Mrs. Claus still bring smiles to their faces, and Christmas in the Village has always been a highlight due to the crowds the gathering draws – literally hundreds of youngsters flock to the local VFW hall after watching Santa arrive via fire truck during the annual Lighted Christmas Parade down Main Street.

Roger has also brought his special brand of Christmas cheer to much smaller audiences, sometimes just one family at a time. Even when he isn't dressed in his familiar red and white suit, he's frequently found himself the center of attention among kids – in restaurants, while shopping, even at the beach – who are certain they've spotted the Jolly Old Elf in the off-season.

Roger knows the kids are watching and has always been careful not to disappoint, welcoming the attention and doing his best to keep his own brand of Christmas magic alive for them.

It's a dedication shared by Joann, who has expressed some concern about publicity over the upcoming fundraiser, and how news of her husband's illness might affect his biggest fans: the children.

Even during this most difficult time, the Adams think about giving. I suppose because the couple have never limited their Christmas spirit to just a few weeks at the end of the year.

Hopefully, the rest of us – moms and dads included – will follow their example.

I'm sure the Clauses – both Roger and Joann – appreciate every word and note of encouragement they've received since Roger's diagnosis. I have no doubt they would welcome more, and it's certain they could use any sort of financial gift area residents could send their way.

Maybe we could all say a prayer for Santa and his loving wife, too, and keep them in our thoughts.

The way I figure it, that's the best we can do.

Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO (2011)

Hailey Belle Weeks was born at Mt. Clemens Regional Hospital Jan. 20, 2011. She weighed 10 pounds, 3 ounces and was 21" long. Hailey is the daughter of Steve and Sandra (Frank) Weeks of Washington, Mich. Her grandparents are George and Beverly Frank of Cass City, and Patricia and the late Howard Weeks of Florida.

Michigan Technological University has recently announced the dean's list for the fall 2010 semester. To be included, students must achieve grade point averages of 3.5 or higher. Among the honorees is Tyler Tomlinson of Cass City, a civil engineering major. Michigan Technological University (mtu.edu) is a leading public research university developing new technologies and preparing students to create the future for a prosperous and sustainable world.

Victoria Wright has been named Owendale-Gagetown School's "Senior Student of the Month" for February. Wright has been attending the Huron Area Technical Center as a student in the Hospitality/Food Service Program for the past 2 years. Her training has also expanded in the field as she is an aide to the cafeteria staff at Owen-Gage. Wright was nominated to represent her class as a queen candidate for the school's 2011 snowball festivities. She attends S.M.A.S.H. weekly – a youth group sponsored by the River's Edge Ministries. In her spare time, she babysits, enjoys swimming, and spending time with friends and her 2 dogs. The daughter of Sharlene Wright and Cliff Rose of Cass City, Wright plans to attend college, but her major is undecided at this time.

10 YEARS AGO (2006)

Winter royalty was crowned at both Cass City and Owen-Gage high schools over the past week. Dustin Bader and Nicole Froede were named Snowcoming king and queen last week, in Cass City, while Barbie Littlepage and Trace Lopez were crowned Owen-Gage's Snowball king and queen Friday night.

Sandy Parks knows the students in her first and second grade class at Owen-Gage Elementary School don't often pay attention to weather reports. Parks was awarded \$286 from DTE-Mini-Grants, the grant will be used to purchase and install a weather station at the school. The station, which will be linked to a computer in the school, is designed to display wind speed and direction, rainfall, humidity, temperature and barometric pressure.

Three area residents were recently named to the dean's list at Grand Valley State University. They are: Carrie M. Hillaker and Jessica L. Nicol, both of Cass City and Erin Lorenz of Owendale. To be named to the dean's list, a student must maintain a minimum 3.5 grade point average while enrolled in at least 12 credit hours of coursework.

25 YEARS AGO (1991)

Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Frank announce the birth of a baby girl, 6 pound, 4 ounce Cassidy at Huron Memorial Hospital, Bad Axe, Feb. 23. She has a brother, Grant, 7, at home. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Wutzke and Mr. and Mrs. George Frank. Great-grandmother is Mrs. Marion McClorey.

Dean M. Whittaker of Cass City has been named to the academic honors list at Spring Arbor College for outstanding academic achievement during the fall semester of 1990. Whittaker, who earned a 4.0 semester grade point average, is a junior at the college, majoring in economics. He is the son of Wayne and Evelyn Whittaker, 4968 N. Van Dyke Rd. The academic honors list is published each semester and consists of all students who earn a grade point average of 3.5 or above on a 4.0 scale.

Gary Mills, of Cass City, was presented with a \$410 mini-grant last month by Nancy Halifax of Detroit Edison; James D. Mapes, HISSD superintendent; Charles Dumas, HISSD vocational education director; Richard Holdship, Huron Area Skill Center principal, and Linda Zibbel, HISSD gifted and talented program coordinator. The grant will allow his architecture students to design and build a scale model solar home.

35 YEARS AGO (1981)

Several family members visited Mr. and Mrs. Vern McConnell last week end to celebrate Mr. McConnell's birthday, which would have been

Feb. 29. Saturday evening guests were Mr. and Mrs. Charles McConnell and family of Caro, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Speirs and Mr. and Mrs. Skip Speirs. Visitors Sunday afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. Norman Blue and family of Millington, Mr. and Mrs. John Luana and children of Deford, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Speirs and children, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Speirs and Brad, Becky Speirs and Mr. and Mrs. Stan Guinther. Mrs. McConnell served birthday cake and ice cream.

Ubyly High School has announced its honor students from the class of 1981. Karen Ann O'Parka, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chester O'Parka Jr., Parisville, is valedictorian. Dawn Marie Pulcer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pulcer, of rural Ubyly, is salutatorian.

Juana Flores, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Flores of Owendale, was recently chosen as student of the month for January at Owendale-Gagetown High School. Miss Flores, a senior at the school, is currently serving as president of National Honor Society and will graduate in the top ten of her class. She is secretary of the senior class, was president of her freshman and sophomore classes and secretary of her junior class. Miss Flores was in the band in two of her high school years, has been in dramatics her freshman, junior and senior years, and participated in the softball and basketball programs in her freshman year. She recently completed her term as editor of the Bulldog school annual, Miss Flores plans to attend Grand Valley State College next year.

40 YEARS AGO (1976)

Sherril Thane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willis J. Thane of Cass City, has been named to the dean's list and cumulative achievement honors at Huntington College, Huntington, Ind. To be eligible for the dean's list, a student must enroll in at least three courses and achieve a grade point average of 10.5 or higher on a 12 point scale. To be eligible for cumulative achievement honors, a student must have earned a cumulative grade point average of 10.2 or above and completed at least 16 courses, carrying a load of eight courses a year.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Loomis of Cass City announce the engagement of their daughter, Debra, to Henry A. Cooklin, son of Toshiko Chii and Alfred Cooklin of Deford.

A 90th birthday celebration in honor of Mrs. Fred Palmateer of Rochester was held recently at her home by family members. The former Amy Wentworth is a native of Cass City. She and Fred Palmateer were married in Sandusky. The couple has two daughters, Maxine Acre of Royal Oak, Mich., and Ruby Biddle of Cass City; two sons, Stanley and Arnold, both of Rochester, and three grandchildren. She is the sister of Mrs. William Patch of Cass City. Mrs. Palmateer celebrated her 90th birthday Dec. 17.

Mrs. Phyllis Root of Gagetown and Mrs. Liz Taylor of Kingston have been honored by the Michigan Cystic Fibrosis Chapter for their efforts on behalf of lung-damaged children. The C-F Foundation annually presents such awards to their key volunteers throughout Michigan who have dedicated thousands of hours to organizing and conducting programs of public education and fund-raising. State Campaign Chairman Gene Riley said.

50 YEARS AGO (1966)

Lynn Atwell streaked to a second place win in the mile-long down hill races in competition Saturday and Sunday at Lutsen, Minn., and picked up third place medals in the Slalom and Giant Slalom. Racing in the over-all category at the 12-state divisional meet, a bad break in starting position forced the young skier to race in 54th position instead of the seventh place post she had earned through earlier wins and was believed to have affected her showing. Lynn has been a consistent winner at the divisional meet which she has attended for the past three years. Next on the docket for the 13-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Atwell, of Cass City is the Thunder Mountain Open, near Boyne Falls this week end. Competition there will be open to all non-professional skiers.

The Rev. Robert J. Searls, columnist for the Chronicle, was honored recently at a session of the Methodist Camp Commission by being named an honorary member of that body. Searls has been a member of the Commission for nearly 20 years, and was an officer of the Commission for part of that period. The motion read, "Because of his continued interest

and past service to the Camp Commission, it was voted to elect the Reverend Robert J. Searls an honorary member of the Commission." In recent years Searls has limited his work for the Commission to writing about the camps, and in writing the commentary on the Commission film strips.

Mrs. Brewster Shaw and Mrs. Orion Cardew attended the planning committee dinner with meetings following at Bridgeport Tuesday for the Michigan Education Association Teachers Conference to be held next Oct. 27 and 28 at Saginaw. Mrs. Shaw is chairmen of the Foreign Languages and Mrs. Cardew is Chairman of the Later Elementary Reading.

75 YEARS AGO (1941)

A quiet wedding was solemnized at 10:00 a. m. Tuesday, February 25, when Miss Gladys Marie Dickinson, daughter of Harold Dickinson became the bride of Clifford Robinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Robinson, of Ubyly. The wedding took place in the Methodist parsonage at Ubyly, Rev. Clifton Scott, pastor, reading the service. They were attended by Miss Florence Harrison of Cass City and Ira Robinson, Jr., brother of the groom, of Ubyly. A wedding dinner was served the bridal party and the immediate families in the Robinson home at noon and a reception was held that evening in the Masonic Hall at Ubyly when about 175 relatives and friends were present. Dancing and cards were enjoyed and refreshments were served. Mr. and Mrs. Robinson received many gifts. Among the guests were the grandparents of both bride and groom, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Dickinson, of Cass City and Mr. and Mrs. John Robinson, of Ubyly.

Warren T. Schenck, one of the pioneer settler of this community, celebrated his 94th birth anniversary on Tuesday, March 4. Mr. Schenck fails to register in looks or actions his advanced years and can easily pass for a man many years younger. Although his eyesight and hearing are not as keen as they were a few years ago, his general health is quite good. Even though the icy walks and cold weather kept many younger people indoors on Tuesday, Mr. Schenck enjoyed a walk from his home to the Wood Drug Store and return, a distance of six blocks.

100 YEARS AGO (1916)

"Billie" Bien, a member of the Class of 1914 and prominently connected with the football, basketball and baseball activities during his high school life at Cass City, is making good as trainer and coach as well as instructor at the Matchwood, Michigan, schools. In a recent basketball game between Bergland and Matchwood the latter was victorious in a 19-40 score. "The Bergland boys played a good game," says the Cloverland Press, "but the newly organized team of Matchwood, with their trainer and coach, Prof. Bien, outclassed them in every move of the game."

Miss Barbara Brown of Rodney, Ontario, and G. J. Copland of this place were united, in marriage on Wednesday, March 1, at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. A. E. Goodall. Bruce Brown, brother of the bride, gave her away and Miss Frances Goodall and Charles Copland stood up with the happy couple. The ceremony was performed by Roy Hamblin and the wedding march played by Mrs. Henly of Kingston. Fred Smith sang a solo, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" after which a dinner was served and the guests tendered their congratulations. The bride was dressed in light blue silk with tunic of overlace trimmed with blue marabout and the bridesmaids in white and blue.

When Mrs. C.H. Seeley of Elmwood township was preparing breakfast for her husband Friday morning, she was greatly surprised when she broke a large egg to see a small one, perfectly formed, roll out of the large shell. Double-yolked eggs were not uncommon at the Seeley farm, but one of this variety was a curiosity to the family and community. The "parent" egg measured 7 by 8 1/2 inches around and the white of an egg lay between the inner and outer shells. The "baby" egg contained both yolk and white, had a hard shell and appeared mature in every particular. It was the size of any ordinary hen's egg.

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Millage renewals, new requests set in Sanilac County

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Sanilac County voters will decide a number of special millage requests or renewals during the Tuesday, March 8, presidential primary election.

Among them is a request for .2 of a mill to equip and operate a veterans service office to provide support and assistance to veterans through a county department of veterans affairs.

If approved, the mill tax would be levied for six years, through 2021, generating roughly \$300,000 in the first year. A portion of the millage may be captured by local Tax Increment Finance authorities, Brownfield Redevelopment authorities and downtown development authorities.

For the owner of a home with a market value of \$50,000 (SEV of \$25,000), the levy would cost \$5 more in taxes annually. The owner of a \$100,000 home would pay an extra \$10.

Another proposed new millage would pay for county-wide recycling services. The requested tax is .15 of a mill for four years and would generate an estimated \$230,000 in the first year.

The levy translates into an additional \$3.75 in taxes for the owner of \$50,000 home and an extra \$6 for the owner of an \$80,000 home.

Sanilac County officials are also asking voters to approve a pair of millage renewals, including .2 of a mill for four years, through 2019, to fund medical control emergency services. The revenue is used to support coordination of ambulance and emergency services, advanced training of emergency medical personnel, physician supervision and ambulance-life support equipment, as well as to support community ambulance services under the direction and supervision of the Sanilac Medical Control Board.

The other renewal is .2 of a mill for the Sanilac County Medical Care Facility. If approved, the tax would be levied for six more years, generating about \$300,000 in the first year.

Argyle Township

In addition, the primary ballot features three measures in Argyle Township, where voters will be asked to approve an ordinance amendment to establish a Wind Energy-Overlay District in the township. The Argyle Township Board last summer adopted the amendment, which would allow for the development of utility grid wind energy systems in the township.

Also on the ballot are two millage renewal requests.

The township's one-mill fire protection tax expired Dec. 31. Officials are asking for renewal for four years to continue funding the fire department, including the purchase and maintenance of equipment. The tax levy raises about \$23,300 annually, costing the owner of a \$50,000 home roughly \$25 a year.

Township residents are also being asked to renew a two-mill millage for roads that will expire at the end of 2016. The tax would be levied for another four years, generating about \$46,500 annually to fund road construction, improvements and maintenance. The levy translates into \$50 in taxes for the owner of a \$50,000 home.

Moore Township

In Moore Township, residents face a millage renewal request of their own.

The proposed renewal of two mills is for 4 years, through 2020, for repair, maintenance and construction of roads in the township. The levy would raise an estimated \$71,625 in the first year.

Older homes sought for rehabilitation program

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zero-percent interest deferred loan to qualifying home owners, focusing on health, safety, energy conservation, and handicap accessibility measures in the structures.

New windows, new doors and siding, roof repairs, furnace, plumbing and electrical issues are typical projects the Homeowner Rehabilitation Program addresses, according to Neuville, who says homeowners are required to contribute money to the project based on their annual income.

"Homeowners' contributions must be made directly to the contractor at the time of the pre-construction meeting," he noted.

Other criteria for obtaining a Homeowner Rehabilitation Program loan include:

*The home must be your permanent residence and you must have owned it for at least one year, by means of a mortgage or recorded land contract.

*The home must be 20 years old or older.

*All property taxes, homeowner's insurance and mortgage must be paid and up to date.

*Homes constructed prior to 1978 are required to have a risk assessment/paint inspection (for lead-based paint) at the homeowner's expense.

*An HQS Inspection of the home will determine what repairs will be done.

After the repairs are approved, a lien is recorded on the property and will remain until it is sold, refinanced, the title is transferred, or the original owner no longer lives in the home, at which time the loan would have to be repaid," explained Neuville.

Interested home owners are asked to contact HDC's Tuscola County office at (989) 673-4121 or toll-free at 1-800-843-6394 for more details.

THE HEIST

In other business Monday, Village Manager Peter Cristiano reported on what he called "The Great Revenue Sharing Heist".

"Michigan Municipal League (MML) officials have notified Cass City and other communities in the state that they have completed the study on how the state of Michigan has balanced its own budget on the backs of its municipal partners for over a decade," he said.

Federal money that was once distributed directly to local municipalities now must filter through the state office before allocating funds to communities, Cristiano explained, noting state share revenues have decrease from a high of \$315,000 locally in 2003 to \$233,000 in 2016.

"It's complicated," Cristiano said of the tax structure history. "The result of the new policy impacts public safety, quality of life, and economic competitiveness everywhere in Michigan."

"To us in Cass City, the policy means less dollars to provide quality services. Having said this, Cass City will continue to be a community with quality services for the public."

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4-H, Extension programs on the line

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of a home with a market value of \$100,000 about \$5 more a year in taxes, and the revenue would be used to pay for not only 4-H programs, but also a host of professional agriculture services and nutrition programs provided through the Extension office in Caro.

"(This millage) is so very important to the agricultural community we live in," said Jackie Garner, who serves as Tuscola County 4-H Council president as well as treasurer of the county fair board.

"MSUE has a value that many don't realize, and I encourage everyone to educate themselves on the impact that their programming, administered through that office, has. They may not see it in their everyday lives, but it is there in the background," added Garner, who is also a member of the "Friends of MSUE", a group headed up by Caro area resident Mike Joslyn that has been promoting passage of the millage.

"As a 4-H leader and fair board member, I think the public needs to understand that even though the Tuscola County Fair and the 4-H program are two very separate entities, one would not succeed without the other," Garner said. "The general public that goes to enjoy the carnival and the grandstand shows and the vendors, like Gibby's Fries, probably don't realize that our 4-H families are our strongest volunteer base."

"I just can't imagine living in Tuscola County without the 4-H program, and I'm not sure I would want to. The over 500 4-H kids who use the Tuscola County Fair to showcase their prize steer or baked apple pie or

Thanksgiving turkey are depending on us to vote 'yes' on March 8," she added.

BUDGET CONSTRAINTS

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

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

"We're in our peak right now — our general fund is picking up \$950,000" this year in wind farm tax revenue," Hoagland said. "But by the year 2019, we're projecting the gap — if nothing is done — will be somewhere around \$900,000 between general fund revenues and general fund expenditures. Other than wind, our tax base is not growing; it's flat. You see it in the (shrinking) population, the school enrollments."

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

"No question — 4-H is a tremendous program," he said, "but we have to manage the county effectively, and it isn't easy these days."

Towards that end, county officials

sought and received voter support to fund veterans services in an election last year. Officials are also focusing on cutting labor costs through attrition, and looking at ways to consolidate services with neighboring counties.

"We've done a lot of that, but it's called survival now," Hoagland said. "We're trying to be fair, logical, reasonable, and make it all work."

Garner told commissioners in July that their investment in 4-H adds up to about 33 cents per 4-Her when taking into account the investment involved (\$140,000 annually) and the estimated 8,500 volunteer hours provided to the kids involved in the program.

"It (4-H) serves 500 kids and it could serve a lot more," Garner said. "It costs 33 cents a child to keep kids on the straight and narrow. It's a pretty good deal."

And it's a good investment, according to Garner, who pointed out local 4-H programs create and nurture leadership, self-confidence and community involvement among youth, helps to keep them busy with positive activities, and encourages them to give back locally.

"The county's biggest problem is, everybody's packing up and going somewhere else," she said, adding should the county's extension office close, kids will pursue their interest in 4-H in other counties.

"We lost Big Brothers Big Sisters in Tuscola County," Garner said. You get rid of 4-H, and that's the only mentoring program we've got left."

Area residents can learn more about the Friends of MSUE by logging onto the group's Facebook page at "Friends of MSU Extension and 4 H".

Kingston voters to decide bond issue

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School Supt. Matt Drake said the request, if approved, would initially increase the district's tax rate by just over three mills, from 5.62 to 8.72 mills, then gradually begin to fall after four years. Projections call for the rate to drop below five mills by 2028 as school officials pay off existing debt, he noted.

For the owner of a home with a market value of \$100,000 — \$50,000 in state equalized valuation (SEV) — the bond issue would cost an additional \$155 annually.

According to Drake, the proposed slate of improvements was whittled down from a "wish list" totaling some \$10 million in upgrades.

Residents will find that the pared-down list is composed of needs — not wants, he said. "There's no fancy glass atrium as you walk into the school, no heated bus washing area," he added. "We know \$6 million is a lot of money, (but) we have a very depleted infrastructure — a lot of very old things," said Drake, now in his third year as Kingston superintendent.

Among the items needing attention are the elementary and high school roofs, which need to be replaced. Some existing roof sections are 20 years old or older, and sections have already failed, causing interior water damage, according to school officials.

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Also on the replacement list is the district's late 1960s-era boiler and an antiquated 1,000-gallon hot water tank.

The water tank served a purpose in its time, back when students were required to shower after gym classes, Drake said, but school officials don't need anywhere near that capacity now, and today's equipment uses energy on a demand-basis rather than, for example, heating 1,000 gallons of water then keeping it hot 24/7.

The Kingston High School gymnasium floor and bleachers would also be replaced — both are original equipment installed back in 1970s. Another concern, according to Drake, are asbestos tiles at the high school. The tiles themselves don't present a health risk, but dust from the tiles as they disintegrate could, and that's what's beginning to happen, he said.

"Our science labs are horrible," he continued. "They're original equipment also."

Roughly \$237,000 in bond money would be earmarked for technology upgrades, the purchase of iPads and other computer equipment for student use, as well as installation of "interactive white boards" — basically high tech projectors — in all elementary and high school classrooms. School officials have already started

on that project using general fund dollars.

The expansive list of improvements includes replacement of windows throughout the district, repairing parking lots and sidewalks, and upgrades to school security systems. The girls' locker room would undergo a facelift, and nearby athletic field bleachers would be replaced. School officials also hope to replace an existing concession stand/public restroom building with a new, \$355,000 facility.

"All of these (projects) will save the district general fund money, moving forward," said Drake, who indicated there won't be a better time to tackle the upgrades.

"Interest rates are as low as they're going to be. There are construction companies out there looking for work," he added.

Drake acknowledged there's never a good time to raise taxes, but he pointed out school officials have been good stewards of taxpayers' dollars.

For starters, officials have already used general fund money to take care of a number of needs, including the purchase of three school buses over the past three years and \$100,000 worth of upgrades to the district's climate control system. District officials also invested in a tractor to take care of snow plowing and mowing chores.

At the same time, Kingston has a significant fund balance, which means school officials have been able to avoid interest payments on loans to make ends meet during the brief period each year when state aid payments are temporarily suspended. It also means officials are ready for unexpected financial emergencies.

"We've maintained everything the best we can," Drake added. "There's no doubt that the school district is Kingston's pride and joy, and our staff is working hard with what we have to do the best for our kids."

"This (bond issue) will set up the district to be in excellent shape for the next 12 to 20 years."

Cass City Schools among cardiac prepared in state

State officials recently observed Cardiac Death of the Young Awareness (SCDY) Week as part of the celebration of American Heart Month in an effort to promote ways to prevent death at a younger age due to cardiac conditions.

"Cardiac arrest can happen at any age, but is especially devastating when this occurs in a young person," said Dr. Eden Wells, Chief Medical Executive with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS).

"By raising awareness and with appropriate screening and care, young people at risk can be identified and have longer, healthier lives," Wells added. "Evaluating family health history and heart health are keys to identifying those at risk and preventing sudden cardiac death of the young."

Every year, sudden cardiac death of the young (SCDY) claims the lives of more than 300 children and young adults under the age of 40 in Michigan.

SCDY is when a young, apparently healthy person dies suddenly and unexpectedly from a cardiac-related condition or unexplained cause. Often, a sudden cardiac event is the first sign in a young person, and therefore it is important to be prepared for cardiac emergencies. SCDY is sometimes caused by inherited conditions.

The American Heart Association (AHA) 'Chain of Survival' is vital to increasing the chance of survival for

cardiac arrest victims. This includes five steps: early recognition of a cardiac arrest and calling 9-1-1; rapid bystander response with hands-only cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR); use of an automated external defibrillator (AED); advanced life support; and post cardiac care.

"When these unexpected events occur, being prepared and a quick response can save lives. In fact, the chance of survival is higher when CPR and the AED are used within three minutes of the victim's collapse," Wells said.

Michigan schools are now required by state law to have a written cardiac emergency response plan. Michigan schools can also receive an honorary designation as a MI HEARTSafe School by taking additional steps to prepare for a cardiac event.

Since 2014, 162 Michigan schools — including Cass City Junior-Senior High School and Cass City Elementary School — have been recognized as a MI HEARTSafe School by MDHHS, AHA, Michigan Department of Education, Michigan High School Athletic Association, and Michigan Alliance for Prevention of Sudden Cardiac Death.

For additional details about MI HEARTSafe Schools, or to apply to become one, visit www.migr.org/miheartsafe. For more information about SCDY prevention in Michigan, visit www.michigan.gov/scdy.

NOTICE Ellington Township Residents

The Annual Township Board Meeting will be held at the Township Hall, located at the corner of M-81 and Dutcher roads, starting

Saturday, March 26, 2016 at 1:30 p.m.

The Township Board will be reviewing the Proposed Budget for the fiscal year 2016-2017. The Township Board will also review Road Improvements for 2016. There will also be a Public Hearing for "Truth in Taxation" for the tax year 2016-2017.

Duane Lockwood
Ellington Township Supervisor

Notice of BOARD OF REVIEW for Novesta Township

will be held
Monday, March 14, 2016
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Tuesday, March 15, 2016
3 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Tentative Equalization Factors:

	Multiplier	Ratio
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CASS CITY Elementary School fourth grader Diana Cortez and Jay Larson, a high school junior, are the most recent recipients of the coveted Red Hawk Award of Excellence.

Cortez, Larson recipients of coveted district award

The Cass City Board of Education recently honored the latest recipients of the district's coveted Red Hawk Award of Excellence.

They are Diana Cortez, a fourth grade student and the daughter of Rutilio Cortez-Sanchez and Rufina Cervantes, and Jay Larson, a high school junior and the son of Gwen Larson and Vincent Tringali, Jr.

During the months of October, December, February and April, each school building staff is asked to nominate students for the award in order to recognize students for leadership, service, outstanding behavior, excellent academic performance, being most improved or other accomplishments in or outside of school.

The nominees and their families are then invited to attend a school board meeting, during which teachers, administrators and the board members themselves congratulate each winner and present them with a maroon ribbon and certificate.

Nominating Cortez was her teacher, Cori Gniewek, who described her as "an exemplary student who can be counted on to always do her best. She is very detail oriented and self-motivated, meeting or exceeding expectations in the classroom.

"Hard work, discipline and responsibility are a few of Diana's many qualities that make her a Red Hawk student of excellence," Gniewek said. "She follows directions carefully, asks questions when needed, and participates in class discussions. Diana also shows that she is dependable and self-disciplined by choosing to do what is right, showing up prepared for school, and by completing her assignments accurately and on time.

"Diana comes to school each day with a smile on her face, ready to meet each circumstance with a positive attitude," she added. "She is a good friend to her peers and is willing to help anyone in need."

Larson was nominated by three teachers: Stacey Markel, Kathy Wright and Sean Zawilinski, who recalled his arrival in the district as an eighth grade student who was quiet, shy and often less than focused on school.

"Many times students have a learning curve in life, but as they grow and mature, you see them figuring out that curve and make strides by leaps and bounds. This is what happened with Jay," said Zawilinski, who penned Larson's nomination letter.

As a junior, Larson agreed to fill a mentoring position that Wright was looking to fill to help out another student. "(He) has done so cheerfully, even on the most challenging days with this student," Zawilinski said. "Both Mrs. Wright and Mrs. Markel agree that it has been a delight to watch him become this kind-hearted soul."

Zawilinski, who noted Larson always seemed to have a smile on his face, recalled getting to know him in her world history class. "Every day he would come in and place all of the chairs at his table area on the floor. I complimented him for doing this. And, again, he just smiled," she said. "One day another student came in and helped Jay. Then the student would come in and challenge Jay to a race to see who could get the most chairs down.

"Then one day Jay didn't come in early to put down chairs, but the other student did," she continued. "When Jay arrived, that student 'teased' Jay that he did them all and that Jay hadn't done any. Jay said nothing but sat in his seat with no smile. I asked Jay what was wrong and he told me he didn't like the (other) student coming in and that it was annoying. I explained to him that the young man was wanting Jay's attention and didn't know how else to get it. Jay hadn't thought of it that way," said Zawilinski, who indicated Larson didn't seem to mind after that.

She noted Larson was granted certain "modifications" when it came to his test and assignment requirements, "but he never asked for any. He has worked hard and earned an A-minus for the first semester.

"Jay inspires good in others, believes in himself and has made the change to stay this way and be successful," Zawilinski added. "We believe in him, too."

Adams battling cancer; benefit slated Saturday

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organized a spaghetti dinner benefit for the Adams, with all proceeds going to help the family with bills and expenses.

The event is slated for Saturday, March 5, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the VFW hall in Sandusky (850 S. Sandusky Rd.). The cost is a donation to the family. Take-outs will be available. The benefit will also feature raffles and a bake sale.

Anyone who is unable to attend but would like to make a monetary donation can send a check or money order payable to Joann Adams to: Roger Adams Benefit, P.O. Box 164, Sandusky, MI 48471.

More information is available by calling (810) 404-7930 or by visiting the Facebook page, Benefit Dinner for Roger Adams.

Although Adams is in a battle for his life, he enjoys talking about his years as Santa, a role he took on in 2001. The job has taken he and his wife to gatherings — some as small as individual families — throughout the Thumb, including Sandusky and Bad Axe. For the past seven years, he's served as Cass City's official Kris Kringle — the star attraction in the village's annual Lighted Christmas Parade and inside the Cass City VFW hall afterwards as 200 or more youngsters wait for their turn to share their Christmas lists with him.



Roger and Joann Adams

"We end up doing 10 to 15 engagements a year," Adams recently commented, adding he was asked to become part of Cass City's tradition after the previous Santa retired. "I've truly enjoyed it," he said. "I guess it's (Christmas in the Village) the premium event for Mr. and Mrs. Santa."

Roger doesn't hesitate when asked what he enjoys most about portraying the North Pole's most famous resident.

"The wonder in the kids' eyes, the thrill, the excitement of it," he said. "They just love being with Santa."

"The key is to always be positive, even in the off hours, (because) even when Santa is off duty, the kids are watching, making their lists and checking them twice," Roger noted, adding he encourages the kids to do more than just read their Christmas wish lists to him. In fact, he challenges them to devote at least one year to making a list of ways they can give to others, rather than focusing on what they will receive under their Christmas tree. "The real meaning of Christmas is to give," he said. "God so loved the world that He gave."

"I tell them to do the best you can — that's what Santa wants you to do, and if you do, Santa will do the best he can," added Roger, who also draws their parents into the mix. "I tell them, 'your moms and dads are Santa's number one helpers and they look out for your best interest.'"

Roger's health forced he and Joann to cancel a few appearances last Christmas, but they didn't disappoint Cass City area youngsters. And in the process, Roger received a special gift himself.

According to Joann, the couple's son and daughter-in-law drove from Virginia to Cass City with their two daughters, ages five and nine — a 13-hour trip — so the kids could see their grandfather in action.

"And they got there just in time for the parade, and we snuck them into the front of the line (to see him during the community gathering)," she said. "They call him 'Grandpa Santa', and, of course, we live 'up north.'"

According to Joann, Roger's skills and talents aren't limited to making children happy — for the past 14 years his "day job" has been working as a case manager and social worker for Sanilac County Mental Health. "He's a jack of all trades; he also helps to fill in as a pastor at a small church up by Gaylord," she added.

But probably none of the hats he wears are as satisfying as the soft red cap with the white fur trim.

"He's just so good at it (portraying Santa). The kids...are just so thrilled to see Santa. He's got that twinkle in his eye," said Joann, who recalled a trip to San Diego, Calif., when Roger's appearance on a beach drew some delighted youngsters.

It's a role he's never tired of and never considered to be work.

"It is a labor of love," Roger said. "I really, really enjoy it."

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Lady Hawks thumped by Vassar to end regular season

A long and disappointing regular season ended for Coach Steve Hollocker and his Cass City Lady Red Hawk cagers Friday in Vassar.

In a meeting between the two Greater Thumb West (GTW) cellar-dwellers, Vassar was able to keep the Red Hawks winless in conference play with an easy 52-29 decision.

Despite being man-handled and on the losing end of 14 straight games, Hollocker believes the time will come for his young basketball team that often started five sophomores during the campaign.

"The thing that impresses me the most about the girls is that we come out playing hard every night. Nobody sets out to have a losing season, but how we have handled the adversity and continued to work hard to improve is something we can build on for next year," he said after Cass City slipped to 0-10 in the GTW and 2-17 overall.

Becca Huizar and Macy Zwerk got the hosts off to a good start combining for four first quarter triples en route to a 14-4 spread. Then in the second quarter, Vassar ratcheted up their defensive pressure and limited Cass City to a solo Rylie Weiler field

Girls' Basketball Standings

Greater Thumb West			
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Reese	9	1	16 4
USA	8	2	14 6
EPBP	6	4	10 9
Bad Axe	4	6	10 10
Vassar	3	7	6 13
Cass City	0	10	2 17
Greater Thumb East			
	W	L	W L
Marlette	9	1	16 3
Sandusky	8	2	17 3
Brown City	6	4	15 5
Harbor Beach	6	4	12 8
Ubyly	3	7	6 14
Memphis	0	10	3 16
NCTL Stars			
	W	L	W L
Kingston	12	0	16 3
Deckerville	10	2	12 6
Mayville	2	9	4 12
Dryden	1	10	1 14
NCTL Stripes			
	W	L	W L
North Huron	7	5	9 11
Peck	6	6	9 11
Caseville	1	10	2 12
Summit League			
	W	L	W L
SASA	7	1	13 3
BCAS	7	1	16 3
Flint Int.	4	3	7 8
Akron-Fair.	2	7	6 13
Owen-Gage	0	8	4 14



CASS CITY'S Cole Chippi and Brady Warford (40) form a wall around the basket during fourth quarter action Friday against the Vulcans.

District play underway

There were few surprises in girls' district basketball action Monday.

At Unionville-Sebewaing Area Schools (USA), Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port edged Harbor Beach in a battle of Greater Thumb Conference rivals, while the host Patriots eliminated Cass City to advance into tonight's (Wednesday) semifinal rounds. Bad Axe will square off against the Lakers in the early semis, followed by Ubyly and USA in the nightcap. Action starts at 5:30 p.m. with the winners meeting for the Class C championship Friday at 7 p.m.

At Caseville, Bay City All Saints and North Huron survived opening night play to setup Friday's Class D championship game. Look for the Cougars to advance into the Akron-Fairgrove regional without much of a struggle. The first whistle is slated

for 7 p.m.

At Deckerville, Kingston defeated Deckerville for a third time on the season, while Akron-Fairgrove upset Peck to kick off the Class D District affair. Kingston will now be heavy favorites in the 7 p.m. title game against the Vikings and will look to capture back-to-back regional banners in Akron.

Tuning to area boys' post-season tournaments, Cass City kicks off the Class C District in Harbor Beach on Monday, March 7, with a rematch against Ubyly. Game two Monday features another rematch in USA and Harbor Beach. Both Greater Thumb West teams won earlier in the season. The fun starts at 5:30 p.m.

Tournament favorite Bad Axe awaits the Cass City/Ubyly winner on Wednesday, March 9, in one semifinal match-up and Elkton-

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Cass City struggles to score in GTW defeat

From the get-go Friday, Vassar was ready to romp in their Greater Thumb West match-up with visiting Cass City.

The Vulcans erupted the parents' night crowd only seconds into the contest after Tyler Humpert controlled the opening tip, allowing the ball to move quickly up the floor where Lamonte Morrison was spotted wide-open under the basket. Morrison, a 6' 1", 215 pound forward, who has signed to play football with Saginaw Valley State University in the fall, knew exactly how to ignite the merciless student body seated at the end of the court just feet

from the action.

Morrison put the hosts in front to stay when he leaped sky high and threw down a hardy one-handed dunk, part of a balanced scoring attack that resulted in a 61-35 whipping by the senior laden Vulcans.

Cass City, on the other hand, was led by Parker Haire with a game-high 21 points.

The Red Hawks trailed 18-9 after one quarter and 31-17 after two. The difference entering the second stanza could have been much larger for the visitors if not for the defensive effort of Keith Lounsbury. The lanky senior forward had several blocks in the early going and continues to show improvement since his recent return from injury.

Lounsbury's contributions helped to spark the visitors and back-to-back treys from Haire and Brad Hacker would actually have Cass City trailing just 22-17 with less than four minutes on the clock. However, nine unanswered tallies by Vassar to close the half had the winners enjoying a double digit advantage at the break.

Cass City continued to fight and another shot by Haire from behind the 3-point arc capped an 11-8 spurt to open the final half, forcing Vassar to call timeout with 3:35 on the clock. After the teams returned to the floor, Vassar outscored their guests 10-3 to take complete control of the contest.

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Boys' Basketball Standings

Greater Thumb West			
	W	L	W L
Bad Axe	9	0	18 0
USA	7	2	13 5
Vassar	5	4	12 6
Cass City	3	6	8 11
Reese	3	7	10 7
EPBP	0	10	4 13
Greater Thumb East			
	W	L	W L
Marlette	7	2	12 6
Harbor Beach	7	2	13 5
Sandusky	7	2	12 7
Brown City	3	6	9 10
Ubyly	3	6	6 11
Memphis	0	9	3 16
NCTL Stars			
	W	L	W L
Deckerville	11	2	12 6
Kingston	10	2	11 7
Dryden	10	2	14 4
Mayville	5	8	6 10
NCTL Stripes			
	W	L	W L
Peck	7	5	8 9
North Huron	3	9	4 14
CPS	2	7	4 11
Caseville	1	11	1 12
Summit League			
	W	L	W L
Flint Int.	7	1	10 9
BCAS	5	3	8 8
SASA	4	5	6 9
Owen-Gage	4	4	14 4
Akron-Fair.	0	8	1 15



VASSAR'S Emilee Sackman works the baseline against Cass City defender Josie Loomis.

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2016 Basketball Picks March 1-7



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BOYS' BASKETBALL

TUESDAY, MARCH 1

Deckerville at Ubyly
Caseville at Akron-Fairgrove
Faithway Christian at Owen-Gage

Ubyly
Akron-Fairgrove
Owen-Gage

Ubyly
Akron-Fairgrove
Owen-Gage

Deckerville
Akron-Fairgrove
Owen-Gage

Ubyly
Akron-Fairgrove
Owen-Gage

THURSDAY, MARCH 3

Bad Axe at Cass City
EPBP at USA
Vassar at Reese
Sandusky at Marlette
Harbor Beach at Ubyly
Kingston at Peck
Hale at Akron-Fairgrove

Bad Axe
USA
Reese
Marlette
Harbor Beach
Kingston
Hale

Bad Axe
USA
Vassar
Marlette
Harbor Beach
Kingston
Hale

Bad Axe
USA
Vassar
Sandusky
Harbor Beach
Kingston
Hale

Bad Axe
USA
Reese
Marlette
Harbor Beach
Kingston
Hale

MONDAY, MARCH 7 (district games)

BCAS vs Caseville
Cass City vs Ubyly
Harbor Beach vs USA

BCAS
Cass City
USA

BCAS
Cass City
USA

BCAS
Ubyly
USA

BCAS
Cass City
USA

Last Week's Results
Season Results

14 - 1
111 - 35 76%

11 - 4
111 - 35 76%

13 - 2
112 - 34 76%

12 - 3
113 - 33 77%

Harbor Beach rolls to win

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goal, while extending the margin to 29-6 at the halfway point.

Huizar and Red Hawk Sayge Cuthrell traded baskets throughout most of the third period, but when the smoke cleared, Vassar had maintained their cushion and led 40-17 entering the deciding quarter.

Cuthrell continued to attack the basket down the stretch and would finish the night with 13 hard-earned points. Weiler added eight points and four other Lady Hawks chipped in two points apiece in defeat.

"Sayge continued to play at a high level. When we are able to get her the ball good things happen. Not only is she a terrific scorer, but a dominant rebounder as well who plays extremely hard on both ends of the floor," said Hollocker.

For Vassar, Huizar posted game-scoring honors with 19 points, while Zwerk had 11 points and Emilee Sackman had seven markers.

HARBOR BEACH

Earlier in the week, Cass City traveled to face Harbor Beach in a Greater Thumb Conference make-up tilt.

The Pirates built a 35-11 halftime lead and were able to keep it going by doubling the score on the visitors in the third quarter - 18-9 - to remove all doubt from the game's outcome.

Harbor Beach had a pair of double digit scorers in Mae Woodke with 15 points and Jessica Weber with 8 points.

Cuthrell poured in a game-high 18 points for Cass City.

Post season action promises lots of excitement in Thumb

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Pigeon-Bay Port will face the USA/Harbor Beach winner in the other. Once again play starts at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday with Friday's final game scheduled for a 7 p.m. tip.

Over in Peck, the Class D District begins on Wednesday, March 9,

with a marquee match between Kingston and Deckerville in a heavyweight bout, followed by Peck and CPS in the other semifinal contest. Things start to heat up at 6 p.m.

District honors at Peck will be determined Friday starting at 7 p.m. with the winners advancing into the Deckerville Regional.

Bad Axe needs one victory for perfect regular season

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In the final eight minutes, both coaches emptied their bench.

Colton Fabbro paced Vassar with 14 points, while Humpert registered a double-double with 13 points and 11 rebounds. Morrison finished with 12 points and Logan Amend had 10 to complete the list of double-digit scorers for the winners.

Playing in their final home game were Fabbro, Amend, Humpert, Morrison, Robbie Atwood, Evan Wilcox, Chandler Peplinski, Zach Shepperd and Jona Keller.

Vassar travels to Reese Thursday for their regular season finale, while Bad Axe invades Cass City looking to complete an undefeated regular season.

Schneeberger's ATHLETES of the WEEK



Schneeberger's choice for their Athlete of the Week honor goes to the entire Cass City gymnastic team that recently completed a successful regular season under the guidance of veteran Coach Kathy Bouverette.

"We had eight girls qualify for regional competition this year," said Bouverette, adding the total number of girls advancing into the post season gathering is a strong indication of the program's success.

This year's team members include Drew Susalla, Gabrielle Romain, Emily Gilliam, Alexis Bates, Larissa Moreira, Megan Graham, Becca Mulrath, Savannah Walker, Cali Richardson, Kate Dzyuba, Brittany Swiderski, Sami Stern, Victoria Mathewson, Kani Arstanbaeva, Sophia Romain and Jillian Erla.

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VARSITY BOYS' BASKETBALL

DATE	OPPONENT
12/9	Mayville
12/11	Sandusky 51, CC 36
12/14	CC 46, Capac 34
12/16	CC 56, Memphis 48
12/18	Marlette 48, CC 34
1/6	BCAS 59, CC 35
1/8	CC 47, Lakers 26
1/15	Reese 48, CC 30
1/18	CC 51, Caro 45
1/22	USA 59, CC 58
1/27	Brown City 55, CC 48
1/29	Vassar 46, CC 29
2/3	Bad Axe 57, CC 50
2/5	CC 52, Lakers 34
2/12	CC 63, Reese 60
2/17	CC 30, Ubyly 22
2/19	USA 69, CC 40
2/26	Vassar 61, CC 35
3/3	Bad Axe
3/7-11	District @ Harbor Beach - TBD

Games begin at 7:30 p.m.

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JV & Varsity Boys' Basketball
March 3 vs. Bad Axe
JV starts at 6:00 p.m.



VARSITY GIRLS' BASKETBALL

DATE	OPPONENT
12/1	CC 53, Mayville 13
12/4	Marlette 50, CC 28
12/10	Sandusky 68, CC 46
12/15	CC 36, Memphis 27
12/17	Bad Axe 45, CC 26
1/7	Lakers 58, CC 37
1/14	Reese 73, CC 29
1/19	Caro 48, CC 25
1/21	USA 60, CC 20
1/26	Brown City 37, CC 27
1/28	Vassar 36, CC 31
2/2	Bad Axe 63, CC 44
2/4	Lakers 50, CC 37
2/11	Reese 60, CC 21
2/16	Ubyly 46, CC 15
2/18	USA 59, CC 24
2/23	Harbor Beach 66, CC 28
2/25	Vassar 52, CC 29
2/29-3/5	Districts @ USA TBD

Games begin at 7:30 p.m.

JUNIOR VARSITY BOYS' BASKETBALL

DATE	OPPONENT
12/9	CC 49, Mayville 10
12/11	CC 46, Sandusky 44
12/14	CC 44, Capac 43
12/16	CC 50, Memphis 22
12/18	CC 51, Marlette 36
1/6	CC 53, Bay City 39
1/8	CC 55, Lakers 35
1/13	Harbor Beach 42, CC 37
1/15	Reese 58, CC 30
1/18	CC 49, Caro 48
1/22	USA 64, CC 47
1/27	CC 40, Brown City 34
1/29	Vassar 56, CC 50
2/3	CC 59, Bad Axe 51
2/5	Lakers 38, CC 34
2/12	Reese 63, CC 44
2/17	Ubyly
2/19	USA
2/26	Vassar
3/3	Bad Axe
3/7-11	District @ Harbor Beach - TBD

Games begin at 6 p.m.

WRESTLING

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

JUNIOR VARSITY GIRLS' BASKETBALL

DATE	OPPONENT
12/1	CC 44; Mayville 6
12/4	Marlette 40; CC 27
12/10	Sandusky 48; CC 26
12/15	Memphis 46; CC 5
12/17	CC 50; Bad Axe 26
12/22	BCAS 28; CC 22
1/7	Lakers 45; CC 33
1/14	Reese 45; CC 23
1/19	CC 35, Caro 34
1/21	USA 45, CC 43
1/26	CC 35, Brown City 33
1/28	CC 39, Vassar 11
2/2	CC 51, Bad Axe 19
2/4	CC 50, Lakers 24
2/11	Reese 51, CC 40
2/16	Ubyly
2/18	USA
2/23	Harbor Beach
2/25	Vassar
2/29-3/5	Districts @ USA TBD

Games begin at 6 p.m.

GYMNASTICS

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

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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.

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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 MCL 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

2-17-4

IF YOU ARE NOW ON ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY OR HAVE BEEN IN THE PRIOR ONE YEAR, PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT 586-777-0770 NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE MORTGAGE SALE-Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a mortgage made by CHARLES PRILL, a married man, 2681 RINGLE ROAD, AKRON, MI 48701, Mortgagee(s) to FRANKENMUTH CREDIT UNION, 580 NORTH MAIN STREET, FRANKENMUTH, MI 48734, Mortgagee dated NOVEMBER 19, 2013, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Tuscola County, and State of Michigan on NOVEMBER 22, 2013, in LIBER 1296 on PAGE 1012 of Tuscola County Records and Assignment of Rents dated NOVEMBER 19, 2013, and recorded on NOVEMBER 22, 2013, in LIBER 1296 on PAGE 1025 of Tuscola County Register of Deeds on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED THIRTY EIGHT AND 07/100THS (\$100,538.07) DOLLARS at 5% percent per annum and attorney fees as provided for in said Mortgage, and no suit or proceedings at law or in equity have been instituted to recover the moneys secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof;

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on 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 FAIR-GROVE, 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 MCL 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 Mortgagee, 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 venue, 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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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:
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Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-5422
File #442362F02

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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 Dana Wentworth, an unmarried woman, mortgagor, to Independent Mortgage Co. East MI, which became Independent Mortgage Co., a dissolved Michigan corporation, and successor-by-merger to Independent Mortgage Co. East MI, as assigned to Independent Bank, a Michigan banking corporation, mortgagee. The Mortgage is dated October 31, 2002, and was recorded on November 4, 2002, in Liber 901, on page 63 of the Tuscola County records. The balance owing on the Mortgage as of the date of this Notice is \$58,089.83, including interest at 4.25% per year variable. 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 31, 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 Village of Cass City, County of Tuscola, Michigan and is described as:

Lot 13, Pinney & Kinnaird Subdivision, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 35B.

commonly known as 6644 Seed Street, Cass City, MI 48726
tax i.d. 035-500-4900-1300-00

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 six (6) 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: February 24, 2016
Henry L. Knier, Jr. (P46393)
Attorney for Independent Bank,
Mortgagee
900 Washington Ave., P.O. Box 219
Bay City, MI 48707 - (989) 892-4574

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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 Patrick Hill, a single man, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated July 17, 2012, and recorded on July 17, 2012 in Liber 1255 on Page 443, and assigned by said Mortgagee to AmeriFirst Financial 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 Eighty-Four Thousand Four Hundred Thirty and 18/100 Dollars (\$84,430.18).

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 31, 2016.

Said premises are situated in Township of Fairgrove, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing on the East Section line 413 feet South of the Northeast corner of Northeast 1/4 of Northeast 1/4 of Southeast 1/4; thence West 40 rods; thence South 250 feet; thence East 40 rods; thence North to point of beginning, all in Section 25, Township 13 North, Range 8 East. 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: March 2, 2016
For more information, please call:

FC J (248) 593-1311
Trott Law, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Hwy Ste. 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-5422
File #460661F01

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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 MARY BURNETTE, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated July 13, 2011, and recorded on July 15, 2011, in Liber 1226, on Page 224, 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 Forty-Four Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty-Nine Dollars and Twenty-Eight Cents (\$44,829.28), including interest at 5.250% per annum.

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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, front entrance of the Courthouse Building in the City of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM o'clock, on March 31, 2016 Said premises are located in Tuscola County, Michigan and are described as: Parcel 1: Beginning at a point on the Northeast side of Congress Street 2 Rods Northeast and 12 Rods Southeast of the intersection of State Street and Congress Street; thence Southeast along the Northeast side of Congress Street 4 Rods; thence Northeast perpendicular to Congress Street to the South line of Lot 21, Block 4 of William E. Sherman's Add To The Village Of Centerville, Now Known As Caro, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 11, Page(s) 491 of Deeds; thence Northwest along the South line of said Lot 21 to the Southwest corner of said Lot 21; thence Southwest to the point of beginning.

ALSO any part of the vacated alley as described in Liber 394 of Deeds, page 264, which is described as the alley running Southwesterly and Northeasterly in Block 4 of Sherman's Addition to the Village of Caro, Michigan, as lies between lots 14, 15, and 16 of said Block 4, on the one side and, on the other side; Lot 21 of said Block 4 and land described as beginning at a point on the Northeast side of Congress Street 2 Rods Northeast and 12 Rods Southeast of the intersection of State and Congress Street, thence Southeast along the Northeast side of Congress Street 4 Rods; thence Northeast perpendicular to Congress Street to the South line of said Lot 21, thence Northwest along South line of said Lot 21 to the Southwest corner of said Lot 21, thence Southwest to the point of beginning, which may abut on the above described property. Parcel 2: The Northwesterly half of Lot 21, EXCEPT the Northeasterly 66 feet, Block 4 of William E. Sherman's Add To The Village Of Centerville, Now Known As Caro, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 11, Page(s) 491 of Deeds, ALSO, the Southeasterly half of the Alley lying Northwesterly of & adjoining, that portion of said Lot 21 described herein. Said alley having been duly vacated by Resolution as recorded in Liber 394 of deeds, page 264 of said County Records which is described as the alley running Southwesterly and Northeasterly in Block 4 of Sherman's Addition to the Village of Caro, Michigan as lies between Lots 14, 15, and 16 of said Block 4, on the one side and, on the other side; Lot 21 of said Block 4 and land described as beginning at a point on the Northeast side of Congress Street 2 Rods Northeast and 12 Rods Southeast of the intersection of State and Congress Street, thence Southeast along the Northeast side of

Northeast perpendicular to Congress Street to the South line of said Lot 21, thence Northwest along South line of said Lot 21 to the Southwest corner of said Lot 21, thence Southwest to the point of beginning.

Both parcels part of the East half of the Southwest quarter of Section 3, Town 12 North, Range 9 East. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241, in which case the redemption period shall be 1 month, or under MCL 600.3241a 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later, or extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238.

If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 600 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

JPMorgan Chase Bank,
National Association
Mortgagee/Assignee
Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C.
23938 Research Drive, Suite 300
Farmington Hills, MI 48335
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Feridoun Salehi and Susan E. Salehi, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Bank One, N.A., Mortgagee, dated October 22, 2002, and recorded on November 18, 2002 in Liber 902 on Page 1064, and assigned by said Mortgagee to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Eight Thousand Three Hundred Ninety and 34/100 Dollars (\$78,390.34).

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 31, 2016.

Said premises are situated in City of Vassar, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 20 of Welsh Estates, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Liber 3, Page 17, Tuscola County Records. City of Vassar, Tuscola County, State of Michigan.

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

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

Dated: March 2, 2016
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Obituaries

Veron Gingrich

Veron Isaac Gingrich, 90, of Cass City died following a long illness Tuesday, February 23, 2016 in Medilodge Nursing Facility, Cass City.

He was born April 29, 1925 in Cass City to Isaac and Luella (Fetter) Gingrich. He married Lenora Marion Helwig September 3, 1949 in the Baptist Church Parsonage. Veron graduated from Cass City High School in 1943. He served in the U.S. Army during WWII. He was injured twice and received the Purple Heart medal and three Bronze Stars. Veron was very proud of his military service. He played the bugle during his service, rendering Taps each evening. Veron was the longest active member of Cass City First Baptist Church, being a member for more than 70 years. Veron worked for the Cass City School System for 34 years, retiring in 1987. He was a valued employee, fixing anything that needed attention. He also kept busy fixing things around the house, no chore was too difficult. Veron and Lenora were short term missionaries in 1992 and 1993 in Togo, West Africa. They went camping each year for 59 years. He enjoyed woodworking, creating many beautiful pieces including shelves and quilt racks. Veron was also a talented photographer, even taking wedding photos. Following his retirement, Veron volunteered his talents at area church camps, including Gladwin, Brown City and Camp Sparta in Florida offering his maintenance skills wherever needed. He was a good Christian man loved by family and friends.

Veron is survived by his wife, Lenora; daughters: Linda (Gary) Mellendorf of Cass City, Diane (Chuck) Richardson of Stanwood; grandchildren: Wendy (Dave) Wright, Michele (Matt) Spencer, Amy (James) Hayes, Chuck (Andrea) Richardson, Christopher (Mallory) Richardson; great-grandchildren: Brady, Emily, Seth, Noah, Eli and Conner.

Veron was preceded in death by his great grandson, Gabriel D. Spencer. Funeral services were held Friday, February 26, in Cass City First Baptist Church with Pastor Chuck Richardson of Chippewa Hills Baptist Church, Remus and Pastor David Hill officiating.

Interment will take place in the spring in Hillside Cemetery, Cass City. Pallbearers for Mr. Gingrich were: James Hayes, Matt Spencer, Dave Wright, Chris Richardson, Chuck Richardson, Elwyn Helwig.

Military honors provided by U.S. Army and Cass City VFW Post #3644. Memorials may be made to Carolyn Kempton Hospital in Togo, West Africa. 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.

Joyce Hamilton

Joyce Ann Hamilton, 75, of Cass City, died following a short illness Saturday, February 27, 2016 in her home.



She was born April 13, 1940 in Garden City to Frank and Evelyn (Langis) Betka.

She married James D. Hamilton August 19, 1961 in Garden City. He died May 26, 2015.

Joyce enjoyed visiting casinos and playing poker with her family. She liked to work with dried floral arrangements and owned Joy's Florals in Sterling Heights. Traverse City was Joyce's favorite place to vacation with her family. She loved attending her grandchildren's sporting events, where she was affectionately known as "Hammy's Grammy".

Joyce is survived by her son, Robert (Shelly) Hamilton of Cass City; grandchildren: Brendan and Brittany; brother, James Betka of Inkster.

There are no services scheduled at this time. Memorials may be made to the Charity of the Donor's Choice. 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.

Amanda Satelman

Amanda Gargan Satelman (Yoe), 35, of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, passed away Saturday, February 20, 2016 at St. Thomas Hospital of Murfreesboro, Tennessee.



Amanda was a loving wife, and mother who leaves behind her husband Kevin Satelman and her five children. Lakin Page Yoe, Courtney N Hamby, Charlie Allen, Brooklyn F Satelman, and Carter D Satelman. She is also survived by her father, Ron Yoe, her mother Maggie Marable, her sister Sheri Hall, and her brothers Brian Yoe and Ronnie Yoe.

She was preceded in death by her brother Gary Yoe. In her generosity, she donated her organs so that others may live and her remains cremated at her request.

A Memorial Service will be held March 6, 2016 at 12:00 following services at Creekmont Baptist Church (5867 Washington Blvd, Murfreesboro, Tennessee 37129).

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made directly to the church. Pastor Eddie Slaubough can assist, if needed he can be reached at 615-879-7219. She remains with us in our hearts, but her soul is free at last to be with the Lord.

Graydon Spencer

Graydon Lee Spencer, 61, of Cass City, died Tuesday, February 23, 2016 in Huron County Medical Care Facility, Bad Axe.

He was born July 22, 1954 in Cass City the youngest of five children born to Jack and Vernita (O'Dell) Spencer.

Graydon worked for Reese Golf Course and Verona Hills Golf Club as mechanic and grounds keeper. He loved music and enjoyed playing guitar, banjo and harmonica. Graydon enjoyed tinkering and was talented working on small engines, chainsaws and golf carts. He would help anyone that needed it. Graydon loved feeding wildlife especially deer and turkey. Relaxing on his dock or in his boat feeding fish were favorite pastimes.

Graydon is survived by his daughter, Dinelle (Don) Harp of Gagetown; step son, Domonick Vargo of Saint Cloud, FL; brother, Roger (Pam) Spencer of Golden, MO; sisters, Jacqueline S. Hoag of Grand Rapids and Kaye Carmichael of Ionia; grandchildren, Donnie Harp III, Jewels Harp, Jasmine Harp and Alisia Vargo; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Jeffery Spencer; son, Kyle Spencer. A funeral service was held Saturday, February 27, in Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City with Paul Carmichael officiating.

Memorials may be made to Boy Scout Troop #594 or Family Discretionary Fund. Interment was in Elkland Township Cemetery.

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.

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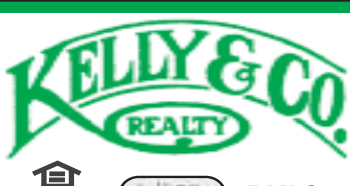
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Another gorgeous Michigan sunrise...

MICHIGAN RESIDENTS are used to frigid cold and a blanket of snow this time of year, but even the coldest temperatures can't take away from the beauty of a sunrise from the "sunrise side", and Thumb area residents who are up with the sun have been treated to some really picturesque daybreaks this winter.

Bob Stickle recalls D-Day

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(with combat), there was still a limited effect with all the guys," he added. "I think most guys did. It's traumatic. It's a hell of a thing, is what it is. "It's an experience that I wouldn't recommend, but that I wouldn't give up, either," Stickle told the class. "It was a valuable experience to me, I think, and to my country, I hope."

Hartzell's idea for the new movie-based history class was to introduce students to historical events through a combination of Hollywood and good old-fashioned research.

The goal? For students to separate fact from fiction and encourage thinking outside the box – away from textbooks – and in the process improve their researching and writing skills.

So far, so good, according to Hartzell, a civics-economics and special education teacher now in his 13th year on the staff at Cass City Junior-Senior High School.

"I had a class similar to this in college, and that's where I got the idea," said Hartzell, who acknowledged some students mistakenly figured the class would be all about watching movies every day.

"I (told them) we're going to research, we're going to compare and contrast, we're going to work with this. And I lost a few kids," he added.

Most stayed, however, and have explored movies such as "Glory" and Skyped with the Massachusetts Historical Society while digging into the Civil War; and "The Pianist" and "The Boy in the Striped Pajamas" during a unit on the Holocaust that included a field trip to the Holocaust Memorial Center near Detroit.

More recently, Hartzell's students had the opportunity to participate in a Skype meeting and interview with Cass City native and former Astronaut Brewster Shaw at the conclusion of a study unit on Apollo 13.

For his part, Stickle left the students with some thoughts related to the close bonds soldiers form when facing the risk of being injured or killed in battle. "It's a relationship like no other, to live with guys in hazard," he said. "You get a closeness that doesn't come normally. I valued it – that camaraderie," he added.

"It's a part of the service that you carry with you – one of the good parts."



STICKLE, PICTURED above during a recent meeting with Bill Hartzell's students, isn't unfamiliar with the local education system, having spent his entire 30-year career with the Cass City Public Schools as a teacher and, later, as middle school principal for more than two decades.

State confirms case of Zika virus

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warmer climates. If you have plans to travel to areas where Zika virus is present, take precautions to prevent mosquito bites. If you are pregnant,

or may become pregnant, consider postponing your trip," said Dr. Eden Wells, chief medical executive at the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS).

"Travelers to areas where Zika virus is present should contact their doctor if they experience symptoms associated with Zika virus during their trip, or within a week of their return home," Wells added.

Pregnant women are most at risk for complications from the Zika virus. Serious birth defects have been reported in children born to women who were infected with Zika virus during pregnancy. Scientists are studying the connection between Zika virus and poor birth outcomes.

Until more is known, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is currently advising pregnant women to avoid travel to countries where Zika virus is circulating. For the most up-to-date information about where Zika virus is found, visit <http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/page/zika-travel-information>.

"For several weeks now, travelers with potential exposure to Zika virus have been returning home to the continental United States, with a few to be later diagnosed," said Linda S. Vail, Ingham County health officer.

"Fortunately, Zika virus infection is typically mild, and people recover without incident," Vail added. "We have known this was a possibility. Health officials and providers have been vigilant in following CDC guidelines and are taking appropriate precautions to test all travelers with symptoms consistent with Zika virus and all pregnant women who have traveled to areas with Zika transmission."

Prior to 2015, outbreaks of Zika virus have occurred in Africa, Southeast Asia, and the Pacific Islands. In May of 2015, Brazil reported the first cases of Zika virus in the Americas. The virus has since spread to other countries and territories in South and Central America and the Caribbean.

Although Zika is not currently being spread by mosquitoes in the continental United States, cases of Zika virus have been reported in returning travelers. The number of Zika cases among travelers returning to the United States are expected to increase as the outbreak continues.

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