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Warmer days ahead...

AREA RESIDENTS awoke to a picturesque winter scene Friday morning after ice crystals formed on every exposed outdoor surface, including these small icicles between railing sections of an old wooden porch. Old Man Winter has since loosened his grip on the Thumb, with weather forecasters calling for highs in the 50s and lows in the 40s for at least the next few days.

Sanilac sheriff announces re-election bid

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Veteran Sanilac County Sheriff Garry Biniiecki last week announced he will seek another term.



Sanilac Co. Sheriff
Garry Biniiecki

Biniiecki, who has submitted his re-election petitions with Sanilac County's clerk, says he appreciates the public support that has already

poured in and looks forward to serving the county's residents for another four years.

Biniiecki's current term expires at the end of this year and he hopes to serve another four years, from 2017 through 2020. His name will appear on the Aug. 2, 2016, ballot.

A 40-year veteran of the Sanilac County Sheriff's Department, Biniiecki said he's seen many changes take place within the department, including projects designed to address health and safety concerns such as completion of a new jail addition and renovation in 2013.

Biniiecki first joined the department in 1976 as a corrections deputy, and he attended the police academy in 1977. He was promoted to Sergeant

in 1984 and was appointed to the position of undersheriff in 2006. Biniiecki served in that role until 2009, when he was elected as sheriff, a post he's held for the past eight years.

"As sheriff, (my) vision for the future of the sheriff's office has been realized, keeping the promises...set forth over eight years ago," Biniiecki said. "These were demonstrated by the increased accountability within the organization and its improved efficiency and effectiveness in serving the community."

"A highlight of those promises was the launch of a county-wide arson investigation unit and the reinstitution of the sheriff's work crew pro-

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EPIDEMIC

Trooper to address rise in heroin use, as well as underage drinking at informational meeting for parents

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Health officials say heroin's comeback as a popular drug among young people across Michigan — including the Thumb — and beyond is reaching epidemic proportions, with incidents of overdose deaths on the rise.

It's a serious issue, one that Michigan State Police Trooper Mark Swales will be addressing during a free program designed for parents only this weekend in Cass City.

The event, organized and hosted by the Tuscola County and Huron County health departments, is scheduled for Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Charmont, 6138 Cass City Rd.

Space is limited and registration is required for the program, during which Swales will also address another health issue affecting youth — underage drinking. Registration is available by calling Kristi Pitts at (989) 269-3319 or Sheila Luedtke at (989) 673-1723.

"It's kind of two separate presentations," said Swales, who said that while heroin use is on the rise, underage drinking isn't necessarily increasing, but remains an important health and safety issue for everyone. One of the goals of the upcoming program is to educate parents on what to look for in their own homes.

Experts say that's an important factor when it comes to heroin use, which has been strongly linked to addictions initially involving prescription medications such as Oxycontin and Vicodin.

Prescription drug abuse has reached epidemic proportions both nationally and in Michigan due to the increased availability of prescriptions, coupled with general misperceptions regarding the safety of physician-prescribed medications, according to the Michigan Prescription Drug and Opioid Abuse Task Force, which was formed last summer at the request of

Gov. Rick Snyder.

The task force subsequently reported that in Michigan, the number of drug overdose deaths, a majority of which involved prescription drugs, has tripled since 1999. Opioid pain killers such as oxycodone, hydrocodone and methadone have been identified as one of the primary reasons for the increase in prescription drug overdose deaths.



Experts say the surge in the use of heroin — also classified as an opioid — is closely related to the growing prescription drug epidemic. Between 2009 and 2012, Michigan Department of Community Health officials reported 826 heroin-related deaths, a startling increase from 4.9 deaths to 9.8 deaths per 100,000 residents.

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

Addiction to illicit drugs such as heroin often stems from taking medications that are properly prescribed and used following an injury. But those drugs become a health issue when patients continue to use them

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Four hurt when teen runs stop sign in Sanilac

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Four people were injured when a Snover area teen ran a stop sign late Friday afternoon in Sanilac County's Marlette Township, Sanilac County Sheriff's deputies reported.

Deputies were dispatched to the intersection of Decker and Frenchline roads at about 5:40 p.m., according to Sgt. Ron DuBois.

"A 2015 Buick Enclave driven by 75-year-old Kirk Dale of Marlette was northbound on Decker Road along with his passenger, 75-year-old Caroline Dale. The second vehicle was a 2004 Ford Escort driven by a 17-year-old male from Snover along with his 17-year-old male passenger, also from the Snover area," DuBois reported.

DuBois said the 17-year-old was eastbound on Frenchline Road and failed to yield for the stop sign at the Decker Road intersection.

"The northbound Buick ran into the side of the Escort, causing the Buick to run off the road and overturn, coming to rest in the bottom of a drainage ditch," he said. "The Marlette and Lamotte township fire departments responded, and one occupant was freed using the Jaws of Life."

DuBois noted Marlette and Sanilac EMS crews transported all four occupants to Marlette Regional Hospital for treatment of injuries. Caroline Dale was later flown to St. Mary's Medical Center in Saginaw.

"All occupants appear to have been wearing their seatbelts," DuBois said. The accident remains under investigation, and the names of the 17-year-olds are being withheld pending charges."

Battels welcome public for eighth annual Maple Syrup Saturday event

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Battel's Sugar Bush Pure Maple Syrup of Cass City is welcoming spring the way it has for more than 130 years, and area residents are once again invited to take part in the celebration.

The Battel family is gearing up to host its eighth annual Maple Syrup Saturday later this month. The public is welcome to join the Battels at the family sugarbush Saturday, March 19, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sample some fresh maple syrup on a pancake, see first-hand how sap is gathered and boiled, and take a guided tour.

The family also annually hosts a special Maple Syrup Day for Homeschoolers — slated for Friday, April 1, this year — and will be hosting its first Science of Maple Syrup Tour for FFA (Future Farmers of America) Chapters and Agriscience students. The inaugural event has been scheduled for Tuesday, March 22.

Additional information on all of the open houses can be found by visiting the website www.BattelSyrup.weebly.com, or via email at BattelSyrup@gmail.com.

The Battel's sugaring operation is located at 7964 Daus Road, also known as Ritter Road (1.25 miles west of M-53 — look for the white sugar shack in the woods to the west of the brick farmhouse).

The Battel family has been producing high-quality, wood-fired, pure maple syrup in the same woods near Cass City since 1882. Currently the fourth generation of Battels runs the sugar bush, assisted by the fifth generation.

The Battels enjoyed an outstanding year for syrup production in 2015, according to Sue Stever Battel. "The 2015 season was a record, our highest production ever," she said.

"We're not sure what this season will bring," Battel added. "It is good that the trees have had plenty of moisture. The most important factor is the weather throughout March. So far, the long-term forecast looks just right for good syrup production."

While some things have changed since the Battel ancestors of the 19th century boiled sap in an open kettle, the basic process is still the same — and nearly as quaint.

In the spring, as the sun begins to warm the sugar maple trees — yet winter's grip still brings freezing temperatures at night — family members start

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MARK BATTEL (pictured above with his wife, Diane) shares the history of the Battel family's 133-year-old family business and shows guests how they boil the syrup during last year's tours. Diane, meanwhile, demonstrated the filtering and canning process.



Owen-Gage honors students of the month

The focus for Owen-Gage's students of the month for February is being an "Effective Communicator". A student who is an effective communicator speaks, reads, writes and listens effectively. He or she also uses numbers effectively and uses effective non-verbal language. The following students have been chosen: Aubrey Hellebuyck, second grade (elementary level), daughter of Anthony and Ashley Hellebuyck; Jameson McKnight, seventh grade (junior high level), son of Todd and Rebecca McKnight; Aaron Fahrner, tenth grade (high school level), son of Charles and Terry Fahrner; and Andrew Muntz, twelfth grade (senior student), son of Terry and Karen Muntz.

Special recognition goes to the "Senior Student of the Month", Andrew Muntz. Andrew has been a member of the high school band throughout high school where he plays the alto sax. He also participated in Solo & Ensemble this year. As a sophomore, Andrew was a member of the varsity golf team.

Andrew has been on the honor roll and a member of the 3.0 Honors Club throughout high school. He also will be inducted into the National Honor Society this year. He was a class representative to the student council his sophomore year and served as his class treasurer as a junior.



Jameson McKnight

Andrew was a homecoming representative his sophomore year. As a junior, he was on the snowball court and this year was a candidate for snowball king. He has attended the Huron Area Technical Center and was enrolled in the power technology program the past two years.

Andrew has helped on Retford Farms and has also been a groundskeeper at Elkland Township Cemetery the past four years. In his spare time, Andrew enjoys hunting, fishing, archery and taxidermy.

Andrew plans to attend Baker College of Owosso to pursue a career in diesel technology.



Andrew Muntz



Aubrey Hekkebuyck



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In Our OPINION..

Guest Author
Kim Salerno

Take the time to thank all farmers

Michigan is home to a bountiful array of food and agriculture products for Michiganders and tourists to enjoy. The diversity of the state's food and agriculture offerings is rivaled only by California.

Each year, states across the nation recognize March as a time to celebrate the importance of food and those who grow and process it, and we're more than glad to join in an observance that puts the spotlight on regions that include the agricultural-rich Thumb.

"Michigan's food and agricultural businesses have always been a major part of our economy, and they are continuing to play a large role in the state's comeback," said Gov. Rick Snyder. "There is a tremendous opportunity for these companies to take a national leadership role in research and development, food processing, and exports from Michigan. We should all celebrate our farmers for what they do to help feed Michigan and the world."

"Not only is March a great time to thank our farmers, it's also a time to look at the abundant business and career opportunities. From skilled trades to technology-based careers to having your own food-based company, the possibilities are limitless," said Jamie Clover Adams, Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) director.

Michiganders will have an opportunity to learn about how state's farmers and processors are supporting businesses across the state thanks to a partnership with McDonald's of Michigan.

"McDonald's owners/operators throughout Michigan are passionate about supporting the state's ag businesses in communities where we do business. We believe it improves the quality of life for us all by keeping dollars and jobs in our state," said Francisco "Pancho" Gonzalez, vice president and general manager of the McDonald's Michigan Region.

"In 2014, McDonald's purchased more than \$160 million of commodities from Michigan farmers, including almost 100 million dozen of fresh eggs. Today, McDonald's continues to purchase local fresh agriculture products to help us bring a great variety of quality ingredients and menu items to our customers."

Throughout the month, MDARD will partner with various groups, including MSU AgBioResearch, United Dairy Industry of Michigan, the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, Michigan Farm Bureau and the Michigan Ag Council, to highlight the various facets of the state's ag industry.

For example, did you know:

*Michigan farmers produce more than 300 different agricultural commodities and rank third in the nation for farmers markets. It is also home to 119 wineries and more than 200 micro-breweries.

*Agriculture, food processors, and related businesses employ 923,000 Michiganders — 22 percent of the state's workforce.

*Michigan has nearly 10 million acres of farmland, and is home to 51,600 farms.

*Michigan exports about one-third of its agricultural commodities each year, generating nearly \$3.2 billion. Almost 60 percent of all Michigan's agricultural exports go directly to Canada, our number one export market. Rounding out the top countries eager for Michigan-grown products are Mexico, Japan, China and South Korea.

*Michigan is home to approximately 2,000 licensed food processors, employing more than 130,000 residents and generating nearly \$25 billion in economic activity, making the state 19th in the nation for food processing.

Slices of Life

by Jill Pertler

The big pack




Everyone looks forward to vacation. For me, the days (weeks, months even) leading up to a 7-day hiatus are filled with ever-increasing amounts of packing-related frenzy, many of which are unneeded and even a little bit whacko. But I do them anyway.

The process starts with organization. Not of the suitcase, but of the every closet, drawer, nook and cranny in the house, vehicle and perhaps even the garage.

I start with clothing. Each garment is assessed for wearability, size and cleanliness. If something is stained or outgrown, it is discarded. I get rid of heaps of items belonging to my husband and kids. When I get to my closet, however, I struggle with abandonment issues. I keep things I haven't worn in years because you never know when you might need a brown checkered blazer and it's a real possibility that shoulder pads might come back in style someday.

One space in particular gets a considerable amount of my time and attention: the swimsuit drawer. I try on every suit I've owned since the 1990s because why toss a perfectly good bikini when it can sit in your drawer for all of posterity? The maternity suits could probably go at this point, but they bring back pleasant memories and throwing them out would seem cruel and uncaring.

Moving to the entry closet: can a girl ever own too many coats (or jackets as the case may be)? Rhetorical question. I wonder how many I should take for the trip. No need to bring just one when four will do. Maybe better make that five.

Unlike many women, I don't often give a lot of thought to shoes. I like mine comfortable and casual. I wear a couple different pairs. Until vacation. Then I feel the need to wobble on heels — on the beach — in multiple colors and styles.

I review my purses and bags and don't recall purchasing at least half of them. Perhaps they've started to self-multiply. Ever gotten rid of a purse just because you don't use it anymore? Me neither. On my latest audit, I was thorough and inspected the contents of each bag. I found sunscreen and a pack of crackers in one. Great! Unfortunately both were dated 2009. I wonder what 7-year-old crackers would taste like? My husband nearly found out. He fetched the wrapped cracker package from the garbage thinking they'd been tossed accidentally by one of the kids. Luckily I caught him in time.

Although I have more swimsuits than days of vacation, when my household reorganization is complete I do the obvious. I shop. Online. Incessantly, because the items in my closet and drawers, while perfectly fine for regular days at home, are not new and somehow I think I need something new to wear on vacation.

The same goes for my husband and kids. I feel the urge to buy them sandals, sunglasses and beachwear. I search for coupon codes and free shipping deals and the online shopping continues for days and even though I start out early I delay any purchases until the last minute so I end up spending extra on overnight shipping anyway.

Shopping complete, it is time to get the suitcases. But not to pack. Not yet. The crescendo continues to build. My husband and I take the suitcases out to the vehicle to do a dry run. We know space is at a premium and if left to the last moment before our departure we could realize we have more suitcases than cargo space and would be forced to reassess our priorities and leave one of the kids at home.


I take packing to a whole new level — and that's before I put one T-shirt into a suitcase. Which I do get to, eventually, by the way. But usually not until late — on the night before the morning we're scheduled to leave.

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)



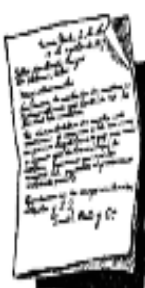
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Cost is \$25 for Dinner & Drinks. You can bid on Live and Silent Action Items at the event and \$1-affle tickets provides a chance to win prizes, including an iPad, Smart TV, and Apple Watch. For tickets contact Suze at 989.673.2144, Ext. 30302

Another fundraiser, the 16th annual "BIG GAME" featuring the Detroit Lions vs. the Tuscola County 4-H Horse Leaders tickets are now on sale. The game is Thursday, April 28, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at Caro High School. Tickets are still only \$18.00 in advance and an incredible \$45.00 for the whole family

Organizers claim the BIG GAME is the Thumb area's most family friendly event of the year. Nothing beats seeing a toddler dunking a basketball while perched on the shoulders of an NFL lineman.

The highlight of the BIG GAME is still the half hour half time autograph session where the Lions sign jerseys, hats, footballs, pictures and all sorts of memorabilia for the kids and fans.

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Wednesday, March 9

- Spoonfuls of Plenty Free Community Meal, 4-6 p.m., LeeRoy Clark Building, 435 Green St., Caro. Open to anyone wanting a hot, home-style meal.
- Dorcas meal at Cass City United Methodist Church at noon. 1 1/4 mile north of Cass City. (989) 872-4604 for take outs.

Thursday, March 10

- AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 553-5932.
- Caregiver Connection, 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m., Country Gardens, Scheurer Hospital, 203 N. Caseville Rd., Pigeon. For more information, call Merry at (989) 673-4121.

Monday, March 14

- Alcoholics Anonymous, "Monday at a Time," 8 p.m., Parkside Cafe, 2031 Main St., Uby. 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.
- Elkland Township Board meeting, 7 p.m.
- VFW monthly meeting, 7:00 p.m., VFW Hall, Cass City.

Tuesday, March 15

- Al-anon meeting, 7 p.m., St. Francis Parrish, Pigeon.
- AA Meeting, 7-8 p.m., St. Joseph Church, 4960 N. Argyle Rd. (Meeting will be held in the hall next to the little stone church.)
- Living with Parkinson's Support Group, 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., Holiday Inn Express, 55 Rapson Lane West, Bad Axe. For more information, call Merry at (989) 673-4121.
- Family Caregiver Support Group, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Harbor Beach Community Hospital Administration Building/Conference Center, 147 S. First St., Harbor Beach. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121
- Uby Lions Club meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the Uby Thumb Veterans Organization-Hall, 2165 Bingham St., Uby MI 48475. A pot luck is served prior to the meeting. Everyone is welcomed.

STANDING COMMUNITY CALENDAR ITEMS

First Sunday:

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

First Monday:

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

Second Monday:

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

Second Tuesday:

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

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- 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
- Uby Lions Club meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the Uby Thumb Veterans Organization-Hall, 2165 Bingham St., Uby 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., Uby. 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.

Man escapes death after fall in pond

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

A Huron County man escaped death during a night of snowmobiling after falling through the ice of a residential pond while on foot following a winter storm that dumped a foot or more of snow in the region last week.

Huron County Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson reported Central Huron Ambulance and deputies from his department were dispatched to a Dobson Road residence in Lincoln Township at about 2:30 a.m. last Wednesday. The caller reported a man had fallen through ice on a pond at that location and was suffering from hypothermia.

"The 42-year-old male victim from the Filion area had been riding with his father earlier in the night during the snow storm and he decided to leave his father's Dobson Road address around 10:30 p.m. to head home by snowmobile," Hanson said. "His father tried to call him a short while later to make sure he made it home but he never answered.

"The father enlisted help from a son-in-law and they went out look-

ing with no luck. They returned back to the father's residence around 2:20 a.m. and could hear the victim calling for help from a pond near the residence. They found him on the pond near an ice hole, lying on bad ice, hypothermic and confused," the sheriff added.

He said the men used a rope to pull the victim to safety and then got him to a heated room and called an ambulance.

"Once on scene, the ambulance got stuck and had to be pulled out by a tractor," Hanson said. "The Huron County Road Commission also responded and plowed the road open so the victim could be taken to the Huron Medical Center for treatment."

Sgt. Brandon Kadar was later able to talk to the victim at the hospital and learned the man had gotten his snowmobile stuck somewhere near his father's residence. He started walking for assistance and he eventually found himself breaking through the ice on the pond. "He advised he wasn't sure how long he was in the water during the over 3 1/2 hours he was unaccounted for, but thought it was a long time," Hanson

noted.

The victim was expected to recover, "but it certainly could have ended tragically," said Hanson, who reported deputies responded to a number of calls during the storm, including multiple reports of vehicles in ditches.

"One other incident that occurred during the storm was where a woman had gotten stuck in the early morning hours in the Bach area, which involved a deputy trying to get her (out) and instead getting himself stuck," he said. "They were both eventually freed after the Huron County Road Commission was able to get to them, but not without getting stuck themselves.

"Motorists and outdoor enthusiasts are always advised to use extreme caution during snow emergency-related driving and activities," Hanson said. "The Huron County Road Commission was available for police, fire and ambulance services all night long (during last week's storm), as they've done for the last few years. We have enjoyed their cooperation during these times of vulnerability and we appreciate it very much."

Circuit court proceedings

Several appear recently on felony charges

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

*Shawn L. Osmon, 52, Flint, was sentenced to 30 days in the county jail and 36 months probation following his plea of no contest to operating a motor vehicle while impaired, third offense, July 22, in Millington Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (two prior felony convictions).

In addition to jail time, he was ordered to complete 480 hours of community service and pay court costs and fines totaling \$758 plus restitution of \$1,163.

*Scott D. Hatch, 45, Flint, pleaded no contest to a charge of home invasion, second degree, between May and August 2012 in Millington Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case, bond was continued at \$50,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Ashley G. Vanhuylenbrouck, 30, Cass City, pleaded guilty to charges of possession of methamphetamine/Ecstasy and possession of a controlled substance between November 2015 and Jan. 6, 2016, in Denmark Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$25,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Gregory A. Harmon, 26, Mayville, was sentenced to 120 days in jail, with work release and worksite privileges, following his plea of guilty to possession of marijuana Feb. 6, 2015, in Fremont Township.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$935 plus attorneys fees of \$500.

*Nathaniel R. Pikyavit, 18, Caro, stood mute to a charge of criminal sexual conduct, third degree, involving a victim at least 13 years of age but under 16 years, and/or use of force or coercion between Sept. 1 and Nov. 20, 2014, in Indianfields Township.

Bond in the case was set at \$25,000 and a pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled.

*John J. Curtis, 35, Vassar, was sentenced to 93 days in jail following his pleas of no contest to charges of possession of marijuana, second offense, and operating a motor vehicle while impaired Nov. 1 in Vassar.

The jail term was deferred without a date by the court, which ordered the defendant to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,158 plus restitution of \$120 and attorneys fees of \$500.

*Jenny M. Heuchert, 35, Millington, received a one-year delayed sentence following her plea of no contest to charges of possession of a controlled substance, driving while her license was suspended or revoked, subsequent offense, unlawful use of a license plate, registration or title, and furnishing false information to a police officer Sept. 29 in Millington Township.

She was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,308 plus attorneys fees of \$500.

*Travis S. Stec, 37, Akron, pleaded no contest to interfering with electronic communications and assault or assault and battery Jan. 6 in Akron Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered scheduled and bond was continued at \$3,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Cody I. Engler, 38, Mayville, received a six-month delayed sentence following his plea of no contest to a charge of malicious destruction of personal property totaling \$1,000 to \$20,000. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

He was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,008 plus attorneys fees of \$500 and restitution of \$1,680.98.



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Reporter's notebook



Student numbers important, too...

by Tom Montgomery
Editor



If my job security depended on some sort of screwy assessment formula proving I was getting better every year — and not just better, but x-amount better, regardless of whether or not I was already doing a decent job — I'd just hang it up now and try my hand at farming.

And, yet, every time a new study on education in Michigan is released, I'm reminded that school officials everywhere live with that sort of unrealistic expectation day in and day out.

Meanwhile, districts that are performing well are constantly juggling concerns over test scores with what can only be described as an enrollment hemorrhage costing them hundreds of thousands of dollars — money they could use to pay for unfunded achievement standard mandates formulated in Lansing or Washington, D.C., probably by folks who haven't spent a day in a classroom as educators.

Talk about frustrating. The Cass City Public Schools is a good example. Here's a district that has consistently placed well in various student achievement comparisons among Thumb area schools, and yet officials have seen their enrollment fall by 500 or so kids over the past decade. Since last fall, the school officials reported, Cass City has lost another 26 kids.

Don't get me wrong; making sure our students are learning what they need to know to move on after graduation is job number one, but it seems to me that the powers that be have become so hung up on numbers and scores and percentiles, they've forgotten that most local teachers are already good at what they do and, if left to do their job, will prepare kids for a bright future.

The experts also don't appear to be addressing the loss of students sustained by many school systems across the Thumb and beyond.

Where are all the kids who could be receiving a solid education locally going? Is it a lack of employment in the region? Schools of Choice? More parents exercising their right to home school?

These days, achievement seems to always be linked to the lifeblood of our schools — state funding — whether via direct cuts or unfunded mandates that force school officials to spend money to achieve the latest standards set by the state.

One of the problems is that in recent years, state officials, in their zeal to "prove" our schools are doing a better job from one year to the next, punished districts that are already achieving that goal. In other words, if assessments and rewards are based largely on improvement, where does that leave a school that is already doing "A" work? It probably leaves them wishing they were doing "B-" work so there was room for improvement.

That doesn't make any more sense than the increasing emphasis the state has placed on standardized testing over the years. The result? Forcing teachers and administrators to spend an inordinate amount of time teaching to those tests in an effort to avoid funding penalties and/or labels that could prompt parents to take their kids to another school district.

Sure, our kids are becoming great little test takers, but how many prospective employers are going to be impressed with that skill?

And will that really matter if state officials don't start taking a hard look at the exodus of students from our classrooms — whose presence makes all the difference in qualifying for the money schools need to prepare them to meet those employers?

Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO (2011)

Ryan, Melanie and Madison Radabaugh welcomed Colin Bennet to their family Feb. 6, 2011. Colin weighed 8 pounds, 1 ounce and was 18.5 inches long. His grandparents are Skip and Bobbie Churchill of Cass City, Willa Radabaugh of Caro, and Rick and Brenda Radabaugh of Chesaning.

Richard and Pamela Brooks, Jr. of Cass City announce the birth of their daughter, Lily Elizabeth. Lily was born at 7:36 p.m., Dec. 15, 2010. She weighed 8 pounds, 5 ounces and was 21 1/2 inches long. She was welcomed home by her siblings: Richard III, Brandy, William and Martha. Her grandparents are Robert and Katherine McPhail, and Richard Brooks, Sr., all of Cass City.

The latest recipients of the "Red Hawk Award of Excellence" are Kyle Schneeberger, fourth grade; Kelcie Autry, sixth grade; and Morgan Erla, high school junior.

Cass City fourth grade students at Campbell Elementary School recently participated in a spelling bee, with the winners slated to compete in the annual Tuscola County Spelling Bee Thursday, March 17, in Vassar. They are Shane Hoppe (winner), Kacey Haire (alternate), Kayla Koepf (alternate), Alyson Walsh (winner), Lexi Crase (winner) and Zackary Beecher (alternate).

10 YEARS AGO (2006)

Jake L. Wilder of Cass City has been named to the dean's list at the University of Northwestern Ohio, Lima, Ohio, for the January session at the College of Technologies. To be named to the dean's list, a student must earn a minimum of 3.5 grade point average.

Barbie Littlepage has been named Owendale-Gagetown School's "Senior Student of the Month" for February. As a freshman at Flint Carman Ainsworth, Littlepage was a member of the softball team. Since coming to Owen-Gage in her sophomore year, she has been a member of the softball team and cheerleading squad each year, along with being a member of the dance team in her junior year. Littlepage was chosen as a class representative for homecoming in her junior and senior years, and was recently selected the 2006 homecoming queen. She has been named a "focus" student of the month each year. Littlepage currently serves as the senior class vice president. She also is a member of the school's yearbook/newspaper staff and is a teacher's aide. Littlepage is the daughter of Karen Apley of Owendale and the late James Littlepage. She plans to attend Saginaw Valley State University in the fall to prepare for a career as a special education teacher.

25 YEARS AGO (1991)

Finding a specific book, magazine or video title at Rawson Memorial Library will soon be as easy as punching a few computer keys. Officials currently are implementing an automatic circulation system and online catalogue at the Cass City library. The computerized system, funded by a \$14,837 Library Service in Construction Act grant, initially will be used primarily to check materials in and out, according to library Director Barbara Hutchinson, who said the system eventually will replace the library's card catalogue. In fact, Hutchinson added, one computer station will be available soon for patrons interested in using the computerized catalogue right away.

Renee LeCureux and Paul Krumenacker have been named valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively, of Ubyly High School's Class of 1991. LeCureux, daughter of James and Eileen LeCureux, has a grade point average of 3.986 following 7 semesters of college prep curriculum. She has attended Ubyly Community Schools since kindergarten and has received medals of highest achievement in Algebra I and II, and integrated math, chemistry, animal science, American lit, and Writer's Workshop. She also received the Society of Women Engineers Math and Science award in 1990. Krumenacker, son of Carl and Linda Krumenacker, following 7 semesters of college prep curriculum, has a grade point average of 3.902. He also has attended Ubyly Community Schools since kindergarten. Krumenacker has earned medals of highest achievement in English, journalism, physical education, biology, American history and health. He has been a student aide for 2 years.

Timothy M. Townsend, son of Robert and Carole Townsend of Deford, has successfully completed a Bachelor of Science degree in aeronautical-astronautical engineering at Massachusetts Institute of

Technology.

35 YEARS AGO (1981)

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Gilliam (Debra Ware) of Deford announce the birth of twin boys, March 7 in Hills and Dales General Hospital. Matthew weighed five pounds and five ounces and Cory weighed four pounds, 15 ounces. Grandparents of the twins are Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Ware of Pontiac and Mr. and Mrs. James Gilliam of Deford, Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Harley Gilliam of Hale, James Stephen of Flint, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Ware and Mrs. Lois Hill of Cass City.

Baptized at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Sunday morning was Heather Ann Sowden, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Sowden of Deford.

Beth Ann Childs and Karen Dawn Sims have been named valedictorian and salutatorian respectively of the senior class at Kingston High School. Miss Childs, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Childs of Kingston, will graduate with a 3.96 grade point average of a possible 4.0. She has been class treasurer for three years and a member of the National Honor Society for three years. Salutatorian Karen Sims is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene R. Sims of Livonia. She has a 3.95 grade point average. She is a three-year member of the National Honor Society, has been a lead character in two school plays and enjoys acting, reading, singing, camping and spelunking, the latter with her brother Bob, a sixth grade teacher at Kingston Elementary School.

40 YEARS AGO (1976)

Top cookie salesmen from Cass City Girl Scout Troop 272 were Nancy Rands with 112 boxes, Jamie LaRoche with 152 boxes and Teresa Sheldon with 90 boxes. Girls who sold over 60 boxes were Kristy Deering, Michelle Jones, Tammy Dearing, Susan Sheldon, Libby Dickinson and Colleen Whittaker. Absent was Pam Merchant.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Little and family had as Sunday dinner guests, Mr. and Mrs. William Wright and two children, Mr. and Mrs. William Bright and daughter and Mrs. Ron McKinstry and son, all from the LaPeer area, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Pratt and family, Mrs. Helen Little, Mrs. Thelma Pratt and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Woodard.

Mrs. Harold Craig attended a luncheon and bridal shower Saturday at the home of Mrs. John Homakie near Caro, for Miss Michelle Aldrich of Fairgrove. Hostesses were Mrs. Frank Storm Jr. and Mrs. Jan Muska. The wedding of Miss Aldrich and John Wesley Homakie will take place March 20, at Fairgrove.

Mrs. Theda Seeger and Mrs. Normaleen McIntosh were to arrive home Tuesday from a two-week vacation in Hawaii.

Michael Klinkman of Cass City has been chosen to participate in the Center for Foreign Study's French program in Paris, France. Klinkman, a student at the University of Michigan and valedictorian of Cass City High School's 1973 graduating class, will participate in a program of study at the Sorbonne and travel in France. The Center, located in Ann Arbor, is a non-profit educational organization devoted to fostering mutual understanding and friendship among nations.

50 YEARS AGO (1966)

Susan Elizabeth Scollon, infant daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Edward Scollon, was baptized Sunday at St. Pancratius Church. Father A. Messing administered the sacraments. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Erla are her godparents. A dinner was held following at the New Gordon Hotel. Sixteen guests attended including the baby's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Ahrens of Grass Lake and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Scollon Sr. of Laingsburg. Mr. and Mrs. Roger Marshall were also guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Aimer Krueger announce the marriage of their daughter Ann to Jack McDaniel of Midland. The ceremony took place at St. Mark's Presbyterian Church, Dearborn Heights, Friday, March 4, at 7:30 p.m. Officiating were the Rev. Van Winkle and Rev. R. Yolton. A reception was held at Paul's Restaurant for the family and a few close friends. The couple left for Tacoma, Washington, where the groom is stationed in the Army.

Army Pvt. Lawrence P. Flannery, 18, son of Michael Flannery of Ubyly, completed a combat engineer course at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., March 4. During the seven-week course, Flannery was trained in the construction and repair of roads, railroads and bridges. Flannery also received

training in demolitions and mine warfare. He entered the Army in October and completed basic training at Fort Benning, Ga. A 1964 graduate of Ubyly High School, Flannery was employed in Detroit before entering the Army.

Paul W. Sweeney, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Sweeney of Ubyly, has been promoted to airman second class in the U.S. Air Force. Airman Sweeney is a finance specialist at South Ruislip Air Station, England. He is a member of the U.S. Air Forces in Europe, America's overseas air arm assigned to NATO. Sweeney, a graduate of Ubyly High School, also attended Northeastern School of Commerce in Bay City. He has studied at the University of Maryland European Division during off-duty hours.

Cass City Chapter 88, Future Farmers of America, held their monthly meeting February 22. Ron Cybulski was elected president. Other officers elected were vice-president, Larry Puterbaugh; secretary, Dave Burk; treasurer, Jim Brown; reporter, Larry Hartwick, and sentinel, Ed Gordon. Larry Puterbaugh and Dave Burk were elected to represent the chapter at the state convention, with Jim Brown as alternate. The members discussed the FFA parent-son banquet which will be held March 14. Refreshments were served after the meeting.

75 YEARS AGO (1941)

At the annual American Red Cross meeting held in the court house at Caro Tuesday afternoon, the following chapter officers were re-elected for the year: Chairman, Guy W. Landon, Cass City; vice chairman, J. Ivan Niergarth, Cass City; secretary, Mrs. Norman Wigley, Vassar; treasurer, Mrs. Fred Richardson, Caro. Reports of the officers were given as were reports by Mrs. Fred Striffler, who has acted as production chairman and Mrs. T. K. Schmidt, chairman of the junior organization, work in the county. R. A. Jakoubek, representing the Mid-Western Branch of the American Red Cross, which is located in St. Louis, Mo., gave a talk on First Aid and Life Saving Service. Mr. Jakoubek is now conducting a two weeks' instruction course in First Aid at Saginaw in the Manual Arts Building.

Carolyn Blair Auten, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Auten, has earned valedictorian honors in the Class of 1941 to graduate from the Cass City High School on June 10. Sharlie VanWinkle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Grant VanWinkle, secured marks which entitled her to salutatorian honors, a position which found five seniors very close contestants.

Bernard A. O'Dell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren O'Dell, and Miss Violet Marie Smithson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ausey Smithson, both of Cass City, surprised their friends by slipping away and being quietly married at 4:00 p. m. on Wednesday, March 5, at Napoleon, Ohio. After a short trip, they returned to Cass City and for the present will make their home with the O'Dell farm. Both bride and groom were graduated from Cass City High School, Miss Smithson with the Class of 1939 and Mr. O'Dell with the Class of 1938. A reception was held at the O'Dell home in their honor Thursday night of this week.

100 YEARS AGO (1916)

The Argyle hotel, owned and managed by James Perkins, was burned to the ground Friday afternoon. The building was valued at \$2,000 and was insured for \$1,000. Insurance of \$800 was carried on the furniture and \$200 on the stock of cigars and tobaccos. The origin of the fire is unknown. When discovered, it had made its way between partitions to the upper floor. A greater part of the contents of the first floor was saved and some of the furniture from the second story. James Perkins, the proprietor, had been kicked by a horse shortly before the fire and was handicapped by his injury in directing the removal of his property from the burning building. The fire attracted a large crowd and all turned in and kept the flames from spreading to nearby buildings.

L. A. Heineman purchased the building he is doing business in from L. A. Maynard also securing four feet frontage from John Burns. Mr. Heineman will build a new brick store to take the place of the present structure. With the four feet purchased from Mr. Burns he will have 28 feet frontage and a depth of about 75 feet. About the first of May the old building will be torn down and the new one started. Mr. Heineman will do business in the north half of the Dutcher Hardware building during building operations.

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Obituaries

Robert Hunter

Robert M. Hunter, 77, previously of Cass City, passed away on February 23, 2016 at Lifepath Hospice

Louise Johnston

Louise Johnston of Kingston, age 86, passed away peacefully on Saturday, March 5, 2016, following a lengthy illness. Louise was born February 17, 1930 in Pontiac, the daughter of the late Stanley and Mary (Slobodzinski) Dadacki. She was a graduate of Caro High School and attended Saginaw Valley State University.

Louise was united in marriage with Gerald Johnston on April 26, 1947, and he survives her. She was a homemaker and also worked at the Lighthouse. Louise was a songwriter, and enjoyed studying the Bible, reading, baseball, and in her early years she loved to take walks.

Louise is survived by her loving husband of sixty-eight years, Gerald Johnston of Kingston; her children, Jerry Johnston of Cass City, Ronald & Janet Johnston of Armada, Annette & Les Sproule of Vassar, Brian & Pam Johnston of Oxford, Debra & Mike Kuslusi of Clinton Township; grandchildren, Angel, Shane, Nathan, Jessica, Doug and Matthew; great-grandchildren, Raymond and Sidney; siblings, Bernard Dadacki of Cass City, Joan Norton of Owosso; and many nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by several of her siblings.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 12, 2016 at the Anchor Cove Outreach Church in Caro with Pastor David Wilczynski officiating. Burial will follow at St. Michael Cemetery in Wilmot. The family will be present to receive friends at the church on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until the time of the service at 10:00 a.m.

Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider memorial contributions to Anchor Cove Outreach Church. The family was assisted with these arrangements by the Ransford Collon Funeral Home of Caro. Friends may share memories, thoughts and prayers online at www.RansfordCollon.com.**James Schad Sr.**

James Arthur Schad of Lake City passed away January 29, 2016.

He was born March 16, 1931, in Huron County, Michigan to George Franklin and Ella Margaret (Ross) Schad.

He married Joyce May Lounsbury on March 13, 1954.

He leaves his wife Joyce; one son, James A. Schad, Jr. of Mt. Morris; five grandchildren, Peter Schad of Flushing, James Oneal (Rebecca) Schad of Elk City, Oklahoma, Matthew (Michelle) Schad of Stafford, Virginia, Jennifer Fish of Hinsdale, N.H., and Danielle (Anthony) Thomas of Milton, Florida; 10 great-grandchildren; 3 brothers, Donald (Onalee) Schad of Burton, Ted (Gloria) Schad of Marlette and Carter (Joyce) Schad of Caro; a sister, Mary Hutchins of Marlette; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a son Larry Thomas Schad, a grandson Larry Thomas Schad, Jr., a brother Charles Schad, a sister Margaret Baker, and an infant sister Clara.

Raised on a farm in Michigan's "Thumb," Jim graduated from Cass City High School in 1950. He served in the United States Army for two years, 1952-1954. Nineteen months of that time was spent in an artillery unit guarding the largest air base in Korea. Upon his discharge from the Army, he was employed by General Motors for 33 years. After nine months as a die cast operator, he held various management positions, retiring in 1986.

He was a member of Lake City United Methodist Church.

Jim was a Past Master and life member of Vienna Lodge, No. 205, F. & A.M., Clio. He received a lifetime appointment as Grand Representative to the Sovereign Grand Lodge of Puerto Rico in 1983. He has served the Michigan Masonic Grand Lodge as General Chairman of the Grand Lodge Arrangements Committee twice, as well as advising a number of other Grand Lodge Arrangements Committees over the years. He served on the Public and Community Relations Committee for one year, the Beacon Committee, and had served on the Grand Lodge Speaker's Bureau since 1993.

Jim was Mason of the Year for Vienna Lodge No. 205 in 1982 and Mason of the Year for Lake City Lodge No. 408 in 2006 when he was selected District Mason of the Year in 2006.

He served on the Michigan Masonic Home Board of Control for five years 1987-1992, receiving the Distinguished Service Award from the Michigan Masonic Home in May 1992. He served on the Masonic Home Board again from 2002-2007, retiring as vice-president.

For fourteen years 1987-2001, Jim served as Michigan's Representative to the George Washington Masonic Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia. He was selected as the Memorial's State Representative of the Year for North America in 1994. From 2001-2009 he served as advisor to the Michigan GWMM Committee. From 2009-2010 he again served as the Michigan chairman. He was a GWMM State Representative Emeritus.

Jim served the Michigan Masonic Grand Lodge as Assistant Grand Tiler for six years. He served as Worshipful Grand Tiler for seven years from 1997-2004, when he was elected Worshipful Grand Tiler Emeritus, a lifetime appointment by the delegates at the 2004 Grand Lodge session.

Jim and his wife Joyce were named the Michigan Masonic Charitable Foundation's Ambassadors of the Year in 2012.

In 2013 Jim received the Scottish Rite Medal for Masonic Service from the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the U.S., which includes fifteen states.

He was a member of Cadillac Chapter No. 103, R.A.M.; Cadillac Council No. 70, R. & S.M.; and was a life member of Genesee Valley Commandery No. 15 in Flint. He was also a member of the York Rite College No. 5 in Flint, receiving the Gold Honor Award in 1985. He was a member of the Royal Order of Scotland; a member of the Scottish Rite Valley of Detroit, A.A.S.R.; a member of St. Martin Conclave, Order of the Red Cross of Constantine; and a member of Saladin Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S. He was a life member of Vienna Chapter No. 283, O.E.S., and was appointed an Honorary Kentucky Colonel by Paul E. Patton, Governor of Kentucky in 1996.

Jim was an honorary member of Lake City Lodge No. 408, Houghton Lake Lodge No. 579, Manton Lodge No. 347, Clam Lake Lodge No. 331, Linden Lodge No. 132, Swartz Creek Lodge No. 458, Cass City Lodge No. 317, Marlette Lodge No. 343, S. Ward Lodge No. 62, and Traverse City Lodge No. 222, F. & A.M.

Jim's memorial will be held on May 28, 2016 at 1 p.m. at the Lake City United Methodist Church. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the "Michigan Masonic Charitable Foundation," 1200 Wright Ave., Alma, MI 48801-1133 with a memo "MMSAP—Jim Schad." The Mich. Model Student Assistance Program provides workshops, free to all teachers, to help identify students at-risk for bullying, suicide, and substance abuse.



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Schuette asks for limit on proposed DTE rate increase of \$148 million

Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette has filed a request with the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) calling on it to limit DTE Electric Company's proposal to raise rates by 6.6 percent or \$148 million for residential DTE customers and significant increases on business and industrial customers.

The proposed increase comes on the heels of an 11 percent rate increase on residential customers in December, Schuette noted.

Based on the U.S. Energy Information Administration's report issued in January, this increase would make Michigan the most expensive state for residential electric power rates in the northern Midwest.

In the same proposal for approval, DTE also outlined its plan to transition the full cost of electric production based on peak demand to residential rate payers. Currently, business and industrial customers are paying a portion of these production costs.

Because the commission has twice rejected this shift based primarily on his advocacy, Schuette is again requesting the MPSC to closely evaluate the production costs shift to determine whether it reasonably reflects the costs between these customer groups.

"Electricity is a basic need for families and businesses across Michigan," said Schuette. "I am asking the Michigan Public Service Commission to closely examine the

request being made by DTE that will raise rates for a second time in just a short period."

If approved by the MPSC, DTE would see an average increase on residential rate payers of \$75 per year, which translates to a \$148 million total customer increase for residential customers.

Small business customers could see a rate increase of 10.3 percent or \$115.4 million total customer increase, with large industrial customers seeing an increase of \$76.2 million - 6.9 percent - total customer increase.

Since taking office in 2011, Schuette says his Special Litigation Unit has saved utility ratepayers nearly \$1.7 billion by securing rate reductions.

Biniecki announces re-election bid

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program, a program that is serving communities throughout the entire county by assisting cities, villages and townships with manpower at a savings to the taxpayers of over \$100,000 per year in labor costs," he added.

inception.

"He continues to promote professionalism, service, and accountability within the organization, as well as interacting with public and citizen groups in an unprecedented fashion," Roff said.

Biniecki has also earned a reputation for giving back to the community as a 4-H leader in archery shooting sports, and he enjoys mentoring children in conservation.

"It has been an honor to serve the citizens of Sanilac County as your Sheriff over the past eight years, bearing the responsibility that has been entrusted in me," Biniecki said. "It is with pride in our accomplishments, renewed accountability and public accessibility, that I look forward to the privilege of continuing that work."

Undersheriff Brad Roff said Biniecki has established himself as "a proven leader by maintaining a balanced budget and (who) has streamlined operations, receiving over \$2 million in grants, as well as overseeing the Jail Bed Rental Program, which has just surpassed the \$22 million dollar mark since its

Biniecki is a member of the local chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation and Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. He's also an active member and past president of the Sandusky Lions Club.

"With the jail project being completed and things running smoothly, I feel now is the time to continue the course, and with (voters') blessings, the next four years will allow us the opportunity to do just that," he added.

Heroin use focus of program for area parents

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after recovering, according to Swales, who explained the much higher cost of prescriptions frequently prompts addicts to seek out street drugs, including heroin.

the purity of street drugs or what ingredients have been added to them.

"Heroin is the cheaper, easier-to-get alternative, (but) even users will tell you they'd rather have the prescription drugs because they know what they're getting," added Swales, who began his duties as a community service trooper in the Thumb in

November 2014.

Swales works out of the Michigan State Police post in Caro and covers a geographical area encompassing Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac counties, where his duties include addressing public safety issues, serving as a community liaison, and organizing/hosting informational programs in schools.

Annual 4-H Exploration Days set June 22-24 this year

4-H Exploration Days is Michigan State University's (MSU) largest pre-college event, annually attended by 2,500 youth and adult chaperones from across Michigan.

The 47th 4-H Exploration Days conference will be held June 22-24 on the MSU campus. The theme is "4-H Grows True Leaders."

Center, Demmer Center, Broad Art Museum, National Superconducting Cyclotron Laboratory, and 4-H Children's Garden.

The fee to attend is \$165; youth not enrolled in 4-H pay an additional \$10 4-H participation fee. Registration books will be available for pick up only the second week of March from the Huron County MSU Extension office, as hard copies will not be mailed out.

come, first-served basis, so early registration is encouraged. The final registration deadline is Tuesday, April 26.

Following their participation, youths in grades eight through 10 are eligible to apply for a \$2,000 MSU Pre-College Scholarship based on criteria such as attitude, behavior and active participation. The scholarship is applied toward each recipient's first-year at MSU as a degree-seeking student.

Participants attend sessions in their areas of interest ranging from veterinary medicine to web design, performing arts, environmental education and many more. More than 200 hands-on classroom and field trip sessions are offered. The students also have fun and make friends with people from different backgrounds and areas. 4-H volunteers and staff are on hand to provide oversight and guidance.

When not participating in learning sessions, students have a plethora of recreation and MSU facility tour choices such as the MSU Breslin

The new online registration form is now in fillable format at the 4-H Exploration Days web site. An \$80 deposit is due when turning in registration forms, with checks made payable to MSU. Registration opens on Tuesday, March 15, at 9 a.m. Sessions are assigned on a first-

For more information about 4-H Exploration Days, visit http://4h.msue.msu.edu/4h_4_h_exploration_days, or contact Cathryne Goulet at the Huron County MSU Extension Office at (989) 269-9949 (ext. 609).

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
Residential	1.0194	49.05
Agricultural	1.0515	47.55
Commercial	1.3273	37.67
Personal	1.0000	50.00

Cass City Gun Club
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Joann M. Peters, Clerk

Notice of
BOARD OF REVIEW
for
Elkland Township
will be held

March 14, 2016
9 a.m. - 12 p.m. & 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

March 17, 2016
1 p.m. - 4 p.m. & 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Elkland Township Fire Hall
at 6691 Church St., Cass City
Dan Erla, Supervisor

Notice of
BOARD OF REVIEW
for
Evergreen Township
will be held

March 16, 2016 1-4 p.m. & 6-9 p.m.

March 17, 2016 9 a.m.-Noon & 1-4 p.m.

Tentative Equalization Factor:

	Multiplier	Ratio
Agricultural	1.08342	46.15
Residential	1.04428	47.88
Commercial	1.31544	38.01
Industrial	1.00000	50.00

Evergreen Township Hall, 5514 Shabbona Rd., Decker
Arthur Severance, Clerk

BOARD OF REVIEW
for
Greenleaf Township
Will Be Held

Monday, March 14, 2016
2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 15, 2016
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. & 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Greenleaf Township Hall, 7510 Gilbert Rd., Cass City
Sanilac Co., Michigan

Tentative Equalization Factor

Class	Ratio	Multiplier
Agriculture	48.04%	1.0408
Commercial	39.37%	1.2700
Industrial	48.27%	1.0358
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MORE THAN 60 people took part in the Human Development Commission's (HDC) 2016 Walk for Warmth event, held Feb. 20. HDC officials lauded all of the walkers as well as sponsors and others who made donations towards the 26th annual walk, which has raised more than \$15,000 to-date to help individuals and families in desperate need of assistance with heat and utility emergencies in the county.

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Battels welcome all for maple syrup open house

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the annual tradition of tapping trees. Sap is coaxed from the sugar maples via holes drilled into the trees and then collected. While there are still some old-fashioned buckets hanging from metal spiles in one part of the woods, most of the sap is collected into plastic tubing that runs a network throughout the woods. A small pump house extracts the sap from the tubes by vacuum pressure. The sap is pumped into bulk tanks just outside the sugar shack. When it's time to boil, the sap is pumped into another bulk tank inside the sugar shack. Sap flows from the tank by gravity down into the evaporation pan. Imagine boiling liquid on your stovetop, but with a gigantic, shallow, rectangular pot. That's the evaporator pan, which is heated by a wood fire underneath, fueled with ash, beech and fallen maple harvested earlier in the year from the woods. The sap is boiled in the pan so that much of the water is eliminated as steam. It takes about 40 gallons of sap to make one gallon of syrup. Once the sap has turned into syrup at about 219 degrees, it's drawn off into a kettle. The Battels heat the syrup further, then run it into a filter press, which pushes the hot syrup and diatomaceous earth through paper filters to clarify it. Finally, the syrup is run into a gas-fueled canner, which is heated to 190 degrees so it will seal up in the jars. The Great Fires of 1871 and 1881 that swept across the Midwest managed to miss the Battel family's stand of more than 300 sugar maple trees, although much of the surrounding Thumb was devastated.

Cass City Elementary School

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This meeting is for any child who will be 4 or 5 years old by Sept. 1, 2016.



AN ESTIMATED 200 people spent a portion of their weekend enjoying last year's Maple Syrup Saturday celebration at the Battel's Sugar Bush Pure Maple Syrup sugar bush northeast of Cass City. Above, Cathy (left) and Jeff Healy serve up some steaming hot pancakes as Cass City's Lou McClorey looks on. The day also included tours and a first-hand look at tree tapping and sap boiling at the family sugaring operation.



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Cass City girls bow

As expected, host Unionville-Sebewaing Area Schools (USA) had no problem during their Class C District quarterfinal match-up with Cass City.

The Patriots, who went on to win back-to-back district titles, raced out to a 15-0 advantage last Monday and would never look back en route to a 58-18 victory.

Up next for USA is a regional rematch against host Reese. The two teams traded victories during the regular season and the Rockets will look to avenge last year's tournament setback to USA Tuesday night on their own floor. Cass City, meanwhile, finishes the season with a 2-18 overall record, 0-10 in the Greater Thumb West.

"We're looking forward to working hard in the off season and coming back stronger and more experienced next season," said Cass City Coach Steve Hollocker.

Sure to be missed going forward, however, will be the team's lone senior Kelly DeLong.

"It was Kelly DeLong's last game for us and her dedication and leadership will definitely be missed," Hollocker said of the 2-year varsity member.

Kayla Gremel led the way for USA with a game-high 20 points. She scored nine points in the opening frame that ended 19-5 and then added eight more points before the half and her two second quarter treys helped to produce a 36-11 bulge entering the third frame.

USA opened the final half with 18 unanswered points that had most fans headed for the exits.

Lauren Adams chipped in 15 points and Marisa Mortan had 13 for the Patriots.

Sayge Cuthrell's six points topped Cass City's scorers.

Cardinals three-peat

Winning has become routine for Kingston under the leadership of Coach Jay Green. And this year's Lady Cardinals certainly have lived up to the high expectations, capturing Class D District honors for a third straight year last week in Deckerville, complementing the team's previously earned North Central Thumb League Stars banner nicely.

Kingston advanced to the championship game with a 44-26 victory over Deckerville on Monday, and then cruised to a 56-32 decision on Wednesday to claim the district hardware.

Carley Smith led the Cardinals in the championship contest with 16 points, while Sarah Savage, the team's leading scorer, chipped in 13.

For Akron-Fairgrove, Megan Hiser and Leslie Hutchinson split 18 points

Kingston improves to 18-3 overall and will face a familiar foe in the Class D Regional at Akron-Fairgrove High School, where they were to have met Sterling Heights Parkway Christian, 18-4 overall, on Tuesday.

Kluger saves best for final home contest

Bad Axe improved to 19-0 on the season Thursday with a 47-38 Greater Thumb West victory at host Cass City.

The Hatchets led just 27-26 at the break and 38-34 entering the final eight minutes.

John Messing finished with a game-high 15 points, including a 5-of-7 effort at the free throw line in the deciding quarter to hold off the upset-minded Red Hawks.

Thumb Player of the Year candidate Tommy Morneau added 14 points and Martin Messing had eight for the Greater Thumb West back-to-back league champs.

For Cass City, senior Devan Kluger hit four treys and finished with a season-best 13 points to lead Cass City, while Parker Haire tallied 10.

Playing in their final home contest were seniors Kluger, Haire, Sawyer Cuthrell, Keith Lounsbury and Branden Horne.



AARON SAENZ gets past Pirate defender Tyler Volmering for two of his game-high 25 points Monday during a Class C quarterfinal match-up with host Harbor Beach.

Moore and Dickson shine at state final meet for Cass City

by Clarke Haire
Publisher

Two of Cass City's four state qualifiers medaled at the Individual State Finals, held March 3-5 at The Palace of Auburn Hills, to the delight of Coach Don Markel.

"With four returning state qualifiers and two state medalists, the future looks bright for the Cass City wrestling program. We will return a solid core of starters to complement a talented group of incoming ninth graders for next season. To finish the season with a 31-13 season record this year after graduating a talented core of seniors last year was a nice accomplishment and (will) be a springboard to strive toward greater goals for next season," he said

T.T Moore and Wyatt Dickson were the two Red Hawk medalists, becoming the first local duo to accomplish the fete since the early 1990s, according to Markel.

"The last time Cass City had two state medalists in the same season was in 1990 when Bob Lefler placed third at 125 and Randy Johnson placed sixth at 152."

Moore matched Johnson's sixth place showing by winning his opening two 189-weight class matches and advancing into the semifinals before placing sixth.

In round one, Moore pinned Chase Gibson, of Bronson, in 4:18 and in round two, he pinned St Louis' Ernie Diaz in a similar fashion, recording a fall in 4:34.

In the semifinals, Munising's Hunter Sadler handed Moore his first setback over the weekend with a narrow 3-0 decision. Moore then suffered tight losses to Brandon Verwey (6-3 Dec), Schoolcraft, and Josh Jackson (5-3 Dec), Pine River Area Schools, to wrap up a successful season. Moore finishes with a

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BOYS' DISTRICT ACTION GETS STARTED

CASS CITY senior Devan Kluger readies for a shot attempt during Monday's Class C District play in Harbor Beach. Defending on the play is Uibly's Matt Maikrzek.

UBLY, USA ADVANCE

by Clarke Haire
Publisher

If opening night of the Class C District play in Harbor Beach is any indication, basketball fans should buckle their seatbelts.

Ubly and Unionville-Sebewaing Area Schools (USA) both survived Monday's Greater Thumb Conference rematches by the bay, with the Bearcats hanging on to edge Cass City and the Patriots slipping past Harbor Beach.

In the early quarterfinal contest, Ubly advanced into tonight's (Wednesday) semifinal round with an exciting 59-57 triumph. The Bearcats will meet tournament favorite Bad Axe next in a 5:30 p.m. tilt.

Unlike their previous meeting – a 30-22 Cass City win – Ubly would come out firing on all cylinders and take leads of 20-17 after one quarter and 33-26 after two.

Parker Haire was on the mark early for Cass City and a pair of first quarter treys helped to keep the Red Hawks close. But late in the frame Haire was sent to the bench after collecting his second foul.

It didn't take long for Ubly to capitalize on Haire's absence as a Dominic Rosenthal steal and subsequent lay-in capped a quick 5-0 spurt for the winners who were able to build a 29-21 cushion with 3:14 showing on the clock.

After a time out by Coach Tyler Erla, Sawyer Cuthrell answered for Cass City. The 3-year varsity guard swiped an errant Ubly pass that he took end-to-end for an uncontested goal, followed by a long-range triple that had the Red Hawks within one possession at 29-26.

Ubly, however, used treys from Trevor Droiowski and Jeffrey Wright to take a double digit advantage midway thru the third period.

As has been the case all year long, Cass City fought back behind the play of their senior guards Cuthrell and Haire. Cuthrell sandwiched a pair of 15' jumpers around a Logan Schenk basket in the lane and Haire knocked down a triple, followed by a nice pass to Keith Lounsbury under the basket, and suddenly, the Red Hawks trailed just 43-39.

A pair of field baskets each by Rosenthal and Jonathan Brandel extended Ubly's margin to 53-46 before back-to-back baskets by Haire and a Brad Hacker driving lay-in had the Red Hawks trailing just 53-52 with 3-minutes remaining in regulation.

Wright, however, had the final word for the Bearcats and six straight points for the senior guard would hold off Cass City down the wire.

Ubly was brilliant at the foul line on the night connecting on 13-of-15

tosses, compared to just 4-of-7 attempts by Cass City. The two teams combined for 11 treys.

Wright recorded a game-high 19 points to lead Ubly, while Maikrzek added 14.

For Cass City, Haire and Cuthrell led the way with 16 and 13 points, respectively.

USA/HARBOR BEACH

In the late quarterfinal tilt, four quarters weren't enough to decide a winner as USA defeated Harbor Beach in overtime.

With the 60-55 victory, the Patriots advance to meet Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port in tonight's late semifinal contest. Please turn to page 10.

Owen-Gage ends regular season with solid effort

Owen-Gage built an early lead and added to the advantage each quarter to capture the win in the Bulldogs' regular season finale against Caseville.

The visitors led 12-8 entering the second quarter and settled for a 28-15 gap at the break. Owen-Gage added eight more points to their cushion in the third, before coasting to the 70-40 final score.

With the non-conference decision, Owen-Gage improves to 15-4 overall. The Bulldogs will now face Bay City All Saints tonight (Wednesday) in the late semifinal game of the Class D District at North Huron, which follows the early semifinal game that pits North Huron against Akron-Fairgrove. The first horn sounds at 6 p.m.

Owen-Gage and Bay City All Saints split meetings in the regular season. The winners of the rubber game will advance into Friday's championship contest (7 p.m. tip) as the clear favorite to cut down the nets.

As expected, Jacob Wright, David Binder and Dan Good keyed the Bulldogs' most recent victory. Wright tossed in 25 points, grabbed 10 rebounds and dished seven assists to lead the winners, while Binder chipped in 21 points, five rebounds, six steals and four assists. Good had nine points, nine rebounds and nine blocks to complement four assists.

"Nice win going into districts," said Owen-Gage Coach Brian Wright.

School play on tap

The Cass City High School extracurricular drama club will present its spring musical comedy, "Don't Stop Believin'" next Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 11-13. Director Connie Iwankovitsch and Assistant Director Chelsea Green report that a record number of students are participating in the play this year. Thirty-one high school cast members, one 8th grader, and 2 crew members have been rehearsing since December.

The small-town cultural center is doomed to be shut down and demolished if funds are not obtained for a much-needed renovation.

The students decide to compete in "We've Got Talent" in an attempt to win \$100,000, but 2 city council members bribe the judges and their audition is not successful.

Join us to see how this predicament is resolved. Friday and Saturday performances are at 7:00 p.m. and the Sunday matinee is at 3:00 p.m. Tickets are available at the door.



MEMBERS OF THE Cass City High School cast of "Don't Stop Believin'" put the final touches on one of the musical numbers for the upcoming performances. They can't seem to agree on whether they should perform country, or rock and roll. From left, top row: Anthony Pawloski, Justus Rathschlag, Sam London, Sid Lintner, Maddie Mandich, Kjersti Hermann, Jordan Kittle, Amy Verhines, Kevin Estrella; front row, from left: Melissa LaJoie, Parker Rosebrugh, Devin Vermeesch, Matt Ozorowicz and Kristen Bradley.

Grapplers end season

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Dickson placed eighth in the 145-weight class. In round one, Roger City's Justin Sailes edged out a 5-4 Decision over the Red Hawk sophomore, only to see Dickson bounce back with pins over Noah Strine, Reading, and Tyler Spencer, Rudyard.

In round three, Mendon's Wyatt Cool handed Dickson a 5-3 setback and in the 7th place match Bryant Moore, Sand Creek, posted a 5-1 Decision.

Dickson finishes the season with a 45-17 record.

Failing to medal at the season-ending affair for Cass City were juniors Tylor Cowdry and Seth Osentoski.

Osentoski won one match at the state finals - defeating Austin Sandel, Farwell, in a Major Decision in the 135-weight class - and finishes his season with a 45-16 record.

Cowdry lost both of his 103-weight class matches at the state finals, but finished his season with a 46-10 record.

Pirates fall in overtime

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test with a trip to Friday's championship game on the line.

Aaron Saenz tossed in 25 points to pace USA on the night. His trey to end the scoring in the initial stanza gave the Patriots a 13-11 edge after eight minutes, only to see the Pirates take a 27-26 margin into the break on Brady Kirsch's 3-point buzzer beater near the half court line as time expired.

The contest was a sea-saw battle that featured double digit lead changes throughout. Each team had their chance to win in the final seconds.

Dead lot at 51-51, Saenz was sent to

the foul stripe on a questionable hand-checking call with just four seconds remaining. Saenz split the tosses, giving the Patriots a slim one-point edge.

On the ensuing in bounds play, Harbor Beach tossed the ball the full length of the court to Gaffke who spotted a streaking Cody Siemen who was fouled as time expired. Siemen missed his first freebee, but calmly sank his final toss with no time on the clock to extend the contest into the extra session.

There, four straight free throws by Saenz and Isaiah Williamson sealed victory for the Patriots.

For Harbor Beach, Gaffke had 22 points in vain.

Schneeberger's ATHLETE of the WEEK

It's rare that the same athlete wins Schneeberger's Athlete of the Week honors more than once during the winter sporting season.

But with their choice of T.J. Moore as this week's winner, the Red Hawk junior grappler

accomplishes the feat.

Moore returned from injury late in the season, to finish sixth at the Michigan High School Athletic Association Division 3 Individual State final in the 189-weight class.

After winning regional honors in New Lothrop, Moore pinned Chase Gibson, of Bronson, and St Louis' Ernie Diaz at the Auburn Hills event.

But in the semifinals, Munising's Hunter Sadler handed Moore his first setback over the weekend with a narrow 3-0 decision. Moore then suffered tight losses to Brandon Verwey (6-3 Dec), Schoolcraft, and Josh Jackson (5-3 Dec), Pine River Area Schools, to finish with a top-10 showing.

Moore finishes with a lofty 41-6 junior record.

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



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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 47, CC 38
3/7-11	District @ Harbor Beach - TBD

Games begin at 7:30 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	USA 58, CC 18

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 within Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on MARCH 17, 2016.

Said premises are located in the Township of Vassar, Tuscola County Michigan, and are described as:
Commencing at a point 852 feet West of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 27, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, Township of Vassar, Tuscola County, Michigan, thence North 250 feet, thence West 293 feet, thence South 250 feet, thence East 293 feet to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

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

2-17-4

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE MORTGAGE SALE-Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a mortgage made by CHARLES PRILL, a married man, 2681 RINGLE ROAD, AKRON, MI 48701, Mortgagor(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.

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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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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 venue, 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
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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 venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on March 24, 2016.

Said premises are situated in Township of Watertown, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: The West 10.01 acres of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 17, Town 10 North, Range 9 East, described as beginning at the North 1/4 corner of said Section 17, thence North 87 Degrees 40 Minutes 33 Seconds East along the North line of said Section 17, 328.65 Feet, thence South 01 Degrees 33 Minutes 34 Seconds East parallel with the North and South 1/4 line of said Section 17, 1326.61, thence South 87 Degrees 34 Minutes 46 Seconds West along the North, East and West 1/8 line of said Section 17, 328.66 Feet, thence North 01 Degrees 33 Minutes 34 Seconds West along the North and South 1/4 line of said Section 17, 1327.16 Feet to the Point of beginning.

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

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

Dated: February 24, 2016
For more information, please call: FC J (248) 593-1311
Trott Law, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
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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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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:
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Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-5422
File #460661F01

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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.

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 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.

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
S20160207122703 USDA

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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
For more information, please call:
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Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-5422
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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Gary Oliver, a single man, on November 24, 2006, to Lapeer County Bank & Trust Co., a Michigan Banking Corporation of 83 W. Nepessing Street, Lapeer, Michigan 48446 and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Tuscola County, Michigan on January 3, 2007 in Liber 1107, page 22, and upon which mortgage there is claimed to be due as of the date of this notice for principal and interest the sum of Sixty-Two Thousand Three Hundred Eleven and 60/100 (\$62,311.60) Dollars and said default having continued for more than thirty (30) days and no suit or proceedings having been instituted to recover the debt secured by the mortgage;

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That on Thursday, April 14, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. Local Time, the said mortgage will be foreclosed by sale at public venue to the highest bidder at the front entrance of the Courthouse, 440 N. State Street, Caro, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court for said County, of the premises described in said mortgage or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due on said mortgage as aforesaid with interest thereon and all legal costs, charges and expenses including the attorney fee provided by law and any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned and or before said sale for taxes, assessments and insurance premiums on said premises, which said premises are situated in the Village of Fostoria, Tuscola

County, Michigan, and are described as follows:

Lot 1, Block 70, Map of the Village of Fostoria, according to the recorded plat thereof, and a piece of land situated in the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 36, Town 10 North, Range 9 East, starting at the Northwest corner stake running South 208 feet; thence East 415 feet; thence North 208 feet; thence West to place of beginning, all being in the Village of Fostoria, Watertown Township, Tuscola County, Michigan.

Tax ID# 021-500-170-0100-00 & 021-500-171-0100-00

The length of the period of redemption from such sale will be six (6) months immediately following said sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, 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 at Caro, Michigan, this 9th day of March, 2015.

Touma, Watson, Whaling, Coury & Stremers, P.C.
Attorneys for Lapeer County Bank & Trust Co.

By: S Douglas Touma
316 McMorran Boulevard
Port Huron, MI 48060

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Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Billy J. Turner, a single man, original mortgagor(s), to Financial Freedom Senior Funding Corporation, Mortgagee, dated October 30, 2008, and recorded on November 25, 2008 in Liber 1162 on Page 712, and assigned by mesne assignments to CIT Bank, N.A. formerly known as OneWest Bank N.A. as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy-One and 35/100 Dollars (\$109,971.35).

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 April 7, 2016.

Said premises are situated in Township of Dayton, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 320, Shay Lake Subdivision No. 2, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 111, now being Liber 2 of Plats, Page 1A.

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 9, 2016

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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 DENNIS L. DELONG and MELISSA L. DELONG, HUSBAND AND WIFE, to BAY CREEK MORTGAGE, Mortgagee, dated November 21, 1996, and recorded on November 26, 1996, in Liber 701, on Page 1338, and modified on September 17, 2014, recorded October 9, 2014, in Liber 1316, on Page 1117, and assigned by said mortgagee to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., S/B/M Chase Home Finance LLC, S/B/M to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, as assigned, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Twenty-Seven Thousand Two Hundred Thirty-One Dollars and Twenty-Four Cents (\$27,231.24), including interest at 3.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, front entrance of the Courthouse Building in the City of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM o'clock, on April 7, 2016 Said premises are located in Tuscola County, Michigan and are described as:

COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 31, TOWN 12 NORTH, RANGE 11 EAST, THENCE NORTH 265 FEET, THENCE WEST 300 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 265 FEET, THENCE EAST 300 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241, in which case the redemption period shall be 1 month, or under MCL 600.3241a 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later, or extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 600 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., S/B/M Chase Home Finance LLC, S/B/M to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation Mortgagee/Assignee
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Great building spot in the Village of Cass City. With multi-family zoning you have lots of options so bring your plans and get busy. TL364



Are you retiring or just starting out? This 3 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath home may be for you! This home includes full unfinished basement, washer and dryer, new water heater, new vinyl siding and 1 car garage with attached breezeway. Call today! TCC1733



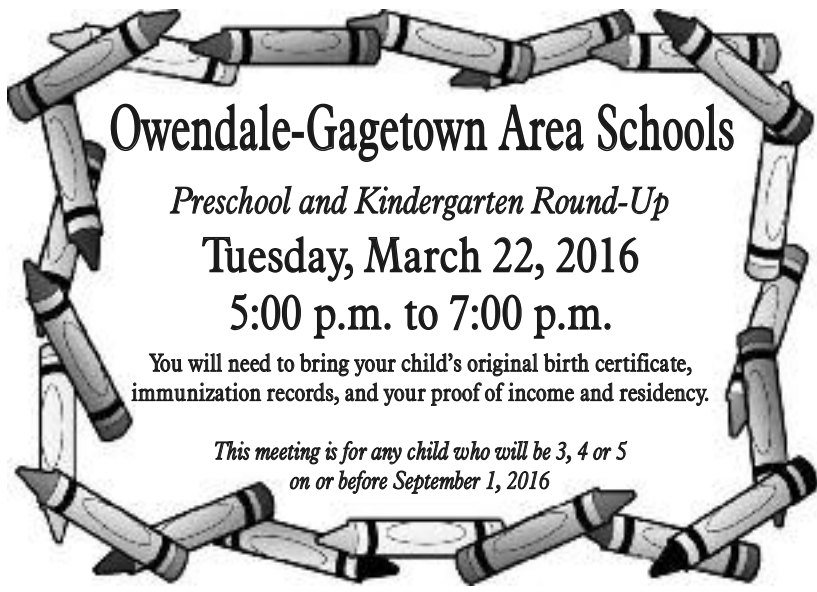
3 bedroom home in Bad Axe is close to shopping, theater, restaurants and more. This property has lots of storage, an extra large backyard and tons of possibilities. TO778



Store front - 640 square foot commercial building in Cass City. Excellent location. Front entrance off Main Street or enter the back from the Village parking lot. Many possibilities. COM1164



Commercial building on Class A road. M-46 to M-24 has large reception area, office, 3-14 foot doors and 2-12 foot door. There is even an apartment upstairs. Take a look COM1163



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It's a celebration!

Cass City Missionary Church gearing up for 50th anniversary

by Tom Montgomery
 Editor

Anyone with a connection to the Cass City Missionary Church – past or present – is encouraged to set aside a date this summer to join in the church's 50th anniversary celebration.

The event is scheduled for Sunday, June 12, and will kick off with morning worship at 10:30 a.m., followed by a fellowship meal and "singspiration". More information is available by calling (989) 872-2729.

According to the Cass City Area Historical and Genealogy Society, the history of the Cass City Missionary Church actually dates back more than 100 years to 1911, when the Riverside United Missionary Church was organized. Its first services were conducted by the Rev. D. L. Schultz and held in a tabernacle in a wooded area on the east side of Dodge Road, about a half-mile north of the Cass River bridge.

"Stemming from this meeting, a canvas was held in the area to find persons interested in attending services that were held Sunday afternoon and evening," the historical society wrote in its September/October 2011 newsletter. "The first baptismal service was held in the Cass River Aug. 20, 1911. That evening 16 persons joined the original 'Riverside Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church'. First officers were Moses Sherk, Allen Wanner and Rinerd Knoblet."

Services were held in a schoolhouse. The church made steady progress and, in 1919, the building of the Riverside Church was underway, with much of the work done by members of the congregation. The building was dedicated Oct. 19, 1919.

The present Cass City Missionary Church is the result of a merging of

the Riverside United Missionary Church and the Greenleaf Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church, which was organized a quarter of a century later.

The start of the New Greenleaf church paralleled that of the Riverside church – both started with open air meetings, with the New Greenleaf church initially led by the Rev. Thatcher, who conducted meetings at the Sleeper Estate in Huron County.

Ground was broken for the present day Cass City Missionary Church, located on the west side of Koepfgen Road, just south of M-81, May 16, 1965. At the time, the church boasted just 37 charter members. The church dedication, held Nov. 27, 1966, was led by the Rev. J. E. Tuckey. Many former pastors participated in the ceremony. The first Sunday service took place June 12, 1966.

The structure, which measures 40 feet by 92 feet, with a 20-foot by 24-foot entrance and tower extension, has an auditorium that seats 250 people, as well as a full basement for educational activities.

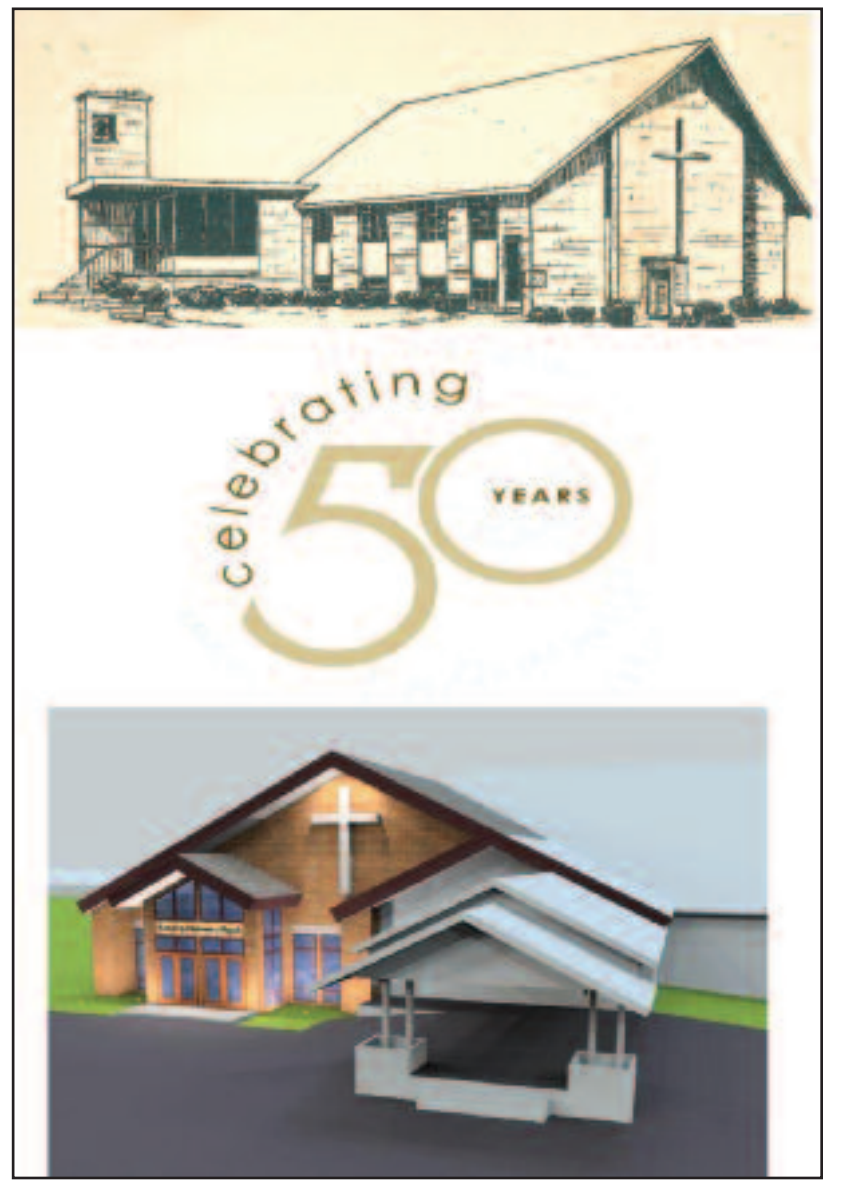
The congregation, now more than 100 members strong and still growing, played a key role in creating what is known today as Revive

Ministries.

The outreach, which is housed in a building in downtown Cass City and includes a food pantry and second-hand clothing shop, owns its success to an idea discussed during a Cass City Missionary Church "vision meeting" back in 2004. What began as a children's "fun fair" with speakers, bands and activities, evolved into a ministry that feeds more than 200 people each month.

It takes more than 350 volunteer hours a month to keep the outreach operating smoothly. More than 75 volunteers make that happen, according to Revive Ministries officials, who have passed out more than 10,000 boxes of food – more than quarter million pounds of food – since its inception.

The Cass City Missionary Church's current pastor is the Rev. Phil Burkett, who along with his wife, Darlene, joined the church in 2011. Burkett was preceded in the pulpit by the Rev. Bob Sweeney (2005-2010), the Rev. David Edwards (1996-2005), the Rev. Cliff Jordan (1985-1995), the Rev. Bob Taylor (1976-1984), the Rev. Wilton Hull (1973-1976), the Rev. Jim Kidney (1969-1973), and the Rev. Fred Johnson (1965-1968).



Livestock scholarship deadline June 1

Since 2000, the Michigan Youth Livestock Scholarship Fund (MYLSF) has awarded more than \$400,000 in scholarships and educational awards to outstanding youth who have exhibited at the premier livestock events in the state of Michigan.

Applications and qualification requirements for the MYLSF and the statewide scholarship can be obtained at www.michigan.gov/mda-myssf. Applications must be postmarked no later than June 1.

To be eligible for either the MYLSF general scholarship or the statewide scholarship, the applicant must be a resident of Michigan and a graduating high school senior or a high school graduate continuing their education at an accredited institution in the year in which they are applying.

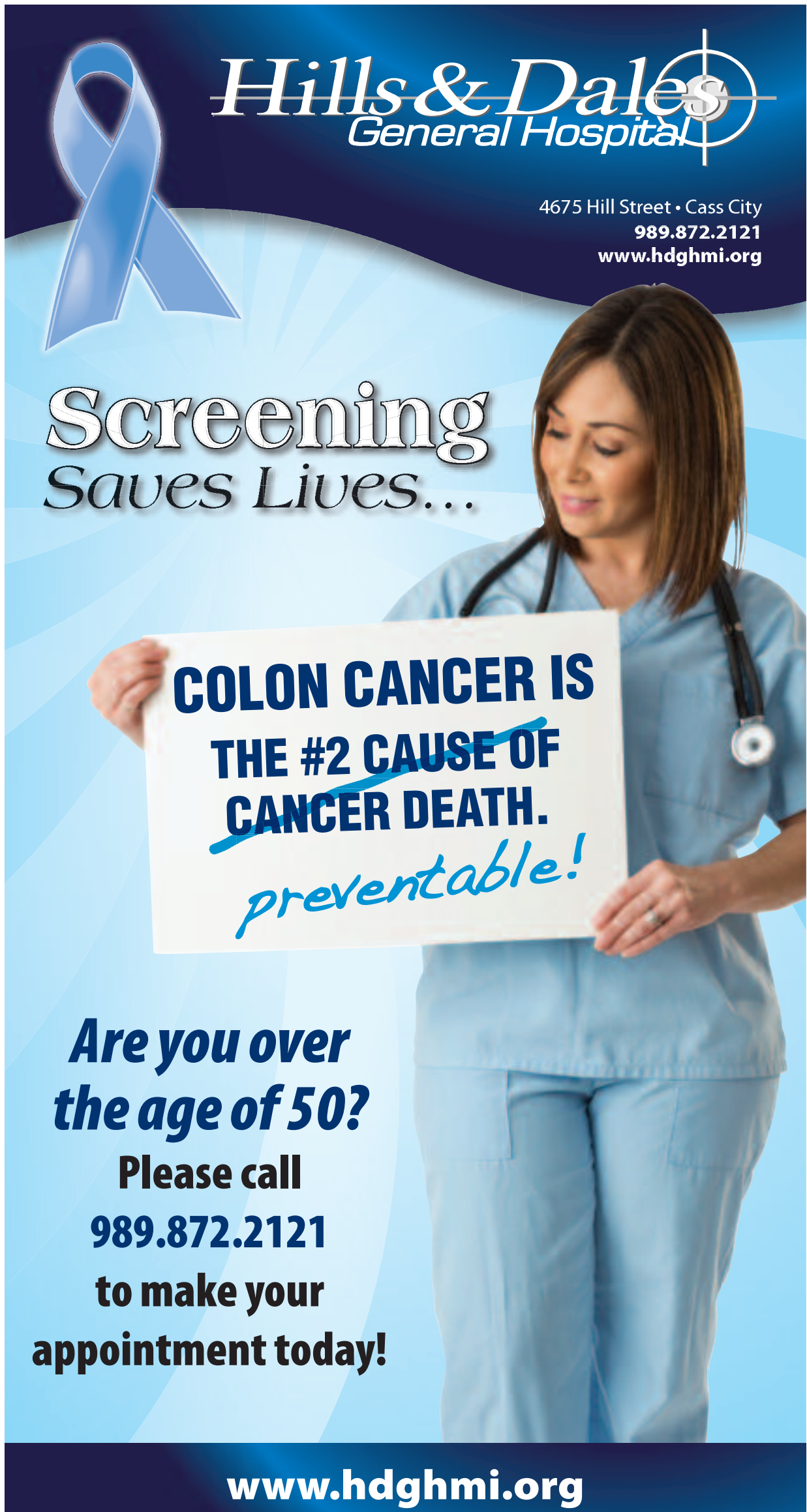
For the general MYLSF scholarship, the applicant must be a youth exhibitor at the Michigan Livestock Expo, the Michigan Dairy Expo or the former Michigan State Fair, for a minimum of three calendar years prior to the year of application.

For the statewide scholarship, an applicant must be a youth exhibitor at a local, county, or statewide exhibition for a minimum of three years prior to the year of application.

Specific proceeds from the Michigan Livestock Expo Sale-Abration auction as well as charitable donations help fund the scholarships. The fund is governed by a seven-member board comprised of volunteers from Michigan's agricultural community, with the corpus of the fund held at the Battle Creek Community Foundation.

In 2014, roughly \$13,000 was deposited in the Michigan Education Saving Plans for youth exhibitors that compete in judging and showmanship events at the Michigan Livestock Expo on the Michigan State University campus.

More information is available by contacting Jeff Haarer, Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development Producer Security Section manager, at (517) 284-5642, or Ernie Birchmeier, Michigan Farm Bureau's livestock and dairy specialist, at (517) 323-7000.



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