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## Daytime dilemma

**Fire chiefs relying on mutual aid to offset lack of numbers for first-shift emergency runs**

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

A well-trained and available membership makes all the difference when it comes to a volunteer fire department's ability to save lives and reduce property damage when that siren screams, signaling the call for these men and woman to put their lives on the line as they battle heat, flames and smoke.

Elkland Township Fire Chief Glenn

Guilts rarely has to worry about a lack of dedication among the firefighters in his department, but numbers are a different matter altogether. And he isn't alone.

A blaze that gutted a trailer house about six miles southwest of Cass City last week is a good example; a half-dozen Cass City firefighters responded to the 8 a.m. alarm.

"We had to call four departments to get 14 guys out to a fire," said Guilts, who requested assistance from the Elmwood Township-Gagetown, Kingston and Caro fire departments. "It's getting harder and harder to get enough (firemen)" to respond to alarms on a regular basis.

"The biggest problem we have anymore is so many guys are working out of the area," Guilts said. Locally, fewer businesses allow an employee/firemen to leave the job at a moment's notice — or in many cases the employee can't afford to leave — to respond to an alarm. If they are able to leave work, they face the prospect

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**ELKLAND TOWNSHIP Fire Chief Glenn Guilts (left) and Caro Fire Chief Randy Heckroth say one of the biggest challenges facing volunteer fire departments these days is adequate attendance for daytime fire and accident runs.**

## Deford 4-H model rocket "dream team" is headed for national finals again

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

A trio of Deford Dazzlers 4-H Club members will be making another trip to Virginia next month to match their model rocketry skills against the best competition this nation has to offer.

The Team America Rocketry Challenge (TARC) National Finals invitations went out Friday, and the Deford contingent learned its qualifying flight easily made the cut, earning one of 100 coveted spots in the national competition.

In all, 775 teams — more than 4,000 students — were vying for a position in this year's TARC Finals. The Deford Dazzlers is among four teams that will represent Michigan — two of the remaining three will represent Millington High School, also in Tuscola County — and just one of five 4-H teams to make the finals this year.

"This is our sixth year in TARC and fifth year straight of making it into the finals," said Mark Hansen, who along with his wife, Patricia, have served as

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**STUDENTS ENROLLED in the welding program at the Tuscola Technology Center in Caro gathered Thursday at the Baker College of Cass City Welding Lab to demonstrate their welding skills. Above, a student works on his entry in a competition that rewarded the top two winners with scholarships.**



**A MAN LOST his home and his dog in a blaze that gutted his trailer house about six miles southwest of Cass City last week. Investigators said the homeowner, Bob "Woody" Wood, 2138 Keilitz Rd., was not insured.**

## Wood loses home, dog in blaze

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

A Cass City area man lost his home and his dog in a fire that leveled his trailer house about six miles southwest of the village last week.

The homeowner, Bob "Woody" Wood, suffered minor burns when he attempted to re-enter the residence to save his dog and retrieve the cremated ashes of his wife, who died early this year, according to Elkland Township Fire Chief Glenn Guilts.

Firefighters were dispatched to 2138 Keilitz Rd., located between Severance and Shabbona roads, at about 8 a.m. Tuesday.

Guilts said the blaze was fully involved when firemen arrived on scene. "It's an older trailer house with a metal roof and sides, and when they get going, it's just like an oven," the chief noted. "The guys did a good job for what we had, (but) when they (trailers) get burning, instead of venting like a stick-built house, the whole thing is like an inferno."

"He (Wood) lost his dog, and his wife passed away in January. He went back inside to get his dog and his wife's ashes, and he burned the back of his neck and the back of his head," said Guilts, who added Wood refused treatment at the scene, opting

instead to drive himself to Hills and Dales General Hospital.

Guilts estimated the loss at roughly \$15,000 for the structure and \$5,000 for contents. Wood was not insured.

Firefighters contacted The American Red Cross, and a representative of the organization arrived shortly thereafter to assist Wood with temporary housing and other necessities.

Elkland Township firemen remained at the scene for about three hours. They were assisted by the Caro, Elmwood Township-Gagetown and Kingston fire departments.

## Weekend crash claims life in Tuscola Co.

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Tuscola County Sheriff's reported slick road conditions contributed to a traffic crash that claimed one life Sunday in Arbela Township.

Deputies were dispatched to the scene — Millington Road near Belsay Road — at 1:38 p.m.

"They found that a vehicle that had been going eastbound on Millington Road had lost control on the icy/slushy road and ran off the road-

way," Undersheriff Glen Skrent said. "The vehicle then rolled over into a water-filled ditch. The vehicle occu-

pants were trapped inside the vehicle. Emergency personnel arrived on

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## Stimpfel and Potter top grads

Cass City School officials have announced the top graduates of the Class of 2016.

Named this year's valedictorian is Bransen T. Stimpfel, son of Thomas and Sloane Stimpfel. Lauren Potter,

daughter of Bill and Paula Potter, earned salutatorian honors.

Stimpfel, who boasts a 3.95 grade point average, has excelled in both academics and athletics during his career at Cass City High School.

Named this year's Cass City Chamber of Commerce Junior Citizen of the Year, he was a member of the 2014 Science Academic Games Team and served as student council treasurer (2014-15) and as student council parliamentarian (2015 to present). He received a

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Bransen Stimpfel



Lauren Potter

## Tech center welding students compete at Baker College lab

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

More than three dozen Tuscola Technology Center welding students gathered at the new Baker College of Cass City Welding Lab for a competition Thursday that enabled two seniors to win college scholarships and provided all of the students with more experience as they work towards their welding certifications.

This is the second year Baker College hosted the event, according to Aaron Faist, admissions advisor for Baker College of Cass City. "Last year we had, I believe, 24 kids come over," said Faist, who added the college awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to the first place winner and a \$500 scholarship to the runner-up.

The competing juniors, meanwhile, competed for prizes in the form of new welding accessories, and the entire group — composed of students representing the county's public high schools — took a tour of the welding lab and discussed the various welding careers they can pursue, Faist said.

The winners of this year's scholarships were Connor Richards, first place (\$1,000), and Luke Middleton, second place (\$500).

Tim Loney, welding instructor at the Tuscola Technology Center, located in Caro, explained the competition involved students demonstrating their skills in shielded metal arc welding — also known as stick welding — with the seniors completing examples of a bevel weld and the juniors working on T-shaped welds, which were then tested and judged based on strength and integrity.

"We go to several competitions. This is probably the fourth competition we've been to this year (and) it's the last one we do" before the students test for their welding certifications, Loney said, adding the competitions build on what the students are learning at the tech center.

"It's not a watered-down version of welding," he said of the tech center program. "We're simulating real-life welds, and the competitions build their confidence."

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# AAUW to host annual Flamingo Fling

The Cass City Chapter of AAUW is preparing for its 20th annual Flamingo Fling Thursday, April 14 at Northwood Meadows, in Cass City. The event raises funds for women's scholarships, which helps them continue their education in a variety of careers. Last year, the group awarded five scholarships to make it possible for women to continue or finish an

education to give them opportunities that might not have been possible without the scholarships. Applications are available at Baker College and Rawson Memorial District Library, or by contacting Connie Iwankovitsch via email at diwank@charter.net, or by call her at (989) 872-4667. The deadline for receiving the scholarship forms has

been extended to Friday, April 11. Once the applications are received, the funds committee will review them and award the scholarships based upon the funds that were raised at this year's fling. The chapter members are working hard to put on a successful event again this year in an effort to award as many scholarships as possible.

# Library's next senior movie day Friday

Rawson Memorial District Library in Cass City will host its next Senior Citizens Movies Friday, April 15, at 1:30 p.m.

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

Films slated to be shown this week are:

**"Queen Elizabeth"** – Follow Queen Elizabeth II's remarkable life, from her youth to her uncle Edward VIII's stunning abdication, and her father's subsequent coronation as King George VI. Witness her experiences during World War II, her own sudden ascension to the throne, and her eventful reign of more than 60 years.

**"Heart of England and South Wales"** – Travel with Rick Steves to England and South Wales. Tour the manor house of a country lord in the Cotswolds and sample hard cider near Wells, then travel back in time to prehistoric Stonehenge. Visit King Arthur coun-

# Owendale-Gagetown officials announce honor roll students

The following students were recently named to the 3 marking period honor roll for Owendale-Gagetown School they are:

**3rd Grade:**  
JoAnn Baker, Danielle Hunt\*, Tyson McClorey, Lucas McKnight\*, Lucio Torrez, Natalie Wood.

**4th Grade:**  
Addison Bach, Shelby Bowers\*, Karsyn Gruehn\*, Isaac Miller\*, Lillieyannah Sagash, Conner Snear\*, Hannah Wood\*.

**5th Grade:**  
Allison Haldane\*, Amber Haldane\*, Dagon LaCroix\*, Erin Morrish, Emily Schultz, Gage Witzke.

**6th Grade:**  
Madelyn Haldane\*, Moneé Schember.

**7th Grade:**  
Boyd Evans\*, Clay Evans\*, Jameson McKnight\*, Libby Ondrajka, Andrew Partaka, Alivia Roehrig.

**8th Grade:**  
Carley Haldane\*, Chentel Hill, Chase Howard, Kaitlyn LaCroix, Sierra Mascorro, Andrew Roemer, Alexis Urban.

**9th Grade:**  
Jade Androl\*, Cordell Clarkson, Matthew Fritz\*, Megan Fritz\*, Jessica Partaka, Carlee Rievert\*, Miranda Weiss.

**10th Grade:**  
Emalee Bach, Natasha Dubs\*, Aaron Fahrner\*, Morgan Ondrajka\*, Luke Retford\*, Kaitlynn Ross, Zane Schember\*, Alyson Witzke\*.

**11th Grade:**  
David Binder, Abby Jeffery, Cara Morrish\*, Myah Mulrath\*, Jacob Warack\*.

**12th Grade:**  
Austin Bieri\*, Justice Blackburn, Daniel Good\*, Andrew Muntz\*, Tyler Roemer\*, Courtney Wightman\*, Jacob Wright.  
\* Denotes all A's

# School announces top grads for 2016

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Rotary Youth Leadership Award in 2015.

In athletics, the 2015 Wendy's High School Heisman state winner has racked up a number of honors stemming from his prowess in cross country and track and field. Stimpfel competed in cross country since 2012, serving as team captain in 2013 through 2015. He's a two time all-state qualifier and two-time regional and three-time league champion in the sport.

In track and field, Stimpfel has competed since 2013, earning recognition as an all-state qualifier and two-time regional champion in the 1,600 event, and a two-time league champ in the 1,600 and 3,200 events. Stimpfel also competed in soccer in 2012 and 2013, earning first team all-conference and second team all-conference recognition.

His future plans include majoring in biology and minoring in natural resources management at Central Michigan University, where he has signed to run cross country and track for the Chippewas.

Potter, who graduates with a cumulative 3.94 grade point average, has also proven herself to be a solid scholar athlete during her high school career, including membership in the National Honor Society, student council, Math Academic Games and the Tuscola County Community Foundation Future Youth Involvement (FYI) Board.

She has also been active in athletics, competing in volleyball and softball.

Potter's future plans include majoring in pre-med at Michigan State University. She was selected to receive a University of Miami Presidential Scholarship valued at \$72,000.

### Honor students

School officials also represented the following students who are also closing out their high school careers with a grade point average of 3.5 or higher:

Ihana Blattner, Chandler Cryderman, Sawyer Cuthrell, Kelly DeLong, Macy Dickinson, Mason Erla, Parker Haire, Erin Hartsell, Tyler Hool, Shannon Kaweck, Tyler Laster, Maegan LeValley, Jason Mikolon, Tara Nicholas, Jessica Peters, Michael Rader, Taylor Rasmussen, Sophia Romain and Maricella Zietz.

The following honors students will graduate with a grade point average of 3.0 to 3.49:

Brandon Bean, Mandy Czakai, Alexander Graham, Joseph Kampo, Jordan Kittle, Keith Lounsbury, Victoria Mathewson, Rebecca Mulrath, Angelique Muz, Jesse Nye, Matthew Ozorowicz, Bryan Pinkoski, Taylor Spencer, Jose Torres, Deivin Vermeesch and Nicole Warren.



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# In Our OPINION...

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## Still takes a village to protect our kids

*If it takes a village to raise a child, it also takes a village to protect a child, and that reality is never more important than when a child is being abused or neglected.*

*Preventing child abuse is a community responsibility that needs involvement from all Michiganders, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) officials say.*

*Throughout this month, the MDHHS is reminding people that they can help protect children from abuse and neglect.*

*"Michigan's children can be protected through the power of one person, one community, one dollar or one action," said Michael Foley, executive director of the Children's Trust Fund, a nonprofit group within MDHHS established to prevent child abuse and neglect.*

*Gov. Rick Snyder proclaimed April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Michigan, making it the 32nd year that April has had that official designation.*

*Michigan had 23,813 confirmed cases of child abuse or neglect in fiscal year 2015.*

*According to Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette's office, the state saw 284 complaints last year involving a child that may have died as a result of possible abuse and/or neglect, with 74 of those cases substantiated that the death was caused by parental abuse.*

*Nationally, child abuse and neglect data for 2014 indicated the number of children abused and neglected increased by three percent. The same national statistics revealed that roughly 70 percent of child abuse cases involved children under the age of three, and in 80 percent of the cases, parents were the perpetrators. In cases of human trafficking, 40 percent of the cases involved the sexual exploitation of a child.*

*Residents can prevent abuse by working as a community to create healthy environments for raising children, according to Foley.*

*"They can also promote preventive factors to strengthen families – including family resiliency, social support systems, nurturing and attachment and knowledge of parenting and child development. Or they can donate money to prevention efforts and report suspected abuse or neglect using an anonymous state hotline that is answered 24 hours a day, seven days a week, he said.*

*The toll-free number in Michigan is 1-855-444-3911. The hotline is available to everyone in Michigan, including the general public and mandatory reporters such as teachers and health professionals, who are required to report suspected child abuse or neglect.*

*"Tips from the public are crucial in identifying situations in which children are being harmed or are at risk," says Steve Yager, executive director of the MDHHS Children's Services Agency. "Once we are alerted, we can take action to provide services to families to keep them together safely or, when necessary, petition courts to remove children from unsafe homes."*



*There's never a good reason to abuse or neglect a child, but sadly it happens all too frequently. If you see a youngster who needs your help, report it. Not getting involved should never be an option, especially if you have good reason to believe a young life is in danger.*

*Make that call. You could save a life.*

# Slices of Life

by Jill Pertler

## Monday Melancholy

Oh, the dreaded Monday. We all experience and endure it; although depending on your specific schedule, your Monday might fall on a Thursday. Still, we understand the concept of Monday melancholy (or Thursday melancholy, as the case may be).

I've never been one to shy away from Mondays. It's as good a time as any to get things done and put things off. But I have to confess: lately they've been getting to me. I find myself feeling listless and unmotivated on the first day of the standard workweek.

You know what they say, when life gives you lemons... In this case, when life gives you a Monday, I say make it a three-day weekend. Unfortunately, that's not typically possible. Like it or not, we've all got to deal with Mondays upwards of 50 – or maybe even more – times every year.

Science backs me up on this: Mondays are unavoidable. Research has proven that each morning when you wake up, there is a 14.2857 percent chance the day will be a Monday. You can't argue with numbers because numbers don't lie – and not just because they can't talk.

I for one am not going to give 14.2857 percent of my days over to melancholy. There are good things about Mondays. Sure there are. You just have to click your heels together and believe.

Monday marks the beginning of the workweek. Opportunities for accomplishing tasks and attaining goals spread out in the days ahead, waiting to be conquered. Monday is filled with possibilities.

Going to work on Monday gives you a nice break from weekend chores like scrubbing toilets or cleaning out the garage.

A Monday morning commute gives you a break from life, but not traffic. It can be a time to reflect on the past and plan for the future, but not send or receive text messages. You can rock out and sing loudly to the radio on your choice of station without your kids or spouse changing it on you, which can be irritating, even on a Saturday.

As you are making your commute, remember to smile. It's Monday! If you do, you'll be ahead of the majority. According to Internet lore, most people do not smile on Monday until 11:16 a.m. and that's probably because by that time they are anticipating lunch.

Monday is a good day to put things off until tomorrow. You've got lots more time to complete the project with a Friday deadline, which seems a long way off on Monday. Procrastination and Mondays go together like wine and cheese.

While procrastinating on a Monday, you can take the chance to catch up on all the social media activity you missed over the weekend (during your breaks and lunch, of course). You can view photos of all the exciting things your friends did while you were home cleaning the garage.

Monday rhymes with fun-day, which is a great time to test the pairing of wine and cheese alluded to earlier (after work, of course).

Sometimes the sun is shining on Monday. In fact, according to highly accurate Internet statistics, it is the least rainy day of week. That makes it a Monday Sunday, which beats out rainy days and Mondays any day of the week.


Finally, Monday's a great day to count your blessings. When you do, I'm pretty sure you'll decide Monday's not so bad after all. Besides, at the end of the day you've only got three more to go – until Friday.

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

## Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)



The Deford Dazzlers 4-H Rocketry Team, featured on the front page of this week's issue of the Chronicle, will be at the upcoming 16th annual "Big Game" 4-H fundraiser featuring the Detroit Lions vs. the Tuscola County 4-H Horse Leaders, slated for Thursday, April 28, at 7 p.m. at Caro High School. Dazzlers team members will have a display and be on hand to answer questions. Tickets for the fundraiser are available by calling 800-205-7174 or (989) 673-3360.

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State Representative Ned Canfield, Republican-Sebewaing, invites residents of the 84th House District to attend his in-district office hours on Friday, April 25 at the Columbia Township Library, 6456 Center St. in Unionville from 1:00-2:30 p.m.

"I encourage all residents with questions and concerns regarding State government to come join me later this month," Rep. Canfield said. "Your input is vital to ensuring our district is the very best it can be."

No appointment is necessary. Residents unable to attend office hours are encouraged to contact Rep. Canfield by phone at 517-373-0476.

The 84th district covers Huron and Tuscola counties.

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Cass City Lions Club President Ed Knight wants to be heard.

Or, more importantly, he and his fellow club members want to make sure all area youngsters have perfect hearing.

Knight stopped by the corner of Oak and Main streets Monday afternoon to tell of the local service club's endeavor today (Wednesday) at Cass City Schools, where K1 and K2 students will be screened for hearing loss.

Hearing loss services provided by Lions clubs nationwide often provide communications aids for deaf and hard of hearing persons in the community such as teaching sign language and providing hearing devices and hearing dogs.

Knight says the about 80 youngsters will be screened. If you would like your child tested, contact any Lions club member for details, including Knight at (989)872-8144.

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Here is some more news involving area civic clubs. Did you know that on April 3, approximately 25 men and women celebrated the charter night of the newly established Frieburg Saint Ignatius Lions Club at the Saint Joseph Parris Hall in Argyle?

Well, now you do and if you would like to get involved with the Sanilac County group, call Penny Guigar at (989) 658-8798.


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The 18th Annual Children's Fun Fair will be held Saturday, April 23, at the Highland Pines School on Cleaver Road in Caro, from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. Organizers say families can look forward to a day of fun gathering information from children's service groups in Tuscola County.

Planned are interactive magic performances with Doug Schuer and visits with police, firefighters, paramedics, service personnel, and other community heroes. Also included are balloons, books, hot dog lunch, door prizes, games and a child ID program – ALL FREE OF CHARGE.

If you are interested in volunteering at this worthwhile family event or would like more information, please call Lori at the Early On Program (989) 673-5200, ext 30445.

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# CALENDAR EVENTS

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## Wednesday, April 13

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

## Thursday, April 14

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

## Monday, April 18

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

## Tuesday, March 19

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

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# Mayville School officials address second threat in less than 2 weeks

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

A Tuscola County school district last week faced its second threat of violence in less than two weeks, prompting officials to implement a lockdown and later an evacuation of students and staff.

Mayville School officials reported the incident Tuesday, saying students at their elementary school were evacuated to the high school after it was reported that a written bomb threat had been discovered in a bathroom.

"By approximately 11:45 a.m., it was determined that students could return to class as the elementary building was cleared," school Supt. Barry Markwart stated in a letter to parents.

"The police department is now investigating the threat. However, there will be an increased police presence in and around the school," Markwart said. "All threats to our school or students are taken seriously and investigated thoroughly."

The incident came 12 days after police arrested a 16-year-old

Mayville High School student armed with a loaded handgun and several knives on school property.

District administrators contacted police for assistance in the investigation of a possible threat made toward another Mayville student and possession of weapons on school property March 24. Police subsequently apprehended the teenage suspect, who remains in custody at a juvenile detention facility.

Tuscola County Prosecutor Mark E. Reene said the juvenile has been charged in a juvenile petition with two counts of carrying a concealed weapon, which is punishable by up to five years incarceration; two counts of carrying a dangerous weapon with unlawful intent, also a five-year offense; two general count felony violations of possession of a weapon in a school zone, another five-year offense; possession of a weapon in the commission of a felony, mandatory two-year felony charge; and possession of marijuana, which is punishable by up to one year incarceration.

School officials in Cass City also addressed a student threat recently.

Supt. Jeff Hartel reported a student threatened to "blow up the high school."

"The student was immediately questioned by administration and the police were contacted," stated Hartel, who said there was no credible substance to the threat, but that school officials followed district policy by contacting local law enforcement to investigate.

"No students were in danger at any point and proper procedures of contacting the police, prosecutor's office and county emergency service coordinator were followed," he said. "The case is now in the prosecutor's hands for his review, with possible charges pending."

"The student will not return to school until this situation has been thoroughly investigation," added Hartel, who asked parents to "allow the process to play out and be assured that the safety of our students and staff is very important to us and always will be."

Reene said the student could face charges. The case remains under investigation.

## Circuit court proceedings

# Several appear on felony charges

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

\*Garrett J. Rappuhn, 21, Caro, pleaded no contest to a charge of using a computer to commit, conspire to commit or solicit another person to accost a minor for immoral purposes between May 1 and Oct. 30 in Caro. 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 \$85,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

\*Shawn D. Chapelo, 45, Caro, pleaded guilty to two counts of retail fraud, first degree, involving story property/merchandise valued at \$200 to \$1,000 Feb. 17, 2015, and March 10, 2015, in Caro. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

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

\*Bryan J. Periso, 28, Bad Axe, pleaded no contest to violating the

Sex Offenders Registration Act by failing to notify local law enforcement of a change in address between Nov. 1 and Nov. 16 in Cass City. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

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

\*Martha A. Scott, 56, Kingston, pleaded guilty to possession of marijuana, second offense, July 24 in Koylton Township. She was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$2,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

\*William L. Miller, 58, Caseville, pleaded no contest to two counts of home invasion, second degree, Jan. 23 in Kingston and Jan. 27 in Kingston.

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

\*Shawn P. Jefferson, 54, Vassar, pleaded guilty to delivery/manufac-

ture of a controlled substance July 13 in Vassar. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

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

\*Shane G. Marner, 21, Unionville, pleaded guilty to a charge of home invasion, second degree, Jan. 20 in Akron Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$10,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

\*Monica L. Popp, 34, Vassar, pleaded guilty to delivery/manufacture of a controlled substance July 13 in Vassar.

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

\*Nathan M. Jacque, 31, Millington, received a one-year delayed sentence following his plea of no contest to child abuse, third degree, between Aug. 19 and Aug. 23 in Millington.

He was ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$758.



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## Reporter's notebook



I'm sorry.  
I forgot...

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor



My grandchildren can be pretty entertaining to watch when they play together, each with their own distinct personalities.

But they all share at least one annoying trait; most of the time they couldn't remember to close a cabinet door – or any door for that matter – if their life depended on it. Doesn't matter how many times you remind them, I know I'm going to need my handy dandy, battery-operated bug zapper around the house after they've gone home. By the way, if you haven't seen one of these electric bug zappers, they're really cool – they're shaped like a tennis racket and literally sizzle flies when you make contact. Way more fun than swinging one of those old flyswatters around.

But I digress.

With few exceptions, the grandkids have one standard response when asked to come back and shut a door: "I forgot".

Works every time. And why not? Aside from the fact that it's no big deal – and those little faces make it virtually impossible to get too aggravated – we just tell them it's okay and ask them to try to remember the next time. Of course, they don't remember the next time. Or the next time.

I just wish we could get away with the same excuse as adults, you know?

Say you've gone off on a two-day fishing trip, for example, and you call your wife to check in. "Your parents arrived to spend the weekend with us? You told me they were coming 12 times, including just before I left to go fishing? I'm sorry, hon, I forgot."

Think of how much trouble we could avoid if we just remembered to use those two magic words in everyday situations.

"I'm sorry, officer, but I forgot that it's illegal to shoot eight deer in one day. Without a license. At night with a spotlight. From the cab of my pick-up."

It would really come in handy on the road, too, judging by some of the knot heads I've had the privilege of sharing the same lane with. "Oh, you forgot that it's okay to drive faster than 20 miles per hour in a 55-mile-per-hour zone? Forgot passing and turn lanes were invented and designated as such for a reason? Forgot you have a turn signal or how said turn signal works? No problem!"

So much for road rage.

The possibilities are endless. "Oh, this is the store's express lane? I forgot." "I'm sorry, darling, I was planning a nice dinner out for our anniversary...a week ago...but I forgot." "Dentist appointment? That was today? Oops! Sorry, I forgot."

Of course, the real irony here is that these days, when I claim to have forgotten, chances are good I really have. Sometimes it feels like the things I didn't forget I simply didn't hear in the first place, but my wife rarely buys either excuse (although half the time she couldn't hear a dump truck crashing into a nitroglycerine plant).

But that's another column altogether.

Anyway, there are definitely weeks when I'd like to go into the office and confidently proclaim that the need to publish a paper that particular week just sort of slipped my mind. Really.

Okay, so the boss probably wouldn't buy it.

Now, if you'll excuse me, I have a column to finish.

Before I forget.

# Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



## 5 YEARS AGO (2011)

Has spring really sprung? It felt that way Sunday, when temperatures hovered near 80 degrees, prompting area residents to fill Cass City Recreational Park by the dozens. Cass City teens Chris Hool, 18, Ron Wolschleger, 16, Justin Ketterer, 18, and Channing Langenburg, 17, enjoy a little basketball under sunny skies in the park.

A Cass City native has combined his talent for writing and many years of experience in the telecommunications industry to write a Christian fictional novel that was recently published by Outskirts Press. According to the publisher, Robert W. Zinnecker's book debut work, entitled "Acquisition", "convincingly portrays character Wilson McCann grappling with the most fundamental issues of life as he tries to decide what truly is life's most important question."

Susan Barbara McKinney and Eric James Hanby were married Jan. 15, 2011, during an ocean front ceremony in Myrtle Beach, S.C. The bride is the daughter of Michael and Sun Cha McKinney of Riverview. She is a 2004 graduate of Riverview High School and a 2009 graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in mathematics for secondary education. She is currently employed as a math teacher at Scotland High School in Laurinburg, N.C. The groom is the son of Jim and Rita Hanby of Cass City. He is the grandson of Wayne and Evelyn Whittaker, and Barbara and the late Donald Hanby, all of Cass City. He is a 2004 graduate of Cass City High School and a 2009 graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a Bachelor of Arts in history. He is currently employed as a security officer at Scotland Memorial Hospital in Laurinburg, North Carolina. The couple enjoyed a short honeymoon in Myrtle Beach following their wedding. A wedding reception celebration is planned for this summer in Cass City. They currently reside in Laurinburg, N.C.

The Ubyl Cub Scouts recently held their annual Pinewood Derby. Again, they also invited the Girl Scouts to participate. The overall winners: Coleton Taylor (first place, Tiger), Nicholas Wright (second place, Webelo), Shea Behnke (third place, Bear), and Adam Weber (best design, Webelo).

## 10 YEARS AGO (2006)

Elizabeth Rayl of Cass City has been nationally certified as a certified legal nurse consultant (CLNC) by the Vickie Milazzo Institute, the premier legal nurse certification program in the United States. Rayl, who serves as executive director of Rayl & Associates, with offices in Boyne City and Cass City, has more than 16 years of nursing experience. She received her certification after completing an intensive curriculum, enabling her to consult with attorneys on many different medical aspects of cases. Rayl and her husband, Timothy Rayl, are both Thumb natives, having grown up in the Marlette area. After getting married, the couple moved to the Cass City area to dairy farm and raise their children – Shivaugn Rayl, Jayson Rayl and Emily Hartwick, all Cass City High School graduates.

The Owen-Gage softball team has some big shoes to fill if the Bulldogs hope to be competitive in the North Central Thumb League title chase. First-year coach Doug Hyatt will field a team that consists of one eighth grader, eight freshmen, three sophomores and just two seniors. Graduation losses from last year's squad, which compiled a lofty 18-3 record, include three all-conference performers in pitcher Kayla Zaleski, catcher Katie Swiastyn and first basemen Mary McKee.

## 25 YEARS AGO (1991)

Back home with their brides - PFC Jeff and Rocio Bliss and Sgt. Russ and Jennifer Rienas-all newlyweds from Cass City-were recently reunited when the local servicemen returned home from duty in the Middle East. The Rienases had been married five months when Russ shipped out Aug. 13, while the Blisses had been married only a month when Jeff left Oct. 1.

Kenneth Nye and Donna Nye, both of Cass City, announce the engagement of their daughter, Katherine Nye, to James Schenk, son of Clare and Helen Schenk of Vassar. Plans are made for a June 15 wedding.

Kathryn Jo Leino, a junior at Asbury College in Wilmore, Ky., was named to the dean's list for the

fall quarter of 1990. She is the daughter of Mrs. Nancy L. Leino of Cass City. Asbury College was recently named one of the nation's 50 top liberal arts schools in a guide by National Review. Currently, students from 46 states and 15 foreign countries are represented in the student body.

Campbell Elementary Principal Dave Lovejoy and custodian Tim Jewett recently served as cookie party "hosts" to classes that achieved 100 percent participation in a "March is Reading Magic" project.

Senior Connie Miller has been named Owen-Gage High School's "student of the month" for April. Miller, the daughter Willard and Mary Ellen Miller of Owendale, has been a member of the National Honor Society for two years and currently serves as the organization's treasurer.

## 35 YEARS AGO (1981)

Fifteen senior-high youth of Salem UM Church met Sunday with Kay and Tom Loomis. Roy Leino led devotions and refreshments were served by Krystal Isa.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Erla and children took his mother, Mrs. Genevieve Erla, and Gertrude Erla to Frankenmuth Sunday to celebrate Mrs. Erla's 79th birthday.

Evelyn Ziehm and Hilda Koch of Gageton and Lois Sugden of Cass City were delegates Saturday to the 19th annual Mitten Bay Girl Scout meeting.

The successful launch and landing of the space shuttle this week were of special interest to Mr. and Mrs. Brewster Shaw of Cass City. Their son, Brewster Shaw Jr., 35, will be piloting the spacecraft. Shaw is an Air Force Major.

Cass City honored two more of its citizens Saturday night at the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet when Jim Ware was named citizen of the year and Tammy Tibbits, junior citizen of year.

## 40 YEARS AGO (1976)

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hartwick and Mr. and Mrs. George Fisher Sr. enjoyed dinner at Bad Axe Sunday when the wedding anniversary of the Hartwicks and the birthdays of Mr. and Mrs. Fisher were celebrated.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Morrison had as Sunday guests Mr. and Mrs. William Morrison of Saginaw, Mr. and Mrs. Howard King of Troy and Mrs. Larry Morrison of Pontiac. Mike McGrath of Utica and Fred Harbec were also callers.

Winners in a Zonta Club-sponsored bicycle safety poster contest proudly display their works last week at Campbell Elementary School. First prize of \$10 went to Matt Woody. Linda McCampbell won the \$5 second prize and Peter Martin took third prize of \$3. Honorable mentions included Nancy Rands, Kim Pettinger, Keith Perry, Malcolm House, Lori Hanby and Paul Hutchinson. In the background are Zonta members Loretta Hacker and Dorothy Ballard.

A Crown Point, Ind., man has graduated at Lowry AFB, Colo., from the technical training course for U.S. Air Force weapons mechanics. Airman First Class Michael S. Little, whose mother is Mrs. E.R. Mann of 1012 S. Grant, Crown Point, was trained to load and inspect the weapons used in Air Force jet aircraft. Completion of the course enables him to receive academic credits through the Community College of the Air Force. The airman now goes to George AFB, Calif., for duty with a unit of the Tactical Air Command. Airman Little is a 1975 graduate of Crown Point High School. His father, Roger L. Little, resides in Cass City.

## 50 YEARS AGO (1966)

James Wallace and children of Midland spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Wallace.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Bullock and little daughter of Farmington spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Gross.

A birthday party honoring Sandy Guinther's fifth birthday was held Saturday afternoon at the Stan Guinther home. Nine little girls were guests.

Sunday guests at the Vern McConnell home included Mrs. Gary Ganley and Sheryl, Mrs. Lee Morrison and children of Caro, Mr. and Mrs. Leveret Barnes, Mrs. Stan Guinther and children, Patricia McConnell of Caro and Norman Blue of Millington.

Mrs. Mack Little spent from Monday until Wednesday with Mr.

and Mrs. George Bergen at Lake Orion. Mrs. Carl Stoner of Flint joined her there and accompanied her home to Cass City to visit relatives and friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Parker were surprised Sunday when their son, Pfc. Roger Parker, who had been in Korea for 24 months, arrived home for a 15-day furlough. Upon completion of his furlough he will go to Ft. Belvoir, Va., for further schooling.

Six men from the Elkland Township Fire Department have completed a two-night course at Hampton Township Fire Hall, near Bay City. Chief Nelson Willy reported this week. The course was a lesson on the ways to investigate when arson is suspected. Attending were: Willy, Dean Toner, Jerome Root Jr., Richard Root, Milt Connolly and Jim Jezewski.

Five generations represented — Mrs. Barbara Dore poses with four generations of her family. Mrs. Richard McDonald of Gageton and her son, Dr. Leonard McDonald of Dallas, Texas, and Mrs. Dore, 89, of Gageton. Also, the doctor's daughter, Mrs. C. R. Hefner, and her two-year-old daughter Angela of Dallas. Angela and her great-great-grandmother have the same birth date, April 29. Mrs. Dore has another daughter, Mrs. L. E. Dorsey of LaPorte, Ind., 13 grandchildren and 1.3 great-grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. McDonald have five sons and a daughter, Jack of Memphis, Mich., Allan of Cass City, Roy of Winter Park, Fla., Ellwood of Owendale and Mrs. Robert (Eleanor) Ethier of New York City.

## 75 YEARS AGO (1941)

Champion bowlers are Willis Campbell, Clifton Champion, Captain Edwin Fritz, Frank Novak and Clarence Burt. Defeating the Ludlow Group by the narrow margin of six pins in a series of three games, the Ed Fritz Five were declared champions of the Cass City Bowling League, 1940-41 season. The Fritz team was the winners of the early fall and winter schedule, which closed at holiday time, while the Ludlow team came through as winners of the last schedule which closed just recently.

A quiet wedding was solemnized Saturday evening, April 12, when Miss Marjorie Boyes, daughter of Mrs. Harriet Boyes, was united in marriage to Mr. Robt. Davis, also of Detroit. The wedding took place in the parsonage of the Warren Ave. Methodist Church in Detroit, the Rev. Chas. P. Bayless reading the service in the presence of the immediate families. They were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dunn of Cleveland, Ohio, brother-in-law and sister of the bride. Mrs. Davis is well known in Cass City, having graduated from high school here in 1931 and having lived here until a few years ago when, with her mother and sister, she moved to Detroit. Mr. and Mrs. Davis will make their home in Detroit.

## 100 YEARS AGO (1916)

Over fifteen bushels of seed corn have been brought to the Cass City High School building to be tested by the agriculture class. The present capacity for testing is about 400 ears and the first test of 120 ears was taken off Tuesday. This test showed only four ears on which there would be any risk in planting and these four would be classed as medium for germination. The outlook is that the class will be kept busy from now until planting time. It is planned to have an exhibit of the corn test in some of the store windows Saturday of this week.

Sixty guests witnessed the marriage of Miss Jean Boat of Argyle to Alex S. Lindsay of Evergreen on Wednesday, April 5, at the home of the bride's father, Archie Boat, near Shabbona. Roy J. Dikken of Shabbona performed the ceremony, the ring service being used. At 6:30 o'clock the bridal party took their places beneath an arch of pink and white while Miss Mabel Leslie played the wedding march. Miss Grace Boagg, sister of the bride acted as bridesmaid, and David Lindsay, brother of the groom, was best man. The bride wore a becoming dress of dainty white messaline with a pretty bridal veil and carried a bouquet of carnations, lilies and ferns. After the ceremony a delicious wedding supper was served. The room was prettily decorated in pink and white. After spending an enjoyable evening, Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay left amid showers of rice and wheat for their home on the Eindsay farm in Evergreen township.

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## Program to give students boost in insurance career

A new program to provide area high school students with the opportunity to prepare for a future career in the growing insurance industry will launch this September in Frankenmuth.

The collaboration between Northwood University, Frankenmuth Insurance, InsuringMIFuture.org, Tuscola County Intermediate School District (ISD), and Frankenmuth Public Schools allows high school juniors and seniors to obtain high school and free college credits, while also receiving hands-on insurance experience at Frankenmuth Insurance Company.

"Most students have not considered a career in insurance, mainly because they are unfamiliar with our industry, the good we do for others and the wide variety of opportunities that exist. Having a first-hand look from the inside may help them realize they can have a rewarding career in insurance," said Fred Edmond, president and CEO.

Students will attend class at Frankenmuth Insurance as well as at the Tuscola Technology Center in Caro. While at Frankenmuth Insurance, the students will job shadow, participate in presentations by insurance industry professionals and learn specific job skills.

"I really didn't have to think too long before I signed up," commented Riley Klein, a student at Cass City High School. "This is a great opportunity to earn free college credits and get valuable hands-on experience in a leading company."

Northwood University, through its undergraduate program in insurance and risk management, will teach the courses and provide the students who successfully complete the program with nine semester hours of college academic credit at no cost to the students.

"This innovative program will provide students from Tuscola County and Frankenmuth Public Schools an advantage as they embark on their life after high school. Not only will they have nine free college credits, they will have experience that puts them on a path to a great career in the insurance industry," said Gene Pierce, superintendent of Tuscola County ISD.

## Daytime dilemma for fire chiefs

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of giving up a day's pay, "and you're not going to make it up at \$8 an hour," he added, referring to a fireman's pay rate.

A lack of attendance for fire and accident runs is most acute during regular business hours.

"For Cass City, 10 years ago you'd have 10 to 12 guys show up for a daytime fire. Today, you have three, maybe four," said Guilds, whose department totals 22 members, most of whom work outside the community.

"We're in the same situation. I think everybody in the county is," commented Caro Fire Chief Randy Heckroth, who oversees a department boasting 25 firefighters. "For a daytime fire, we're going to be close to five (firemen on hand) — that's first shift for a lot of guys — and to get that first truck out, you need six."

"It puts everybody at risk. It puts everybody at a liability, and it puts a restraint on what we can do," Guilds said. He and Heckroth explained that for every fireman who enters a structure, there must be a firefighter outside the structure. "We can't make an interior attack (of the blaze) until we have more people there," Guilds added. "All we can do is fight it from the outside."

### NUMBERS DOWN

The two chiefs agreed it isn't easy to maintain volunteer fire department membership rolls these days.

Among the trends that have hurt Thumb fire department recruiting efforts is a shrinking population, according to Guilds. "We lose a daycare, we lose our grocery store, our school enrollment is down. When parents leave the area, we're losing our youth, and a lot of the times it's the youth who are joining the fire department," he said.

"I've probably gotten, in the last year, maybe three applications," added Guilds, a veteran firefighter of nearly 27 years whose membership includes, perhaps, a half-dozen firefighters under the age of 30, with the majority of the rest in their 40s and 50s.

Heckroth, who joined the Caro Fire Department in 1991 and has served as its chief since 2012, indicated he's received more applications, "but again, it's that daytime (availability)," he said. "I could get 20 applications and still not fill that void for daytime fires."

On the other hand, Heckroth added, it's the experienced firemen who deserve a lot of credit in terms of sharing their experience with younger members fresh out of training. "Even though they're not certified fire instructors, they're instructors."

Making the decision to become a volunteer firefighter is one thing — a willingness to complete the training and follow through with the job's other obligations is another, especially at a pay rate of \$8 to \$9 an hour.

According to Heckroth, who serves as a certified fire instructor for the Tuscola County Fire Instructors Association, which teaches the Michigan State Firefighters Training Council curriculum to trainees in Tuscola County, most of today's volunteers must complete Level II training consisting of 295 hours plus a specialized six-hour driver's training course and 16 hours of NIMS (National Incident Management System) training. Once they finish, those trainees are qualified to apply for firefighting positions anywhere in the state, he noted.

"It's a commitment. It's a commitment that doesn't end," Heckroth said. In addition to fire and accident runs, he explained, there is mandatory monthly training, plus the time members volunteer for fire prevention and fundraising activities.

As for the job itself, firefighters live with the reality of being on-call 24 hours a day, seven days a week — which means plenty of missed family dinners and other activities — and the prospects of potentially life-threatening conditions in weather ranging from blistering heat to bitter cold.

"It requires a mental toughness. It's a takes a certain person to want to do the job," Heckroth said.

While departments are struggling with attendance at daytime fires, they're addressing the shortage with measures such as mutual aid agreements in which, for example, one department can count on the automatic dispatch of a tanker from a neighboring department.

### SMART911

Tuscola County's participation in the new Smart911 Emergency Notification System also promises to save precious minutes in a structure fire. Smart911 is a free service that enables residents to create a secure safety profile for their household by logging onto the website www.smart911.com. The profile can include any information they may want 911 call takers and first responders to have in the event of an emergency.

Once that information is recorded, when a participating resident dials 911 for help, their safety profile will immediately display on the call taker's screen.

"It's definitely a positive tool," said Guilds. For example, he added, the new system tells a responding fire department how many people live inside a residence and whether any of them have special medical needs. Residents can even include a floor plan of their homes in their safety profiles, he said, and fire fighters can have additional or specialized equipment dispatched to a scene more quickly if needed.

"It also makes it safer for the people responding," Guilds said. He explained that knowing the location of hazardous or flammable materials on a property could prevent additional accidents, as well as indicate whether emergency responders should evacuate a neighborhood or area.

The system also helps to prevent a life-threatening scenario in which a fire fighter is sent into a home that appears to be inhabited, but isn't, he said.

"The possibilities of this (system) are countless. We really encourage everybody to sign up for it," Guilds continued. "It's just a no-brainer. The more knowledge we have, the better decision we can make."

Residents can do their part to avoid tragedy in a fire by also preparing for the worst, Heckroth said, adding, "They're biggest weapon is smoke detectors, and then get out and stay out, and have a meeting place."

Still, the thought of inadequate staffing during the daytime concerns Guilds and Heckroth. Both emphasize the minutes it takes between a 911 call and an adequate fire department response is vital. The bottom line, Guilds said, is too much time can turn a rescue into a recovery operation.

"It's a major issue. It hasn't really cost us yet, but it could cost us," he added.



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# Obituaries

### Timothy Bean

Mr. Timothy Andrew Bean, age 50, of Cass City, passed away in his sleep, Monday, April 4, 2016, in his home. He was born July 25, 1965 in Harrison Township, the son of Bob and Joyce (Raines) Bean.

Timothy worked in maintenance in the irrigation field. He loved hunting, fishing and enjoying life. Timothy is survived by his daughter, Emily Bean, his father, Bob Bean, brothers, Danny (Marie) Bean, Bobby (Laura) Bean, sisters, Susan (Jim) Knapp and Neena (Gordon) Dubay and girlfriend of 7 years, Laurie Bean. He was predeceased by his mother, Joyce Bean.

Cremation has taken place and no memorial service is planned.  
Arrangements were made by Thabet Funeral Home of Cass City.

### Thelma Churchill

Thelma, Joyce "Bobbie" Churchill, 68, of Cass City, died following a long illness Saturday, April 9, 2016 in Hills & Dales General Hospital. She was born March 1, 1948 in Howell to James Edgar and Evelyn Ilene (Perkins) VanValkenburgh. She married Clarence Nelson "Skip" Churchill on February 24, 1968 in Cass City at the Gun Club. He died March 26, 2012.

Bobbie graduated from Howell High School. She worked for General Cable then as a Resident Care Aid for Caro Center retiring after over 30 years. Bobbie enjoyed crocheting, reading, playing scrabble, working crossword puzzles and jigsaw puzzles. But most important to Bobbie were her grandchildren.

Bobbie is survived by her children: Angelia (Mark) House in Cass City, Johnathon Churchill of Cass City, Melanie (Ryan) Radabaugh of Cass City; grandchildren: Anthony, Katie, Matthew, Madison, Colin; sisters: Laura (Jim) Stauffer of Kinde, Linda Wood of Bad Axe, Chris (Marv) Swartzendruber of Pigeon, Kathy Birchfield of Filion; brothers: Randy (Laurie) VanValkenburgh of Grindstone, Tommy (Carol) VanValkenburgh of Texas, Steve VanValkenburgh of Gagetown, Doug VanValkenburgh of Filion, Raymond (Dawn) VanValkenburgh of Elkton, Michael (Tammy) VanValkenburgh of Palms, Robert VanValkenburgh of Filion, Jimmy VanValkenburgh of Pinnebog; many nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by brothers: John VanValkenburgh, Richard VanValkenburgh, William VanValkenburgh; sister, Judy Bannister; and by her parents.

Visitation was held 3 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 12, 2016 in Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City. Funeral service held 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, April 13, 2016 in Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City with Rev. Jackie Roe of Cass City United Methodist Church officiating. Interment will be in Elkland Township Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund. Family and friends may share memories, prayers and stories with the family at [www.kranzfuneralhome.com](http://www.kranzfuneralhome.com).

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City.

### Lisa Deering

Mrs. Lisa Ann Deering, age 47, of Deford, passed away, Mon., April 4, 2016, at her home, surrounded by her family. Lisa was born Oct. 8, 1968 in Pontiac, the daughter of Kenneth Sr. and Marilyn (Johnson) Garwood.

She married Rodney Deering in Marlette on Dec. 28, 2001. She worked doing housecleaning for many years, she loved to explore, go camping, travel, time with family and friends, and was very involved at Deford Community Church. Lisa is survived by her husband, Rod, children, Foster Maggard, III, Kylie Maggard, Vanessa Deering and Rodney Deering II, granddaughter, Eloise; two sisters, Susan (Bill) Jennings of Davisburg and Angela LaFleche of Alpena; and a brother, Kenneth (Shelly Derenzy) Garwood, Jr. of East Jordan; and many loving nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held April 9, 2016, with Pastor David Cooper officiating. Burial will be in Novesta Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Deford Christian Academy. Please share condolences at [www.thabetfuneralhome.com](http://www.thabetfuneralhome.com). Arrangements were made by Thabet Funeral Home of Cass City.

### Joey Spencer

Joey David Spencer, 44, of Cass City, died unexpectedly Tuesday, April 5, 2016, in his home. He was born April 14, 1971, in Caro to Clarence Junior and Hazel Anna (Long) Spencer.

Joey enjoyed fishing in the Cass River and hanging out with his friends. He looked forward to hunting deer during both bow and rifle seasons. Joey enjoyed finding and picking Morel mushrooms. He loved to talk to anyone who would listen.

Joey is survived by his children: David Miller of Caro, Kirklynd Spencer of Port Austin, Kyra Smith of Detroit. Brothers and sisters: Diane Foskett of Mt. Morris, Steve (Janie) Meeker of Cass City, Mark Meeker of Cass City, Krystal (Randy) Reeh-Shaffer of Texas, Karri Dillon of Caro, Jay Spencer of Cass City, Jamie Cupp of Lexington; half-brother, Anthony Spencer of Bad Axe; half sister, Beth Spencer of Bad Axe. Several nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Private family services will be held at a later date. Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund. Family and friends may share memories, prayers and stories with the family at [www.kranzfuneralhome.com](http://www.kranzfuneralhome.com).

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City.

### Tanley Yacos

It is with great sorrow that the family of Tanley Nicole Yacos announce her unexpected and tragic passing from this world on March 26, 2016.

Tanley Yacos was born on June 7, 2002, in Mount Clemens. She loved her family; regarding her big sister Bryce, little brother Ben, and cousin Ani as her best friends. Tanley is survived by her parents Alice Roe and Donald Yacos; father Brian Simpson; siblings Erin, Casey, Bryce, Madison, Ben, Levi and Britney; step sisters Stephanie and Heather; Grandparents Fred and Gloria Kritzman, Yvonne Roe and Jodie Bates. She is preceded in death by her grandfather Charles Roe. Coming from a very large family Tanley will be missed by many cousins, aunts, and uncles that she loved very much. She had many friends from Michigan and Texas that will never forget her, and will always hold her close to their hearts. Tanley was a talented artist, writer, and singer. Being a Michigan native, Tanley shared a love for swimming and snowboarding with her family and had recently discovered a great joy in longboarding while living in Texas. Tanley had a deep love for animals, especially her great and wonderful three-legged dog Cappie (02/14/2014-02/09/2016). Her love for animals was so great, she became a vegetarian in 2015. She will always be remembered as a loving daughter, sister, granddaughter, niece, cousin, and friend, as well as sweet, fun, smart, hilarious, and witty. Tanley will be missed by those who knew and loved her.

Tanley spent her last day in this world with her family and a friend swimming in the creek, playing Xbox, and eating Panda Express.

Her family would like to extend their greatest appreciation to Tanley's school, friends and strangers for their unbelievable support, both emotional and financial. Words cannot express our gratitude for the outpouring of love and support in this most tragic time.

In lieu of flowers, her family asks that donations be made to the Animal Trustees of Austin or your local (no kill) animal shelter.

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## Baker hosts tech center welding competition

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At the end of the school year, the students take either a national or state certification exam offered through the American Welding Society and paid for by the tech center.

"A lot of students will walk out of here with both (certifications)," Loney said. For students planning to pursue a college degree, he explained, the tech center program provides an avenue for them to get a jump start by earning free college credits via dual enrollment and/or articulation.

In fact, Loney said, Tuscola Technology Center students can earn multiple free credits through Delta College as well as Baker College.

"Some of them are more than halfway to an associate's degree by the time they're done (at the tech center) and have zero debt at that point, so it's pretty cool," he added.

If college isn't part of a student's future plans, Loney noted, he or she can take the certification they've earned and apply for an entry-level job paying \$12 to \$25 an hour after graduation.

Baker College opened the new welding lab in Cass City back in early 2014 and the response has been good, according to Baker College of Cass City welding instructor Alex Loney.

"When we started we had 10 students. Right now a full class is 13, 14 students at a time, and we've got

three different groups going on at one time. We have high enrollment and it keeps climbing," said Loney, who added school officials are looking at expanding in the fall if enrollment continues to climb. "It looks like it's going."

The local welding lab draws students from throughout the Thumb. The nearest other welding labs are located in Bay City and Flint.

Baker officials invested roughly \$250,000 in the state-of-the-art lab, saying their goal was to help meet the needs of employers, especially in the Thumb area, who were lamenting a lack of trained welding specialists.

The 5,000-square-foot lab, located a few blocks from Baker's Cass City campus in a renovated portion of the old Nestles Building, is equipped with 12 two-man workstations, each featuring a MIG (metal inert gas) and TIG (tungsten inert gas) welder. Other equipment shared by students includes multiple torches, a plasma cutter, bench cutter, drill press, grinder, tube bender, band saws and a Scottsman Sheener that cuts steel.

## Fatal accident claims one life in Tuscola Co.

scene and were able to get both occupants out."

A passenger, identified only as a 56-year-old female, was pronounced dead at the scene.

"The driver, a 52-year-old male, was transported to St. Mary's Hospital by MMR and was in critical condition at that time," Skrent said. "The occupants are from the Clio/Mt. Morris area."

The department's accident reconstruction team is continuing its investigation.



**TUSCOLA TECH** Center welding instructor Tim Loney uses a cutting torch to remove the backing plate from two pieces of steel that were welded together. The plate is removed in order to test the weld for strength and integrity.



**AMONG THE 38** Tuscola Technology Center students who took part in Thursday's welding competition were these Cass City Junior-Senior High School students: (from left) junior Brad Baker, seniors Jesse Nye and Joseph McCaslin, and juniors Cole Chippi, TJ Moore and Louie Wright.



**DEFORD DAZZLERS 4-H** Rocketry Team members (from left) Chrysler Parrish, Alexander Hansen and Peter Hansen are pictured above during a recent rocket launch. The Dazzlers are one of 100 teams from a field of 775 across the nation that posted flights qualifying them for a spot at the Team America Rocketry Challenge National Finals next month in Virginia. This will be the local team's fifth consecutive trip to the national finals competition.

## Dazzlers in national finals again

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leaders of the Deford Dazzlers since the club was formed in 2009-10.

The Deford Dazzlers 4-H Rocketry Team has finished 10th, 14th, 44th, and 40th in its previous finals appearances. The group has also won the Engineering Presentation Competition, an additional challenge based on the academic principles of aeronautical/aerospace engineering.

"This year we have a three-man team; Peter Hansen, Chrysler Parrish, and Alexander Hansen," Hansen said. "The challenge was to design, build, and successfully launch a rocket to 850 feet with both sections of the rocket being tethered to fall together, two raw hens' eggs weighing between 55 and 60 grams in the payload — with one oriented horizontally and one vertically — returning to earth without crack or defect, with a total flight time of 44 to 46 seconds using a motor with a maximum of 83 newton seconds of thrust."

The qualification scores are based on the sum of the best two out of three official qualification launches, according to Hansen.

"Every second or portion thereof, above or below the flight time window, is multiplied by four and added to a one-point penalty for every foot above or below the target altitude," he explained. "So, like golf, teams are aiming for low scores. Also, fully loaded with the motor, altimeter, recovery devices and eggs, the rocket cannot weigh more than 650 grams."

"Our qualification flights were 17.56 and 0.52 — perfect altitude, a tiny bit outside the perfect flight time — for a total of 18.08," he continued. "The cut-off to get into the finals, based on 100 lowest scores submitted, was 36.72 this year."

The team, sponsored by Tuscola County 4-H, will be competing May 14th at The Great Meadows Equestrian Center in The Plains, Va., about 45 minutes west of Washington D.C.

The Hansens were quick to voice their appreciation for Tuscola County voters' overwhelming support of a special millage earlier this spring to fund MSU Extension programs, including 4-H, in the county.

"Without the generosity of Tuscola County residents, we would not be able to participate in this competition, which has been an amazing, life changing experience," Hansen said. "Over the years, our trips have been made possible by the generosity of private and local business donors. We are grateful for the support."

Other major boosters, he noted, include Jim and Sue Baughman, owners of White Creek Farm, who have allowed the team to use their horse pastures as a launching field, and who also joined the National Association of Rocketry as the Dazzlers' official qualification flight officials.

"They brave the cold, snow, and ice to freeze alongside us all winter as we practice, tune in our rockets, and launch our qualification flights. In addition, they allow our STEM club to descend on the farm each summer to launch rockets built by other club members," he said. "None of this would be possible without them."

### VETERAN TEAM

As for the prospects for this year's 4-H team from Deford, the Hansens have experience on their side, but they will be the first to say weather conditions and flight times frequently make all the difference in the outcomes at model rocket competitions.

And, of course, at the national level, the competition is fierce.

"The kids are all very experienced. But luck tends to be everything for the teams that do most of their flying in the fall and winter," Hansen said. "That part of Virginia is hot and humid, very dense air by the middle of May, and the winds always pick up substantially in the afternoon. So teams from the south Atlantic coast, South, Texas, and Southern California definitely have the advantage," he explained.

"The hardest part is engineering a rocket that performs well in your home climate so you have a chance at qualifying. However, with rockets and motors this size, the ability to adjust for thermals, high winds, and dense air is somewhat limited."

"Historically, usually the best flights of the day occur during the first two flight windows, which account for the first 42 of 100 launches, and the last two years rain has occurred during the last part of the day," Hansen continued.

"Our 10th and 14th place finishes were from years when we were assigned the very first flight window of the day — early morning, lower humidity, and almost still outside," he recalled. "The third year we had the second flight window and flew a near perfect flight, but the rocket caught in a tree and couldn't safely be retrieved. Our flight time was in the perfect range, so no penalty, and the altimeter was chirping only three feet off the target altitude. But there was nothing we could do about it, and the re-flight which we were given was at the end of the fourth flight window and it was already beginning to spit rain with 12- to 15-mph winds. That rocket is still in that tree."

At the same time, Hansen pointed out, "This is one of those competitions where you have to remember that the season began with over 700 teams — more than 4000 students — and you engineered and successfully flew this rocket 12 to 20 times, collected the data and analyzed it, made the right adjustments for your own environment, built your back-up rockets, tested them, and finished ahead of 600-plus teams."

"I really try not to pressure the kids to bring home trophies. They have worked so hard, and I want them to enjoy the day and not be stressed."

"They have the chance to meet astronauts, engineers, congresspersons, CEO's, industry leaders, and scientists galore as well as participate in numerous activities provided by AIA, NASA, the military, and tech companies. The whole event is amazing," he added.

Two years ago the Dazzlers won the presentation competition and part of their presentation was on the mathematics of rocket design, including the use of Barrowman's Equations to find the center of pressure of a rocket.

"One of (our) team members always solves these equations by hand even though there is software that will do the calculations for them, because I like the kids to see the practical application of the math," Hansen said. "That year, John Barrowman, the creator of these equations, was one of the range safety officers for the competition!"

"In my opinion, this kind of exposure is the best 'prize' for making it to the finals."

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## Boys track team expected to be pride among Cass City spring sports teams

by Clarke Haire  
Publisher

the Cass City boys track team has veteran Coach Jon Zdrojewski smiling from ear to ear as his Red Hawk thinclads anxiously await the start of the 2016 season.

"I look to see many athletes in the state finals again this year," says the 4th year skipper, adding, "we finished runner-up in the league to Reese last year and our main goal

(this year) is the title. We will work hard to try to improve."

Cass City will be strongest in the distance events as brothers Bransen and CarLee Stimpfel both return and

will be counted on to dominate the action around the Thumb and beyond.

Bransen, a senior committed to run for Central Michigan University in the fall, enters his final high school season as a Division 3 Regional champion in the 3,200 meter run. He also collected Greater Thumb West (GTW) all-conference first team honors last year by winning the 800 meter run, 1,600 meter run and 3,200 meter run at the League Meet. CarLee, a sophomore - he's had better times than his older brother at the same point in their careers - is geared for the longer haul. He qualified for the state finals in the 3,200 meter run as a freshman.

Adding depth to the team's supremacy in the distance venues will be Red Hawk seniors Keith Lounsbury and Jose Torres. Lounsbury and Torres, plus the Stimpfel boys, will put Cass City distance relay teams at the front of most heats, while Lounsbury should challenge for GTW honors in the high jump.

Senior Parker Haire returns as the GTW 300 meter hurdle champion and junior Darren Miller was the league's top pole vaulter from a year ago. Another GTW champion and state qualifier, junior TJ Moore, is a versatile athlete who captured the 400 meter run and placed 12th at the state finals last May. Haire and Moore are capable of adding GTW crowns in the long jump to their resumes.

Coach Zdrojewski believes nine new and untested athletes could be the key to this year's team success. New athletes senior Sawyer Cuthrell in the sprints and freshman Gage Farver in the distance events are a pair to watch, according to Zdrojewski.

"Sophomore Zane Wright and senior Michael Rader should shine in the distance events," he said.

Turning to the girls track team, Coach Deidra Zdrojewski, entering her 4th year in charge, has just five returning letter winners to build around.

"We are a very young team with nine first year participants. This is truly a rebuilding year with only 14 girls," she said.

Highlighting the returnees for the Lady Red Hawks is sophomore Brittany Stilson.

"Brittany came on strong as a freshman and I expect her to continue her growth in the sprints," said Zdrojewski.

Sure to be missed during the campaign are 2015 graduates Erin Zdrojewski and Miranda Spry. Zdrojewski was the team's only GTW champion last year.



THE 2016 Cass City High School boys track team members are: (front row, l-r) Brady Warford, Nick Perry, Sawyer Cuthrell, Jose Torres, Branden Horne, Shaede Perzanowski (middle row) Gage Farver, Hayden Larkin, CarLee Stimpfel, Bransen Stimpfel, Parker Haire, Darren Miller (back row) Josh Schaufele, Jarod Naegele, Zane Wright, Jamison Kruse, Matthew Ozorowick, Devin Vermeesch, Keith Lounsbury and Coach Jon Zdrojewski. Missing is Brad Hacker, Gene Hulburt, Ethan Hulburt, TJ Moore, Michel Rader and Race Woloshen.



THE 2016 Cass City High School girls track team members are: (front row, l-r) Hailey Schmotzer, Layna Mathewson, Harley Mallory, Jordan Pawloski, Hope Wilson, Victoria Cumper (back row) Melissa LaJoie, Kristen Bradley, Brittany Stilson, Chyenne Novinski, Josephine Loomis and Coach Deidra Zdrojewski. Missing is Karasten Warford and Kirsten Popp.



THE 2016 Cass City varsity softball team members are: (front row, l-r) Brianna Mester, Kelcie Autry, Baylee Murphy, Bailee Ross, Riley Klein, Kelly Delong (back row) Coach John Hacker, Lauren Dickinson, Maegan LeValley, Macy Dickinson, Sayge Cuthrell and Asst. Coach Ken Martin.



THE 2016 Cass City varsity baseball team members are: (front row, l-r) Sawyer Cuthrell, Brad Baker, Ryan Schmidt, Brent Baker, Branden Horne (back row) Coach Josh Stern, Sam Kolacz, Zach Beecher, Logan Schenk, Chase Winter, Brenden Hamilton, Luke Stern and Asst. Coach Jim Baker.

## Hawk ball teams lacking numbers

Hawk girls feature five sophomores and one freshman

by Clarke Haire  
Publisher

Good news for Coach John Hacker is half of his Cass City softball roster consists of veteran players. Bad news for the 6th year trainer is just ten players make up the Lady Red Hawks 2016 varsity players list.

"We are very young. Three seniors, one junior, 5 sophomores and one freshman," says Hacker as Cass City looks to improve on last year's 3-5 Greater Thumb West (GTW) record.

Hacker knows that will be no easy task considering the Red Hawks' heavy graduation toll that included Alliah Riddle, Hunter Langenburg, Lauren Scott, Briana Sammons, Erika Martin and others from 2015.

"We are going to learn on the fly. Hitting will be the big question. If we can put ball in play and make things happen, we will be okay," he said.

"We get along, we are a very close group. We have 3 pitchers and girls that can play multiple positions. Our outfield will be fast with good arms. Young girls play with lots of energy, I really like that," Hacker said.

Sophomores Sayge Cuthrell and Baylee Murphy are among the

team's top prospects, according to Hacker.

"Sayge was on varsity last year. Fast, good hitter and she is a pitcher. Plays lots of ball," notes Hacker, adding, "Baylee is going to be my catcher. Smart kid, good hitter, knows the game."

Seniors Maegan LeValley, Macy Dickinson and Kelly Delong should all be much stronger and improved in their final go-around. LeValley has proven herself at first base, while Dickinson will be a staple on the mound, and Delong will be one of the speedy Red Hawk outfielders.

Returning sophomore letter winner Lauren Dickinson is pegged for shortstop duties.

New to the varsity ranks in 2016 is junior Kelcie Autry, sophomores Murphy, Bailee Ross, Riley Klein and freshman Brianna Mester.

"Brianna plays all infield spots but 1st base. Fast, very athletic, she has good softball instincts," says Hacker.

"I don't see any reason this team can't be over .500 maybe a little better. In the league - USA and Reese are always tough, we should be next. Hopefully we grow up fast."

## Hawk boys are also very young

Coach Josh Stern will turn to four returning letter winners to build this year's team success around during Please turn to page 10.



## Sophomores and freshmen fill ball rosters at Cass City

Continued from page 9.

his second year in charge of the Cass City baseball team.

While the Red Hawks' graduation tally from 2015 included key players in Kyle Ross, Bradley Thornton, Jack Stern, Jacob Guinther, Dalton Prieskorn and others, those losses are magnified by the absence of Mason Erla, a 2-time Division 3 all-state pitcher and infielder.

Erla's high school athletic career was cut short after suffering an ACL injury during the Red Hawks' gridiron playoff win over Uby late last year. Since then, Erla has been in rehabilitation, and his baseball career will continue at Michigan State University in the fall.

In addition to the loss of Erla, making matters worse, Stern is expected to be without the pitching services of 3-year starter Sawyer Cuthrell during the early season. Despite nursing a shoulder injury, the senior slugger will be called on to be an offensive leader in his final year.

"Sawyer is poised for a big year at the plate," Stern said.

Also expected to contribute to the team's success in 2016 are returnees Brandon Horne, Ryan Schmidt and Sam Kolacz.

"Brandon will be a leader for us on

and off the field. Ryan is the kind of kid every coach wants on the team, he is team first and a very positive leader. He really stepped up for us last season on the mound when we had injuries, and became a very solid pitcher," said Stern noting Kolacz had health problems last season, but will play centerfield in 2016.

Four juniors – Brad Baker, Brent Baker, Logan Schenk and Chase Winter – are sure to see plenty of playing time.

"Brad will catch and play third base. He is an excellent hitter. Brent will play second and pitch. He has worked very hard all off season on his hitting. Logan will play 1st, outfield and pitch. He will get a heavy work load on the mound," says Stern.

Winter is set to patrol the outfield for the Red Hawks and Stern says he has been tearing the cover off the ball in practice.

Sophomore Brendan Hamilton and freshmen Zack Beecher and Luke Stern complete this year's prospects.

Hamilton is a utility player that can play in both the infield and outfield, according to Stern, while Beecher's bat will find him a spot in the lineup. Stern is spending time behind the plate, on the rubber and at shortstop.



THE 2016 Cass City junior varsity softball team members are: (front row, l-r) Taryn Thornton, DeeDee Haley, Konnar Warren, Katie Autry, Brittany Hamilton, Kate Stimpfel (back row) Jalene Krol, Dakota Cook, Kenna Nye, Megan Graham, Kacey Haire and Coach Steve Hollocker.

## Bulldog trio included with basketball stars

### Michigan Summit League All-Conference - First Team

- Larry McLean - IAF
- Jacob Wright - Owen-Gage
- Dre Allen - SASA
- Hunter Skorczewski - BCAS
- Austin Carter - Akron-Fairgrove
- DeQuarion Williams - IAF
- Gregory Bradley - IAF

### Michigan Summit League All-Conference - Second Team

- Aaron Streny - SASA
- David Binder - Owen-Gage
- Grant Ditmer - BCAS
- Joe Taney, BCAS
- Makai Richards - IAF
- Dan Good - Owen-Gage

### Michigan Sumitt League All-Conference-Honorable mention

- Bronvic Turner - SASA
- Trevor Sution - BCAS
- Dan Blankenship, Akron-Fairgrove
- Travis Dantzer - SASA

## Boating safety class offered in Tuscola County

There's no denying Old Man Winter is being a bit stubborn about leaving Michigan this spring, but rest assured outdoor summer fun will be here before you know it. And in the Thumb, that means boating and jet ski enthusiasts will be out in full force soon.

In order to keep everyone safe, the Tuscola County Sheriff's Marine Division will be hosting its 2016

boater safety class Saturday, April 23, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Richville Conservation Club, 3270 W. Sanilac Rd. (M-46, between Sheridan and Washburn roads).

This Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR)-approved class is free and includes lunch.

Those ages 14 and older must possess a Michigan Boaters Safety Certificate to legally operate a per-

sonal water craft (jet ski).

Pre-registration for the safety class is required. Extra persons or walk-ins will be accepted, and adults are welcome.

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# Cass City Jr./Sr. High School 2016 Spring Sports Schedule

*Support your favorite teams all season long with this guide to Cass City High School's big games!*

## BOYS' BASEBALL

| DATE     | OPPONENT                  |
|----------|---------------------------|
| 4/12     | <b>Brown City</b>         |
| 4/14     | <b>Ubyly</b>              |
| 4/16     | Tuscola County Tournament |
| 4/18     | <b>Bad Axe</b>            |
| 4/20     | North Branch              |
| 4/21     | <b>Sandusky</b>           |
| 4/25     | USA                       |
| 4/28     | Marlette                  |
| 5/2      | <b>Reese</b>              |
| 5/5      | <b>Memphis</b>            |
| 5/10     | Vassar                    |
| 5/12     | Harbor Beach              |
| 5/14     | Saginaw Nouvel Tourney    |
| 5/16     | <b>EPB Lakers</b>         |
| 5/26     | Capac                     |
| 5/31-6/4 | Districts                 |

Home games in bold

Games begin at 4 p.m.

## FOLLOW THE HAWKS AT HOME

**BOYS' BASEBALL**  
April 12 vs. Brown City @ 4 p.m.

**GIRLS' SOFTBALL**  
April 12 vs. Brown City @ 4 p.m.

**TRACK**  
April 19 vs. Brown City/Harbor Beach/Ubyly

**GOLF**  
May 3 GTC Jamboree

**JUNIOR HIGH TRACK**  
April 20 vs. Marlette/Sandusky/Bad Axe

## GIRLS' SOFTBALL

| DATE     | OPPONENT                  |
|----------|---------------------------|
| 4/12     | <b>Brown City</b>         |
| 4/14     | <b>Ubyly</b>              |
| 4/16     | Tuscola County Tournament |
| 4/18     | <b>Bad Axe</b>            |
| 4/20     | North Branch              |
| 4/21     | <b>Sandusky</b>           |
| 4/25     | USA                       |
| 4/28     | Marlette                  |
| 5/2      | <b>Reese</b>              |
| 5/5      | <b>Memphis</b>            |
| 5/10     | Vassar                    |
| 5/12     | Harbor Beach              |
| 5/16     | <b>EPB Lakers</b>         |
| 5/26     | Capac                     |
| 5/31-6/4 | Districts                 |

Home games in bold

Games begin at 4 p.m.

## TRACK

| DATE | OPPONENT                             | TIME             |
|------|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| 4/5  | Reese/USA/Vassar                     | 4:30 p.m.        |
| 4/8  | <b>Marlette/Reese/USA</b>            | <b>4:30 p.m.</b> |
| 4/12 | <b>Marlette/Bad Axe/USA</b>          | <b>4:30 p.m.</b> |
| 4/15 | Brown City Invite                    | 4:00 p.m.        |
| 4/19 | <b>Brown City/Harbor Beach/Ubyly</b> | <b>4:30 p.m.</b> |
| 4/22 | Marlette Invite                      | 4:00 p.m.        |
| 4/26 | USA Invite                           | 4:00 p.m.        |
| 4/29 | Vassar Invite                        | 4:00 p.m.        |
| 5/3  | Ubyly Invite                         | 4:00 p.m.        |
| 5/6  | Reese Invite                         | 4:00 p.m.        |
| 5/10 | EPB Lakers Invite                    | 4:00 p.m.        |
| 5/13 | Bad Axe Invite                       | 4:00 p.m.        |
| 5/17 | GTW League Meet @ USA                | 4:00 p.m.        |
| 5/21 | Regionals                            |                  |
| 5/24 | Tribune Meet of Champs @ BA          |                  |
| 5/31 | Thumb Meet of Champs @Caro           |                  |
| 6/4  | State Finals                         |                  |

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## GOLF

| DATE    | OPPONENT                        | TIME             |
|---------|---------------------------------|------------------|
| 4/11    | Millington                      | 1:00 p.m.        |
| 4/12    | Ubyly                           | 4:00 p.m.        |
| 4/20    | GTC Jamboree @ Vassar           | 3:30 p.m.        |
| 4/21    | GTC Jamboree @ USA              | 4:00 p.m.        |
| 4/22    | Ubyly Invite                    | 8:15 a.m.        |
| 4/28    | GTC Jamboree @ Lakers           | 4:00 p.m.        |
| 5/2     | GTC Jamboree @ Bad Axe          | 4:00 p.m.        |
| 5/3     | <b>GTC Jamboree @ Cass City</b> | <b>4:00 p.m.</b> |
| 5/11    | Brown City Invite               | 8:00 a.m.        |
| 5/13    | Warner Memorial Invite@Vassar   | TBA              |
| 5/16    | GTC League Meet @ Bad Axe       | TBA              |
| 5/25-28 | District @ Verona Hills         | TBD              |
| 6/1     | Regionals @ Westwynd            |                  |

## JUNIOR HIGH TRACK

| DATE | OPPONENT                         | TIME             |
|------|----------------------------------|------------------|
| 4/13 | USA/Brown City                   | 4:30 p.m.        |
| 4/20 | <b>Marlette/Sandusky/Bad Axe</b> | <b>4:30 p.m.</b> |
| 4/25 | Harbor Beach/Bad Axe/USA         | 4:30 p.m.        |
| 4/27 | <b>Sandusky/Reese/Brown City</b> | <b>4:30 p.m.</b> |
| 5/4  | Vassar/USA/Lakers/Reese          | 4:30 p.m.        |
| 5/9  | Bad Axe/Reese/Vassar             | 4:30 p.m.        |
| 5/12 | <b>USA/Reese/Vassar</b>          | <b>4:30 p.m.</b> |
| 5/20 | <b>Gavel Club Relays</b>         | <b>4:00 p.m.</b> |
| 5/23 | GTC League Meet @ USA            | TBA              |

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PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. Notice is hereby given that Default has occurred in a Mortgage given by Elaine E. Lopez to the United States of America, acting through the Rural Housing Service or successor agency, United States Department of Agriculture. The Mortgage is dated February 15, 2006 and was recorded on February 24, 2006 in Liber 1072 on pages 803 to 808 of the Tuscola County Records.

No proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt which is now One Hundred One Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-Five and 32/100 (\$101,725.32) Dollars. 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 April 14, 2016 at 10:00 a.m., local time, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, which is the location of the Tuscola County Circuit Court. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the Mortgage, including interest at the rate of 5.375% per year, 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 Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan and is more specifically described in the Mortgage as:

The West 48 feet of Lots 6 and 7, Block 11, PLAT OF THE VILLAGE OF CARO, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 59A, Tuscola County Records. The redemption period will expire thirty (30) days from the date of the sale unless a notice is subsequently received pursuant to MCL 600.3241a (c) in which case the redemption period will expire six (6) months from the date of the sale.

The redemption period may be extinguished as provided in MCL 600.3238. Please be advised that if the property is actually sold at a foreclosure sale pursuant to the procedures provided in MCL 600.3200 et. seq., as is currently anticipated by this Notice of Mortgage Sale, then in such event, the borrower will be 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 as provided in MCL 600.3278. Please be further advised that the redemption period may also be extinguished under the circumstances described in MCL 600.3238.

Dated: March 16, 2016  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
ACTING THROUGH THE  
RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
AGENCY F/K/A  
THE RURAL HOUSING SERVICE,  
OF THE UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT  
OF AGRICULTURE  
PREPARED BY: John R. Tucker,  
Esq. P-37348  
Winegarden, Haley, Lindholm &  
Robertson, P.L.C.  
G-9460 S. Saginaw Street, Suite A  
Grand Blanc, Michigan 48439  
(810) 767-3600

3-16-5

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Scott J. Lamrock, a married man and Lisa K. Lamrock, his wife, to Fifth Third Mortgage - MI, LLC, Mortgagee, dated February 22, 2007 and recorded March 12, 2007 in Liber 1113, Page 198, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Fifth Third Mortgage Company, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of

Eighty-Two Thousand Two Hundred Seventy-Four and 48/100 Dollars (\$82,274.48), including interest at 6.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on APRIL 21, 2016.

Said premises are located in the Village of Mayville, Tuscola County Michigan, and are described as:  
Lot 7, Block 1 of Leonard Fox's 3rd Addition to the Village of Mayville, except the East 72 1/2 feet thereof, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 66, now being Page 33A of Tuscola County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. 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: March 23, 2016  
Orlans Associates, P.C.  
Attorneys for Servicer  
P.O. Box 5041  
Troy, MI 48007  
File No. 16-002866

3-23-4

IF YOU ARE NOW ON ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY OR HAVE BEEN IN THE PRIOR ONE YEAR, PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT 248-502-1400. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by James J. Rutkowski and Cynthia L. Rutkowski, f/k/a Cynthia L. Miller, his wife, to National City Mortgage Services Co., Mortgagee, dated June 1, 2004 and recorded June 16, 2004 in Liber 996, Page 1362, and Loan Modification Agreement recorded on March 26, 2008, in liber 1144, page 1027, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by PNC Bank, National Association, successor by merger to National City Bank, successor by merger to National City Mortgage Co., by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the

date hereof the sum of One Hundred Sixty-One Thousand Fifteen and 81/100 Dollars (\$161,015.81), including interest at 6.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on APRIL 21, 2016.

Said premises are located in the Township of Elkland, Tuscola County Michigan, and are described as:

Lot(s) 3 of Auten Subdivision to Village of Cass City Michigan; Except commencing at the Southwest Corner of Lot 3, Auten Subdivision, running thence North 104 feet to Northeast corner of Lot 9, Auten Subdivision, thence East 99 feet; thence South 104 feet; thence West 99 feet to place 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: March 23, 2016  
Orlans Associates, P.C.  
Attorneys for Servicer  
P.O. Box 5041  
Troy, MI 48007  
File No. 16-002531

3-23-4

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Daniel N.

Osterbeck AKA Daniel Osterbeck, a single man, original mortgagor(s), to CF Bancorp Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated May 29, 2009, and recorded on June 8, 2009 in Liber 1176 on Page 1205, and assigned by mesne assignments to 2010-3 SFR Venture, 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 Forty-Four Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-Nine and 67/100 Dollars (\$44,229.67).

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 April 21, 2016.

Said premises are situated in Township of Elmwood, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 33, Town 14 North, Range 10 East, described as: Commencing at the Southwest corner of said Section 33; thence along the West line of said Section 33, North 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East 1897.91 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing along said West line of Section 33 North 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East 203.08 feet; thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East 429.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East 203.08 feet; thence South 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West 429.00 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: March 23, 2016  
For more information, please call:  
FC H (248) 593-1300  
Trott Law, P.C.  
Attorneys For Servicer  
31440 Northwestern Hwy Ste. 200  
Farmington Hills, Michigan  
48334-5422  
File #460143F01

3-23-4

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Susanne A. Price and David G. Price, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated January 13, 2009, and recorded on February 12, 2009 in Liber 1167 on Page 332, and rerecorded on June 1, 2011 in Liber 1223 on Page 489, and modified by agreement dated October 28, 2013, and recorded on February 10, 2014 in Liber 1301 on Page 136, and assigned by mesne assignments to Selene Finance LP 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-Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-Two and 13/100 Dollars (\$89,722.13).

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 April 21, 2016.

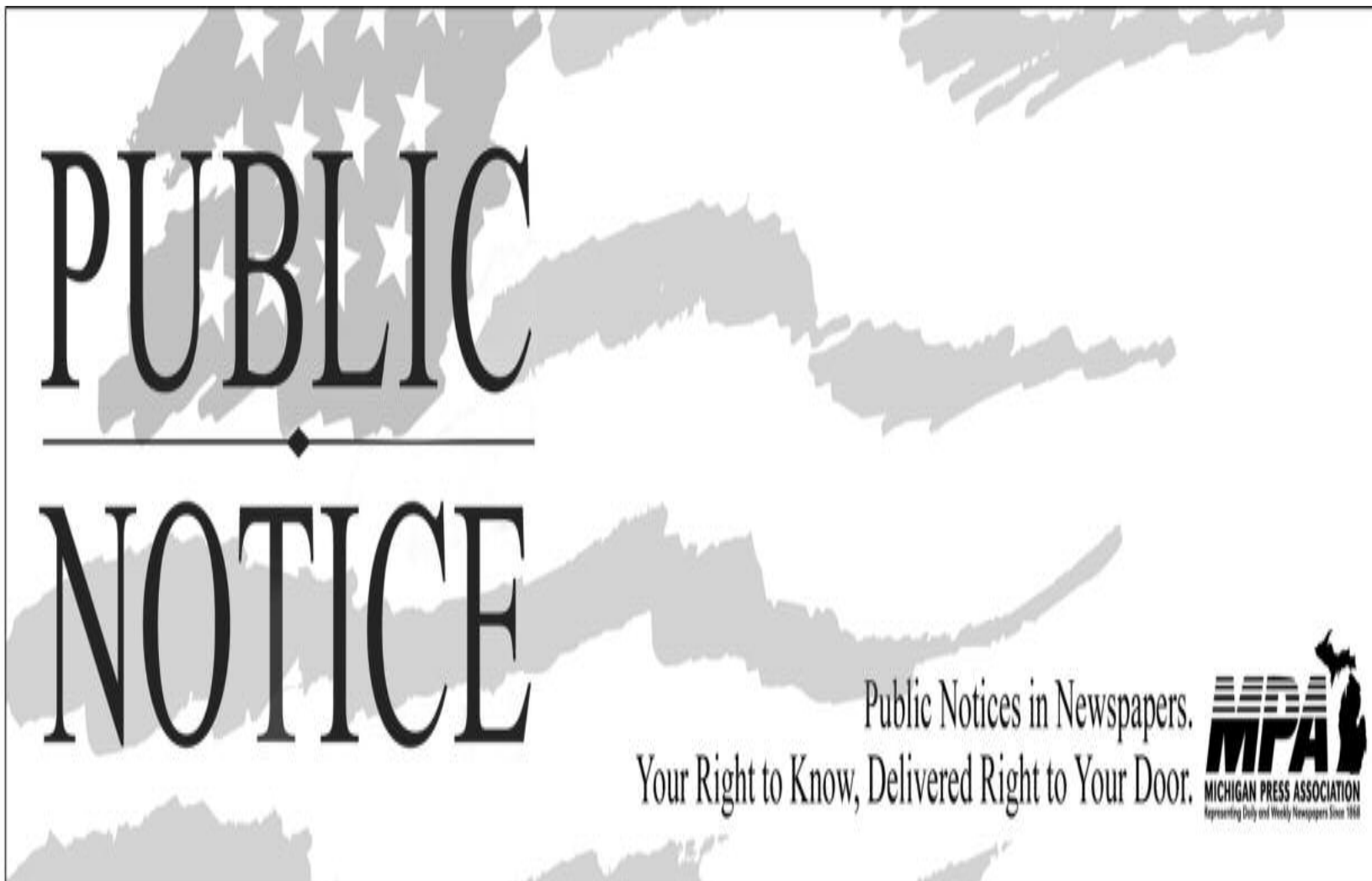
Said premises are situated in Township of Kingston, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 3, 4 and 5, Block 9, Village of Wilmot, according to the Plat thereof recorded in Liber 1, Page 43A of Plats, Tuscola County Records.

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

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 23, 2016  
For more information, please call:  
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3-23-4



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**MORTGAGE SALE - Default** has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Tracy Harrison and Joe Harrison, wife and husband, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated October 31, 2006, and recorded on November 9, 2006 in Liber 1101 on Page 1249, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as Trustee for Residential Accredit Loans, Inc., Mortgage Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2007-QS1 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 Three Hundred Forty-Six Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty-Eight and 67/100 Dollars (\$346,788.67).

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 April 28, 2016.

Said premises are situated in Township of Millington, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 16, 17 and 18, Osborne Subdivision, being a part of the NE 1/4 of Section 1, T10N, R8E, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Liber 1, Page 83, now Liber 1, Page 33-B, Tuscola County Records.

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

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 30, 2016  
For more information, please call: FC H (248) 593-1300  
Trott Law, P.C.  
Attorneys For Servicer  
31440 Northwestern Hwy Ste. 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-5422  
File #461475F01

**3-30-4**

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

**MORTGAGE SALE - Default** has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Tim D.

Clinesmith and Rene J. Clinesmith, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., Mortgagee, dated April 25, 2007, and recorded on January 13, 2011 in Liber 1214 on Page 810, and modified by Affidavit or Order executed on June 13, 2011 and recorded on July 5, 2011 in Liber 1225 on Page 516, and modified by Affidavit or Order executed on June 13, 2012 and recorded on June 18, 2012 in Liber 1252 on Page 1107, and assigned by said Mortgagee to BANK OF AMERICA, 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 Forty-Six Thousand Five Hundred Twelve and 05/100 Dollars (\$146,512.05).

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 April 28, 2016.

Said premises are situated in Township of Dayton, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 24, Town 11 North, Range 10 East, described as beginning on the South line of said Section, which is East 594.12 feet from the South 1/4 corner of said Section; thence continuing along said South line East 198.00 feet, thence North 00 degrees 04 minutes 26 seconds East 440.00 feet; thence parallel with said South line West 198.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 04 minutes 26 seconds West, 440.00 feet to said South line of said Section and the place 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: March 30, 2016  
For more information, please call: FC X (248) 593-1302  
Trott Law, P.C.  
Attorneys For Servicer  
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File #353532F03

**3-30-4**

**Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale**

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

**MORTGAGE SALE - Default** has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Corey Whittaker, unmarried, original mortgagor(s), to JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., Mortgagee, dated June 18, 2007, and recorded on July 13, 2007 in Liber 1124 on Page 1203, and assigned by mesne assignments to Federal National Mortgage Association ("Fannie Mae"), a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America 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-Five Thousand Four Hundred Twenty-Five and 99/100 Dollars (\$75,425.99).

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 May 5, 2016.

Said premises are situated in Township of Novesta, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at a point 430 Feet West of South 1/4 Corner of Section 29, Township 13 North, Range 11 East, Thence West 145 Feet, Thence North 350 Feet, Thence East 145 Feet, Thence South 350 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: April 6, 2016  
For more information, please call: FC X (248) 593-1302  
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**4-6-4**

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

**MORTGAGE SALE - Default** has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Neal Ronk, a married man, Bonnie Ronk, his wife, to Alliance Funding, a Division of Superior Bank FSB, Mortgagee, dated March 5, 2001 and recorded April 4, 2001 in Liber 827, Page 458, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee, in trust for the holders of MLMI Trust 2002-AFC1 Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2002-AFC1, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Eight Thousand Five Hundred Ninety-One and 45/100 Dollars (\$58,591.45), including interest at 10.6% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on MAY 19, 2016.

Said premises are located in the Township of Wisner, Tuscola County Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the East 1/4 corner of Section 29, Township 14 North, Range 7 East, Wisner Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, thence South 03 degrees 58 minutes East 968.00 feet along the East line of Section 29, thence South 73 degrees 56 minutes West 593.50 feet along the centerline of State Trunk Line M-25 to the point of beginning; running thence North 03 degrees 58 minutes West 528.00 feet; thence South 73 degrees 56 minutes West 330.00 feet, thence South 03 degrees 58 minutes East 528.00 feet, thence North 73 degrees 56 minutes East 330.00 feet along the centerline of State

Trunk Line M-25 to the point of beginning, being a part of the Southeasterly 1/4 of Section 29, Town 19 North, Range 7 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. 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: April 6, 2016  
Orlans Associates, P.C.  
Attorneys for Servicer  
P.O. Box 5041  
Troy, MI 48007  
File No. 16-000263

**4-6-4**

**USDA Rural Housing Service**

**Foreclosure Sale**

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This description is believed to be correct to our best understanding.

**DATE & TIME OF SALE:**  
April 14, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

**PLACE OF SALE:**  
Tuscola County Courthouse - Circuit Court  
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5-3-25-52

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## Assault crisis center officials invite area resident to observe Denim Day

Officials at the Thumb Area Assault Crisis Center are encouraging area residents to participate in Denim Day - Wednesday, April 27 - an observance held in conjunction with Sexual Assault Awareness Month in

April. Denim Day stems from one girl's story of sexual assault. In 1998, a teenage girl in Italy was raped by her driving instructor. The case went to court and her perpetrator was convicted. The case was appealed to the Italian Supreme Court, which overturned the conviction and ruled the sex to be consensual because the girl was wearing tight jeans and had to assist in their removal during the rape.

blame the victim, according to Thumb Area Assault Crisis Center officials, who say other misconceptions include there being a "correct" way to respond to an assault, and that it isn't rape if the victim doesn't fight back.

"The case clearly demonstrates the misconceptions behind sexual assault and the common desire to

In support of Denim Day and to bring awareness to sexual assault and its victims, the Thumb Area Assault Crisis Center will be joining the national campaign by accepting donations to wear jeans to work April 27. To make a donation, call the center at (989) 672-1744.

## DNR: no hunting fatalities in '15

For the second year in a row, Michigan recorded no fatalities in 2015 during all hunting seasons, according to reports compiled by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) Law Enforcement Division.

Thirteen incidents resulting in injuries were recorded in the state during the year, up slightly from 10 incidents in 2014. Twelve incidents occurred in the Lower Peninsula and one in the Upper Peninsula.

The numbers reflect an overall trend toward fewer hunting-related fatalities and injuries over the past several decades, a downward trend that started in 1988 when completion of a hunter education class became mandatory for all first-time hunters born after Jan. 1, 1960.

In 1988, the state saw the lowest fatality rate - four deaths - since annual record keeping began in 1970, when there were 18 fatalities. Record keeping began in the 1940s, but fatalities and injuries figures were compiled per decade rather than per year.

"Our excellent hunter education program saves lives," said Sgt. Steve Orange, supervisor of the DNR's Recreational Safety, Education and Enforcement Section. "When looking at the downward trend over the last five decades, it becomes very clear that our hunter education program is one of the major factors attributed to preventing fatalities and injuries."

Injuries have fallen substantially since hunter education classes became mandatory.

From 212 injuries in 1970 and climbing to 275 injuries by 1974 - the most recorded in a single year - injuries have, for the most part, steadily decreased every year since. Incidents involving injury fell below 50 in 1991 for the first time, and after a very slight increase over the next several years, injuries began dropping again. Incidents resulting in injury have not exceeded 15 per year for the past five years.

Orange says the steadily decreasing numbers are due, in part, to the dedicated team of hunter education volunteer instructors - currently numbering more than 3,400 - and the expanded hunter education programs, which now include a home study program and online hunter safety courses.

"Our many hunter education volunteers - who cumulatively donate over 35,000 hours every year - are dedicated to providing new hunters with the skills needed to handle and operate their firearms or archery equipment safely, which results in enjoyable experiences for them and others in Michigan's out of doors," Orange added.

He also noted the benefits for experienced hunters in taking or retaking a hunter education class as a refresher.

Individuals completing home study or online hunter safety courses must still complete a hands-on field day, where they receive instruction and practice in operating firearms, bows, traps and more. Field days are taught by volunteer instructors and conservation officers.

Hunter education classes have been available since 1946, although they were not mandatory at that time.

In 1971, the program became mandatory for first-time hunters ages 12 to 16. That was expanded in 1988 to all first-time hunters born after Jan. 1, 1960. Since 1988, more than 600,000 hunters have completed hunter education classes. In recent years, over 20,000 hunters have been completing the program annually.


During the 2015 season, 651,588 base licenses were sold. Michigan's hunting incident rate per license is .002 percent. The base license is required to purchase any hunting license.

Of the 13 incidents resulting in injury reported in 2015, one involved a turkey hunter, one involved a waterfowl hunter, one involved a trapper and six involved deer hunters. One injury does not specify animal hunted because the report is pending. The victims ranged in age from 21 to 74. The majority of injuries - more than 60 percent - were the result of self-inflicted gunshot wounds.

Five of the deer hunting incidents were reported during the firearm deer hunting season Nov. 15-30 and occurred in the counties of Calhoun, Gladwin, Roscommon, St. Clair and Van Buren. The sixth deer hunting incident that resulted in injury occurred during late antlerless firearm season Dec. 19-Jan. 1. The incident took place in Lapeer County.

The DNR reminds hunters to follow all safety rules and recommendations to ensure a safe hunting season.

Cpl. Dave Painter of the DNR's Recreational Safety, Education and Enforcement Section reminds hunters to wear hunter orange during designated seasons. "It's the law, and it's paramount in keeping hunters seen and safe," Painter said.




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