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## Deford 4-H rocketeers second in the nation

*Dazzlers shine at the Team America Rocketry Challenge over the weekend*

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Second best student rocketry team in the nation.

Expectations for that sort of finish weren't high for the Deford Dazzlers 4-H Club over the weekend after traveling to The Plains, Va., to compete in this year's Team America Rocketry Challenge (TARC), where the three-man team of Peter Hansen, Chrysler Parrish and Alexander Hansen once again faced menacing weather conditions.

But this was an experienced trio with previous national finals appearances under their belt, a team that hoped for sunny skies and calm breezes, but was prepared for just about anything.

A team that had more than once felt the sting of launching a great flight

*Culprit admits he was behind school threat at elementary*

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Kingston Community School officials expressed relief Thursday after announcing they had identified the person responsible for a threat that forced school officials to initiate a lockdown for the second time this school year.

The news came just days after the district hired a police officer to serve as a school liaison officer and to provide a presence in school buildings in an effort to improve security and investigate any future incidents directly.

Thursday's announcement provided few details regarding the suspect in a threat discovered in the elementary school Monday, May 9.

"When the threat was reported, Elementary Principal (Justin) Diegel, immediately contacted me and consulted with the district's liaison police officer to investigate and determine the credibility of the threat," school Supt. Matt Drake stated in a letter issued to parents Thursday afternoon. "Please be advised that the person responsible for the threat has confessed to the liaison police officer.

"There is no credible threat to the safety of our students and staff at Kingston Elementary School," Drake said. "School administration Please turn to page 6.

only to watch Mother Nature dash its hopes, preparation and calculations with a gust of wind.

Not this year. "Second place! We were just so amazed, so thankful. We erupted with shouts of joy and clapping, the panel of experts who were handing

out the awards must have thought from the noise we were making that half of the Thumb came to Virginia for the competition," said Patricia Hansen, who along with her husband, Mark, have served as leaders of the Deford Dazzlers 4-H Club since it was formed in 2009-10.

Raytheon, Lockheed Martin, Boeing, IBM and other sponsors provided a generous scholarship pool, awarding the Dazzlers with a whopping \$15,000 in scholarships — \$5,000 per team member — plus another \$1,000 for the 4-H club to help fund its science and rocketry

education program. "Lockheed Martin gave them (team members) a framed flag that had been launched to space on the Orion Test Capsule Dec. 5, 2014. It ascended 3,600 miles and orbited the earth twice," Hansen noted. "They Please turn to page 16.



**THE DEFORD DAZZLERS 4-H Club's rocket team — pictured above in orange shirts (from left): Peter Hansen, Alexander Hansen and Chrysler Parrish — finished second in the nation during the Team America Rocketry Challenge, held over the weekend in The Plains, Va. This was the Dazzlers' fifth straight year qualifying for the competition. In all 775 teams battled for just 100 qualifying spots in this year's national event.**

## Cass City native Zinnecker pens third novel

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Robert W. "Bob" Zinnecker left Cass City High School with his diploma back in the mid-1950s with plans to become a newspaper reporter.

Those plans didn't materialize, but the Cass City native took the lessons he learned from a pair of memorable local educators and used them to build both an impressive career in the telecommunications industry and a reputation for spinning his faith, his professional experiences and life lessons into popular Christian novels.

Now retired, Zinnecker, who calls Penfield, N.Y., home these days, recently announced the release of his third novel, "The Investment".

"I began to write it in 2014 after back fusion surgery and knee-replacement surgery," Zinnecker said last week. "It takes the main

character through a series of disastrous and potentially life-threatening events to the point where he and many around him begin to wonder if God has abandoned him. I had led a class in the study of the book of Job in the Bible and tried to make the story similar in its plot lines."

The book's main character is telecommunications industry CEO Wilson McCann, known as "God's Man" in his community and his industry. In addition to the financial, family and physical pain that he endures, a mysterious recluse blocks every opportunity for him to rise above his situation and a hired killer targets him. Like a modern day Job, McCann looks for God amid the pain and wreckage of his life. He seeks answers to the questions we all ask in times of trial. At the same time, mysterious forces from his past are taking his measure.

Zinnecker, whose previous books include "Acquisition" and "Sell

Out", says his passion for writing was stoked as a student at Cass City High School.

"I had taken four years of English and two years of journalism," the 1955 Cass City grad recalled. "I was sports editor of the Cass City High School paper, The Cassopolitan, in my junior year and editor in my senior year. I was sports editor of the school year book, Perannos, in 1955. I was also the school photographer — I took all of the sports action shots in the year book.

"I wanted to be a newspaper reporter," Zinnecker said, adding two educators were primarily responsible for his interest in journalism. They included Thelma J. Hunt, his English teacher.

"While I am deeply grateful of what various men and women did for me at various times over my career, there is no greater contribution than (her's)," he said. "Miss Hunt, as I knew her...taught me how to speak,

read and write the English language, she introduced me to Shakespeare,

made me like it, and told me to "be quiet and stop talking" when I needed it. In between, she challenged me to excel and saw to it that

I was recognized when I did.

"She sponsored me for inclusion in the National Honor Society in my senior year and, when my behavior later that year wasn't up to her standards, she told me how disappointed she was in me," Zinnecker recalled. "I never had the chance to apologize for that and show her what I was capable of. She died six months Please turn to page 8.



Bob Zinnecker

*Cass City one of U.S. News bronze medal schools in '16*

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

U.S. News and World Report recently announced the 2016 Best High Schools Rankings, featuring top-performing schools at the national and state level, and Cass City Junior-Senior High School has again received recognition in the national rankings as a bronze medal winner.

The Best High Schools Rankings evaluate data on more than 21,500 public high schools to identify which are best at preparing students for college and careers.

To focus on student outcomes, U.S. News included graduation rates as a major factor in its methodology — the first time graduation rates have been Please turn to page 6.



**TUSCOLA COUNTY Central Dispatch Director Sandra Nielsen (right) presents Dispatcher Amanda Berlin with a SmartSave Award for her role in utilizing the county's new Smart911Chat feature to quickly locate a resident who dialed 911 to report a domestic violence incident in progress. (Photo courtesy of the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department)**

## LIFESAVER

*Dispatcher honored for using Smart911Chat to locate caller*

A Tuscola County Central Dispatch telecommunicator was recently recognized for her outstanding efforts to aid an individual in need using Smart911, the county's new lifesaving 911 service proven to improve emergency response.

Central Dispatch Director Sandra Nielsen presented Dispatcher Amanda Berlin with a SmartSave Award from Smart911, which honors and rewards 911 call takers, dispatchers, and emergency responders who are able to effectively use the national public safety service to positively affect the outcome of an emergency.

The weekend of April 23, Berlin received a 911 call from a mobile phone, and arguing and screaming were clearly heard in the background, according to Nielsen, who said the caller hung up before an exact location could be determined.

The 911 caller did not answer the follow up calls. However, she responded, "Yes, please send help," to Berlin's outbound text in less than 30 seconds. After receiving the caller's exact location, Berlin immediately dispatched first responders who rescued the caller and arrested her assailant.

"Victims of domestic violence are not always able to safely communicate with 911. Fortunately, Smart911Chat provided a communication channel for the victim to provide her exact location," said Berlin, a dispatcher of Please turn to page 6.

# Obituaries

## Lois Dillon

Lois Ann Dillon, 86, of Unionville, died following a long illness Sunday, May 15, 2016 in Medilodge Nursing Facility, Cass City. She was born March 1, 1930 in Huron County to Albertus and Susie (Vachovic) Langley. She married Leonard J. Dillon August 12, 1950 in St. Roch Catholic Church, Caseville. He died August 21, 2007.

Lois enjoyed gardening, cooking, canning and word search puzzles. At one time she enjoyed fishing, playing on a pool league and bowling. Lois was a member of St. Agatha Catholic Church in Gagetown and a member of their Altar Society.

Lois is survived by her daughter, Linda Colling of Cass City; granddaughter, Lesley (Chris Harden) Colling of Oxford; great grandchildren: Kayley Jo, Isaac and Alyssa; sister, Helen Guster of Caseville; many nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her son, Richard Dillon; son-in-law, Randall Colling; sisters: Mary Orban, Francis Gorski, Eleanor Perry, Erma Steele, Deloris Steinman; brothers: Leonard Langley, Tuck Langley, Roy Langley, John Langley.

Visitations will be held from 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. with a vigil at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 18, 2016 in Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City; and from 10 to 11 a.m. Thursday, May 19, 2016 in St. Agatha Catholic Church, Gagetown.

Funeral service held 11:00 a.m. Thursday, May 19, 2016 in Our Lady Consolata Parish, St. Agatha Catholic Church, Gagetown with Rev. Christian Tabares officiating. Interment will be in St. Agatha Cemetery, Gagetown. Memorials may be made to 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.

## Rawson to host senior movies

Rawson Memorial District Library in Cass City will host its next monthly Senior Citizen Movies Friday, May 20, at 1:30 p.m.

Films slated to be shown this month are:

\*Arctic Ghost Ship – In 1845, British explorer Sir John Franklin set off to chart the elusive Northwest Passage, commanding 128 men in two robust and well-stocked Royal Navy ships, the Erebus and the Terror. They were never heard from

again.

Eventually, searchers found tantalizing clues to their fate, but no trace of the ships was ever found. Then, in 2014, the Erebus was found, intact and upright on the sea floor. NOVA tells the inside story of the risky expedition, and sheds light on what happened to Franklin's men more than 160 years ago (60 minutes).

\*Magnificent Desolation – Journey to the lunar surface and walk in the footsteps of those brave few to see,

hear and feel the moon as they did. Narrated by Tom Hanks and featuring breathtaking NASA footage (30 minutes).

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

## NOTICE

Novesta Township is offering for bid 1995 John Deere 445 Series lawnmower. As is condition. Can be seen at the Novesta Township Cemetery on Saturday, May 21, 2016 from 1 – 3 p.m.

Bids will be accepted at that time and reviewed at the Township Board meeting on Monday, June 6, 2016.

For further information contact Supervisor, Ralph Zinnecker at 989-872-4067.

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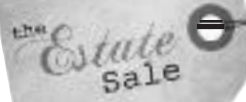
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# In Our OPINION..

Clarke Haire  
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## Get tested: Hepatitis C screening saving lives

*More than four million Americans are infected with Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) and over 50 percent of them don't know it.*

*That startling figure has prompted officials at the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) to joining the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to recognize May as Hepatitis Awareness Month.*

*HCV is a blood-borne pathogen that affects the liver. Over the course of many years, the virus can cause liver damage, resulting in cirrhosis, liver cancer, and sometimes death.*

*The National Cancer Institute's Annual Report recently reported that liver cancer incidence and mortality are growing faster than any other common cancer. A major driver of this trend is HCV, which is implicated in 50 percent of all liver cancers. In fact, a CDC study recently found that HCV-related mortality outpaces the mortality of all other nationally notifiable diseases combined, including HIV and tuberculosis.*

*In Michigan, about 7,000 to 8,000 new cases of HCV are diagnosed annually. While the majority of those are Baby-Boomers born between 1945 and 1965, each year there has been a growing number of cases diagnosed in young adults.*

*The number of HCV cases diagnosed among persons aged 18-29 in Michigan has increased from 246 in 2004 to 1,451 in 2015.*

*The rise in HCV coincides with increases in opioid and heroin overdose deaths, which has been the subject of Gov. Rick Snyder's Prescription Drug and Opioid Abuse Task Force. Sharing of needles and other injection drug use equipment are common modes of transmission of blood-borne viruses like HCV.*

*There is no vaccine for HCV, but there are treatments that can cure HCV infection. However, because persons with HCV are often asymptomatic for many years, most people have never been tested or diagnosed.*

*The only way to know you are infected is with a blood test. The CDC and MDHHS are encouraging residents to talk to their healthcare provider about testing and treatment for HCV, especially those born between 1945 and 1965 or those who have ever injected drugs.*

*Area residents can learn about by DCV by visiting the website [www.cdc.gov/KnowMoreHepatitis](http://www.cdc.gov/KnowMoreHepatitis), or MDHHS's viral hepatitis website at [www.michigan.gov/hepatitis](http://www.michigan.gov/hepatitis).*

*Remember, HCV is treatable, and a simple blood test could ward off a much more frightening diagnosis down the road.*

## Slices of Life

by Jill Pertler



Old, young or none of the above?



For most of my life I viewed myself as old. Even when I clearly wasn't. It's about perspective.

The memories are vague, or even nonexistent, but when I was 2 I got a baby sister. By age 3, I'm pretty sure I thought I was old. For sure much older than my sister, which I held over her head – until I hit 30.

When I was 5 and someone asked my age I no longer had to fold any of my fingers in toward my palm. I got to hold up my entire outstretched hand. I remember feeling like this was a big deal (because it was!). Plus I went to kindergarten. That most certainly qualified me as old.

When I was 8 I was finally allowed to ride my pink banana seat bike by myself to the corner store to buy Laffy Taffy. That sort of responsibility and independence is reserved for those who have attained a certain level of experience and sophistication in life. Hence, in my eyes, I was old.

When I was 10 I reached a new level of oldity: double digits and double hands. Having two numbers in my age was exciting and practically screamed maturity, as well as the privilege of having my mom drive me to the mall so I could get my ears pierced.

The age of 16 is a milestone in nearly everyone's oldometer. The importance of 16 candles on the cake can be summed up in two words: driver's license. I no longer needed a parent to drive me to the mall; I could get there on my own. Anyone old enough to drive a car is old – at least old enough to drive a car.

Everyone believes they are old at 18. And why not? You can do lots of grown-up things, not the least of which is refer to yourself as an adult. It's a privilege you've been waiting for your entire life.

At 20 you are no longer a teenager and that has old written all over it. Looking back, of course, I was probably more kid than grown up, but I didn't know it at the time because I considered 20 old. The same goes for 25. And (eek) 30, which was a biggie for many of us.

Most of it is a blur after that. The older you get, the faster time flies. I remember my parents telling me this; I didn't believe them. Now that I've become them I understand the truth of their words.

Somewhere around mid-30-something I found designating myself as old wasn't as alluring as it had been when I was 8. Instead of the sweetness and privilege of Laffy Taffy, extra years meant responsibility. The prestige of a mini van. Replacing acne wash with wrinkle cream. Fighting the dreaded muffin top. Wearing comfortable shoes. Fine print that seemed

finer and fuzzier.

I've been old most of my life, or so I thought. And now that I'm older than I ever was before, I've decided I'm as young as I'm ever going to be. It's a change in perspective and it works for me.

Besides, old or young, it's what you make of it. Age may be an unyielding (and ever-increasing) number, but it doesn't have to be. Oh sure, the calendar will change and technically so will the digits that designate how old (or young) you are. But you get to decide – whether you choose to be 8 years old or 88 years young.

As for me, right now I'm somewhere in between. But young at heart. Hopefully always that.

*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)



Thumb National Bank employee Cindy Kruse is one of the many volunteers helping to make sure the 19th annual Youth for Christ benefit auction is a success.

Kruse, an auction committee member, is looking for donations to allow the Bluewater Thumb group to continue their work with teens in the area.

Kruse says gift certificates are wonderful auction items and cash donations are always welcomed. If you are able to help shape the lives of teens in the Thumb, contact Kruse at her Cass City office.

The auction is scheduled for June 25, 2016.

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May is national Mental Health Awareness Month – an important opportunity to encourage meaningful conversations in our community and around the state regarding mental health and related issues. Once again, Tuscola Behavioral Health Systems (TBHS) will join advocates and consumers in Lansing this spring for the 12th Annual Walk a Mile in My Shoes Rally at the Capitol.

On May 18, thousands will gather for the event, which aims to educate the public and Michigan legislators about behavioral illnesses and developmental disabilities, and to combat common stigmas and prejudices that surround these conditions. The event will feature an advocacy walk, a speech by Giovan Bazan, a nationally recognized motivational speaker, and statements from more than 80 individuals who use community mental health (CMH) services, representing counties throughout the state.

The Walk a Mile event is part of an ongoing effort by Michigan mental health advocates to combat misconceptions and hurtful stereotypes. More informed attitudes are critical to increasing full community inclusion of individuals served by our behavioral health system.

It is a pivotal time in Michigan's history in regard to the way mental health services are delivered and sustained around our state. We are working with legislators to develop a plan for the future of Michigan's behavioral health system, and have already identified several key priorities.

Beyond full community inclusion, we will continue to advocate for a strong, publicly accountable safety net, a public system committed to the common good and whole-person orientation to service. A whole-person approach that commits to support beyond basic health needs, including housing, employment, transportation, food assistance and nutrition, income supports, child welfare, and education.

May is a great time to help spread the word about the importance of mental health. But we must continue to strive for improvements and transformations in our system year-round. We must perpetually work toward an inclusive system that will ensure world class treatment for those with behavioral illnesses and developmental disabilities.

It's time that mental health receives the same priority as physical health. Join us as we work toward an inclusive, person-centered system this May, and celebrate with us as we continue to evolve and progress for years to come.

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## Wednesday, May 18

- 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.
- 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.

## Thursday, May 19

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

## Saturday, May 21

- 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.

## Monday, May 23

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

## Tuesday, May 24

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

### STANDING COMMUNITY CALENDAR ITEMS

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



**A PAIR OF SANILAC County residents survived a two-vehicle crash that caused their minivan to roll over several times last Wednesday in Sanilac County's Watertown Township. Sandusky fire fighters used their Jaws of Life to extricate one of the occupants. (Photo courtesy of the Sanilac County Sheriff's Department)**

## Sanilac traffic crashes leave 4 hurt

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Sanilac County Sheriff's deputies investigated two traffic crashes involving injuries over the past week, including a single-vehicle accident Thursday on Banner Road, near Stone Road in Wheatland Township.

The crash was reported at about 2:40 p.m., according to Sgt. Shelly Park, who said a 2004 Buick Rainier driven by a 16-year-old Deckerville teen lost control and entered a ditch. "The vehicle then struck a driveway embankment, causing it to go airborne," Park said.

"The driver was transported by Sanilac EMS to Deckerville Hospital for treatment of her injuries. Alcohol

was not a factor in the crash and the driver was wearing her seatbelt."

Deckerville police and fire fighters assisted deputies at the scene.

Deputies say the driver of a minivan failed to stop at a Watertown Township intersection last Wednesday, resulting in a collision with a pickup truck at the intersection of M-19 and Marlette Road.

Park reported deputies were dispatched to the scene at about 4:15 p.m.

"The initial investigation revealed that 40-year-old Matthew Bailey of Applegate and his passenger, 32-year-old Heather Bailey, were traveling westbound on Marlette Road in their 2007 Chrysler minivan when Matthew Bailey failed to stop at the intersection," Park said. "Bailey col-

lided with a southbound 2013 Ford F250 pickup driven by 54-year-old James Rochford of Tecumseh.

The Chrysler minivan rolled several times before landing on its wheels," Park added. "The Sandusky Community Fire Department used their 'Jaws of Life' to free Heather Bailey."

The Baileys were both transported to McKenzie Memorial Hospital in Sandusky for treatment of their injuries, and Rochford was taken to Marlette Regional Hospital in Marlette for treatment of his injuries.

Alcohol was not a factor in the accident, according to Park, who noted deputies were assisted by troopers from the Michigan State Police post in Caro, Sandusky police and Sanilac and Marlette EMS crews.

## Pedestrian injured in M-24 traffic accident

Tuscola County Sheriff's deputies responded to a car-pedestrian accident during the afternoon hours of May 6 near the intersection of M-24 and Wells Road.

"They found that a vehicle driven by a Billy Hickey, 77 years old, from the Mayville area, had been southbound on M-24. Witnesses say that

a 17-year-old male, Justin Felton, had been walking on M-24 and ran out in front of the path of the vehicle and was struck," Undersheriff Glen Skrent reported. "The victim had been wearing earphones and may have been distracted and not seen the vehicle approach."

Skrent said Felton was transported

by LifeNet Helicopter for treatment. The name of the hospital and Felton's condition were not available.

Troopers from the Michigan State Police post in Caro, Caro police, MMR Ambulance and the Caro Fire Department all assisted deputies at the scene.

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## Reporter's notebook



Please hold? A hold is a hold...

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor



Audio branding specialist PH Media Group says its research shows that people in the Midwest appreciate hearing voice and music messages while on hold.

I've lived in the Midwest my entire life and I don't believe I've met any of these people. You?

According to officials at the England-based company (which by the way touts itself as the world's largest provider of audio branding services, with more than 22,000 clients in 39 countries worldwide), generic "please hold" messages are perceived as a major irritant for customers, but research has found people in the Midwest actually feel more valued if they hear customized voice and music messages while on hold.

The survey of 2,234 American consumers revealed 64 percent of Midwestern customers feel more valued if they hear voice and music, instead of alternatives such as a dial tone, beeps or even silence.

Furthermore, 65 percent consider a business to be more professional if tailored messages are played over the telephone system.

"On-hold marketing has regularly attracted negative publicity due to its association with horror stories about customers being left waiting for long periods of time, listening to generic automated messages," said Mark Williamson, sales and marketing director at PH Media Group. "But the key word there is 'generic'. Customers do not want to feel as if messages they hear on hold are simple placeholders designed to placate and pacify them – it reflects badly on the company's brand.

"Implementing tailored voice and music which corresponds to the existing values of the business conveys a more professional image. It also helps to engage and entertain both existing and potential customers, speaking to them on a more relevant and personal level."

I guess, but frankly, I typically place a call to speak to another human being. Usually I'm calling to ask a question (or 20 questions), other times I'm trying to provide someone else with information – but always with the hope of talking to someone who will talk back. Today.

Thank goodness I don't run into too many of these situations out here in the Thumb, where I guess folks would rather talk to one another instead of relying on "please hold" filler most of the time. Even if you end up on hold, chances are good you'll be able to leave a message and get a call returned in a reasonable amount of time.

That's not to say being on hold can't be amusing. While placed on hold very briefly after placing a call to an agency in Caro recently, I suddenly found myself being serenaded briefly by some sort of Muzak version of "The Planets". If you're not familiar with this classic piece, it's a seven-movement orchestral suite by English Composer Gustav Holst.

It's a beautiful work, unless you hear the Muzak version.

Anyway, Williams says that voice/music on-hold messages, if done well, "can help to strengthen a company's image and reinforce professionalism instead of acting as an annoyance."

So can having a live person on the other end of the line.

Of course, being placed on hold is a reality these days, and I don't really mind all that much. Until three or four minutes have passed.

I don't care if I'm subjected to mini-commercials about your company, crickets chirping or a Muzak version of Beethoven's Fifth Symphony, make me wait much longer than that and I'm hanging up.

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# Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



## 5 YEARS AGO (2011)

Cass City High School senior Amanda Phillips steps down from a tractor driven by Travis Klimek, another Cass City senior, in the parking lot at the school Friday morning. A host of seniors carried on the years-long tradition of driving tractors to school on their last day of classes.

Two area residents are among the students at Northwood University, Midland, who were recently recognized for individual and organizational involvement at Northwood and in the community. Local students honored were Krysta Timko, a sophomore from Cass City, who was named "Resident Assistant Programmer of the Year"; and Ryan King, a senior from Deford, who earned "Resident Assistant Leadership" honors.

Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Scott Murphy announce the engagement of their children, high school sweethearts Danielle V. Johnson and Deric S. Murphy. Danielle is employed at Marlette Regional Hospital and is awaiting her RN clinicals. Deric is employed through Fahrner Asphalt Sealer Company. They will be joined together as one in front of God, family and friends Oct. 15, 2011.

Chuck Emmert, former long-time preacher at the Novesta Church of Christ, now living in St. Johns, returned to the Thumb earlier this month to hunt for morels. He reports finding 188 mushrooms in his usual spots.

## 10 YEARS AGO (2006)

Aces again! Cass City's Frank Kelly, 84 years old, recorded his second career hole-in-one Monday at Mulligan's Irish Links. Both aces came on the course's #1 hole, which measures 85 yards.

The Cass City lady thinclads turned in their best performances of the season last week, claiming victory in a triangular meet in the Recreational Park with Reese and Sandusky and a solid showing at the Akron-Fairgrove Invitational. Jennica Richards, who won both the 100 and 300-meter hurdles, paced Cass City in the triangular meet win, while Ashley Weiss captured the 100-meter dash at the Akron-Fairgrove invite.

On the ball diamonds, Courtney Rabideau pitched the Hawks to a pair of victories over Marlette, combining for 13 strike outs. Jeff Stoutenburg anchored the Hawk defense, catching 6 games on 3 days' rest. Stoutenburg also led the Hawks' offense with 3 hits in a doubleheader against state ranked Saginaw Nouvel.

Chad Daniels has reason to sound confident – over the past 10 years he has turned Cass City's forensics and debate programs into a powerhouse among Michigan schools. His students have won hundreds of individual and tournament trophies. Daniels' resume includes back-to-back Michigan Class C state championships in 2002-03 and 2003-04. Two of his students – Leslie Hacker and Courtney Rabideau – have also won individual state titles. His success hasn't gone unnoticed. The Michigan Speech Coaches, Inc. (MSCI) will honor Daniels this weekend by inducting him into the MSCI Hall of Fame during the organization's annual conference on Mackinac Island.

## 25 YEARS AGO (1991)

A 102-foot well tower supported the drill shaft used in the recent search for black gold in Novesta Township. The process takes a driller, derrickman and 2 floormen who work to tighten a new section of pipe onto the shaft, a process the crew repeated every 30 feet of the 4,000-foot deep well.

Mrs. Grace Law, wife of Howard Law, formerly of Cass City, will celebrate her 98th birthday May 26. She is in a nursing home in Royal Oak. She has 3 children living and one deceased.

Colleen Whittaker of Royal Oak visited her parents, Ruth and Gerald Whittaker, over the weekend. Thursday evening she attended the 2nd birthday party of Tyler Whittaker, son of Dave and Tammie Whittaker.

Jean M. Weaver, daughter of Michael and Toby Weaver, Cass City, was among 6,400 University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, students to receive their degrees during the university's spring commencement ceremony May 4.

The Cass City Intermediate School's annual seventh and eighth

grade honors night Thursday climaxed with the awarding of the Principal's Award for "Most Outstanding Student of the Year." This year's recipient is eighth grader Leana Edwards, daughter of Linda Edwards, Cass City. Edwards was selected on the basis of 12 criteria ranging from all-around student to good citizenship to involvement in sports and class functions.

## 35 YEARS AGO (1981)

Big Mama — The first litter of "Chipper," an English springer spaniel owned by Mike Butcher, was a spectacular one. She gave birth May 3 to 16 puppies, one of which quickly died. An average litter is 4-8 pups. Mike, 17, is the son of Wayne and Martha Butcher of Vader Road, Unionville. Father of the purebred puppies was owned by Dave Luana of Cass City.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lowe of Snover honored their parents with a surprise 25th wedding anniversary open house, Sunday, at the home of their son, Ken. Robert Lowe and Wenola Helwig were married May 19, 1956, at the First Baptist church parsonage in Cass City. Their attendants were Mr. and Mrs. Russell Hillaker of Cass City. The couple has six children, Ed of Caro, Keri and Sharon of Cass City, and Al, Gary and Sally at home, and two grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Little of Cass City announce the engagement of their daughter, Sandy Lee, to Max Morrish, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Morrish of Cass City and Roberta Czarnecki of Hazel Park. Sandy is a student at Delta College studying nursing. A July 11 wedding is planned.

Peter Walpole, a sixth grader, is student of the week for the week of May 4 at Cass City Intermediate School. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Walpole of Cass City.

## 40 YEARS AGO (1976)

An era ended last week for Carl Wright and Cass City when the 65-year old cobbler repaired his last pair of shoes. He was the last shoe repairman in Cass City.

Hills and Dales General Hospital is tentatively scheduled to be one of four Thumb hospitals involved in a pilot project to determine whether a new state law regarding public drunkenness can work.

Maynard McConkey has announced he will seek a third term on the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hunt of Deford celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary at an open house May 1 given by their five children.

Serving of a noon meal on the first Thursday of each month at the Gageton United Methodist church is a tradition that dates back to about 1920. The church women who prepare the meals use the proceeds for various church projects.

Richard (Rick) Erla has graduated from Albion College with triple majors in history, anthropology and sociology and a minor in economics.

## 50 YEARS AGO (1966)

Mrs. John Beslock (Edna Colwell) of Ann Arbor came Tuesday to be an overnight guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. U. Brown.

Rev. and Mrs. George Getchel were in Lansing Thursday and Friday to attend the annual Michigan conference of Churches of Christ which was held in the Civic auditorium.

Mrs. Maud Blades visited her brother, Malcolm MacCrea, in Sacramento while she was in California.

Mrs. Fred Dhyse of Flint, Mrs. Franz Chisholm of Gageton and Mrs. Stanley Muntz were callers on Mrs. Milton Hoffman Friday. In the afternoon Mrs. Dhyse, Mrs. Muntz; and Mrs. Hoffman called on Mr. and Mrs. Joe Crawford.

Group I of the St. Pancratius Altar Society with captain Mrs. J. D. Tuckey and co-captain Mrs. Bernard Ross sponsored a card party at the St. Pancratius Social Hall May 11. Each table played a game of its choice. Prizes were won by Mrs. Jerold Little, Mrs. Robert Tuckey and Mrs. Roy Tuckey. Refreshments were served.

Ken Adderley, advertising consultant for Southeastern Michigan Gas Company, received an award for creative excellence in 1965 advertising. In the recent 1966 International Better Copy Contest sponsored by the Public Utilities Advertising Association, 2,965 entries were submitted by 1,665 gas, electric and

telephone companies throughout the nation. The advertisement competed in Class C (Utilities with 150,000 or less customers) and received third award in the single newspaper or magazine advertisement on any subject in two or more colors. The original advertisement appeared in the Port Huron Times Herald Sunday, November 28, and was also adapted for weekly newspapers including the Cass City Chronicle.

## 75 YEARS AGO (1941)

Dwight F. Turner of Cass City, who is an instructor at the Air Corps Technical School, Chanute Field, Illinois, was recently promoted to the non-commissioned officer grade of corporal by order of Colonel R. E. O'Neill, commanding officer of the post. Corporal Turner is one of 646 enlisted men of Chanute Field whose abilities and adherence to duty warranted this honor.

Two Cass City girls, both graduates of Cass City High School in 1940, have been honored recently with scholarships in two Michigan colleges. Kathleen Ross has been awarded a scholarship to Central State Teachers' College for 1941-42. According to Dr. E. C. Beck, head of the English department at Central State and chairman of the scholarships committee, any student applying for a scholarship has about a 20% chance of getting it. Miss Ross has been named by the committee as one of the scholarship winners. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Ross. Norinne Goodall, daughter of Mrs. A. E. Goodall, has been awarded a scholarship at Michigan State College. She is among 51 to receive scholarships because of 4-H Club honors and is cited for the award because of her success in a beef breeding project. In Sanilac County, Margaret Levitte of Crosswell received a scholarship in her canning activity and Edward Poole of Deckerville for his sheep project. Scholarships are approved by the State Board of Agriculture, governing body of Michigan State College. The grants for each total \$95. This includes \$50 applied on tuition for the freshman year.

A huge loaf of bread will be on display in Cass City Saturday, May 24, typical of the size Paul Bunyan, fabled man of the old Michigan lumber camp days, ate during one meal, after a strenuous day's work. This Paul Bunyan model of the staff of life will be baked on Saturday, at the store in one of the new Monarch combination ranges being featured in a week-long sale at the E. A. Wanner Appliance Store, and will be given away at the conclusion of the sale Saturday night. Two and one-half hours will be required to bake the leavened hulk. Choice of a 12-piece baking set or a 3-piece Chrome Aluminum Pyrex covered surface cooking set is being offered with each purchase of a range during the sale this week at Wanner's Appliance.

## 100 YEARS AGO (1916)

Class of seventeen, six boys and eleven girls, to receive diplomas. Class of 1916. Lulu I. Barnes, Elsie L. Barnes, Edna L. Brown, Lena L. Brown, M. Catherine Fritz, Beatrice L. Helwig, Arthur J. Hicks, Everett A. Higgins, Nelson L. Higgins, Gladys I. Hitchcock, Retta R. Hooper, Benoni Hutchinson, Flossie M. Koppelberger, Kathryn G. MacLarty, Harold W. Reeves, Roy J. Striffler and Adelaide Wallace. The graduating exercises of the Cass City High School will be held the week of June 18. On that evening, the baccalaureate sermon will be preached by the Rev. W. A. Gregory at the M. E. church.

Echo Chapter, O. E. S., installed officers for the coming year on Wednesday evening. Mrs. L. I. Wood, as Past Matron, acted as installing officer, assisted by Mrs. William Paul and Mrs. Richard Bayley. The new officers are W. M. Mrs. Evelyn Higgins; W. P. Waidley; A. M., Marion Read; Cond., Mrs. Belle West; A. Cond., Mrs. Edith Champion; Sec'y., Mrs. Dora Fritz; Treas., Mrs. Belle Knapp; Chaplain, Mrs. Eliza Schwaderer; Ada, Mrs. Elizabeth Pinney; Ruth, Mrs. Emily McKim; Esther, Mrs. Grace Fritz; Martha, Mrs. Zora Day; Elects, Mrs. Sarah Caldwell; pianist, Mrs. Della Bardwell; Warder, Mrs. Charles Hall; Sentinel, N. Gable. The Past Matron gave a very interesting and instructive paper on the origin of the society and after the business of the evening had been completed, Mrs. L. I. Wood, the retiring matron, furnished refreshments for the company.

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## Culprit confesses at Kingston Elementary

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and law enforcement will take the appropriate steps moving forward to resolve this issue."

Drake also assured parents that the "safety of our students is our number one priority. All threats to our school or students are taken seriously and investigated thoroughly. I urge you to speak with your child regarding this issue and emphasize the serious nature of such threats, even if they are intended as jokes. Please encourage your child to let a teacher or administrator know if a situation exists which could ever place them and others in danger."

School officials had said a \$300 cash reward was being offered for information related to the person responsible for leaving what Drake described as a "general threat" in a common area at the elementary school May 9. A parent discovered the threat about five minutes before students were scheduled to be dismissed for the day.

"The parent reported the threat to the office, and the emergency plan was enacted by (the) building principal," Drake stated. "All students were secured in classrooms and the building exterior, as always, remained locked down and secure. Law enforcement arrived promptly and directed the scene. Ross Street (Kingston Road) was closed by the Kingston Fire Department to control access."

"Prior to student dismissal a walk through was conducted by the police

and Mr. Diegel," Drake noted. "Having seen nothing out of place or suspicious, students were dismissed through a single secure exit to their waiting bus or to a parent/guardian. Students were required to leave all backpacks, lunch boxes, folders, etc., and they were not allowed to go to their lockers prior to dismissal. Once the students had left the building, the K-9 unit was brought into the school to do a thorough search of all areas."

Drake said Thursday that the police officer hired by the district this month will work a varied schedule, providing a presence in school buildings through the end of this school year.

District officials previously implemented a lockdown Jan. 20 after a student discovered a "general mass threat" written on a bathroom stall at the high school. A search by police and a K9 unit turned up nothing. Just a few days later, on Jan. 26, Drake reported a second suspicious situation involving a "questionable message" discovered in a bathroom. However, that school day was not interrupted after law enforcement officials concluded there was no threat to the safety of students or staff.

Kingston hasn't been alone in being forced to deal with largely ambiguous written threats resulting in building lockdowns this year. Both the Laker and Cass City school districts reported similar incidents.

A more frightening situation took

place at Mayville High School, where officials 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 arrested a 16-year-old Mayville student armed with a loaded handgun and several knives on school property.

The youth remains in custody at a juvenile detention facility, charged with two counts each of carrying a concealed weapon, carrying a dangerous weapon with unlawful intent, and possession of a weapon in a school zone, as well as possession of a weapon in the commission of a felony and possession of marijuana.

Law enforcement officials, prosecutors and school officials throughout the Thumb continue to urge students to utilize Michigan's OK2SAY program if they have information related to any threat of violence.

The project uses a comprehensive communication system to facilitate tip sharing among students, parents, school personnel, community mental health service programs, and Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) and law enforcement officials.

OK2SAY enables students to confidentially report information related to potential harm or criminal activities directed at students, school employees and schools by calling 8-555-OK2SAY (855-565-2729), texting 652729 (OK2SAY), or via email at OK2SAY@mi.gov.

## Dispatcher honored for utilizing Smart911Chat

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eight months. "In an emergency, every second counts and we're thankful we have tools like Smart911 to save time and save lives."

Smart911 allows citizens to create a safety profile for their household that includes any information they want 911 and response teams to have in the event of an emergency.

When a citizen makes an emergency call, their safety profile is automatically displayed to the 911 call-taker, allowing them to send the

right response teams to the right location with the right information. With Smart911, responders can be aware of many details they would not have known previously. For example, fire crews can arrive at a house fire knowing how many people live in the home and the location of bedrooms, EMS can be advised of allergies or specific medical conditions, and police can have the photo of a missing child in seconds rather than hours.

"We implemented Smart911 in Tuscola County less than a month ago, knowing it would save lives,"

Nielsen said. "The addition of the Smart911Chat feature has better equipped our dispatchers to rescue those who aren't able to safely communicate over the phone."

Residents are encouraged to create their Safety Profile with Smart911 at [www.smart911.com](http://www.smart911.com) (<http://www.smart911.com/green>) to have their information immediately available to 911 in an emergency. Smart911 data is private and secure, is only used for emergency responses and available to the 911 system in the event of an emergency call.

## Cass City named a bronze medal high school

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used to evaluate schools at this scale. The 6,218 high schools to receive national recognition from U.S. News — including Cass City — graduated their students at rates that are 15 percent higher, on average, than other schools across the country.

"A high school education is imperative for success in both college and a career, and a school's graduation rate is a key indicator of whether students are being effectively prepared for both paths," Anita Narayan, managing editor of education at U.S. News, stated in a news release. "The 2016 Best High Schools Rankings provide students and parents with data-driven information on public schools to help them make better-informed decisions about their education."

The Best High Schools Rankings were based on several factors, including enrollment, graduation rates, diversity, participation in free and reduced-price lunch programs, and the results of state assessments and advanced placement scores.

U.S. News recognizes high schools with gold, silver and bronze medals, with gold medals indicating the greatest level of college readiness. Maryland, Connecticut and California are the states with the highest percentage of top-performing schools that received gold and silver medals.

Michigan ranked 28th overall nationally. Among 850 high schools in 611 districts in the state — with a combined 25,102 teachers and near-

ly 506,500 students — seven high schools earned gold medals, while 93 received silver medals and 159, bronze medals.

In the Thumb, Frankenmuth High School and Marlette Junior-Senior High School were named among the silver medal recipients. Receiving bronze medals, in addition to Cass City, were Kingston, Brown City, Carsonville—Port Sanilac, Harbor Beach, Millington, Sandusky and Unionville-Sebewaing high schools.

The U.S. News report lists Cass City as having 479 students and a full-time teaching staff of 25 in grades seven through 12, based on 2013-14 school year data. The report notes about 55 percent of students are considered "economically disadvantaged", but the local district boasts a graduation rate of 87 per-

cent. Cass City Junior-Senior High School has been named a U.S. News bronze medal school in previous years, and the district has received positive marks in a number of other regional and state reports measuring public school achievement.

"We seem to be on everybody's list, which is a good thing," Cass City Junior-Senior High School Principal Chad Daniels commented.

"We don't have to be first (in the rankings), but I want to be in the race, and no matter what venue you're talking about, we're in the race," Daniels said. "The way I look at it, there's a (number of) schools that weren't on that list."

"Any time the staff or students get recognized, I think it's a good thing," he added.

## Autism awareness a priority

Autism Awareness Month has come to a close, but state health officials say efforts to boost awareness and improve services for those diagnosed with Autism — which affects in one in 68 children — will continue throughout the year.

"Here in Michigan, we're working to go further than awareness to create a more inclusive world," Lt. Gov. Brian Calley said. "My family and I became involved in autism awareness efforts to help give our daughter, and all Michigan kids with autism, the same opportunities other children have. We continue the critically important work to ensure that all talented individuals living with autism have an opportunity to reach their hopes and dreams."

Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) affects many young people. In Michigan's public schools, 18,000 students were eligible for ASD services in school during the last academic year.

Early this year, Michigan Medicaid began allowing for the provision of Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) services for individuals diagnosed with ASD up to age 21. There are now 1,985 individuals diagnosed with ASD in Michigan receiving these services through Medicaid; of those, 558 individuals are ages six and older and became eligible for services under the recently enacted policy.

"This policy makes it possible for more Michigan families to benefit from ABA services," Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Director Nick Lyon said. "We remain committed to extending the reach of screening, preventive care, and treatment to help ensure families have the tools they need to succeed."

To help universities increase services to those with autism, MDHHS recently awarded contracts to seven universities: Central Michigan University, Eastern Michigan University, Michigan State University, Oakland University, University of Michigan-Dearborn, Wayne State University and Western Michigan University. The goals of these contracts include increasing the number of physicians and medical students trained in screening for ASD, expanding the number of providers to evaluate and treat those with autism, and increasing the number of professionals providing ABA services in Michigan.

ASD, often referred to as autism, is a complex neurodevelopmental disorder characterized by repetitive patterns of behavior and impairments related to social interaction and communication. Symptoms of ASD typically become prevalent during the first few years of life and can sometimes be detected prior to 18 months of age.

Early screening and intervention is vital for children who may have ASD. While autism varies with each child in severity and presentation, there are common core symptoms. ABA intervention services focus on the use of evidence-based practices to improve socially significant behavior and help individuals lead more independent lives.

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**Zinnecker pens third novel**

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after I graduated. Zinnecker also attributes his success to Frank Weatherhead, his journalism teacher in Cass City.

"I was the only boy in the Journalism class — not a bad deal for a teen aged boy," he joked. "Mr. Weatherhead taught me the nuances of being a reporter. He drilled into me the need to get the "Who", "What", "Why", "Where", "When" and "How" of the story. He also pointed out that a good reporter doesn't become part of the story. I think that advice would be good for some of today's news people.

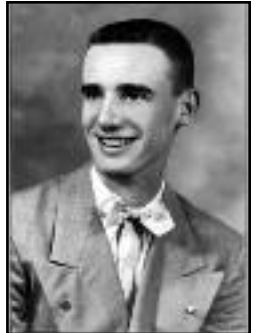
"He also showed me how to put a newspaper together, a skill I still use today," Zinnecker continued. "I am the editor of the CONTEL Newsletter, a quarterly that goes out to the former employees of the CONTEL Corporation, which ceased to exist in 1991. We still have our own web site, newsletter and a club of over 500 'Ex-Cons' who continue to feel that the company we worked for was the greatest that ever existed."

In addition to the news of what is going on in people's lives and various historical articles about the telecommunications business, Zinnecker said the newsletter includes a little bit of humor along with his own column entitled "Bob's Beat".

When he graduated from Cass City High School, one of Zinnecker's classmates, Gary Cummings, whose father worked for the Bay City Times, said his father might be able to get him a job at the paper.

"That didn't work out and I got a job in the mail room of the paper instead," said Zinnecker, who noted a Bay City Times reporter is one of the characters in all three of his novels.

"I went to school at Northeastern School of Commerce in Bay City and studied accounting. That led me into business and ultimately into the telephone — now telecommunications — business. I eventually became a "turn around man" for CONTEL. I was sent to lead operations that were failing with the expectation that I would 'turn them around'. One of the characters in the latest novel does that, too," he said.



Zinnecker circa 1955

When CONTEL was acquired in 1991, Zinnecker became president of the New York State Telecommunications Association and found his writing skills were critical to making presentations on issues facing the industry in both Albany, N.Y., and Washington, D.C.

"Along the way, I continued to write," he said. "I read all six of Winston Churchill's books giving an account of the Second World War and saw how Churchill used his ability to communicate both orally and in writing to shape events around him. I tried to do that in my role as an executive. I also wrote articles for business and religious magazines and periodicals.

"When I retired in 1998, I opened a consulting business offering practical management assistance to small businesses. I used my writing skills to summarize plans for companies seeking to set their vision and mission and develop strategies and operational plans to achieve their mission," Zinnecker explained.

"At about that time, I wrote a book for my grandchildren entitled 'The Legacy of a Farm Boy'. It described what it was like to grow up on a farm in the 1940's and 1950's. It was for my family only and not for public consumption. However, several people outside the family read it and thought it was well done," he added.

Zinnecker also penned a trio of baseball oriented books for members of his family based on his oldest son's first baseball game in St. Louis in 1967, the 1950 Philadelphia Phillies "Whiz Kids", and a third on the Detroit Tigers for his brother. "In writing them, I tried to tie events of the day to the players and then to what is important in life today.

"I suppose everyone says at one time or another, 'I could write a book' about what they have seen or experienced over their lifetime," acknowledged Zinnecker, who began to write his first novel, "Acquisition", in 2008.

"I based a lot of the characters on people I had known in my career and placed the action in my home town which I renamed "Farnsworth," he said. "I tried to tell an interesting story with a message that might touch someone's life. The main idea was that we acquire many things in life but there is only one really important acquisition and that is faith in God through the acceptance of Jesus Christ and turning one's life over to Him."

The response to the book, published in 2011, was good, and a number of Zinnecker's readers urged him to write another.

"Several of them wanted me to 'give the hero a love-life'. So, in 2012, I began to write a sequel in which the main character seeks to make a more permanent commitment to his faith, the woman who comes to love him and his company. The response to that book was also good and, again, my readers wanted another book," Zinnecker said.

Which led him to begin work on "The Investment". "I hope that 'The Investment' will show a man struggling to keep his faith in the face of overwhelming events that seek to pull him down. I hope that the story of how he handles these situations will give my readers hope when they experience similar trials in their own lives," he said.

"The whole writing/publishing experience has given a new dimension to my life post-retirement. The process of creating, revising, editing, re-writing, accepting criticism and marketing my work is all new and, at various times, both satisfying and challenging."

Zinnecker added, "The drudgery of getting the manuscript "fine tuned" is more than compensated for when you see the finished work in the hands of someone who says it touched their life. God has blessed me with that experience."

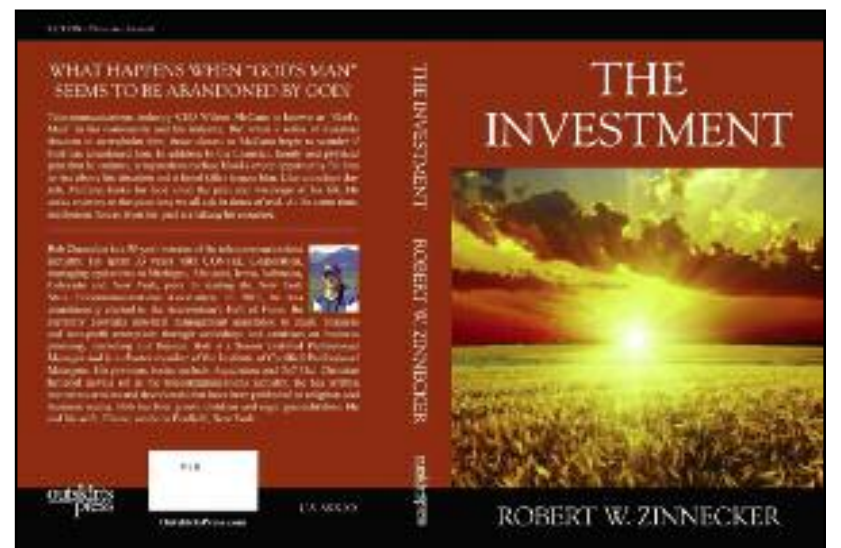


**Vets boost youth scouting program**

VFW POST 3644 officials recently applied for and received \$1,000 in funding from the National VFW Foundation to boost a local youth program. The local VFW membership, represented above by post Commander Joe Merchant (far left) presented the money to Boy Scout Troop 594, Cass City, for its food drive projects. Also pictured are (from left) Peyton Bock, Scoutmaster Ed Nizzola, Cordell Pritch, Gunnar Koon, Eddie Nizzola and Travis Albrecht.



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ZINNECKER'S third novel is entitled "The Investment".

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SEVERAL of the area's top track programs were on hand Friday at the 15-school Hatchet Invitational. Above, Ubly's Haili Gusa chases Sophee Robinson, Reese, during the 800 Meter Run, in the center, Cass City's Victoria Mathewson is off to a good start during the 4x200 relay, while, at the right, Kington's Brian Hobson gives it his all in the long jump.

## Area track teams head to regionals

by Clarke Haire  
Publisher

The preliminaries are over and the stage is set for the Cass City Red Hawk track team.

After several dominating showings throughout the season, Coach Jon Zdrojewski's thinclads will enter this week's Greater Thumb West League Meet as the team to beat for conference honors, while the Red Hawks look to capture the school's first title since 2009 at Unionville-Sebewaing Area Schools.

Following Tuesday's League Meet, Cass City travels to Bad Axe Saturday to compete in Division 3 Regional action.

"I've ran the numbers," Zdrojewski said, indicating he believes Cass City will be in the hunt for the regional championship over the weekend.

However, Zdrojewski will need a complete team roster to be successful in the final week of the regular season. In the Red Hawks' most recent tune-up - Friday at Bad Axe - several top performers were missing for Zdrojewski and the team standings reflected their absence.

"As a result of the STEM Class going to Cedar Point for their Engineering Day and a behind-the-scenes look at the rides followed by a day of fun at the park, we were missing Bransen Stimpfel, CarLee Stimpfel, Jose Torres, Sawyer

Cuthrell, Bradley Hacker and Shaede Perzanowski," he said.

Frankenmuth held off Marlette 135-110 for top billing at the 15-team invite, while Birch Run was third with 75.5 points. Schools closer to home had Ubly in sixth place with 38 points, Cass City in seventh place with 34 and Kington came in 15th with 7 points.

For the Red Hawks, senior Keith Lounsbury recorded the team's top individual finish with a second place effort in the 800 Meter Run (2:07.63). Senior Parker Haire was a multiple point winner for Cass City with a third place effort in the long jump (18' 11.25"), a fourth place in the 110 Meter Hurdles (16:50) and a sixth place in the 300 Meter Hurdles (44:17).

Sophomore Zane Wright had a big day for Cass City, finishing seventh in the 800 Meter Run (2:14.84) and eighth in the 1,600 Meter Run

(4:58.26). Wright also ran a leg on the 3,200 Meter Relay - along with Lounsbury, Race Woloshen and Gabe Farver - that finished in fifth place with a time of 9:11.40.

Completing the list of point winners for Cass City was Darren Miller, who placed 4th place in the Pole Vault (12' 6").

"The team was short-handed, so the freshmen and sophomores had a chance to step up to get a taste of the competition for next year. I was pleased with the performances from these athletes as they prepare to take over the reins of leadership on the track team next year," Zdrojewski said.

For the Bearcats, individually, Alex Grika placed second in the 3,200 Meter Run (10:19.70) and fourth in the 1,600 Meter Run (4:48.93), while Cole Maikrzek was seventh in the 400 Meter Dash with a time of 55.35. Success for the Bearcats also came in

the 3,200 Meter Relay team of Aaron Hund, Nicholas Swanson, Alex Grika and Evan Franzel, who finished second with a time of 9:09.86, while the 400 Meter Relay team of Daniel Rutkowski, Jonathon Brandel, Gregory Keller and Maikrzek placed fifth with a time of 47.92 and the 1,600 Meter Relay team of James Weber, Ethan Hund, Rutkowski and Maikrzek placed fifth with a time of 3:51.65.

For the Cardinals, freshman Aric Hobson was fourth in the 300 Meter Hurdles (42.59) and William Webster was eighth in the Shot Put (42' 8.5").

Turning to the girls' side, Reese won team honors with 131 points, while Frankenmuth was runner-up with 115 points. Finishing a distant third was Marlette with 64.

Ubly tallied 38 points to place ninth. Haili Gusa was the Bearcat's lone winner with a winning time of

12:16 in the 3,200 Meter Run. Gusa also placed third in the 1,600 Meter Run with a time of 5:39, while Janelle White was third in the 800 Meter Run (2:34.59) and Bridgette Vogel, with a time of 18.07, was eighth in the 100 Meter Hurdles.

In the 4x100 relay, Bearcats Madison Glaza, Vogel, Madison Brown and Darian Gross placed fifth (56.65) and the 4x400 relay team of Brown, Peyton McLellan, Gusa and White were third to cross the tape in the 4x400 relay with a time of 4:34.11. In the 4x800 relay, the same foursome - Brown, McLellan, Gusa and White - took fourth place honors in the 4x800 relay.

For the Cardinals, who finished in 11th place with 25 points, Kali Powell was second in the 100 and 200 meter dashes with time of 13.11 and 27.72, respectively. Kington also took fourth in the 4x100 Meter Relay, where Camryn MacGuire, Emily Murdoch, Hailey Kowalski and Powell circled the track in 56.46, while the 4x200 relay team took sixth with a time of 1:58.53. Running legs for the Cardinals were MacGuire, Emily Warrington, Lily Lyons and Powell, who were clocked in 1:58.53.

For Cass City, the 400 Meter Relay team of Victoria Cumper, Victoria Mathewson, Brittany Stilson and Hailey Schmotzer grabbed eighth place for the Lady Red Hawks' only point on the day.

### MHSAA AREA REGIONAL TRACK DATES AND SITES

Friday, May 20 - Division 4 at Brown City

Friday, May 20 - Division 4 at Breckenridge

Saturday, May 21 - Division 3 at Bad Axe

## Ross displays power in GTW defeat

Bailee Ross hit a pair of home runs for Cass City, but it wouldn't be enough to lift the Lady Red Hawks past visiting Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port

Monday in the opening game of the final Greater Thumb West (GTW) double header for both schools.

Ross put the hosts on top 3-2 in the

third inning with her first homers, a 2-run shot high into the safety net behind the left center fence. The lead, however, was short-lived as the Lakers battled back to take a 6-4 edge into the seventh inning.

Brianna Mester led off the final frame with a single for Cass City, but was called out for making contact with the ball out of the batter's box. Still, the Red Hawks continued to fight and Ross' second homer on the night closed the gap to 6-5, which held up for the final tally.

Jenna Smith handled the mound work for the winners. She allowed 11 hits and fanned eight.

Macy Dickinson went the distance for Cass City on the hill. She suffered the defeat after surrendering six hits and striking out one.

In the nightcap, Cass City prevented a sweep with a 5-1 victory.

Sayge Cuthrell toed the rubber for the hosts and was awarded the win. She allowed eight hits, whiffed five, and didn't issue a walk.

"Sayge took care of business on the mound," preached Coach John Hacker. "She had a tough game in the opener and I told her even the best players have their struggles. Sayge responded how you'd expect your best player should."

Cuthrell helped her own cause at the plate with a double and single, while Mester added two singles for the winners, who finished third in the final GTW standings.

#### HARBOR BEACH

On Thursday, Cass City posted a pair of Greater Thumb Conference crossover wins at Harbor Beach, 13-1 and 12-7.

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RED HAWK Logan Schenk slides safely into third base during their Greater Thumb West finale Monday with the Lakers.

## Lakers sweep host CC

A long and disappointing season for the Cass City Red Hawk baseball team continued Monday as visiting Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port recorded mercy rule wins of 15-5 and 14-2 in Greater Thumb West (GTW) play.

The Laker victories put Cass City into the record books without a victory in the GTW in 2016. The Red

Hawks have also struggled in Greater Thumb Conference crossover games during the year, most recently in Harbor Beach, where the Pirates picked up a 7-6 win in game one, before game two was called due to inclement weather

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CASS CITY sophomore Bailee Ross gave Coach John Hacker, left, plenty to celebrate Monday, including a pair of home runs in the opener against Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port.

# Harbor Beach and Vassar earn wins

# Hawks trade decisions

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 in the second inning.  
 Harbor Beach scored 2 runs in the first inning and added three more runs in the second.  
 Cass City battled back with three runs in the 5th and two runs in the 6th, but couldn't overtake their hosts.

For Cass City, Luke Stern had three RBIs in vain.  
 For Harbor Beach, James Schelke and Tavis Hanson had RBIs for the winners.

**VASSAR**  
 Earlier in the week, the Vulcans posted wins of 9-6 and 5-2 over vis-

iting Cass City.  
 Logan Amend enjoyed a big day for the winners with two hits, two runs scored and two RBIs in the early game, while Caleb Weisenberger punched three safeties in the late game.  
 Brent Baker led Cass City at the plate with three hits.

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 In game one, Cass City actually trailed 1-0 early, before plating five runs in the third to take control.  
 At the plate, Baylee Murphy had a triple, which Cuthrell, Ross and Lauren Dickinson each added doubles for the visitors.  
 Dickinson gave up three hits to collect the complete game win. She worked five innings and didn't allow an earned run, striking out 3.  
 Caitlin Brown had an RBI single to pace Harbor Beach.  
 Game two, saw Cass City score eight markers in the first inning and hold on for the 12-7 decision.  
 Ross collected the victory on the bump for the visitors. She walked four and struck out four.  
 Cuthrell hit a triple and Riley Klein and Mester each had doubles to led

Cass City's 11-hit attack.  
**VASSAR**  
 On Tuesday, Cass City got the better of host Vassar with GTW victories of 8-0 and 11-5.  
 Dickinson tossed a complete game shutout for the visitors and was awarded the win, scattering three hits and striking out nine.  
 Kelly DeLong led the Cass City offense with two hits and three RBIs.  
 In game two, Cass City trailed 5-3 early, but rallied to complete the sweep.  
 Ross struck out nine to pick up the victory on the mound.  
 DeLong remained hot at the plate in the late game and collect three hits, including a 2-bagger for the Lady Red Hawks.

# Bulldogs struggle at the plate in losses

Owen-Gage failed to score against host Bay City All Saints and suffered losses of 4-0 and 13-0.  
 In game one, Bulldog ace Jacob Wright went the distance and was tagged with the defeat. He worked six innings and allowed three hits, while striking out 13.

At the plate, Wright and Dan Good collected the only hits for Owen-Gage.  
 "Nicely played game with a few errors," said Owen-Gage Coach Brian Wright. "We need to hit the ball better."  
 In game two, seven runs in the sev-

enth innings helped result in the 13-0 decision.  
 David Binder yielded two hits and whiffed three in defeat.  
 "We played a decent game with too many errors and not enough hits," Wright said.

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Monday Night League

**Championship Flight**

|                   |    |
|-------------------|----|
| Tony Nika         | 31 |
| Dieter Roth       | 29 |
| Ryan Lowman       | 27 |
| Scott Adams       | 15 |
| Mike Lowe         | 13 |
| Brad Langenburg   | 12 |
| Chris Clifton     | 12 |
| Nick Bliss        | 11 |
| Don Ouvry         | 10 |
| <b>1st Flight</b> |    |
| Jon Zdrojewski    | 27 |
| Jim Hobbs         | 24 |
| Dan Caister       | 23 |
| David Allen       | 22 |
| Larry Robinson    | 18 |
| Harold McAlpine   | 6  |

**2nd Flight**

|                   |    |
|-------------------|----|
| Daryl Iwankovitch | 28 |
| George Batty      | 25 |
| Paul Regnerus     | 21 |
| David House       | 21 |
| Jacob Boynton     | 15 |
| David Block       | 10 |

Wednesday Night Early League

|                   |    |
|-------------------|----|
| Alexander/Spencer | 30 |
| Iwankovitch/Block | 30 |
| Hendrick/Veggian  | 29 |
| Berwick/Young     | 24 |
| Wallace/Warner    | 23 |
| Biefer/Hoard      | 23 |
| Tate/Wiseman      | 21 |
| Craig/Knight      | 19 |
| Irrer/Dillon      | 18 |
| Hobbs/Meck        | 17 |
| Caister/Burns     | 17 |
| Herron Fox        | 17 |
| Jones/Marshall    | 13 |
| Mastie/Robinson   | 11 |
| Bolton/Thompson   | 11 |
| McAlpine/Mosher   | 5  |

Wednesday Night Late League

|                       |    |
|-----------------------|----|
| Division 1:           |    |
| Langenburg/Langenburg | 31 |
| Davis/Lowe            | 30 |
| Hartel/Brown          | 24 |
| Lowman/Tamlyn         | 23 |
| Hacker/Nika           | 20 |
| Bitzer/Curtis         | 20 |
| Osentoski/Wallace     | 20 |
| Ulfig/Ulfig           | 19 |
| Richards/Bitzer       | 17 |
| Hillaker/Murphy       | 14 |
| Doerr/Haire           | 12 |

Division 2:

|                       |    |
|-----------------------|----|
| Wallace/Wallace       | 36 |
| Sommerville/Tomlinson | 33 |
| Halasz/Ahleman        | 29 |
| Brinkman/deBeaubien   | 27 |
| Peters/Brown          | 23 |
| Andersen/LeMarr       | 21 |
| LeValley/Krol         | 19 |
| Schinnerer/Dillon     | 19 |

|                       |    |
|-----------------------|----|
| Koch/McNeil           | 17 |
| Cotton/Israelson      | 16 |
| Martin/Stern          | 15 |
| Priesskorn/Repshinska | 15 |

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## Schneeberger's

### ATHLETE of the WEEK



Cass City freshman Brianna Mester is Schneeberger's choice for their Athlete of the Week award recipient. The Red Hawk infielder has been a pleasant surprise for Coach John Hacker in her maiden varsity season.

"Brianna can play every infield position. She has come a long way since the beginning of the season. She can hit on either side of the plate and she can drag a bunt," Hacker said.

Mester enjoyed a banner week at the plate last week during doubleheader sweeps over Vassar and Harbor Beach.

Against the Vulcans, Mester recorded two hits, an RBI, and scored two runs to help the visitors to an 11-5 win in Tuesday's nightcap. She then belted three hits and scored two runs on Thursday against host Harbor Beach, where Cass City picked up non-conference victories of 13-1 and 12-7.

Brianna is the daughter of Jason and Amanda Mester.

**Brianna Mester**

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

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## BOYS' BASEBALL

| DATE     | OPPONENT                                |
|----------|---|
| 4/14     | <b>Ubly 5, CC 3; Ubly 9, CC 7</b>       |
| 4/16     | Caro 5, CC 4; Ubly 9, CC 8              |
| 4/18     | <b>Bad Axe 4, CC 0; BA 10, CC 0</b>     |
| 4/20     | North Branch 6, CC 1; NB 5, CC 0        |
| 4/25     | USA 10, CC 0; USA 4, CC 4               |
| 4/28     | Marlette 3, CC 2; CC 4, Marlette 0      |
| 5/2      | <b>Reese 6, CC 2; Reese 13, CC 4</b>    |
| 5/5      | <b>Memphis 17, CC 3; Mem. 11, CC 7</b>  |
| 5/10     | Vassar 9, CC 6; Vassar 5, CC 2          |
| 5/12     | Harbor Beach 7, CC 6; HB 1, CC 0        |
| 5/16     | <b>Lakers 14, CC 2; Lakers 15, CC 5</b> |
| 5/26     | Capac                                   |
| 5/31-6/4 | Districts                               |

**Home games in bold**

Games begin at 4 p.m.



## GIRLS' SOFTBALL

| DATE     | OPPONENT                              |
|----------|---------------------------------------|
| 4/14     | <b>Ubly 3, CC 7; CC 4, Ubly 2</b>     |
| 4/16     | Caro 5, CC 4; CC 13 Marlette 3        |
| 4/18     | <b>CC 2, Bad Axe 1; CC 12, BA 0</b>   |
| 4/20     | North Branch 9, CC 0; NB 14, CC 0     |
| 4/25     | USA 10, CC 0; USA 9, CC 1             |
| 4/28     | CC 11, Marlette 1; CC 12; M 1         |
| 5/2      | <b>Reese 14, CC 2; Reese 13, CC 3</b> |
| 5/5      | <b>Memphis 8, CC 1; CC 10, Mem 3</b>  |
| 5/10     | Vassar 8, CC 0; CC 11, Vassar 5       |
| 5/12     | CC 13, Harbor Beach 1; CC 12, HB 7    |
| 5/16     | <b>Lakers 6, CC 5; CC 5, Lakers 1</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>         | 4:30 p.m.        |
| 4/15 | Brown City Invite                   | 4:00 p.m.        |
| 4/19 | <b>Brown City/Harbor Beach/Ubly</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  | Ubly 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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High School - \$5.00  
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## GOLF

| DATE    | OPPONENT                        | TIME             |
|---------|---------------------------------|------------------|
| 4/11    | Millington                      | 1:00 p.m.        |
| 4/12    | Ubly                            | 4:00 p.m.        |
| 4/20    | GTC Jamboree @ Vassar           | 3:30 p.m.        |
| 4/21    | GTC Jamboree @ USA              | 4:00 p.m.        |
| 4/22    | Ubly 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             |
|------|--------------------------------|------------------|
| 5/4  | <b>Vassar/USA/Lakers/Reese</b> | 4:30 p.m.        |
| 5/9  | <b>Bad Axe/Reese/Vassar</b>    | 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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**MORTGAGE SALE – Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Raymond H. Foshee, Jr. aka Raymond Foshee, a single man to BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Mortgagee, dated March 27, 2002 and recorded April 16, 2002 in Liber 874 Page 347 Tuscola County Records, Michigan on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Four Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty-Nine Dollars and Nineteen Cents (\$44,829.19) including interest 6.875% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, Circuit Court of Tuscola County at 10:00AM on May 26, 2016 Said premises are situated in Township of Vassar, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at a point that is North 230.1 feet from the Southeast corner of Section 12, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, Vassar Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, thence North 410.87 feet; thence North 82 degrees 49 minutes 46 seconds West 169.77 feet; thence South 00 degrees 11 minutes 50 seconds West 410.7 feet; thence South 82 degrees 49 minutes 46 seconds East 171.20 feet to the point of beginning.**

**Right of Way for Washburn Road over the Easterly side thereof. Commonly known as 4950 Washburn Road, Vassar MI 48768 The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later; or unless MCL 600.3240(17) applies. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.**

Dated: 4/27/2016  
BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.  
Mortgage Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C.  
811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307  
(248) 844-5123  
Our File No: 16-36345

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**MORTGAGE SALE – Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Robert C. Milot and Wendy Milot, Husband and Wife to American General Financial Services (DE), Inc., Mortgagee, dated April 22, 2004 and recorded May 3, 2004 in Liber 990 Page 1227 and modified by agreement dated September 1, 2013 and recorded October 16, 2013 in Liber 1294 Page 374 Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned through mesne assignments to: U.S. Bank National Association as Indenture Trustee for CIM Trust 2015-3AG Mortgage-Backed Notes, Series 2015-3AG by assignment dated April 11, 2016 and subsequently recorded in Tuscola County Records on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Nine Thousand Thirty-Eight Dollars and Sixteen Cents (\$129,038.16) including interest 1.571% per annum.**

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, Circuit Court of Tuscola County at 10:00AM on May 26, 2016 Said premises are situated in Township of Watertown, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Part of the Southeast one-quarter of section 13, town 10 North, range 9 East, described as: Commencing at the Southeast corner of section 13; thence North 0 degrees 25 minutes 55 seconds East, 990.0 feet along the East section line to the point of beginning for this description; thence continuing along said East section line, North 0 degrees 25 minutes 55 seconds East, 330.0 feet; thence South 89 degrees 58 minutes 25 seconds West, 674.26 feet; thence South 0 degrees 11 minutes 40 seconds West, 330.5 feet; thence North 89 degrees 55 minutes 50 seconds East, 672.9 feet to the point of beginning.

Commonly known as 8601 Willits Rd, Mayville MI 48744 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later; or unless MCL 600.3240(17) applies. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of

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

Dated: 4/27/2016  
U.S. Bank National Association as Indenture Trustee for CIM Trust 2015-3AG Mortgage-Backed Notes, Series 2015-3AG  
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**MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Lonnie G Stark, A Married Man And Carrie M Stark, His Wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mac-Clair Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated March 21, 2005, and recorded on March 22, 2005 in Liber 1031 on Page 1406, and assigned by said Mortgagee to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-Four Thousand One Hundred Seventeen and 84/100 Dollars (\$34,117.84).**

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on May 26, 2016.

Said premises are situated in Village of Gagetonw, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Land situated in the Village of Gagetonw, Tuscola County, Michigan, Described as: Lot 7 and the East 13 feet of Lot 6, Block 1 of WM. Cleavers Addition to the Plat of the Village of Gagetonw as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 49, 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: April 27, 2016  
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**MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Monty Burns and Joann K Burns husband and wife as tenants by the entirety, original mortgagor(s), to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Mortgagee, dated March 23, 2012, and recorded on April 5, 2012 in Liber 1244 on Page 953, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Forty-Nine Thousand Two Hundred Fifty-Two and 48/100 Dollars (\$249,252.48).** Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on June 2, 2016.

Said premises are situated in Township of Millington, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: The East 1890 feet of the North 678 feet of North 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 Section 7, Town 10 North, Range 8 East.

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

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Dated: May 4, 2016  
For more information, please call:  
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**MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Patricia Spanke, a single woman, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated September 15, 2006, and recorded on July 17, 2007 in Liber 1125 on Page 120, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for First Franklin Mortgage Loan Trust 2006-FF16, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-FF16 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-One Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-Nine and 94/100 Dollars (\$41,999.94).**

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on June 2, 2016.

Said premises are situated in Village of Mayville, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 7, Block 4 of William Turner's Second Addition to the Village of Mayville, according to the recorded Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 19, now being Page 30A of Tuscola County Records.

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

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Dated: May 4, 2016  
For more information, please call:  
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**MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by David M. Kuczynski and Ava L. Kuczynski, Husband and Wife, original mortgagor(s), to First Central Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated November 5, 1993, and recorded on November 15, 1993 in Liber 649 on Page 1320, 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 Thirty-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-Two and 58/100 Dollars (\$33,862.58).**

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on June 2, 2016.

Said premises are situated in Township of Vassar, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: A Parcel of Land in the Fractional Northwest 1/4 of Fractional Section 8, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, Described as Follows: Commencing on the North Line of said Section 8 at a Point 323.00 feet, North 90 Degrees 00 minutes 00 Seconds East, of the Northwest Corner of Said Section 8; Thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, on Said North Section Line, 237.00 feet; thence South 00 Degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, Perpendicular to said North Section Line, 320.38 feet; thence North 78 Degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, 242.29 feet; thence north 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds east, perpendicular to said north section line, 270.00 feet to a 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: May 4, 2016  
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Attorneys For Servicer  
31440 Northwestern Hwy Ste. 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-5422  
File #267093F03

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**AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTIFY US AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.**

**MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Teresa Essa , a single woman, Mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., (MERS), as nominee for Flagstar Bank, FSB, Mortgagee, dated the 28th day of September, 2007 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for The County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 23rd day of October, 2007 in Liber 1133 of Tuscola County Records, page 97, said Mortgage having been assigned to Green Tree Servicing LLC on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Three Hundred Thirty Eight Thousand Sixty Seven & 90/100 (\$363,010.14), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof.**

Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 9th day of June, 2016 at 10:00 AM o'clock Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in Village of Caro, Tuscola City MI (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Tuscola is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 7.125 per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises.

Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land, including any and all structures, and homes, manufactured or otherwise, located thereon, situated in the Township of Millington, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit: A part of the Southeast quarter of Section 1, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, Millington Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, more particularly described as: Beginning at a point on the East and West quarter line of Section 1, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, said point being 5.00 feet Westerly measured along the said East and West quarter line from the Southwestly corner of Lot 1 of Osborne Subdivision of part of the Northeast quarter of Section 1, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, said point also being South 80 degrees 19 minutes East 1069.85 feet from the Northwest corner of the Southeast quarter of Section 1; thence South 11 degrees 19 minutes East 200 feet to the point said point being the point of beginning of the parcel herein described; thence North 78 degrees 41 minutes East 80.00 feet to a point on the shoreline of Murphy Lake; thence South 1 degree 51 minutes East along said shoreline 59.70 feet to a point; thence South 64 degrees 41 minutes West 115.60 feet to a point on the shoreline of Murphy Lake; thence North 27 degrees 24 minutes West along said shoreline 90.35 feet to a point; thence North 78 degrees 41 minutes East 67.00 feet to the place of beginning. Subject to a right of easement for ingress and egress over and across a strip of land, 20 feet in width, lying 10 feet on the either side of the following described line:

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Pursuant to MCLA 600.3278, the mortgagor(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney

Dated: 5/11/2016  
Green Tree Servicing LLC Mortgagee  
FABRIZIO & BROOK, P.C.  
Attorney for Green Tree Servicing LLC  
700 Tower Drive, Ste. 510  
Troy, MI 48098  
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Association, as assigned, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Eight Thousand Twenty Dollars and Eleven Cents (\$48,020.11), including interest at 5.250% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, front entrance of the Courthouse Building in the City of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM o'clock, on June 9, 2016 Said premises are located in Tuscola County, Michigan and are described as: A PIECE OF LAND COMMENCING 12 RODS NORTH OF THE SOUTH EAST CORNER OF THE NORTH-WEST 1/4 OF SECTION 33, TOWNSHIP OF ELKAND, TUSCOLA COUNTY, MICHIGAN, THENCE WEST 40 RODS, THENCE NORTH 4 RODS, THENCE EAST 40 RODS, THENCE SOUTH 4 RODS TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241, in which case the redemption period shall be 1 month, or under MCL 600.3241a 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later, or extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association Mortgage/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C. 23938 Research Drive, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 S20160422121741 USDA

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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 Gregory D. Abke and Barbara E. Abke, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to America's MoneyLine Inc., Mortgagee, dated April 23, 2003, and recorded on May 6, 2003 in Liber 929 on Page 752, and modified by Affidavit or Order recorded on April 21, 2016 in Liber 1350 on Page 70, and assigned by mesne assignments to Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as Trustee for Saxon Asset Securities Trust 2003-2, Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2003-2 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 Fifty Thousand Two Hundred Three and 44/100 Dollars (\$50,203.44).**

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on June 16, 2016.

Said premises are situated in Township of Koylton, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing 24 Rods South of the Northwest Corner of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 16, Town 11 North, Range 11 East, and running thence East 20 Rods, thence South 20 Rods, thence West 20 Rods, thence North 20 Rods to 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.

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Sunday School was started in 1884 and in 1907 a parsonage was built next door to the church. In 1915 the

church building was raised and a basement was constructed underneath. The story goes that during a service held while construction of the basement was in progress, the center beam of the floor gave way and settled about 18 inches, causing the pews to slant toward the center aisle. Needless to say, the service was cut short that Sunday!

The first indoor restroom was installed in the early 1940's. An enlargement and remodeling project was started in the spring of 1953, expanding the size of the basement and foyer. In the spring of 1970 plans were drawn up for a new auditorium with a full basement. In May of that year ground was broken for the new facility and on April 2, 1972 the first Sunday worship service was held in the new auditorium.

Within the last ten years, an elevator was installed, a handicapped washroom built, some pews were rearranged to make the entire building handicapped accessible.

The church has a strong Bible emphasis and has always been an enthusiastic supporter of missionary activity, giving at least 20% of its total income to missions annually.

To celebrate God's faithfulness for 135 years the church has adopted a mission challenge to raise \$45,768.00 to complete and publish the New Testament in the Luxembourgish language. The church has teamed up with Bibles International (Grand Rapids, MI.) and Christian Community Church (Luxembourg) to translate and publish the Luxembourgish New Testament by October (Reformation Day) 2017. The church heavily supports three former Cass City residents, Sharon Evans, Chris Hartwick and Tyler Perry as missionaries.

First Baptist church invited former members and friends to attend a Homecoming Sunday on May 22, beginning at 9:45 a.m. Former pastor, Dr. Lloyd Streeter will be preaching in the 11:00 a.m. service. A church wide dinner will follow and the day will close with an afternoon service of testimony and sharing by those in attendance. Those wishing to attend are encouraged to call the church and register for the dinner.

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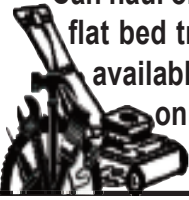
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**SHERIFF'S DEPUTY Ronald Edington, the first corrections officer to be graduated from a police academy via sponsorship of the Sanilac County Sheriff's Department in nearly 30 years, is pictured above (center) with Sheriff Garry Biniecki (right) and Undersheriff Brad Roff.**

## Deputy first academy graduate sponsored in Sanilac Co. in 30 years

Sanilac County Sheriff Garry Biniecki last week announced the successful graduation of Deputy Ronald Edington from the 98th class of the Delta College Police Academy.

"Deputy Edington was the first corrections deputy to test and be awarded the opportunity to be sponsored to the police academy by the sheriff's office in nearly 30 years," Biniecki said. "This opportunity was explored and provided in order to maintain qualified staff from a dedicated and talented group of existing employees from within the sheriff's office."

Edington is a 2004 Peck High School graduate who served in the U.S. Army for six years, attaining the rank of sergeant.

He was hired at the Sanilac County Sheriff's Department as a part-time corrections deputy in December 2010 and promoted to full-time in July 2012. During his tenure, Edington has served on the sheriff's Corrections Emergency Response Team and has won numerous sheriff's department awards.

"Notably, he was also selected at the police academy to receive the Outstanding Performance Award, selected and presented by the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards at the May 6 graduation ceremony," Biniecki said.

Edington, who resides in Brown City with his wife and their two children, also began his official duties with the Sanilac County Sheriff's Department Uniform Services Division on his graduation day.

"I am very pleased to see this opportunity become a reality after so many years, and the ability to offer this career path to a pool of talented corrections staff," Biniecki said. "This competitive program allows us to draw from known employees to join the ranks of our quality uniform services team. I am proud to see Deputy Edington do so well throughout his training and look forward to others following in his footsteps."



**IN ADDITION to graduating from the Delta College Police Academy May 8, Edington was presented with the Outstanding Performance Award.**

# Deford Dazzlers second in nation

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received a lovely, engraved trophy as well."

Saturday's results provided a much happier ending than the small contingent from Deford was expecting.

"The weather report for competition didn't look very good from about 11 a.m. onward. We were due to launch at 11:45 a.m., so at that point we were not expecting the odds to be in our favor," Hansen explained. "The kids, though, took this in stride very well, and woke up Saturday morning enthusiastic and ready to do their very best."

"There was an uncharacteristic lull in wind speeds between the fourth flight window (10:45 to 11:30 a.m.) which had suffered very high wind gusts, and the fifth flight window," Hansen recalled. "Winds dropped to five to seven miles per hour and were not particularly gusty. The team, very seasoned competitors by now, went back through their flight data and looked up their results, rocket weights, ballast, parachutes and spill holes, etc., from one of their launch days that was similar, and since the humidity was in the same range, knew from experience that if they flew the same weight and parachute that, barring something outside their control, they would likely have similar results."

"They were quick and efficient about it so they could get their rocket on the stand and in the cue to launch before the weather conditions changed, since in that area of Virginia, with a storm coming over the foothills, conditions can deteriorate in a matter of minutes," she continued.

"They scored an 11.24. Their altitude was 848 feet, which is only two feet off the target 850 feet, and their flight time was 48.31, or 2.31 seconds above the non-penalty range of 44-46 seconds."

"Given how things had gone for the previous two flight windows, it was very obvious that this was quite competitive. There were a few other teams that were able to launch during that lull, and then after about six teams, the winds began picking up and the high wind gusts started," Hansen said. "We were so happy that they took advantage of that lull and went to the prep tent early enough to be one of the first three teams to launch. They made really great decisions, and it paid off."

The Dazzlers' score put them in ninth position going into the final round of 24 teams that qualified for a second launch.

The flight window for the afternoon was supposed to be 2:45 to 3:30 p.m., but with black clouds rolling in, officials opened the event's "launch prep tent" early. "Some teams were eating lunch and didn't go right away, (but our boys) jumped up and went immediately."

"Winds at that point were eight to eight to 11 mph. They had conduct-

ed a practice launch...under very similar wind conditions," Hansen noted. "They had tested their rocket enough to know that their center of pressure was so accurate that it flew straight even in wind gusts of 13 mph. They could launch at the same weight and with the same parachute and spill hole size, and hopefully get similar results."

Hansen explained that spill holes are holes cut into a parachute in order to allow air to escape from the canopy so the rocket will descend faster. "It is very important that teams learn the ratio of diameter of the spill hole to descent time at a range of rocket weights in order to combat their rockets being carried by wind too long," she said, adding every second or portion of a second above or below the flight window is multiplied by four to determine penalties.

The target altitude for the top 24 teams was 825 feet with a target flight time of 43 to 45 seconds.

After the Dazzlers' launch, Hansen said, "It was so exciting to watch them retrieve their rocket. We had been timing from the fence and knew that the time looked really close, and after doing this with kids for six years, we've become pretty adept at estimating altitude by eye — we were pretty certain that the altitude was reasonably close."

"They retrieved their rocket and...walked back to the judges' area to present their rocket for inspection," she said. "Suddenly they erupted into huge grins, and celebratory yelps! They yelled, '829!' At that point we knew that they had scored something in the 4 range. Sure enough, their flight time was only .09 off perfect for a score of 4.36."

The Deford Dazzlers 4-H Club is now a legacy organization having sent a team to the finals for five consecutive years. "This is an accomplishment we are especially proud of, though ultimately it is their growth and maturity in the sciences and engineering that we find the most satisfying," Hansen said.

In all, the Dazzlers have attended the TARC competition for six years and been invited to the finals five consecutive times, previously finishing in 10th, 14th, 40th and 42nd place.

However, competing is only a part of the experience and opportunities the local students have enjoyed.

"They have presented at MSU on rocketry and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) topics, met with both

of our senators personally and been interviewed by them or their staffers, toured the Capitol Building and watched a vote on the hill, toured the monuments, the Smithsonian Museums, Arlington Cemetery and witnessed the funeral of one of our fallen soldiers, toured Manassas Battlefield, and Gettysburg, seeing history and making history that they would never have experienced without their participation in the Team America Rocketry Challenge Finals," Hansen pointed out.

"They have met and talked with NASA engineers, astronauts, and industry experts from the Department of Defense and Aerospace Industries of America affiliated companies. They have learned to confidently present on science and engineering subjects, to compete with grace, to give their best."

"All of this would not have been possible were it not for Tuscola County 4-H, our program director Heather Middleton, our Extension office Administrative Assistant Catherine Patterson, the support and cheering of our 4-H council, and most recently the resounding 'yes' of Tuscola County residents who voted to fund the Extension office so we would not have to worry about losing this organization and all of the amazing ways 4-H mentors our youth," Hansen said.

"Many, many Tuscola County businesses have financially supported our TARC participation over the years, and in particular, the business owners and residents of Cass City and Deford have been especially generous, and always very enthusiastic and encouraging," she added. "We could not have done this without Jim and Susan Baughman of White Creek Farm on Dodge Road, who have for six years allowed us to descend on their horse pasture without any notice in order to take advantage of good weather conditions, and who have been our National Association of Rocketry officials who certify our qualification flight results, and who have been our teams' 'rocket grandparents', providing hot chocolate when they fly in sub-zero temps, a place to warm up, a cozy environment to pack their rockets, and giving them so much encouragement."

"It has taken all of this cooperative effort to get us to this place today," Hansen said. "There are not enough words of thank you to express. The kids are eternally grateful for the support and investment in their lives."

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