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ELKLAND TOWNSHIP Fire Chief Glenn Guilds estimated the loss at roughly \$40,000 in a fire that gutted a Shabbona Road home last Wednesday morning. The homeowner, George Mester, was not insured.

Fire guts Cass City area man's home

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Fire gutted a home in Novesta Township last Wednesday morning, and investigators say the homeowner was not insured.

Elkland Township firemen were dispatched to the George Mester residence, located about one-quarter mile west of Phillips at 5348 Shabbona Rd., at about 8:30 a.m.

Fire fighters arrived to find the home fully engulfed in flames, according to Elkland Township Fire Chief Glenn Guilds, who said Mester was not home when the fire broke out.

Guilds said it appears some wires in an extension cord running lead from the house to a well pump may have overheated and ignited the blaze. He estimated the loss at \$30,000 for the structure and another \$10,000 for contents.

Guilds, who noted American Red Cross officials were called in to assist Mester, commended Lt. Paul Learman and fellow fire fighter Mick Kim for their leadership in responding to the scene.

Elkland Township firemen remained at the scene for about 3 1/2 hours. They received tanker and manpower assistance from the Elmwood Township-Gagetown, Kingston and Caro fire departments.

Crowd gathers to hear Molter's plan for supermarket

by Clarke Haire
Publisher

A capacity crowd overflowed into the halls of the Cass City Municipal Building during Monday night's regular monthly meeting.

They were in attendance to hear from Texas businessman Mark Molter and his plans to help rejuvenate the local downtown with a new, 21,000-square-foot supermarket.

Molter told the assembly he plans to construct a new grocery store on Main Street in the heart of downtown. His vision calls for the demolition of the former Fairway and Antique Mall buildings, in addition to relocating Rotary Park.

Molter, 44, has more than two decades of experience in the grocery store business. He and his father owned and operated as many as 23 stores during that time.

During a PowerPoint presentation, Molter said the new store will employ 28 to 35 full-time workers and return \$7 to \$8 million in shopping dollars to the community that are now being spent elsewhere.

The new store will feature a high quality



deli, homemade sausages and fresh produce, he noted.

"We use a hands-on approach," said Molter, who plans to move to the area with his wife and four children. "People that want to buy cheap toilet paper

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Huron theft probe leads to drug bust

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

A Bad Axe Police Department theft investigation that led to the arrest of two suspects in the Ubyly and Cass City areas last week also enabled Huron County Sheriff's deputies to seize heroin and prescription drugs from a residence.

Bad Axe Police Chief David Rothe

said a post on his department's Facebook page yielded quick and effective assistance in the apprehension of suspects believed to have stolen televisions from the Walmart store in Bad Axe Thursday.

Officers were dispatched to the business at about 1:30 p.m., according to Rothe.

"The investigation revealed that three men had loaded up televisions

into shopping carts while in the electronic department and had walked out of separate doors simultaneously," he said. "Working with Walmart, pictures were obtained from their video surveillance. Those pictures were posted on the city of Bad Axe Facebook page.

"Within 20 minutes, the post had been shared over 150 times and the Bad Axe Police Department received over 30 phone calls," Rothe added. "All the phone calls identified the same individuals. The Facebook post was taken down once positive identifications were obtained."

Police located one of the suspects in Ubyly, where they received one stolen television from his residence.

"The suspect was cooperating with the police. As the investigation continued, a search warrant was obtained for a residence in Paris Township. The results of that search

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Huron County inmate dies

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

An investigation into the death of a Huron County Jail inmate over the weekend is continuing, according to Huron County Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson.

Hanson said a corrections deputy discovered a 50-year-old female inmate unresponsive Saturday at about 11:30 a.m. She had been alone in her cell.

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Mom honors veteran son's memory by sharing PTSD, addiction struggle

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

With Memorial Day just a few days away, you can count Deb Robinson among area residents whose thoughts are focused on the men and women who paid the ultimate price for this nation's freedom, and who will be on hand for one or more ceremonies on tap in the Thumb to mark the observance.

But a strong sense of patriotism and gratitude isn't limited to a single holiday for the Cass City area woman, who like many others grapples with a profound sense of loss every day of

the year.

Robinson lost her son, Brian, more than four years ago to an accidental prescription drug overdose after struggling for years with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and addiction that she says stemmed from service in the military, including deployments to Afghanistan and Iraq. He was 27.

These days, Robinson, a Caro native who has spent countless hours researching veterans' health issues, shares her story of survival and promotes awareness of PTSD and addiction by presenting informational and inspirational programs to var-

ious groups.

Brian was just 16 years old when he signed up for the U.S. Army's Delayed Entry Program. "He was very bright. He was a very kind person," she said of her son. "He loved to be around lots of friends. He was very, very close to his family, and he loved riding his dirt bike. He was very patriotic and loved his country."

Brian was a third generation Army veteran eager to serve in the military, but no more so than in his junior year at Caro High School when 9-11 unfolded before a shocked nation. "He got really fired up," she recalled.

Two days before his 18th birthday, Brian left for basic training at Fort Benning, Ga., then it was on to jump school at Fort Bragg, where he prepared for his role as a member of the 82nd Airborne Division.

"As soon as he was trained, they shipped him to Afghanistan," said Robinson, who noted her son and his fellow soldiers parachuted into and secured enemy territory. "It was very dangerous. He was in many, many fire fights," she added.

Brian's tour was cut short when his father, Newton Robinson, was nearing death following a battle with multiple myeloma, a cancer linked to the Agent Orange he was exposed to

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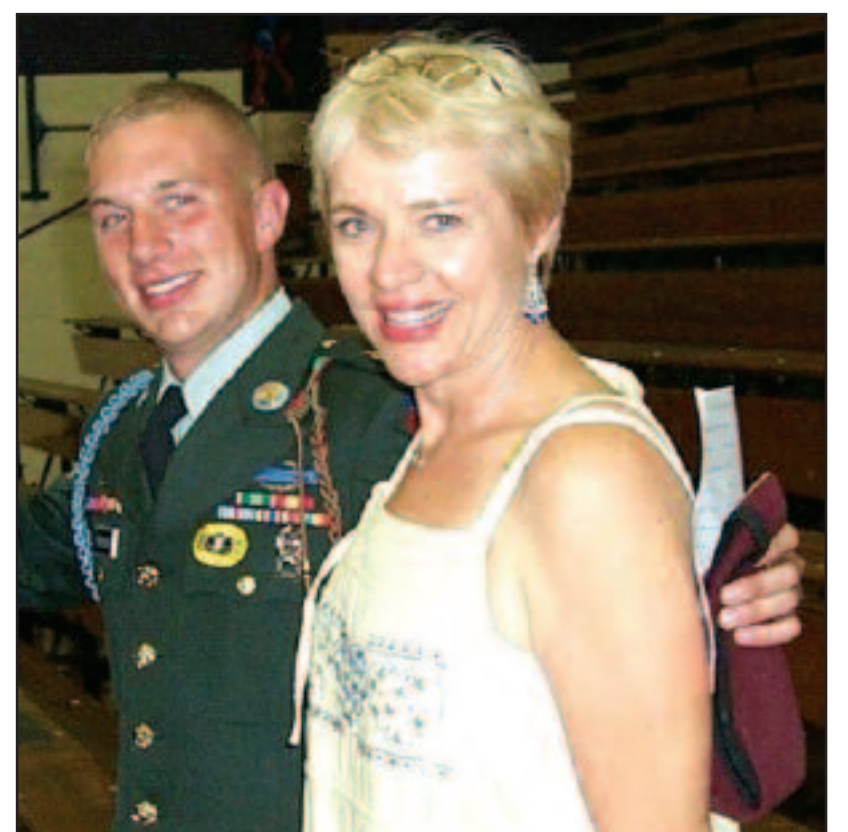
Memorial Day ceremonies slated in area communities

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Cass City area residents will honor the nation's fallen heroes this month just as they have for many decades; with Memorial Day observances designed to demonstrate the community's respect, gratitude and desire to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice for freedom.

The traditional Elkland Township Memorial Service will kick off Monday at about 10:30 a.m. next to the cemetery chapel following the annual parade, which is scheduled to get underway at 10 a.m. at the corner of Main and Seeger streets in Cass City.

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ROBINSON IS pictured above with her son during a program in 2004 when they presented a scholarship in honor of Brian's father, a Vietnam veteran who died from cancer while Brian was serving with the Army's 82nd Airborne Division in Afghanistan. Brian died about four years ago from an accidental drug overdose after struggling with PTSD and addiction.

Last Endeavors Art Gallery show underway

The Artistic Endeavors Art Gallery in Cass City is hosting one final show this month before closing its doors.

The show, currently underway, features the work of two Lapeer artists – Jim Alt and Jacquie Piechowski, according to Artistic Endeavors

member Marilyn Biefer.

“Jim Alt was the director of gallery 194 in Lapeer. He is still an employee of the city of Lapeer (and) is also an artist and a magician,” Biefer said. “He appeared at the gallery a few years ago and will also perform at this show. Jacquie Piechowski is a

painter from Lapeer also.”

Both artists are being featured at the local gallery through Saturday, May 28, when there will be a closing reception starting at 6 p.m., according to Biefer, who said Alt’s magic show is slated to get underway at 7 p.m. the same day.

Lounsbury receives distinguished service award

Paula (Klosowski) Lounsbury, daughter of John and Rosa Klosowski of Elkton, recently received the 2016 Richard Calley Distinguished Service Award from the Saginaw County Department of Public Health.

The award recognizes an individual, organization or business that has made a significant contribution to the advancement of public health in Saginaw County.

Lounsbury was nominated for the award based on her accomplishments while serving as the Saginaw County Emergency Management director from 2012 through 2015. During her tenure, Lounsbury was able to introduce innovative technology upgrades to the Office of Emergency Management. She was also willing and able to pull community groups together to fill gaps in preparedness efforts such as mass fatality planning, continuity of operations, and severe weather preparation.

Lounsbury is highly regarded by her peers along with law enforcement agencies, fire departments, public health officials, hospitals and

other community organizations because of her collaborative nature and high-level performance. She is credited with increasing the preparedness and readiness of Saginaw County to respond to any type of disaster, including public health emergencies.

She organized her office and dramatically elevated not only the role of an emergency manager, but also enhanced the collaborative partnerships that make the office critical.

Lounsbury has been with the Saginaw County Sheriff’s Department since 1993 and is currently a captain. She is a 1989 Laker High School graduate and currently resides with her family in the Cass City area.



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Fifteen (15) days Notice of the Hearing shall be made to the persons to whom real property within three hundred (300) feet of the premises in question is assessed, and to occupants of dwellings within three hundred (300) feet.

Those persons wishing to comment may appear at the Public Hearing, or if unable to attend, may make written comment, directed to the Office of the Village Clerk, 6506 Main Street, P.O. Box 123, Cass City, Michigan 48726-0123.

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Check the color of your water before placing your clothing into it.

The village is not liable for damage caused by this condition.

Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

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NOTICE

Novesta Township is offering for bid 1995 John Deere 445 Series law tractor. 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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In Our OPINION..

Clarke Haire
Publisher

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Editor

Remember those who sacrificed for country

Memorial Day has increasingly become a holiday weekend devoted to family gatherings, trips to the beach, barbecues and fireworks, with some folks giving very little thought to the men and women who have died while serving their country.

We're proud to say, however, that a host of citizens in Cass City and in our surrounding communities still give Memorial Day the respect it deserves.

Sure, our families enjoy outings, camp fires and cookouts over the holiday weekend, but there is a sense of deep appreciation that coincides with what the members of our armed services — specifically those who have paid the ultimate price — stand for: patriotism, honor, dedication and sacrifice.

In the Cass City community, folks still remember to remove their hats when they recite the Pledge of Allegiance or hear the first note of the Star Spangled Banner.

You can see that same demonstration of patriotism in each and every one of the 600 or so flags volunteers with the Cass City Area Historical and Genealogy Society place on the graves of veterans resting at Elkland Township Cemetery a week prior to the Memorial Day holiday. You can also see it in the faces of members of Cass City Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3644 as they set up their impressive "Avenue of Flags" in honor of their comrades.

These folks aren't teenagers, and yet regardless of age, they go about placing this tribute with a sense of purpose. And respect.

Memorial Day, formerly known as Decoration Day, originated after the American Civil War to commemorate the Union and Confederate soldiers who died in the Civil War. By the 20th century, Memorial Day had been extended to honor all Americans who have died in all wars.

Many people visit cemeteries and memorials, particularly to honor those who have died in military service — a practice that continues in the Thumb as area residents gather at cemeteries in Elkland, Novesta and Grant townships, among others.

Memorial Day typically marks the start of the summer vacation season, and we wish all area residents a safe holiday weekend.

We also encourage everyone, in their own way, to take a moment to remember the many servicemen and women who are not here today because of their sacrifice for the freedoms the rest of us enjoy to this day.

It's the very least we can do. It's the right and honorable thing to do.

Slices of Life

by Jill Pertler

Backyard concerto




The birds were going crazy with their twittering tweets, chirps and trills. The cooing of a mourning dove underscored the drumming of a lone woodpecker. It seemed each feathered friend was trying to outdo the other with its own solo and the sounds reverberated in a rowdy crescendoed backyard symphony.

This spirited banter jostled the airwaves amply enough to wake me from a sound sleep. I looked at the clock. It was 4:23. In the morning, as in a.m., not p.m. I know what they say about the early bird, but 4:23 a.m. is a little too wee for me. Even roosters know enough to wait until dawn to awaken the farm.

Still the fervor and celebratory chattering of the birds in my yard at 4:00 each morning is impressive — albeit not fully appreciated by most humans living in my house. The birds are celebrating the weather and anticipating the sunrise and the business of preening their feathers and splashing in the birdbath and padding their nests and laying and hatching their eggs and hunting for worms and feeding their birdlets and giving flight lessons and dive bombing the cats and eagerly welcoming all the other everyday tasks at hand (or wing, as the case may be).

They are embracing their essence in a giddy birdliness and it's infectious. I want to be like them!

I'm not saying I want to be a bird. I couldn't be. I can't fly. I don't even have wings.

But the joy, the ultimate true JOY they express at the normal elements in their lives (at 4:00 a.m.) is notable to the sleepest of the most sleepy. The tweeters in my common, ho-hum backyard are birds. Average, ordinary suburban birds. They've been birds their entire life. They could very well choose to take flying and singing and sunrises for granted. But they don't. Instead they fill the air with their predawn concert each morning. Because they can.

They are birds and that's what birds do. (Well, that and poop on cars.)

And even though I'm still trying to finish a good dream in those wee, pre-daybreak hours, I leave the windows open so I can hear them each (early, early) morning because sleep is one thing and exuberance with the business of life is another.

Imagine experiencing authentic joy at the promise of each new day. Of being so in love with the sunrise that you feel compelled to sing about it at the loudest decibel level in your range. Of flying across the country on your own feather power because nature tells you that's the way it should be.


Birdbrain is not typically interpreted as a positive descriptor, but I think maybe that should change. While birds may or may not be the brightest bulbs in the backyard, they've got some things figured out. Like loving life — anytime of the day, but especially at 4:00 in the morning.

Intelligent or not, they are an inspiration. Not only do they refrain from hitting the snooze button, they are joyous about their awakening. I love that. (The worms probably do not.)

I also love that by the time I'm ready to get out of bed at 6:30 a.m. the backyard is silent. At first I thought maybe their joy of dawn's early light had been subdued, but I realized that wasn't logical; by 6:30 when the rest of the world is getting out of bed, the birds are probably napping.

Who can blame them?

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)

Letters to the Editor

FPU is supported by many in community

There was an article in the April 27 edition of the Chronicle regarding the Tuscola Stars Awards. The Chronicle did a great job covering this incredible event. One of the award nominations for the Group Category was Living Word Worship Center for offering Financial Peace University (FPU) to the community. I wanted to take this opportunity to clarify that FPU is actually offered through Revive Ministries and supported by the Cass City Ministerial Association as well as others within the community.

This incredible program would not be possible without the support of many. If you want to find out more about this life-changing program, stop in to Revive or contact Pastor Mark Karwowski. The next class is scheduled to start in September.

Mark Karwowski, pastor
Living Word Worship Center

PTSD among veterans life-changing, treatable

As Memorial Day approaches this year and we celebrate with family and friends, I ask you all to remember those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms in this wonderful nation of ours.

Many young veterans are coming home from war with a debilitating, sometimes invisible, life changing diagnosis of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). These young men and women may appear to be unchanged by their experience, but their life may never be the same.

PTSD is not a new phenomenon, but thankfully for our younger war vets and for those that love them, more treatment and awareness are available. Some major progress in the treatment and recognition of this debilitating life-changing diagnosis are coming about slowly. However, there is no magical or one-size-fits-all treatment for PTSD.

Please allow me to share the knowledge that I have gained through following a young veteran that I love as he struggled. I have met many young, middle-aged and very elderly war veterans as I trudged along, not always gracefully, trying to understand and help raise awareness of this all too common diagnosis.

EMDR (Eye Movement Desensitization Reprocessing) has shown to be effective in treating PTSD. The

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Hey, did you know Team One Credit Union is planning on constructing an ATM at the corner of Maple and Main Street? Their proposal has been heard by the local planning commission and the next step for approval is to meet with the zoning board of appeals next month.

Boy, it seems that we have a lot of ATMs - and churches, I've always thought - for a community of just over 2,400 residents. Can't say I have a problem with either.

So, you knew about the new proposed ATM. But, did you know James Lee Doerr, James' brother, Michael John, and James Lee's wife, Brenda, are gifting to the village of Cass City a piece of property they own at 6720 Third St.?

Well, you do now, and conditions for the gift are that the property be used for recreational purposes or that it be sold and the proceeds used to help further develop the community's recreational park.

The property is being donated in memory of Jack and Irene Doerr, who lived at the address.

Cass City Chamber of Commerce Administrator Judy Keller is in need of some help.

She wrote in an e-mail: 'The flower pots on Main Street and in the parks will all be placed this week. I need someone to take care of the daily watering of them. It would take about an hour every day to do this. I can supply a barrel set up to use, but you would need to transport it. I have someone (Doty Scollon) to take care of fertilizing and general care of the pots. The village of Cass City has not enough manpower to take care of them, and they need water daily. Is there anyone or group that will be responsible to do this daily through October?'

If you can help, contact Keller at (989) 872-4618.

Secretary of State Ruth Johnson reminds residents that all branch offices and the Office of the Great Seal will be closed in observance of Memorial Day Monday, May 30. Secretary of State SUPER!Centers normally offer Saturday hours but will be closed on Saturday, May 28.

More importantly — in my eyes anyways — the Chronicle staff asks customers to remember the office at the corner of Oak and Main streets will be closed Monday, May 30, in observance of the holiday.

Accordingly, newsstand copies will arrive next week on Wednesday and area subscribers will get their copies a day later.

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•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.

•Owen-Gage School Board meeting, 7 p.m.

•Huron County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, Huron Behavioral Health, Bad Axe. For more information, contact Rhonda Quinn at (989) 269-9293.

•Sanilac County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, Sanilac County Medical Care Facility. Noon to 2 p.m. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.

Thursday, May 26

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

•Community Lunch, noon, Shabbona United Methodist Church.

•Thumb TEA Party, 6:30 p.m., Evangelical Free Church, Cass City.

Monday, May 30

•Alcoholics Anonymous, "Monday at a Time," 8 p.m., Parkside Cafe, 2031 Main St., Uby. For more information, call Angela R. at (989) 658-2319.

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

Tuesday, May 31

•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.)

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Circuit court proceedings

Several appear on felony charges

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

*Ryan John-Allen Wutzke, 30, Cass City, pleaded guilty to assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer Feb. 11 in Indianfields Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case, bond was continued at \$3,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Garrett J. Rappuhn, 22, Caro, was sentenced to three to 10 ½ years in prison following his plea of no contest to using a computer to commit a crime between May 1 and Oct. 30, 2015, in Caro. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

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

*Shane G. Marner, 21, Unionville, was sentenced to two to 15 years in prison following his plea of guilty to home invasion, second degree, Jan. 20 in Akron Township.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$258.

*William L. Miller, 58, Caseville, was sentenced to 18 months to 10 years in prison following his pleas of no contest to home invasion, second degree, Jan. 23 in Kingston, and to home invasion, second degree, Jan. 27 in Kingston.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$543.

*Brian J. Periso, 29, (no address available), was sentenced to 365 days in the county jail (deferred) and 24 months probation following his plea of no contest to violating the Sex Offenders Registration Act by failing to notify local law enforcement of a change in address between Nov. 1 and Nov. 16 in Cass City.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$858 plus attorneys fees of \$500.

*Monica L. Popp, 34, Vassar, received a one-year delayed sentence following her plea of guilty to delivery/manufacture of marijuana July 13 in Vassar.

She was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$858.

*Tammy L. Merritt, 40, Millington, pleaded guilty to two counts of possession of a controlled substance, operating a motor vehicle without insurance, and driving while her license was suspended or revoked March 14 in Vassar Township.

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

*Megail M. Aaron II, 27, Fostoria, pleaded guilty to charges of delivery/manufacture of five to 45 kilograms of marijuana and possession of marijuana May 14 in Watertown Township.

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

*Roger S. Paier, 63, Reese, pleaded guilty to a charge of interfering with electronic communications Feb. 7 in Reese.

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

*Michael J. McKenney, 56, Deford, pleaded guilty to delivery/manufacture of marijuana Sept. 22 in Tuscola County.

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

*Jamie J. Veruille, 49, Silverwood, pleaded no contest to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Feb. 6 in Dayton Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was

ordered and bond was continued at \$8,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Jon W. Finkbeiner, 52, Cass City, pleaded no contest to a charge of killing/torturing an animal Oct. 8 in Novesta Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

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

*Joshua P. Williams, 24, Millington, was sentenced to 93 days in jail (deferred for one year) and 24 months probation following his pleas of guilty to charges of assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer, possession of marijuana, and operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, second offense, Nov. 21 in Juniata Township.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,358 plus attorneys fees of \$500.

*Edward G. Carter, 37, Millington, pleaded no contest to violating the Sex Offenders Registration Act by failing to notify local law enforcement of a change in address between July 14 and Aug. 10 in Millington Township.

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

*Christopher E. Harp, 43, Gageton, pleaded no contest to three counts of assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder between Jan. 1, 2000, and Nov. 1, 2014, in Gageton, and to three addition counts stemming from incidents between 2004 and 2011 in Elmwood Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was revoked and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

Letters to the Editor

PTSD among veterans lifechanging, treatable

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process is said to "un-stick" traumatic memories that haunt victims and hinder a healthy, peaceful life. Some believe that this type of therapy is much more effective than long-term talk therapy. After just a few sessions the memory will be in tact without the taste, smell and sounds of the traumatic event. Long-term

benefits, up to 15 months, have been documented.

The controversy about whether or not medical marijuana is an effective treatment is a matter of debate among veterans and their health care providers. One particular problem is that the VA is a federal organization and cannabis cannot be recommended as treatment from VA doctors. Many afflicted veterans vow that marijuana is effective in lowering anxiety, often related to combat stress.

If a soldier has experienced previous psychiatric disorders such as anxiety, depression or substance abuse, they are at increased threat for PTSD after deployment. There also seems to be a link between PTSD and major life stressors experienced before their military service.

Death by suicide claims the life of an alarming number of United States military veterans. It is estimated that about 5,000 kill themselves annually, which is a much higher percentage than the general population.

These facts have come to light and help is beginning to be more available for troubled veterans. There are hotlines, and at-risk men and women are being identified and watched more closely than ever before. The American Legion has 60 posts currently available to assist veterans with counseling and crisis intervention.

Experts differ in how they look at "shell shock", "battle fatigue" or what is now known as PTSD. The question is raised of whether the stress that veterans bring back from war is a mental illness or a normal reaction to horrific events. The way that these young men and women view themselves and are feeling may be affected by how they are counseled and how their problems are seen. Some professionals believe that the depression and anxiety experienced by these veterans should not be called a mental illness. Others feel that this attitude would lead to better results in their therapy.

Substance abuse continues to be a major component in returning combat veterans. Although substance abuse is reported to be less prevalent than PTSD and traumatic brain injury (TBI), it is very often accom-

panied by these other disabilities as a coping mechanism. Statistics are showing less tobacco and illicit drug use in veterans; however, alcohol and prescription drug abuse is soaring to epidemic numbers. It is reported that in 30 percent of the suicides in young veterans, drug and alcohol addiction was a component.

Combat veterans with the diagnosis of PTSD have shown an obvious difference in brain scans than those without this debilitating diagnosis. While medical staff at Duke University observed the portion of the brain associated with paying attention, those with PTSD were on high alert as they looked at dangerous combat scenes as well as when they would observe a benign or peaceful picture. Those without PTSD, meanwhile, would have brain reactions that were more appropriate for what they were observing.

These differences are consistent with the high-alertness and hyper-vigilant feelings of someone with PTSD even when they are not in imminent danger. It just will not turn off!

The U.S. Court of Appeals ordered an overhaul in mental health care for veterans. This ruling comes as the facts that thousands of vets are killing themselves as they do not have adequate care available to help deal with the issues associated with traumatic brain injuries, PTSD and substance-abuse related illness.

It was ruled that suicide prevention efforts were inadequate and almost completely absent among returning combat vets and active duty military members.

I believe that awareness in the general population is only the beginning for the support America's heroes need to regain the best life possible after returning from combat. Multiple deployments have put our young men and women at even higher risk for PTSD than our past wars.

God bless our veterans that have given us the freedom to enjoy each day and God bless America!

Deborah Robinson
Cass City
Proud mom of veteran Army Specialist Brian David Robinson (June 14, 1984 - Feb. 15, 2012)



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Mom honors veteran son's memory by sharing experiences

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during his service in Vietnam in 1967-68, Robinson said her husband was 57 when died two weeks after her son returned home.

Robinson said she began to see changes in Brian while he was on leave during that first year in the service.

"He was more easily agitated, he was drinking more, there were brushes with the police," she said, adding he couldn't tolerate loud noises and always sat with his back against a wall. He always seemed to



U.S. ARMY Specialist Brian D. Robinson (June 14, 1984 - Feb. 15, 2012).

be in a state of constant alert, unable to relax.

Brian, who later served a six-month tour in Iraq, was honorably discharged from the Army after he turned 21. He was married in June 2006, he and his wife bought a home in Wilmet, and he secured a good job working at the Lighthouse Rehabilitation Center in Caro.

But he was struggling emotionally, according to Deb. "Probably we didn't know enough about (PTSD) to give it a name. But all along I was seeing problems; relationship problems, driving when he shouldn't be driving," she said. "I knew there were still some issues, but nothing had gotten out of hand yet."

Brian's life began unraveling, however, not long after he was married.

"Brian got drunk. He woke up in a flashback, grabbed his guns...and tried securing the neighborhood," recalled Robinson, who said Brian's wife called the police and he was taken into custody. He initially faced felony charges, but those were subsequently dismissed due to his mental state at the time.

Brian's marriage fell apart and he

began receiving treatment at a VA PTSD clinic in Battle Creek. He was also being prescribed strong narcotics - opiates and benzodiazepines - according to his mother, who noted he had also been prescribed drugs to treat minor spine-related injuries while he was in the service. "He became addicted, probably, almost immediately," she said.

The next six years were filled with turmoil as Robinson tried to help her son, now diagnosed with severe PTSD and on full disability, get the help he needed. There were many rehab stays and visits to PTSD clinics and VA facilities in Saginaw, Ann Arbor, Detroit and Battle Creek. He frequently ended up in hospital ERs when no VA facility beds were available.

It was a heartbreaking struggle not only for Brian, but also for his mom, who watched some health care professionals treat her son with disdain - a hopeless addict instead of a patient battling very real disorders.

"There were many staff at the VA facilities who were very caring and did all that they could for Brian. I'm sure that they shared a lot of the same frustrations with their system as we did," she said.

Part of the problem is that combat veterans are at high risk of becoming addicted to the very medications meant to ease symptoms of PTSD, according to Robinson, who believes those drugs are dispensed too freely by some VA as well as civilian medical professionals, although the medical community is addressing the issue.

Robinson, who secured a court-appointed public guardian in court to oversee Brian's living arrangements, finances and other needs, indicated she sensed he would not survive the fight for his life. "I can remember dreading his death because it felt like it was imminent."

That day came in mid-February 2012. At the time of his death, Brian was in Grayling, where he had been receiving rehab treatment and was with a girlfriend with whom he shared a daughter, then two years old.

Robinson said Memorial Day was a very difficult time for her son during the last few years of his life. "It was probably his worst day of the year. He would go off into a dark place because he wanted to be alone," she added.

Those memories still haunt Robinson, who at one time didn't

believe she could survive her son's death. Today, however, she is determined to honor and keep Brian's memory alive, and to encourage others to consider the struggles soldiers face after they've served.

"These are things that happen to good families, and we need to be aware of the problems associated with servicemen and our veterans," Robinson said.

"I would like all Americans who are celebrating Memorial Day to enjoy their holiday with friends and family," she added. "I would also ask that they remember the many freedoms that we can all take for granted."

"Take a moment to honor all who have fought to preserve the many privileges we enjoy. Some have made the ultimate sacrifice and many struggle daily from their military experience."

Memorial Day ceremonies on tap in area towns

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Line-up for the procession will begin at 9:30 a.m., according to Joe Merchant, commander, VFW Post 3644, who noted local VFW members will be placing a wreath at the downtown veterans' memorial before proceeding to the Elkland Township Cemetery.

Of course, those planning to attend can look forward to viewing the VFW Post's impressive "Avenue of Flags", a display of roughly 100 flags posted along the main drive at the cemetery.

The flag display is an integral part of the day's observance, serving as a powerful reminder of what the holiday is all about - honoring the memory of men and women whose service to their country paved the way for the freedom their fellow citizens enjoy to this day.

This year's service at the cemetery will again be led by Master of Ceremonies Mark Zmierski, senior chief, U.S. Navy retired.

"It's an honor to do, and I'll tell you, Cass City just does a fantastic job - the turnout we have," Zmierski said, referring to the crowd estimated at some 500 people in attendance during last year's ceremony. "There are a lot of people who intentionally go nowhere on Memorial Day because they want to go to the program. They want to honor the veterans."



ROBINSON, A Caro native now residing in Cass City, is determined to keep her son's memory alive and to honor him by promoting awareness of PTSD-related issues, including drug addiction and treatment.

"We have the freedoms we have today because of those" men and women who have served and died defending this nation, Zmierski added. "I am just in awe of that commitment to duty. I don't believe we can honor our veterans enough."

The Rev. Linda Graham, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Cass City, will be the guest speaker and will also lead the invocation and benediction. Also featured will be the Cass City Junior-Senior High School Band. VFW members will be placing another memorial wreath, and the post's firing squad will present its traditional salute.

The Cass City Historical and Genealogical Society is again encouraging area volunteers to assist with placing American flags on the graves of servicemen and women at the cemetery, located just east of the village. The work, involving placement of some 600 flags in all, is scheduled to get underway today (Wednesday) at 9 a.m.

A group of home schooled students and parents along with local high school students and members of the local VFW post have been faithful in lending a hand with the task over the years, but more volunteers are always welcome, according to organizer Katie Jackson. "We need about 32 people to handle this," Jackson said, adding the project typically takes about 2 1/2 hours to complete.

Jackson said research completed

over the years by local residents such as historian Jim Ware has made the project much easier than it used to be - today volunteers are given maps and assigned specific areas of the cemetery to place flags. "When we first started this, maybe 15 years ago, the map was a piece of white butcher paper - it was a mess," she recalled. "It took us the whole day."

Anyone interested in lending a hand can contact Jackson at (989) 872-3109 for more information.

Novesta Township

Zmierski will also serve as master of ceremonies for the Novesta Township Memorial Day ceremony set for 1 p.m.

Zmierski, who will also be the speaker, took over the role of master of ceremonies for the Novesta Township observance from World War II veteran Lawrence Englehart, a longtime Novesta Township resident and VFW Post 3644 member, in 2008. Englehart died in 2010 after playing a key role in the annual Memorial Day program for many years.

Grant Township

In Huron County's Grant Township, meanwhile, residents will be hosting their 77th annual Memorial Day service at the cemetery Sunday, May 29, beginning at 2 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

2016 Schedule
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CASS CITY SUMMER DAY CAMP
June 22 - August 12
Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
AGES 6-12 YEARS OLD

The Village will provide materials for children attending the program. The schedule will include field trips, pool days, crafts, sports, games, music, reading time & computer lab time. Please have your child bring a paint shirt.

FREE Breakfast & Lunch programs will be available at the Cass City Elementary School. Breakfast 8:30 - 9 and Lunch 11:30 - Noon. It promises to be an exciting summer for all children who attend.

COSTS:
\$10 per day
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MUSIC IN ROTARY PARK
Downtown Cass City

Join us every Friday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Bring a lawn chair.

June 24....."The Tom & Jerry Show"
July 1....."Random"
July 8....."Variety Show with local talent" 7:30 p.m. - Hoola Hoop Contest
July 15....."The Fulchers"
July 22....."Windfall"
July 29....."Autumn Gold"
August 5....."Summer Mania at Rotary Park"
August 12....."Muzykal"
August 19....."Leftovers"
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Visit www.casscity.org to see the full schedule!
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Every Friday from 9 to 4 p.m.
Fresh produce, baked goods and homemade crafts

Helen Stevens Memorial Pool will be OPEN Tuesday, May 31!

OPEN SWIM SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday	1- 5 p.m. / 8 - 9 p.m.* (8-10 p.m. in July)
Saturday	12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Sunday	1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

\$3 per person or \$10 per family
Season pass: 1 person - \$60, 2 people \$100
Additional family \$10 per person

*There will be NO Open Swim from 5 to 8 p.m., Monday-Friday, from June 6 - Aug. 12, due to night swimming lessons. Open Swim will resume from 7 to 9 p.m. during those dates.

SWIMMING LESSONS

SESSION 1 (2 weeks/Evenings Only) - June 6-June 17 ...Registration Deadline: May 27
SESSION 2 (2 weeks) - June 20-June 30Registration Deadline: June 10
SESSION 3 (2 weeks) - July 5- July 15Registration Deadline: June 24
SESSION 4 (1 week/accelerated swim) - July 18-July 22..Registration Deadline: July 8
SESSION 5 (2 weeks) - July 25 - August 5.....Registration Deadline: July 22
SESSION 6 (1 week/accelerated swim)- August 8-August 12

1 Week Accelerated Swimming Sessions 4&6 Times:		2 Week Sessions 2,3&5 Times:	
Morning times:	Evening times:	Morning times:	Evening times:
Levels 1&2 10:00-10:45 11:00-11:45	Levels 1&2 5:00-5:45 6:00-6:45 7:00-7:45	Levels 1&2 10:00-10:30 10:30-11:00 11:00-11:30 11:30-12:00	Levels 1&2 5:00-5:30 5:30-6:00 6:00-6:30 6:30-7:00 7:00-7:30 7:30-8:00
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COSTS:
1 Week Accelerated Session Prices:
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\$55 Village Residents
\$60 Non-Village Residents
2 Week Session Prices:
\$40 Village Residents
\$45 Non-Village Residents

Parent and Child Program offered
(Parent accompany the child in pool)
July 18 - July 22 from
Age Range: Infants - 2 years old
5-5:30 p.m. or 5:30-6 p.m.
\$25 Village Residents / \$30 Non-Village Residents

Adult Swim
unlimited: \$75 for village residents,
\$80 for non-village residents.
or \$3 per swim

8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Every Monday - Friday	11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Every Saturday
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Water Aerobics
Details are still in the making, please call the Village of Cass City for further information
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Reporter's notebook

Won't you be his neighbor?

by Tom Montgomery
Editor



Faithful Chronicle readers are familiar with Ask Your Neighbor (formerly known as Your Neighbor Says...), a man-on-the-street column that has appeared off and on in editions of the paper for decades.

I spent years chasing after "neighbors" to feature in this simple but interesting offering. More recently, the Chronicle's advertising sales guru, Krysta Boyce, took a turn, cranking out several dozen neighbor columns.

However, as the years passed, Ask Your Neighbor became a seasonal weekly piece, appearing throughout the summer months, which coincides with the time period in which we're usually blessed with a summer news/editorial intern from Central Michigan University.

Honestly, some of our interns didn't care for the job any more than I did. A few, including Cass City native and two-time Chronicle intern, Mason Doerr, reveled in the challenge and never failed to come through with more than simply enough copy to fill the space.

Handling a man-on-the-street question/answer column isn't rocket science. Basically, you take a walk and search for a likely individual who's willing to answer a question involving anything from an upcoming holiday to the weather to current events. You ask them a little about themselves - where are they from originally, what do they do for a living, are they married, etc. - and then you ask if it's okay if you take a photo of them.

Basically, you introduce a neighbor to the whole community, one name and face at a time.

Pretty straight forward and simple.

Except frequently it isn't. I can't remember the number of times I was turned down by prospective neighbors, even in Ask-Your-Neighbor friendly venues such as at Rawson Memorial District Library or in the morning at McDonald's, a popular gathering spot for morning coffee klatches. Or the number of times I introduced myself to a willing interviewee, only to be told at the end of the conversation that he or she wasn't going to have anything to do with getting their photo taken.

Sigh.

So why revive the tradition in early summer? Well, for starters, it's proven popular among our readers. And, secondly, man-on-the-street interviews are great practice for young journalists seeking to improve their communication, note-taking and writing skills without all of the convenience of modern computers, smart phones, etc.

We're talking a little basic creativity, a notepad and pen, a camera, a bit of luck and a dash of charm.

Our summer intern, Conner Emery, should be here getting his feet wet this week, and among his first jobs will be to get out there and get a neighbor. And then he'll do it the next week and the week after that, and so on.

I'm guessing he'll find it interesting as well as a bit frustrating at times. That's okay, those are the sorts of experiences that build character, right?

Of course, Chronicle readers who happen to notice a young journalist out and about with a notepad in hand and a camera strap around his neck can help to make Conner's summer a little easier by accepting his invitation to appear in the next neighbor column.

So what do you say? Give a college kid a break this summer?

Won't you be Conner's neighbor?

Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO (2011)

During the course of his career, Kyle Walsh M.D., doesn't want to be remembered as the young doctor who won the highest awards in his field. Or as being the lead author of a scientific journal at just 24 years old. Or even be known as the type of doctor who prefers treating people in a remote third-world country during his free time. Walsh, an Ubyly resident, wants to be remembered, simply, as a doctor who treated his patients with respect. "In medicine, I'd hopefully want my patients to see me as somebody who was able to connect with them and actually listen and help them to feel more comfortable," Walsh, 26, said.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bushong announce the engagement of their daughter, Donna L. Bushong of Cass City, to Brett A. Giles, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Giles of Brighton. Donna is a 2010 graduate of Grand Valley State University with a degree in general business and is currently working at Grand Rapids Popcorn Company. Brett is a student at Davenport University and works in IT at PESG. A September 2011 wedding is currently being planned in Frankenmuth.

10 YEARS AGO (2006)

Rebecca Putnam, Jarod Stoutenburg, Derrick Mallory and Klyn Puterbaugh received the Cory Merz Endowment Fund, as well as plaques and T-shirts of where they plan to attend college. Cory Merz's parents, Lisa and David Merz, awarded 4 scholarships this year because this was Merz's graduating class.

Chris Zawilinski picked a good time to figure out his high jumping technique. The Cass City sophomore put together his best 2 efforts of the season last week, one earning a Greater Thumb West title (6'3") and the other as Division 3 regional crown (6'1"). Zawilinski will join Scott Meeke and Dennis Bowen as the Red Hawks' only state qualifiers following Saturday's Division 3 regional action in Bad Axe. Zawilinski topped the high jump field with a season-best leap of 6'3", closing in on the school record of 6'4 1/4" held by Don Englehart.

25 YEARS AGO (1991)

Cass City's postal vehicles were water logged after Tuesday night's downpour. The Cass City Waste Water Treatment Plant recorded 4.33 inches of rain from Saturday to Tuesday night. Tuscola and Sanilac counties reported scattered power outages and fallen trees. No injuries were reported after an unconfirmed tornado destroyed a summer trailer in Huron County.

The State Board of Education recently announced that 228 outstanding Michigan high school June graduates, including Christopher Freundt of Cass City, will each receive a \$1,500 college-of-their-choice scholarship. Freundt, the son of the Rev. Allen and Ann Freundt of Cass City, is a co-valedictorian of Cass City's Class of 1991. The federally funded awards, the Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarships, are a one-time college scholarship for high school graduates who have demonstrated academic excellence and achievement.

35 YEARS AGO (1981)

Dr. James Ballard retired this week after 35 years of practice as a medical doctor.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gruber were honored at the home of their daughter, Barb Merchant, in celebration of their 35th wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Miller and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Davis of Bad Axe were Saturday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Olin Bouck.

Jack Esau and Jim Milligan were in Alma Saturday to attend the Highland games, an annual event there.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hendrick went to Harrison Sunday to attend graduation exercises and open house for Christine Dennis. She is a grandniece of the Hendricks.

The Art Club met Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Bertha Hildinger following dinner at the Fraser church. The June meeting will be hosted by Mrs. Gladys Fort.

40 YEARS AGO (1976)

Thirty-eight relatives celebrated the 48th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Weatherhead of Gagetown, Sunday with dinner at Wildwood Farms. The date was also the 37th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Max Bradley of Caro who

attended. Relatives were present from Elkton, Flint, St. Charles, Caro, Gagetown and Cass City. Attending from Cass City were Mr. and Mrs. Donald Loomis and family and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Hendrick and family.

50 YEARS AGO (1966)

Six girls from Cass City participated in a tap dance recital at the Lakers school Friday evening. They were Sandy Eisinger, Kathleen Toner, Lu Ann Williams, Kris Krueger, Beth Erla and Ann Whittaker.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Hicks and family were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Churchill and boys. Mrs. Edward Baker and Mrs. Bernard Freiburger were honored by the Cass City branch of the American Association of University Women.

75 YEARS AGO (1941)

Miss Dorothea Clara, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Clara, of Gagetown, chose a street-length gown of blue crepe for the ceremony which united her in marriage with Basil W. Quick on May 23 at the parsonage of the Church of Christ, three miles south of Cass City. Ali Jarman read the service which united the young couple. Mrs. Don Reid, dressed in silk print, attended the bride and Hazen Quick of Mt. Morris was best man. Immediately after the

ceremony, the happy couple left on a tour through Michigan. They will establish their home on the farm of Quick Brothers, four miles south and a quarter mile west of Cass City. Previous to her marriage, Mrs. Quick followed the profession of a public school teacher.

Dwight F. Turner of Cass City, who is corporal at the Air Corps Technical School, Chanute Field, Illinois, was recently promoted to the non-commissioned officer grade of sergeant by order of Colonel R. E. O'Neill, Commanding Officer of the post. Turner is one of 132 enlisted men of Chanute Field whose abilities and adherence to duty warranted this honor.

100 YEARS AGO (1916)

C. S. Wheaton, of Evergreen township has located deposits of massive and crystallized gypsum in the vicinity of Cass City which he believes are of great value and in sufficient quantities to make mining this product a successful venture. A five-foot vein is of sufficient depth to make gypsum mining commercially profitable, Mr. Wheaton is, told by the Geological Dept. of the State. Mr. Wheaton says he found one vein at a depth of 50 feet and the product was still present when the drill reached 87 feet. Another drilling found the product at a depth of 78 feet and it was still present when drilling was abandoned at a depth of 87 feet.

Obituaries

Pauline M. Calka

Pauline M. Calka, died May 19, 2016 at her daughter's residence in Kalamazoo, Mich.

Pauline was born in May 1925 in Norway, Mich. to Frederick and Alma Swanson.

After graduating from Norway High, Pauline and 2 girlfriends left Norway for Detroit to work as riveters for the war project. It was in Detroit where she met Bronislau "Curley". He and his brother owned the restaurant "The Finn".

They married in 1948. They, together owned and operated "The Eat Shop" in Cass City until 1956. It was then that B.A. Calka Real Estate was started and Pauline became Curley's assistant for many years that followed. Pauline and Curley raised 5 daughters living in their home that also served as their business.

Pauline loved to bake. Her kitchen was the social center for friends to gather for coffee, treats and political commentary. She was a lifelong Democrat and a proud Bernie fan, too!

Her home with Curley was always open for an overflow of guests. Pauline always found room no matter how many people popped in, blankets everywhere. Pauline loved to dance, always looking forward to New Year's Eve parties and big band music.

She loved engaging the staff and hospice workers in conversation, recounting funny stories of her past. Pauline was recently chosen to represent the Kalamazoo area to participate in a trip to Washington, D.C. to visit the War Memorial and White House. This was to honor both Curley, as a veteran, and Pauline, as a riveter during World War II. Sadly, she didn't make it to the June 4th event.

Surviving her are her five daughters: Linda Calka, Carla (Jim) Cavanaugh, Mona (Gary) Compton, Cindy (George) Duba, and Lori Calka Brock; grandchildren Tiani Compton, Allie (Dary) Porter, Cameron Cavanaugh, Andrew Duba, Andrew Brock, Hailey Brock, Hannah Brock; and a great-grandson Benjamin Porter. Her sister Karen Salling, and sisters-in-law Dottie Calka and Helen Swanson; and many nieces and nephews.

Pauline was predeceased by her husband Bronislau (Curley) in 2000 and her brother Fred Swanson.

Cremation has taken place at Avink Funeral Home. There will be a gathering with family and friends on June 4 for food at 2 p.m. in Kalamazoo to celebrate Pauline's life. Please email carlacavanaugh29@gmail.com for further information.

Pauline's favorite song was "Sentimental Journey" and indeed it was.

Joann Brown Martin

Susan Joann Martin, 83, of Cass City, died peacefully Friday, May 20, 2016 in Hills and Dales General Hospital, Cass City.

She was born February 12, 1933 in Jackson to Leslie M. and Blanche L. (Basnaw) Reed.

Joann married Arthur Thompson Brown May 31, 1953 in Cass City. He died January 25, 1992. She later married Kenneth James Martin October 14, 1995 in Cass City. He died November 14, 2008.

Joann graduated from Hanover-Horton High School in 1950. She sold her steer at the Jackson County Fair to buy a French horn and later played as a member of the Jackson Symphony. Joann was a marvelous seamstress, taught sewing to 4-H groups and was skilled in all types of needlework. She enjoyed reading books and was known for her baking skills. Joann loved the many trips back to the Jackson area to see her siblings. She was always one of the first to arrive and brought the best food. Joann started working as a registered radiological technician in the Jackson area and later in Hills and Dales General Hospital, Cass City. She was proud to have achieved 50 years as a registered radiological technician.

Joann is survived by her daughters: Susan Brown of Edwardsburg, Sara (Christopher) DePoy of Grand Rapids; sons: Bruce (Sharon) Brown of Beaverton, Paul (Rochelle) Brown of Cass City, Barry (Kerry) Brown of Cass City; grandchildren: Brandon Brown, Matthew Brown, Andrew DePoy, Adam DePoy, Alexander DePoy, Gabrielle DePoy, Mason Brown and Tyler Brown; siblings: Phyllis (Walt) Mead, John (Sue Ann) Reed, Tom (Johann) Reed and brother-in-law, Dean Tribby; many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by grandson, Scott Becker; sisters: Donna Tribby, Jeannie Sprague.

A funeral service was held Tuesday, May 24, in Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City, with the Rev. Steve Bagnall officiating. Interment will be in Elkland Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Rawson Memorial District Library. Family and friends may share memories, prayers and stories with the family at www.kranzfuneralhome.com.

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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 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.

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
For more information, please call:
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Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-5422
File #462506F01

5-4-4

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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

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

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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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 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
For more information, please call:
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File #267093F03

5-4-4

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 Cty 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 Southwesterly 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:

Beginning at the point of beginning of the parcel as above described; thence South 16 degrees 19 minutes East along the center line of said easement 75.00 feet to the point, said point being the Southerly terminus of the easement center line herein described. Together with a right for ingress and egress over and across a strip of land 20 feet in width extending from the Northerly line of the parcel as above described to the East and West quarter line of said Section 1 During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during 30 days immediately following the sale.

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
(248) 362-2600
GTAZ FNMA ESSATer

5-11-4

SCHNEIDERMAN & SHERMAN, P.C., IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT (248)539-7400 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by GREGORY BAILEY, A MARRIED MAN and HEATHER BAILEY, to MAC-CLAIR MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Mortgagee, dated April 2, 2009, and recorded on April 13, 2009, in Liber 1172, on Page 48, and re-recorded on October 14, 2013 in Liber 1294, on Page 53, and assigned by said mortgagee to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, as assigned, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-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 NORTHWEST 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 BEGIN-

NING. 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 S2016042212171 USDA

5-11-4

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

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

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

Dated: May 18, 2016
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5-18-4

State of Michigan
44th Judicial Circuit -Family Division
Livingston County

Publication of Hearing
Case No: 1301454801NA

To: MELISSA MCCLOSKEY

IN THE MATTER OF: TYLER HOISINGTON (11/24/2010)

A hearing regarding the termination of your parental rights will be conducted by the court on June 22, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in the Livingston County Juvenile Court 204 S Highlander Way Ste. 3, Howell MI 48843 before Attorney Referee Sandra Aspinall.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Melissa McCloskey personally appear before the court at the time and place stated above.

This hearing may result in the termination of your parental rights.

5-25-1

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 Jeff McCrandall a/k/a Jeffrey C McCrandall, a single man, Mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. "MERS" as nominee for GMAC Mortgage, LLC f/k/a GMAC Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated the 13th day of December, 2007 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for The County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 21st day of December, 2007 in Liber 1137 of Tuscola County Records, Page 1115, having been corrected by a Scriveners Affidavit to correct legal on mortgage recorded 3/24/2016 in Liber 1348 Page 6, said Mortgage having been assigned to Ditech Financial LLC FKA Green Tree Servicing LLC on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Ninety One Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty Three and 34/100 (\$91,823.34), 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 23rd 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 Cty 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 2.00 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: The North 353.00 feet of the South 2318.00 feet of the West 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 28, Town 10 North, Range 8 East.

During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during 30 days immediately following the sale. 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: 5/25/2016
Ditech Financial LLC FKA
Green Tree Servicing LLC Mortgagee
FABRIZIO & BROOK, P.C.
Attorney for Ditech Financial LLC
FKA Green Tree Servicing LLC
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(248) 362-2600
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5-25-4

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

IF THE DEBT WAS DISCHARGED IN A BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDING THIS NOTICE IS NOT AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT THAT DEBT. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee for any reason. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest, and the purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's attorney.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Roy S. Lee and Katherine Lee, Husband and Wife to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc., as nominee for Flagstar Bank, FSB, its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated May 2, 2007 and recorded May 14, 2007 in Liber 1119 Page 603 Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned to: Flagstar Bank, FSB, by assignment dated July 11, 2014 and recorded July 18, 2014 in

Liber 1311, Page 643, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Forty-Five Thousand Three Hundred Eighty-Five Dollars and Eighty Cents (\$145,385.80) including interest 6.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, Circuit Court of Tuscola County at 10:00 AM on June 23, 2016 Said premises are situated in Township of Watertown, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Situated in the Township of Watertown, Tuscola County, Michigan; Land beginning 8 rods South of the Northeast corner of Block 33 of the Map of the Village of Fostoria; thence West 8 rods; thence South 4 rods; thence West 10 rods; thence South 9 and one-half rods; thence East 18 rods; thence North 13 and one-half rods to the place of beginning, except the East 33 feet thereof, all being a part of Block 33 of the map of the Village of Fostoria according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats on Page 45A.

Commonly known as 9330 Maple St, Fostoria MI 48453 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: 5/25/2016
Flagstar Bank, FSB,
Assignee of Mortgagee
Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C.
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THE ANNUAL Cass City Junior-Senior High Honors Night last week included the tradition of honoring individual band members with four special awards. Director of Bands Laura Curtis (pictured above, center) presented those awards to seniors (from left) Chandler Cryderman, Patrick S. Gilmore Band Award for outstanding achievement in band; Ilana Blattner, John Phillip Sousa Band Award for superior musicianship and outstanding dedication; Jordan Kittle, Louis Armstrong Jazz Award for outstanding jazz musicianship, superior dedication and creativity; and Mandy Czekai, Harold Ferguson Award for outstanding dedication to the band program.

Hills and Dales tests emergency response with a mock disaster

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Hills and Dales General Hospital officials in Cass City hope they never have to deal with a widespread emergency in the community, but they recently prepared for the worst with a mock disaster drill designed to test the local hospital's staff preparedness and procedures.

The goal of the drill, according to Hills and Dales Marketing and

Once the code was called, Hills and Dales staff began setting up a decontamination tent and preparing for arrival of "patients".

Foundation Director Danielle Blaine, was to improve activation of the hospital's disaster plan and associated emergency codes.

"Many hospitals statewide took part in the drill," Blaine, who noted the exercise simulated a hazardous material spill with multiple victims involved. The drill was activated during the morning hours of May 11.

"Hills and Dales General Hospital CEO Jean Anthony called a 'Code Triage-External', meaning there was a disaster in the community," Blaine said. "Details of the disaster included a plane crash in Saginaw, which hit a tanker truck, and there was concern about contamination of the area and of the victims involved.

"Hills and Dales was also notified through Region 3 of 'patients' who were being 'transferred' to their facility, with 'patient' status unknown," she added. "In total, there were eight non-critical and six critical 'patients' received by Hills and Dales."

Once the code was called, Hills and Dales staff members began setting up a decontamination tent and preparing for arrival of the "patients".

"Performing this drill allows us to practice for activation of an incident command center at the hospital, setting up of a decontamination tent to receive victims in the hospital's ambulance bay, testing the hospital's patient tracking process, as well as practicing collaboration with outside agencies like police and fire departments," said Craig Bellew, Hills and Dales Patient Safety officer. "It is essential for the hospital staff to be prepared for any sort of disaster. We are very thankful to all who were willing to help us act out this scenario."

"This drill also gave us the opportunity to test our new EICS (Electronic Incident Command System), Hills and Dales Safety Committee member Dale Fritz added. "We have spent many hours getting staff information prepared; telephone numbers, e-mails, job titles, etc. It was really exciting to see how the system works and to have staff practice what they need to do when their cell phone rings and the recording gives them the details of the disaster."

Following the drill, the hospital's safety committee was scheduled to meet to discuss how the exercise went and what changes, if any, need to be made in the process and policies for a disaster, Blaine said.

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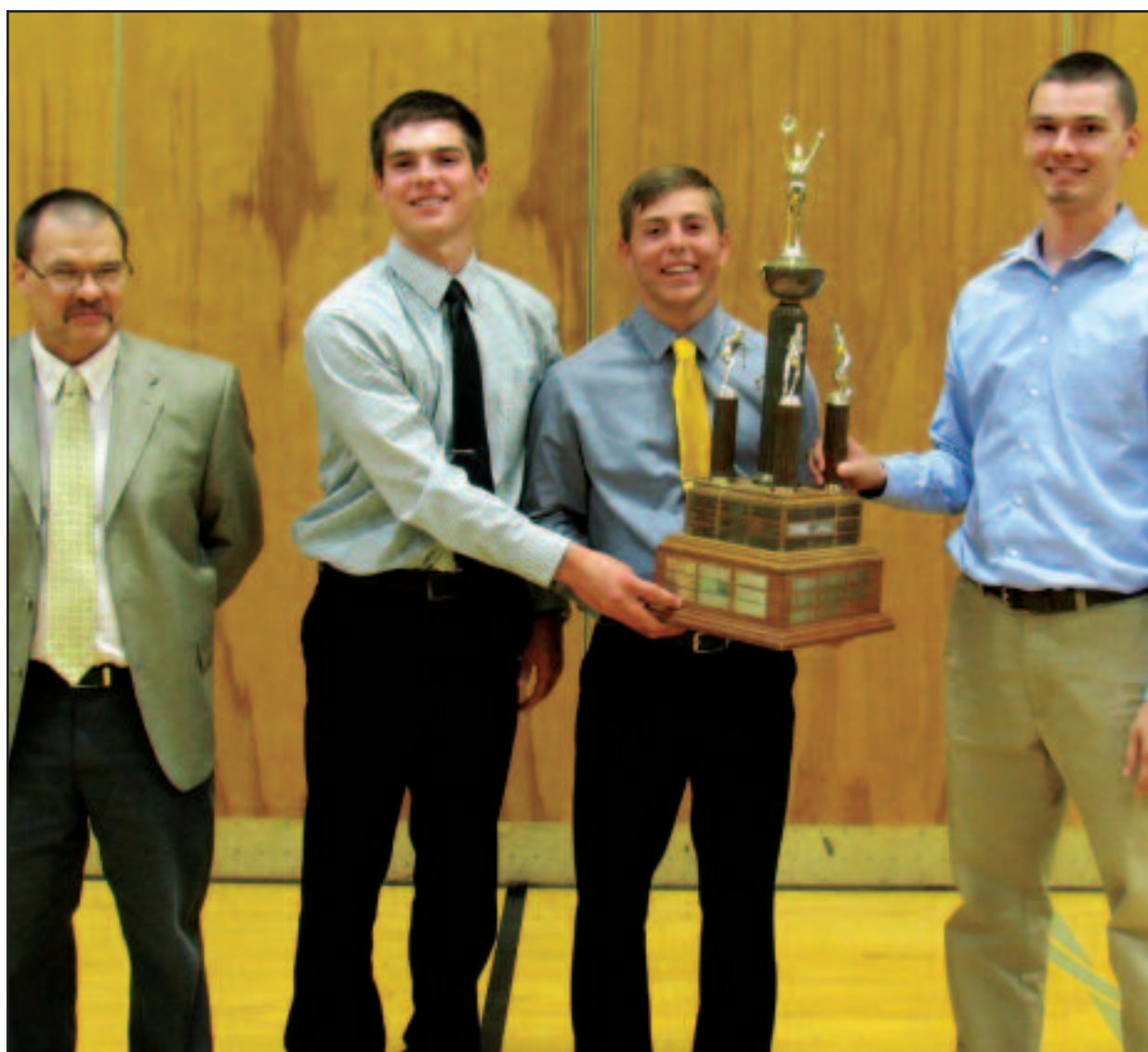
HOSPITAL STAFF members set up the mock disaster drill decontamination tent, a task they completed in under four minutes.



HILLS AND DALES General Hospital officials recently conducted a drill designed to test its staff preparedness and procedures in the event of a community disaster. Above (from left), Craig Bellew, hospital patient safety director and director of pharmacy; Justin Nickrand, director of IT; and Peggy Davidson, director of radiology, report to the "incident command center".

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SHARING THIS year's Paul Smarks Award are a trio of accomplished athletes who have also demonstrated academic excellence and a willingness to volunteer in the community. Pictured with Athletic Director Don Markel (far left), they are (from left) Parker Haire, Sawyer Cuthrell and Mason Erla.

Outstanding athletes aired in Cass City

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Over the course of a long and distinguished history, the American Association of University Women (AAUW) Cass City Junior-Senior High School Outstanding Female Athlete Award had been shared by co-winners just three times prior to this school year.

The top local male athlete honor – the Paul Smarks Award – had been presented to three co-winners only two times since it was established back in the mid-1950s.

History repeated itself twice during this year's annual Cass City Junior-Senior High School Senior Honors Night, held last Wednesday in the high school gymnasium.

Sharing the 2016 Outstanding Female Athlete Award are seniors Macy Dickinson and Maegan LeValley, while the latest Paul Smarks Award recipients are seniors Sawyer Cuthrell, Mason Erla and Parker Haire.

"Both the AAUW Outstanding Female Athlete Award and the Paul Smarks Award recognizing outstanding male athlete are based upon four criteria; athleticism, sportsmanship, scholarship and citizenship," explained Assistant Principal and Athletic Director Don Markel, who presented the honors.

"The coaches and administrators who made the decisions were in agreement that the selection of both the male and female outstanding athletes was especially difficult this year because we have so many athletes who excel in all of the areas mentioned and are deserving of this award," he added.

Dickinson, the daughter of Dan and Janelle Dickinson, is a member of the local National Honor Society (NHS) chapter and boasts a 3.64 grade point average. She has been an academic all-conference selection in each sport in which she has competed.

She has earned a total of nine varsity letters in the sports of basketball, volleyball and softball. Dickinson, who also earned all-conference honors in volleyball and softball, has been active in numerous community activities during her high school career.

LeValley, the daughter of Richard and Paula LeValley, is also a NHS member who has earned a grade point average of 3.59 while racking up academic all-conference honors in each sport in which she has competed.

LeValley has earned a combined varsity letters in softball and volleyball along with all-conference honors in each sport, including first team selection in volleyball. She has also been active in a host of community activities.

Among the Paul Smarks Award recipients, Cuthrell is a member of the NHS and achieved a 3.59 grade point average while earning academic all-conference honors in baseball, basketball, football and track and field.

A finalist for the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) Athlete Award, Cuthrell, the son of Scott and Amy Cuthrell, earned a combined 10 varsity letters and was an all-conference selection in all four sports.

He was a first team all-conference pick in both baseball and football, won all state honorable mention as a running back, and was twice the recipient of the Bay City Times' "Golden Helmet Award" for outstanding performance on the gridiron.

Cuthrell has served as captain of the football, basketball and baseball teams. He was elected homecoming king this year and has been active in various volunteer work ranging from serving as a camp counselor at Bay Short Camp in Sebawaing to helping out at local Red Cross blood drives.

Erla, the son of Charles and Michelle Erla, is also a member of the NHS. He has compiled a grade point average of 3.51 and has been an academic all-conference selection in every sport in which he has competed.

He's earned a total of nine varsity letters in baseball, basketball and football, was an all-conference pick in each of his sports, and was named a first team selection in baseball as both an infielder and as a pitcher.

Erla was a member of both the all-district and all-region teams in baseball in both his sophomore and junior years, was a first team all-state infielder as a sophomore and a first team all-state pitcher in his junior year.

Erla, who has also volunteered in the Methodist Church and at several youth sports camps, has a baseball scholarship to attend Michigan State University.

Haire, the son of Clarke and Karen Haire, has earned a grade point average of 3.64, is a NHS member and has earned academic all-conference honors in basketball, football and track and field.

He was a first team all-conference selection in all three sports and has earned a combined eight varsity letters. He served as captain of both the football and basketball teams.

In addition to athletics, Haire has been involved in a great deal of volunteer work, including coaching youth basketball and umpiring for the Cass City Little League.

"The Paul Smarks Award was first awarded in 1955. In the long history of this award, this is only the third time that we have had tri-winners. Once was in 1959, again in 2007 and now in 2016," Markel noted.

GTW champions advance seven to State Final meet

by Clarke Haire
Publisher

After claiming the Greater Thumb West track championship earlier in the week, Cass City's first since 2009, circumstances were ripe for a Red Hawk letdown Saturday at the MHSAA Division 3 Regional at Bad Axe.

Coach Jon Zdrojewski's thinclads would have none of it.

"What a great meet for Cass City, we had seven athletes qualify for the State Finals on June 4 in Comstock Park in six events," said the delighted veteran leader.

Still, Frankenmuth was the easy team winner with 148.5 points, while Marlette finished as the runner-up with 83.5 and Cass City was third with 77.

To advance into the season ending meet, athletes must finish first or second in their event during regional competition or meet the qualifying

standard. For Cass City, highlighting the list of state qualifiers was the winning 3,200 Meter Relay Team of Zane Wright, Keith Lounsbury, CarLee Stimpfel and Bransen Stimpfel.

"Wow! They were impressive, setting a new school record with a time of 8:18.61 smashing the previous mark set in 2009 of 8:26.11," Zdrojewski said.

Individually for Cass City, CarLee Stimpfel was the Red Hawks' lone regional champ with a stirring time of 9:40.11 in the 3,200 Meter Run, the sophomore sensation's personnel best.

Qualifying for the State Finals by taking second place honors for Cass City was Bransen Stimpfel in the 1,600 Meter Run (4:36.15) and Darren Miller with a new personal best in the pole vault of 13'.

A trio of Red Hawks – Parker Haire, Brad Hacker and Bransen Stimpfel - will make the trip to Comstock Park

after meeting the additional qualifying standard over the weekend. Haire took fifth in the 300 Meter Hurdles (42.06), Hacker took seventh in the 200 Meter Dash (23.60) and Stimpfel took fifth in the 3,200 Meter Run (10:04.94).

Other individual regional medals awarded Saturday to the Red Hawks included Lounsbury's third place effort in the 800 Meter Run, Wright's fifth place showing in the 800 Meter Run, Hacker's fifth place in the 100 Meter Dash, Haire's sixth in the 110 Meter Hurdles and Ethan Hulburt's seventh in the 400 Meter Dash.

All of Cass City's relay teams medaled in the regional meet. In the 400 Meter Relay, the team of Sawyer Cuthrell, Hacker, Miller and Haire took fourth place, the 800 Meter Relay team of Cuthrell, Hacker, Hulburt and Haire took fifth place and the 1600 Meter Relay Please turn to page 12.



RED HAWK freshman Dee Dee Haley, left, took home a 6th place medal in the 300 Meter Hurdles Saturday at the Division 3 Regional at Bad Axe.

Ubly boys defend regional title

Led by Alex Grika and the Bearcat middle distance relay teams, Ubly defended their regional crown Friday at the Division 4 Regional hosted by Brown City.

Grika, just a sophomore, was a double winner for the champions, taking the 1,600 Meter Run in 4:48.74 and the 3,200 Meter Run in 10:44.52 as Ubly added another regional crown with 155 points. The complete team standings had Peck next with 84 points, followed by Mayville 79, Kingston 63, Dryden 48, Deckerville 41, Harbor Beach 33, Cardinal Mooney 32, North Huron 20, Austin Catholic 12, Carsonville-Port

Sanilac 2 and Caseville 2.

Joining Grika at the Division 4 State Finals June 4 in Grand Rapids will be Bearcat sprinter Daniel Rutkowski and long jumper Jonathon Brandel. Rutkowski placed second in the 100 Meter Dash with a time of 11.82 and was the runner-up in the 200 and 400 Meter Dashes with times of 24.23 and 54.06, respectively. Brandel, meanwhile, leaped 18' 10" to place second in his field event.

Also finishing with second place honors for Ubly was the 4x200

Meter Relay team of Ethan Hund, Brandel, Matthew Maikrzek and Cole Maikrzek. They turned in a time of 1:37.83, while the 4x400 Meter Relay team of Rutkowski, Brandel, James Weber and Cole Maikrzek was clocked at 3:43.08, also good for second place honors.

Individual winners for Kingston included Eric Hobson, who captured the 300 Meter Hurdles in 43.40 and William Webster, who won the shot put with a distance of 41' 10.25".

The Cardinals also had the winning 4x400 Relay team consisting of Bo Mickelson, Riley Magiera, Lane Torrey and Hobson.



THE 2016 CASS City AAUW Outstanding Female Athlete Award winners, pictured above with Athletic Director Don Markel, are Macy Dickinson (left) and Maegan LeValley. The award also recognizes sportsmanship, scholarship and citizenship.

Hawks GTW champs

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team of Cuthrell, Lounsbury, CarLee Stimpfel and Bransen Stimpfel took sixth place.

Turning to the girls' field, Reese edged Frankenmuth 122-121 for team honors.

Closer to home, point takers for the Lady Red Hawks included Hailey Schmotzer, seventh place in the 110 Meter Hurdles and the 400 Meter Relay team of Victoria Mathewson, Victoria Cumper, Schmotzer and Dee Dee Haley was the seventh team to cross the end line.

"The rest of the team had a great season and ended with personal best times and looking forward to next year for a stronger showing. A very good season for a very young team lead by mostly underclassmen," said Zdrojewski.

GTW CHAMPS

As expected, Cass City brought home the championship trophy from the Greater Thumb West League Meet at USA High School, where all conference honors were determined.

The Red Hawks held off Vassar 138-126.5 to capture the school's first league title in seven years. Reese was third with 74.5 points.

"It was way too close for my comfort," Zdrojewski said of the outcome.

Several Red Hawks earned GTW all-conference first team honors on the day by winning their event, including the 3,200 Meter Relay team of Zane Wright, Keith Lounsbury, CarLee Stimpfel and Bransen Stimpfel; Parker Haire in the 110 and 300 Meter Hurdles; Bransen Stimpfel in the 1,600 Meter Run; CarLee Stimpfel in the 3,200 Meter Run; and Darren Miller in the pole vault.

Red Hawks finishing with second team All-Conference honors were the 800 Meter Relay team of Sawyer Cuthrell, Bradley Hacker, Ethan Hulburt and Haire and the 400 Meter Relay team of Sawyer Cuthrell, Bradley Hacker, Darren Miller and Parker Haire. Individuals who earned second team all-conference honors were Lounsbury in the 800 meter run; Bransen Stimpfel in the

3,200 Meter Run; and Brady Warford in the shot put.

All-Conference Honorable Mention was earned by the 1,600 Meter Relay team of Sawyer Cuthrell, Keith Lounsbury, CarLee Stimpfel and Bransen Stimpfel and pole vaulter Josh Schaufele.

"In order to win the very competitive meet against Vassar required everyone to perform as expected and we needed a couple to outperform their expectations to clinch the title. Those extra-ordinary performances came in the form of Brady Warford besting his personal best in the Shot Put by over 2 feet throwing 40'7.5" taking an unexpected 2nd place. The other performance that was a great surprise and helped to clinch the title was given by Josh Schaufele in the Pole Vault, setting his new personal record at 9'6" surpassing his previous best by one foot. The rest of the team performed pretty much as expected and that is what we needed in order to be successful and they were up to the challenge. This squad was hungry for a league title and they put all the effort necessary to win that coveted title. I am very proud of what they have accomplished, it took a lot of hard work and they didn't shy away from that," Zdrojewski said.

In the girls' field, Reese took team honors with 230 points. The Lady Rockets were followed by Bad Axe and Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port with 110 and 100 points, respectively.

Point takers for the Lady Hawks included Victoria Mathewson. She took fifth place in the 100 Meter Dash, while Layna Mathewson took fourth place in the 800 Meter Run and sixth in the 1600 Meter Run and Hailey Schmotzer finished in fifth place in the 100 Meter Hurdles. Dee Dee Haley took home sixth place in the 300 Meter Hurdles.

In the relays, Cass City's 400 Meter Relay team of Dee Dee Haley, Victoria Mathewson, Hailey Schmotzer and Brittany Stilson finished in fifth place, the 800 Meter Relay team of Victoria Mathewson, Dee Dee Haley, Josie Loomis and Brittany Stilson finished in fourth place and the 3,200 Meter Relay team of Josie Loomis, Dee Dee Haley, Harlie Mallory and Layna Mathewson finished in fourth place.

Weekend round-up

Owen-Gage boys grab Laker invite crown

Devon Lorenz belted a walk-off single in the bottom of the seventh inning to lift Owen-Gage past Landmark Academy Saturday in the championship game of the Laker invitational baseball tournament at Mortan Park.

Owen-Gage plated a pair of runs in the third frame to break open a scoreless tie, only to see Landmark Academy score twice in the sixth to even the score before taking a one-run lead in the seventh.

Trailing 3-2, Owen-Gage was able to load the bases in its final at-bats on an intentional walk to Jacob Wright, setting the stage for Lorenz, who delivered a clutch game-winning hit with two outs.

At the plate, Owen-Gage also had Dan Good with two hits in three trips, while David Binder chipped in a pair of doubles.

Wright and Binder handled the pitching duties for the Bulldogs. Wright allowed one hit and fanned 12 over five innings of work before handing the ball to Binder, who worked the final two innings to collect the win. Binder yielded three hits and recorded four strike outs.

"A nice tournament win. All the players played an important part and did their jobs. Whether it be a bunt or a great play at first, I am very proud of the team and how we played,"

said Owen-Gage Coach Brian Wright.

To reach the finals, Owen-Gage defeated Merritt Academy, 21-2, in a semifinal match-up.

Binder started on the hill and surrendered four hits, while whiffing 13 in a complete game showing.

At the plate, Good recorded four singles and a double, while Wright added two singles, a double and a grand slam to pace the winners.

"David pitched a great game. The fielders all fielded their position and the bats exploded for 20 hits," Wright said.

Lady Hawks struggle at the plate in losses

The Cass City Lady Red Hawk softball team traveled to Pinconning Saturday and returned home without a win at the Spartan invite.

Beaverton delivered Cass City an 11-1 defeat in the teams' morning game, while the Lady Red Hawks suffered afternoon setbacks to Pinconning and Bullock Creek.

In Cass City's opener, Sayge Cuthrell scored the game's first marker, only to see Beaverton take control with multiple runs in each at-bat in the four-inning affair.

Cass City was limited to just three

hits — all singles — by Cuthrell, Baylee Murphy and Riley Klein.

Cuthrell was the victim of little offense support and suffered the loss on the mound. She worked 3.1 innings, striking out two and walking two.

Game two saw the host Spartans earn a 7-0 victory as Cass City continued to struggle at the plate.

The Red Hawks trailed just 2-0 after three innings, but a five run 5th inning by Pinconning ended the affair.

Macy Dickinson handled the pitch-

ing chores for Cass City. She walked four and had four strike outs.


Klein and Kate Stimpfel had the lone hits in vain.

In Cass City's final game, Midland Bullock Creek posted a 7-2 decision.

Once again, hits were hard to come by for the Lady Red Hawks as Murphy, with a pair of knocks, and Klein and Lauren Dickinson, both with solo hits, completed the hit list for Cass City.

Hurler Bailee Ross was tagged with the defeat. She had four strikeouts in seven innings of work on the hill.

Schneeberger's ATHLETES of the WEEK



Schneeberger's choice for their Athlete of the Week award is the Cass City boys' track team.

The Red Hawk thinclads enjoyed a banner week recently, earning the Greater Thumb West track championship on Tuesday for the first time since 2009, followed by a pleasing showing, according to Coach Jon Zdrojewski, Saturday at the Division 3 Regional at Bad Axe.

"What a great meet for Cass City, we had seven athletes qualify for the State Finals and set a new school record in the 3,200 Meter Relay," he said.


At the GTW League Meet, the Red Hawks had six individual champions in a display of team depth at USA High School. Please see page 13 for a list of Cass City point winners at the conference gathering.

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

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Congratulations Cass City Boy's Track 2016 GTW League Champions



Front row: Jose Torres, Bransen Stimpfel, Second Row: Gabe Farver, Keith Lounsbury, CarLee Stimpfel, Sawyer Cuthrell, Back Row: Coach Jon Zdrojewski, Jamison Biskner-Kruse, Nick Perry, Brad Hacker, Brady Warford, Parker Haire. Missing: Ethan Hulburt, Hayden Larkin, Darren Miller, Josh Schaufele, Devin Vermeesch, Race Woloshen, Shaede Perzanowski.

GTC West League Meet Results for Cass City

<p>by Conner Emery Staff Writer</p> <p>LEAGUE MEET <i>(Cass City student athletes who placed in the top 6)</i></p> <p>100 Meters Bradley Hacker 6th place 11.76a</p> <p>200 Meters Bradley Hacker 5th place 23.60a</p> <p>400 Meters Ethan Hulburt 6th place 56.95a</p>	<p>800 Meters Keith Lounsbury 2nd place 2:09.38a Zane Wright 4th place 2:12.26a Jose Torres 5th place 2:13.84a</p> <p>1600 Meters Bransen Stimpfel 1st place 4:41.65a CarLee Stimpfel 2nd place 4:44.33a Zane Wright 4th place 5:04.06a</p> <p>3200 Meters CarLee Stimpfel 1st place 10:04.79a Bransen Stimpfel 2nd place 10:08.50a Gabe Farver 4th place 11:17.51a</p>	<p>110m Hurdles - 39" Parker Haire 1st place 16.42a</p> <p>300m Hurdles - 36" Parker Haire 1st place 42.83a</p> <p>Shot Put - 12 lb. Brady Warford 2nd place 40-07.50</p> <p>Pole Vault Darren Miller 1st place 11-00.00 Josh Schaufele 3rd place 9-06.00</p>	<p>4x100 Relay Sawyer Cuthrell, Bradley Hacker, Parker Haire, Shaede Perzanowski 2nd place 46.52a</p> <p>4x200 Relay Sawyer Cuthrell, Bradley Hacker, Parker Haire, Shaede Perzanowski 2nd place 1:36.05a</p>	<p>4x400 Relay Sawyer Cuthrell, CarLee Stimpfel, Keith Lounsbury, Bransen Stimpfel 3rd place 3:43.78a</p> <p>4x800 Relay Keith Lounsbury, Bransen Stimpfel, CarLee Stimpfel, Zane Wright 1st place 8:35.85a</p>
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School board approves budget cuts

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She noted the district has averaged a loss of 30 kids annually over the past decade.

Cass City's K-12 enrollment of 1,017 students last fall dipped to 990 kids over the winter. The latest figures indicate that number has recovered slightly, to 997 students.

Zimba outlined a series of project losses and gains for 2016-17 based, in part, on enrollment dropping by 25 students, which translates into a reduction of nearly \$185,000 in state revenue (Cass City received \$7,391 per pupil in state funding this year). Overall, the losses add up to \$403,775, while the gains — including a \$120-per-student increase in state funding — total about \$287,500 for a net loss of \$116,315.

Zimba outlined two options designed to eliminate the red ink while at the same time enabling officials to utilize the proceeds from the sale of the former Campbell Elementary School building to cover the lion's share of a \$65,000 used bus purchase.

Zimba's first proposal includes elimination of 1.5 teaching positions, which would save an estimated \$137,000, and a change in the Title I director/behavior specialist job from a salaried position to an hourly paraprofessional/high school title position, saving another \$37,000. Her second proposal included those same options along with elimination of one principal position, an additional savings of just over \$80,000.

Zimba recommended that the board approve her first proposal. "If we've lost more than 25, 30 students in the fall, we've obviously got to reevaluate. For now, proposal one gets us where we want to be," she said.

Board members largely agreed, although Trustee Dan Manwell dissented on one point. "I'm not sold on the bus (purchase) idea," he commented. Manwell acknowledged the district's aging bus fleet is a concern,

especially after a recent state police inspection resulted in several buses being taken off the road temporarily due to minor mechanical or other issues. However, he said, buses that break down can be repaired, and it may be best to delay a purchase for now, considering how the need for major school facility repairs tend to come out of nowhere.

Board Vice President Craig Bellew agreed, saying school officials have been aware for some time now that the heating system at the high school is going to require a major investment in the near future.

The board unanimously approved Zimba's first proposal with the exception of the bus purchase.

SCHOOL YEAR CUT

The board, meeting in regular session, approved a motion that will instantly save \$7,000 to \$10,000 in operating expenses by reducing the current school year by two days, meaning the last day will be June 10 instead of June 14.

The decision, which wasn't unanimous, came after board Treasurer Dave Osentoski suggested that school officials take advantage of a state-offered waiver for additional snow day forgiveness this year. He and other board members questioned the amount of learning that typically takes place on the last couple days of school, and indicated the extended year will affect various organized summer activities such as student camps.

The motion to shorten the school year was approved on a 5-2 vote, with board Trustee Alice Zaleski and Trustee Stacey Bliss casting the "no" votes.

In other business Monday night, the board:

*Approved a motion making the district eligible to let sixth graders participate in junior high athletics in conjunction with a new Michigan High School Athletic Association

(MHSAA) rule change allowing the practice.

Athletic Director Don Markel noted the local athletic conference has already approved the practice. For Cass City, that means sixth grade students could be allowed to participate in all individual sports (cross country, wrestling and track and field) sponsored by the district, he said.

Six graders could also participate in team sports (football, volleyball and basketball), but only if they are needed to maintain minimum numbers required to field a team, and only if participation is first approved by the athletic director. Markel emphasized seventh and eighth grade student athletes would not be affected by rule change — losing their starting position to a sixth grader, for example.

The board approved the motion on a vote of 6-1, with Osentoski casting the lone dissenting vote.

In a related matter, the board adopted an annual resolution continuing Cass City's membership in the MHSAA.

*Approved an annual resolution continuing Cass City's status as a Schools of Choice district, meaning students from neighboring schools may enroll locally. Cass City offers open enrollment in grades K-10.

*Heard a report from Kathy LaPonsie, school nurse, on plans to update Cass City's sex education curriculum for various grades. Public hearings have been scheduled to discuss proposed changes and additions, and the district's sex education committee will be asking the board to approve the revised curriculum following those hearings, she said.

*Approved a proposed Tuscola Intermediate School District (TISD) General Education Budget presented TISD Supt. Gene Pierce, who outlined a 2016-17 spending plan totaling \$4.84 million, leaving a surplus of roughly \$11,300 compared to projected revenues for the coming year.

Crowd gathers to hear Molter's plan

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will go to Wal-Mart. People that want good produce, good sausage and fresh produce will come see me. We will be strong on perishables."

Molter says the proposed full-service supermarket will have an Oak Street entrance with a wood and stone façade along Main Street. The project is expected to add \$3 million

to the village property tax roles.

Molter reported that he has in place land contracts for the three downtown parcels and that a feasibility study for the supermarket has been completed and grants are under review.

Molter is asking for grants totaling 20 percent of the project, or about \$800,000.

"We are about six to eight months

away from beginning construction, and another five to six months after that we will be completely functional," he said.

Why Cass City, asked a concerned citizen during discussions following the computer presentation?

"I grew up in a small town of about 4,500 people," Molter responded, adding, "Spend one day with me in Dallas (and you will know why). It takes two hours to get to work and another two hours to get home."

Molter originally tried to purchase the former Erla's building about five years ago, but the deaths of his brother and mother during the closing process stalled the deal.

Also in attendance Monday was businessman Jim Zyrowski, owner of Ben's Supercenter Inc., who has announced plans to bring a grocery to the village after purchasing the former Erla's Food Center last fall.

Ben's currently owns and operates three locations; Ben's Supercenter in Brown City, Ben's Supercenter in Marlette and Ben's Contractor Center/Ben's Great Outdoors, also in Marlette.

Village officials have said it could take another year or longer before Zyrowski is ready to build in Cass City, but they are working closely with him to assist in any way they can.

Since Erla's was sold, the store's furnishings have also been sold via an online auction.

Village officials say he would like to construct a new store on property located across from the Shell station on the former Croft Clara property along Main Street. Zyrowski's project is expected to cost around \$10 million.

Negotiations reportedly are underway with Frankenmuth Credit Union, which now owns the land and recently installed an ATM there.

Former Erla's Foods owner Venu Ganga closed Erla's in September 2014 after owning and operating the business for about 2 1/2 years. The closure left the village without a grocery store and nearly four dozen area residents without jobs.

Huron County inmate dies

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"CPR was initiated, with other deputies responding and assisting. Central Huron Ambulance Service arrived shortly thereafter," the sheriff reported. "Inmate Nancy K. Bouchard was eventually pronounced dead by ambulance personnel, and an investigator from the Huron County Medical Examiner's Office was called."

Hanson said Bouchard had been booked into the jail earlier Saturday, at about 2:45 a.m., after she was arrested by Elkton police for an alleged felony firearms-related offense in Elkton.

"A full investigation is taking place by our office and the Huron County Medical Examiner's Office, which will include an autopsy sometime today (Sunday)," Hanson said. "No further information will be released at this time as the investigation is expected to be lengthy."

Theft probe leads to drug bust

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warrant led to a second search warrant being executed by the Huron County Sheriff Department," Rothe said.

Huron County Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson said the second warrant stemmed from the discovery of illegal drugs in the Leppek Road home in Paris Township, where deputies seized heroin, a variety of prescription medications, drug paraphernalia and a loaded handgun.

"Charges will be sought (this week) against a 28-year-old male who resides at the residence," Hanson added.

Rothe said officers located a second suspect in the theft investigation early Friday morning in the Cass City area.

"He is currently being held at the Huron County jail pending formal charges by the Huron County Prosecutor's Office. Officers are still attempting to locate the third suspect," he said.

Rothe lauded the citizens who provided information after reading and sharing his department's Facebook post.

"Without (their) help, the identification of the suspects would not have been made as quickly as it was, and potential evidence may have been destroyed before police had a chance to recover it," he said.

Rothe noted sheriff's deputies, the Ubyly Police Department and Michigan State Police all assisted Bad Axe police in the investigation.

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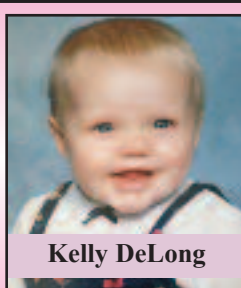
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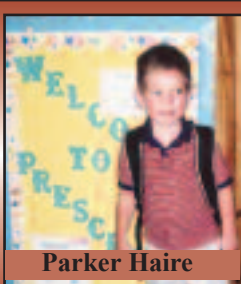
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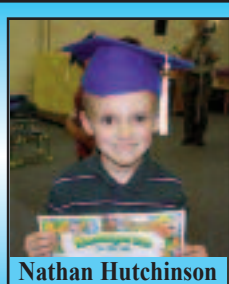


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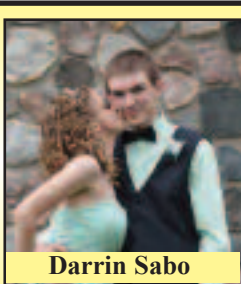


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