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ELKLAND TOWNSHIP fire fighters used their Jaws of Life to extricate area resident Beverly Ostrander from the wreckage of her vehicle, which was rear-ended by a pickup truck hauling an empty cattle trailer along M-53 near the entrance of Evergreen Park in Sanilac County. Ostrander was transported to a Saginaw area hospital for treatment of her injuries.

Sanilac woman injured in crash

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

A Cass City area woman suffered injuries in a two-vehicle collision in Sanilac County's Evergreen Township last week.

Sanilac County Sheriff's deputies were dispatched to the entrance of Evergreen Park along M-53 at about 2:15 p.m. Tuesday.

According to Sgt. Shelly Park, 33-year-old Jason Curson of Ida was driving a 2015 Dodge Ram pickup truck hauling an empty cattle trailer when he rear-ended a 2004 Ford Taurus driven by Beverly Ostrander of Evergreen Township, who was attempting to turn left into the park at the time.

"The Evergreen Township woman

had to be freed by Cass City (fire fighters) with their Jaws of Life," Park reported. "She was transported to Covenant Hospital...for treatment of her injuries. The driver and passenger of the Dodge Ram were not injured."

Michigan State Police troopers and an MMR Ambulance crew also assisted deputies at the scene.

Following Berrien Co. shootings

Tuscola Co. reviews courthouse security measures in place

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Tuscola County court officials are taking another look at security measures in place at the courthouse in Caro following the fatal shooting of two court bailiffs early last week at the Berrien County Courthouse in the southwest Michigan city of St. Joseph.

"First of all, our thoughts and prayers go out to everyone affected by the tragic shooting at the Berrien County Courthouse," Tuscola County Circuit Judge Amy Grace Gierhart said in a statement released a day after the shooting. "This tragedy certainly hits very close to home for all of us who work in the judiciary.

"I met with the Tuscola County sheriff and prosecutor this morning to take all necessary steps to evaluate our present courthouse security, and we are committed to implementing any necessary improvements to strengthen that security," Gierhart said. "I am confident that the practices we have in place are already very effective at creating a secure courthouse environment, but in light of what happened in Berrien County, we all recognize the importance of double-checking our procedures.

"Tuscola County takes security at the courthouse very seriously, and we will put in place the measures necessary to keep the public and our employees as safe as possible," she added.

Last week's tragedy in the Lake Michigan shoreline community took place as inmate Larry Darnell Gordon, 44, was being escorted by a deputy from a courtroom, according to published reports, which note a domestic battery charge had been dismissed in his case, but he was still facing charges of sexual assault and kidnapping.

Gordon reportedly was handcuffed in front, and he was able to grab the Please turn to page 4.

No quiet kick-off for 135th Tuscola Co. Fair

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

The Tuscola County Fair typically officially opens quietly on a Sunday, with visitors invited to tour the fairgrounds in Caro, check out the livestock, enjoy some great fair food and take in the annual talent show and crowning of the 4-H king and queen. Not this year.

The 135th annual Tuscola County Fair, slated for Sunday, July 24, through Saturday, July 30, promises to kick off with plenty of fanfare as the Caro High School Class of 1966 invites everyone to attend a Community Appreciate Day Sunday, celebrating both the Caro class' 50th reunion and county residents' support of the MSU Extension and 4-H millage last March.

A host of activities and entertainment — including the Calvarymen Quartet at 1 p.m., an ice cream social at 2 p.m. and 70's rock hits performed by Ben MacArthur and Friends at 3 p.m. — will take place in front of the grandstand and in Bieth Park.

The day will include the first-ever

Tuscola County Car Show starting at 10 a.m., featuring a "bounty" on the model year 1966 (a random raffle winner will be drawn from entries of 1966 classic cars and trucks). There will be awards, door prizes and a 50/50 raffle, with the proceeds going to benefit the Good Samaritans of Tuscola County.

As always, fair goers are invited to the annual 4-H and open talent show and the crowning of 4-H royalty. The fun begins at 4:30 p.m.

Fair week again promises a full slate of events geared towards the entire family, and admission remains the same at \$11, which covers admission, parking, grandstand entertainment and unlimited rides (Tuesday through Sunday).

The week's schedule includes a special "Kids Day" Tuesday, which also marks the opening of the carnival at noon (the carnival will open each day at noon through Saturday, July 30). Youths ages 14 and under will be admitted for \$9 until 6 p.m. and free T-shirts will be given away to the first 800 kids with paid admission.

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Karpovich siblings are ready to show off hard work at fair

by Conner Emery
Staff Writer

The Tuscola County Fair is quickly approaching, and with it the anticipation of livestock shows that will be taking place throughout fair week, July 24-30 at the fairgrounds in Caro. From rabbits to horses to every size in between, there is something for everyone to come out and enjoy.

These shows are even more exciting for youths who are active in 4-H clubs, because it offers a great opportunity to showcase their animals and all the hard work they've put into getting them fair ready.

Among those kids this year will be Becca, 13, and Nathan Karpovich, 11, of the Cass City 4-H Club.

This will be the third year that the brother and sister will be going to the Tuscola County Fair with animals, and they will be showing both chickens and rabbits as well as having both animals in meat pens. The rabbit show will be on the morning of July 25 and the poultry show will follow the next morning.

The Karpoviches have shown chickens before — for the kids' first year — however, there was a ban on birds last year at fairs due to concerns over avian flu coming to Michigan, so the kids switched to showing rabbits. Also, the chicken meat pens are something that they will be doing for the first time this year.

The kids, along with their parents, Tonya and David Karpovich, will be taking eight rabbits and roughly 16 chickens to the fair this year — almost triple what they usually bring, according to Tonya.

"We would have (taken) ducks this year, too, but they were molting," Becca noted.

Getting all those animals prepped and ready to go takes a lot of work, requiring the kids to stay on top of daily chores related to their animals.

"Every day we check on them (the

rabbits) a few times and get them water," Becca explained. "We feed them at night because they are nocturnal, and we also have to clean their cages."

Most people who don't live on a farm or interact with animals might think that all these kids would have to do is prep the animals a few months before the showings and they are good to go. But that is far from the case; Becca and Nathan have to check on the animals every day of the year.

As fair time rolls around they work with them a little bit more than other times of the year, specifically with interactions and handling of the animals so they are comfortable with them for the showing. Even in the wintertime the siblings are out checking on and feeding the animals, which is a lot less fun for the kids than during the warmer months. The colder weather and when their sharp

clawed chickens get jumpy are their least favorite parts of taking care of them.

"It's an all-year job, but in the winter the animals' water can freeze and some of the chickens can even get frostbite on their legs," said Tonya.

The Tuscola County Fair and 4-H roots run deep in the Karpovich family. Becca and Nathan's father showed sheep and cows back when he was in 4-H at their age at the fair, and the kids use the same barn for their animals that their dad, grandpa, and even great-grandpa used.

Tonya said the kids got involved in 4-H when one of their neighbors started up the club and the kids were interested in joining. She feels that the club and the shows have already helped the kids out a lot beyond just learning how to care for their animals.

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BECCA AND Nathan Karpovich sit on a hay bale outside of their barn, next to some of the chickens they will be taking to the Tuscola County Fair next week.

In search of history

Perry shedding light on Cass City's past by exploring town's buildings

by Conner Emery
Staff Writer

Tyler Perry doesn't think of himself as Cass City's resident historian, even though he has a well-earned reputation for the role.

Instead, the humble man views his passion for the past in a different way.

"Going around town, asking people if I can check out stuff, probably comes off as annoying," Perry joked.

Just the same, there's no doubt that Perry's interest in the history of Cass City has served the community well. Everyone has a story, according to Perry, and with that comes the need for someone to listen to those stories, save that information, and share it with the masses.

From large metropolises to small towns like Cass City, every community has history. And in Cass City, most folks know who to call when they discover something interesting

about the past. "People will find stuff while cleaning out their parent's attics and think 'Hey, Ty would like that,'" Perry said.

Anyone who has had a conversation with him will likely walk away having learned something new about this town. Perry has had an interest in history his entire life, a passion that ignited a special interest in Cass City's past during his middle school years. Being the sixth generation of his family in this town, he wanted to know more about his roots.

"I have lived here my whole life and didn't know anything about it," said Perry. "I feel like knowing the history of where I come from is part of my identity."

Perry started by taking pictures around town and going to local businesses and asking if he could check out abandoned areas on the upper floors, where he would find old relics of a past time. "Things like Please turn to page 6.



Eight generations of first daughters

Recently pictured were 5 generations of daughters: great great-grandmother Lillie E. (Rice) Adams, great-grandmother Pat Adams, grandmother Christine Adams and mother Breana Baker holding Kaleeya Womack. Inset is the photo Lillie Adams is holding of the photo of the 3 generations that preceded her: Lillie's great-grandmother Lillie Clock, grandmother Elvira Hyslop and mother Marjoria Rice holding an infant Lillie E. Rice.

Cass City senior Nye receives scholarship

The National FFA Organization has awarded a \$2,000 John Deere Dealer scholarship to Jesse Nye of the Cass City Junior/Senior High School FFA.

The scholarship is sponsored by

Tri-County Equipment as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.

This scholarship is one of 1,820 awarded through the National FFA Organization's scholarship program in 2016. Currently, 116 sponsors contribute more than \$2.6 million to support scholarships for students.

For 32 years, scholarships have been made available through funding secured by the National FFA Foundation. The funding comes from individuals, businesses and corporate sponsors to encourage excellence and enable students to pursue their educational goals.

The 2016 scholarship recipients were selected from 8,383 applicants from across the country. Selections were based on the applicant's leadership, academic record, FFA and other school and community activities, supervised agricultural or work experience in agricultural education and future goals.

The National FFA Organization provides leadership, personal growth

and career success training through agricultural education to 629,367 student members who belong to one of 7,757 local FFA chapters throughout the U.S., Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

Nye recently graduated from Cass City Junior/Senior High School and plans to use the funds to pursue a degree at Baker College. He is the son of Gary and Christie Nye of Cass City.



Jesse Nye

Engaged



Caroline Gordon & Joel VanAllen

Garrett and Christina Gordon of Deford announce the engagement of their daughter Caroline Gordon to Joel VanAllen. Joel is the son of Jim and Renee VanAllen of Kingston.

Christine recently graduated from home school and Howard's Beauty Academy with the class of 2016.

Joel graduated from Kingston High School with the class of 2014 and currently attends Spring Arbor University.

An August 2016 wedding is currently being planned.

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In Our OPINION..

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We're blessed with medical help nearby

A new report from the University of Michigan's Center for Local, State, and Urban Policy (CLOSUP) underscores just how fortunate Cass City residents and officials are when it comes to accessing emergency medical care.

The recent U-M study asked the opinions of Michigan's local government leaders on emergency medical services (EMS) in their communities, including how these services are provided and funded. Based on input from more than 1,400 counties, cities, township and villages, the report concluded that, while satisfaction with EMS and ambulance services are high across the state, different types of jurisdictions face different kinds of challenges.

The key findings included:

*Most local officials (88 percent) are satisfied with EMS and ambulance services in their jurisdiction, and 84 percent believe most of their citizens are confident that first responders will arrive in time to handle a medical emergency.

*Even so, proximity to the nearest hospital is seen as a problem to local leaders in small communities, and in general in northern Michigan communities. In the Upper Peninsula, 74 percent say hospital access is a significant problem (24 percent) or somewhat of a problem (50 percent). By comparison, in the southern and central regions of the state, only about 5 percent of local leaders say distance to the nearest hospital is a significant problem.

*In terms of service delivery, in more than half of Michigan communities, a stand-alone EMS or ambulance service usually provides medical first response. In 34 percent of communities, the fire department typically provides first response. Only 18 percent of local governments directly provide medical transport (i.e. ambulance) service.

*Relatively few (14 percent) local jurisdictions say that they have insufficient funding for EMS, and just under a quarter (23 percent) have tried to raise additional local funding in recent years. Of those that have tried to increase local funding for EMS or ambulance services through a millage or special assessment, an overwhelming majority (95 percent) report being successful.

Cass City residents are blessed to have a fully accredited hospital right in their own backyard. Hills and Dales General Hospital is not only close by, but has earned the respect and recognition of a myriad of state and national agencies that rate healthcare facilities and their staffs. In fact, Hills and Dales' emergency department is considered second to none in the Thumb when it comes to quickly and efficiently treating patients, whether it involves a cardiac emergency or stabilizing a critical patient for transport to another facility.


The same goes for MMR Ambulance in Cass City, which marked its 20th anniversary in 2014. MMR is a full-service ambulance company that provides basic, advanced and critical care transportation services across 15 counties. The company transports over 90,000 patients annually and is accredited by the Commission on the Accreditation of Ambulance Services (CAAS), considered to be the gold standard in quality service and operational excellence.

Of course, no one ever wants to find themselves in need of emergency care for themselves, a family member or a friend, but isn't it a secure feeling knowing lifesaving help is right around the corner?

Slices of Life

by Jill Pertler

Fleeing germs



We live in a culture where people fear shopping cart handles. To be fair, it's not the handles themselves. It's the germs residing on said handles. Germs can make us sick. Being sick is a logical thing to fear. So we wipe the handles with disinfectant and go about our merry way.

Shopping cart handles may be a quirky fear, but that's only the beginning. Some people go to great lengths, and employ considerable superstitious behavior in their quest for a germ-free life.

Sometimes I'm one of those people. In discussions with others, I've found I'm not alone. We all do weird things (or maybe they are smart things) in the name of cleanliness.

While I don't typically disinfect my shopping cart handle, the first thing I do when returning home from the store is wash my hands. I suppose this behavior is loosely related to the shopping cart phobia. Different disinfectant method, different time.

I usually wash my hands at the kitchen sink, which is another object of my fixation on germ evasion. I read somewhere that the kitchen is typically one of the germiest places in the entire house and the sink is host to hordes of bacteria-laden decaying food particles and other blecky whatnots. As a combatant, I have a spray bottle of rubbing alcohol sitting in a handy location near the kitchen sink. Good riddance, whatnots!

Let's chat about water that comes from a refrigerator door. Anyone besides me avoid it? I'm distrusting of the tubing within the fridge that transports the water to my glass. But I use the refrigerator ice cubes, which probably go through the same tubing system, all the time. In addition, I drink regular water from the regular tap every day. And who knows what the innards of that contain? (I don't even want to go there.)

Before we leave the kitchen, anyone else afraid of sponges? They stay damp and contain thousands of little crevices where all sorts of microscopic bad things can grow. I've read you can sanitize your sponge in the dishwasher, but I stick with washcloths I can launder in bleach on the hot cycle.

Double dipping – now there's a thing (or two) to get the masses chatting. I'm a single dip proponent. In direct conflict with this is drink sharing. I think nothing of sharing my water bottle with my husband or kids. Same goes for chapstick, which when you consider it logically is probably more likely to harbor germs than a carrot stick in ranch dip.

I used to love staying overnight at a hotel. It felt special, not having to make your bed in the morning and all. This changed after I watched a couple of those helpful investigative news stories about the horrors of hotel rooms. Items especially suspect and susceptible are the TV remote and phone. Experts advise bringing your own sanitizing cloths and giving a good wipe down before you change the channel or call down to the front desk for more germ-laden pillows.

A friend of mine has an aversion toward rental carpet


cleaners. She thinks the cleaners aren't clean. She might be right. But isn't it possible that a carpet cleaning company could have dirty equipment as well? They deal with some pretty nasty stuff. My best advice would be to clean your carpet cleaner before you clean your carpet. I'm pretty sure there's an oxymoron in there somewhere.

I've saved the best (or worst) for last: public restrooms. Ever enter a stall only to find the toilet is covered in droplets? There aren't many things higher on the gross-meter than a wet toilet seat. I also avoid faucet and door handles in public restrooms – and touching anything in public restrooms for that matter.

We live in a crazy, germ-filled world. They are everywhere, and it is not possible (not possible at all) to avoid them completely. Still we try. At least I do. And if we ever meet in person, I want you to know I'm okay with a fist bump and even a hug, but maybe not a handshake. Depending on the day and how I'm feeling and whether you are sneezing and wheezing.

Just trying to keep it honest.

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



Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

The Knights of Columbus Council # 8892 would like to congratulate Jacob Shantz of Cass City for his winning entry in their 5K Run & Walk T-shirt design contest.

Race Director Dale Churchill says the event is planned for Saturday, Sept. 10, starting at 9:00 am from the Saint Pancratius Church in Cass City and proceeds will benefit Revive Ministries and St. Agatha food pantries.

To register for the run to the Cass River or for the ½ mile kids run, call 989-415-5636 or text centralthumbkofc@gmail.com

Letters to the Editor

No grocery business? shame on Cass City

Letter to the Editor,

Cass City should be ashamed of itself for ever letting the only grocery store in town close. Why didn't the well-to-do people in town form a co-op to keep the store open? With a few investors and help from the Erla family, you would have a store still running.

The Erlas ran that store for over 50 years. With the investors keeping the store open, you would never have to worry about going out of business.

Jim Profit
Cass City Class of 1960
Escanaba

Editor's note: We're fairly certain the community would have welcomed a group of investors interested in keeping Erla's up and running, but none stepped forward, nor did the Erla family express an interest in continuing to operate the business (that we're aware of).

The reality is, the last owner closed the doors because he didn't feel he could continue to turn a reasonable profit. End of story. We fail to see how the town should be ashamed for decisions beyond its control.



Safety for our police officers a big concern

Listen to the news and we hear two police officers were shot while sitting in a car. A cop stops someone for a traffic violation, a burned out tail light, and gets shot. You get the point. We wonder if it will ever

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Wednesday, July 20

- Spoonfuls of Plenty Free Community Meal, 4-6 p.m., LeeRoy Clark Building, 435 Green St., Caro. Open to anyone wanting a hot, home-style meal.
- Spaghetti Dinner at Cass City VFW Hall from 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Take out available. For more information call (989) 872-4933.

Thursday, July 21

- AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 553-5932.
- Sanilac County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, 3 p.m., HDC Adult Day Services Building, 227 N. Elk St., Sandusky. For more information, contact Kim at (989) 673-4121 or Amanda at (810) 648-4497.
- Grief Support meetings, "Healing Together." Heritage Hill, 1430 Cleaver Rd., Caro, 7- 8:30 p.m. For questions or to register to attend please call the office at (989) 872-5852 or toll free (877) 872-5852. These sessions are open to anyone dealing with a grief or loss. Sponsored by Hospice Advantage, Cass City.
- Caregiver Support Group, 11:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m., Bullard-Sanford Memorial Library, 520 W. Huron Ave., Vassar. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.

Monday, July 25

- Alcoholics Anonymous, "Monday at a Time," 8 p.m., Parkside Cafe, 2031 Main St., Ubyly. For more information, call Angela R. at (989) 658-2319.
- AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 553-5932.
- Cass City School Board meeting, 7 p.m.
- Hills & Dales General Hospital Auxiliary meeting, 11:30 a.m., Gilligans (no meetings July, August, December).
- Tuscola County Right to Life meeting, 6:30-8 p.m., Caro Area District Library, 840 W. Frank St., Caro. For more information, call (989) 872-3259.
- Cass City Village Council meeting, 7 p.m., municipal building.

Tuesday, July 26

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

STANDING COMMUNITY CALENDAR ITEMS

First Sunday:

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

First Monday:

- Novesta Township Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Second Monday:

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

Second Tuesday:

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

Second Wednesday:

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

Second Thursday:

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

Third Tuesday:

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

Third Wednesday

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

Third Thursday:

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

Third Saturday:

- Revive Food Pantry, from 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. Must live in the Cass City School District and meet the financial guidelines. For more information, call (989)551-7803.

Fourth Monday:

- Cass City School Board meeting, 7 p.m.
- Hills & Dales General Hospital Auxiliary meeting, 11:30 a.m., Gilligans (no meetings July, August, December).
- Tuscola County Right to Life meeting, 6:30-8 p.m., Caro Area District Library, 840 W. Frank St., Caro. For more information, call (989) 872-3259.

Fourth Wednesday:

- Owen-Gage School Board meeting, 7 p.m.
- Huron County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, Huron Behavioral Health, Bad Axe. For more information, contact Rhonda Quinn at (989) 269-9293.
- Sanilac County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, Sanilac County Medical Care Facility. Noon to 2 p.m. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.

Fourth Thursday:

- Community Lunch, noon, Shabbona United Methodist Church.

Last Monday:

- Cass City Village Council meeting, 7 p.m., municipal building.

Every Monday:

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

Every Tuesday:

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

Every Wednesday:

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

Every Thursday:

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

Deputies rescue kayakers in distress

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Huron County Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson urged kayak enthusiasts to understand their own limits and the inherent dangers of navigating the Great Lakes following an incident involving a trio of kayakers near the Port Austin Reef Lighthouse early last week.

Hanson reported the kayakers were on the return leg of a three-hour venture Monday shortly after 5 p.m. when one of them capsized.

"With a southerly breeze pushing them offshore and the capsized kayaker unable to right his boat and get back aboard, the three began signaling for a passing powerboat. The powerboat responded and radioed

for help and Huron Central Dispatch was called," Hanson said. "Two responding deputies, assisted by a Port Austin police officer, went to the scene aboard our patrol boat, which is based in Port Austin."

"They retrieved a 22-year-old Canton Man and 22- and 25-year-old Sterling Heights men, who all were exhausted and unable to paddle back the almost two miles to the harbor," he added. "The three men and their three kayaks were loaded onto our boat and brought back in. They were checked out by the awaiting Thumb Ambulance Service and refused further treatment."

"For the last several years now, Huron County's north shore has become a popular kayaking destina-

tion. Our waters have also been the scene of emergency situations involving kayaks, which includes near death experiences and, unfortunately, even death," Hanson said.

"Kayakers are strongly encouraged to know their physical limits, as well as the type of sea conditions that a kayak can take. Near shore southerly breezes can also leave a false impression of favorable boating but the further you go offshore, the waves and currents do increase and it does become difficult to return," he continued.

"We recommend that at least a cellular phone in some type of a water proof container always be carried, and that someone on shore knows where you're going and when you're supposed to be back."

Officials reviewing courthouse security

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deputy's gun and shot him in the arm. Court Bailiffs Joseph Zangaro, 61, and Ronald Kiendle, 63, scrambled to assist the deputy, and both were fatally shot. Gordon then attempted to take hostages and shot a civilian in the arm before other bailiffs and officers took him down. Gordon himself died of a gunshot wound.

In Tuscola County, officials follow a comprehensive security policy for the courthouse, which covers a myriad of practices ranging from traffic flow into and out of the building, to procedures related to transporting inmates to and from the jail to courtrooms.

All entry and exit to the building, for example is through the front doors only, and everyone entering the courthouse must pass through a metal detector, with all hand-carried items processed through an x-ray machine. No weapons are allowed

inside the building with the exception of law enforcement officers who, by statute, are allowed to carry weapons as part of their duties.

According to Tuscola County Sheriff Lee Teschendorf, the procedures used to transport inmates locally differs from that in Berrien County. For example, inmates here are transported directly from the jail through a secure tunnel to the courthouse, and then taken directly to the appropriate courtroom - there are no "holding areas" for inmates at the courthouse, he said.

In addition, Teschendorf added, all inmates are handcuffed, and the restraints are attached to what is known as a "belly chain", which restricts movement. Reports indicate that while Gordon was handcuffed, no belly chain was used during his transport.

"Our corrections officers do not carry firearms," Teschendorf noted. "If the deputy or deputies (transporting an inmate) get overpowered, they can get tased, they can get gassed

(with pepper spray), but they aren't carrying guns."

If an inmate at the Tuscola County Jail has a track record of being violent and is scheduled to appear in court - and Berrien County officials say Gordon was very cooperative prior to his court appearance - several corrections officers escort that prisoner, according to the sheriff.

Procedures aside, Teschendorf indicated he feels for the officers involved in the Berrien County tragedy because all the preparation in the world isn't going to prevent every incident. "We're reducing the risk. You can never be too careful," he said, "(but) nobody's immune to violence. It's always a possibility."

Which is why local officials don't assume they will never find themselves in the headlines simply because they live and work in a rural county.

"We don't think that anymore. We haven't thought that in years," Teschendorf said.

Circuit court proceedings

Several appear in court felony charges

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

*Ryan John-Allen Wutzke, 30, Cass City, was sentenced to 68 days in the county jail and 36 months probation following his plea of 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).

In addition to jail time, he was ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$1,258 plus attorneys fees of \$500.

*Jonathan J. Taylor, 19, Caro, was sentenced to 365 days in jail and 60 months probation following his plea of guilty to delivery/manufacture of marijuana, subsequent offense, Feb. 18 in Caro.

The jail term was deferred, according to court records, which state the defendant was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,258.

*Megail M. Aaron II, 27, Fostoria, was sentenced to 90 days in jail (deferred) and 12 months probation following his pleas of guilty to charges of delivery/manufacture of five to 45 kilograms of marijuana, and possession of marijuana May 14, 2015, in Watertown Township.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,508.

*Jeffery L. Cloutier Jr., 31, Caro, pleaded guilty to a charge of participating in organized retail crime (fraud) in March and April in Caro. 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 set at \$25,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Joshua D. Parker, 36, Caro, pleaded no contest to charges of home invasion, third degree, and assault, resisting or obstructing a police officer April 20 in Caro.

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

*Larry M. Neal, 37, Taylor, pleaded guilty to two counts of delivery/manufacture of marijuana June 13-15 in Almer Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$5,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.



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PICTURED CENTER is Renee Nitz, the regional director of Autism FYI in Michigan, with her two children, Megan and Connor (behind her), who are both on the autism spectrum. Nitz introduced and explained the organization and its mission to the Kingston Fire Department during a program last week.

Nitz teaches local first responders autism care

by **Conner Emery**
Staff Writer

A nationwide effort to help first responders deal appropriately with autistic individuals made its way to the Thumb last week as officials representing the Michigan branch of a new organization presented a program at the Kingston Fire Hall.

Studies show that about one in 68 children in this country have autism. With the United States population of youngster being around 73 million, that's more than a million children who live with one form or another of autism every day. Not only can this be a struggle for both the children and their parents, but also for first responders, who need to approach situations differently when they involve children with this disorder.

Thankfully, the nationwide non-profit organization Autism FYI recently started a branch in Michigan to reach out and teach first responders, such as police officers and fire fighters, how to handle these situations.

Currently the Michigan branch of Autism FYI is still in its infancy, but representatives of the organization say they plan to travel across the state to fire halls and police departments to discuss how first responders should approach autistic children and adults, as well as promote the use of the National Autism Registry, which the organization started.

The registry gives those who register a yellow and black colored logo that should be placed on a car, house, or the person with autism so that a first responder will know that there is an autistic person involved in any given situation. It also provides the person that registers with a wristband for the autistic person to wear that will alert the first responder of where the person fits on the autistic spectrum and how they should approach the situation.

"Our overall goal (as an organization) is to get everyone involved and to get parents and guardians involved in the registry," said Regional Director for the Michigan branch of Autism FYI Renee Nitz.

The state chapter's first presentation took place last Wednesday at the Kingston Fire Department, where Nitz traveled to teach fire fighters how to handle certain situations involving individuals with autism. Examples include speaking calmly and asking simple questions. Nitz also talked about the importance of the registry because the autistic spectrum is vast and communication needs vary greatly depending on the type/degree of autism involved.

Nitz brought her two children to the presentation, both of whom are autistic but deal with different challenges. Her son, Connor, is very quiet and avoids direct eye contact, so he responds well to those who talk to him slowly and try to connect with him by talking about his favorite things, such as Iron Man and action movies. Nitz' daughter, Megan, meanwhile, is more verbal and energetic but has the mind of an eight-year-old despite being 16, therefore she needs to be spoken to as if she were eight.

Nitz said that she felt like the presentation in Kingston went quite well, in spite of the fact that it was the first one organized by the Michigan branch. She described it as being informative for the firefighters and a good opportunity for the organization to network, as she hopes to expand and present additional programs throughout the state.

TOWNSHIP OF NOVESTA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED MASTER LAND USE PLAN

PLEASE BE NOTIFIED that the Novesta Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, August 9, 2016 at 7:30 at the Cass City Gun Club Breakfast Building located at 2676 Englehart Rd., Cass City, MI 48721.

The purpose of this public hearing will be to consider a Proposed Master Land Use Plan for the Township of Novesta. Copies of the Proposed Master Land Use Plan can be reviewed prior to the public hearing by contacting the Township Clerk at (989) 671-7625. Copies will also be available at the public hearing.

All interested persons are encouraged to attend this public hearing. Any comments that anyone may have on the Proposed Master Land Use Plan can be presented at the public hearing or may be submitted in writing to the Township Clerk at 6114 Shabbona Rd., Deford, MI 48729, prior to the public hearing.

The Novesta Township Planning Commission will conduct its regular meeting following the Public Hearing, and a topic of the regular meeting will be to consider zoning regulation for Wind Mills/Wind Energy.

Joann Peters
Novesta Township Clerk

Perry sheds light on the past

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artifacts are not that difficult to find," Perry noted. "Other people usually aren't looking for them."

The artifacts aren't the most important part to Perry, and there isn't one specific moment or artifact that he would consider the crown jewel of Cass City history. Rather, Perry said he most enjoys meeting the older residents in town who have countless stories to share.

In a way, their stories are a piece of history by themselves, added Perry, who cited meeting the late Jack Esau as an example. The beloved World War II veteran, lifelong Cass City residents and well-known story teller shared his interest in the history of Cass City with Perry, and the boy in his early teens (at the time) and the man in his late 80's formed a friendship that lasted up until Esau's passing. Upon his death, Esau left many of the artifacts he collected over the years to Perry.

"Meeting older people is the best part," said Perry. "They have experienced so much and they have so much to share."

Perry has lived in Las Vegas for the last two years after spending his first 23 years in Cass City, graduating from Cass City high school in 2010.


While in town visiting, which he considers to be kind of like a summer vacation, he has been speaking at churches in Michigan on the weekends, representing The Friends of Israel Gospel Ministry.

In recent years he has given tours around Cass City, sharing his vast knowledge of the town with the Cub Scouts and home schooled groups, and three years ago he wrote a children's history book about Cass City with the help of teachers in the area. That book is now used in classrooms at Cass City Elementary School.



TYLER PERRY (above) shows off the jail cells that are located in the basement of the Cass City Cultural Center. Perry said that the cells were often used for drunks who were being rowdy around town and needed to sober up.





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Letters to the Editor

Safety for police a concern

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change; if we did not have law enforcement officers we would return to the days of the Wild West.

I'm the mother of a retired deputy, 25 years with the Macomb County Sheriff's Department. Recently he accepted a part-time position with a small rural police department. In addition, our 35-year-old grandson is a cop in the city of Warren. Another 33-year-old grandson works in the police department office of a metro area and wears a bullet proof vest while sitting at his desk.

We know what law enforcement officers go through every day, and every day we pray for their safety. Usually people bad mouth cops, such as when they get a ticket. Only when police assistance is needed do people appreciate them. If it was my choice, no one in my family would be a cop.

An Inkster police officer was fired from the department after being captured on dash cam video beating a motorist. He was 47, married and a father. He was in the U.S. military and law enforcement, earned 14 police awards, was named a "police officer of the year" and rescued three elderly tenants from a burning building. When the officer stood before the judge, he read this poem. Do read the following -- it may change your perception of police officers.

The Final Inspection
(Poem read by former police officer William Melendez at his sentencing)

The policeman stood and faced his God, Which must always come to pass. He hoped his shoes were shining. Just as brightly as his brass.

"Step forward now, policeman. How shall I deal with you? Have you always turned the other cheek? To My church have you been true?"

The policeman squared his shoulders and said. "No, Lord, I guess I ain't, because those of us who carry badges can't always be a saint.

I've had to work most Sundays, and at times my talk was rough, and sometimes I've been violent, because the streets are awfully tough.

But I never took a penny, that wasn't mine to keep. Though I worked a lot of overtime when the bills got just too steep.

And I never passed a cry for help, though at times I shook with fear. And sometimes, God forgive me, I've wept unmanly tears.

I know I don't deserve a place among the people here. They never wanted me around except to calm their fear.

If you've a place for me here, Lord, it needn't be so grand. I never expected or had too much, but if you don't I'll understand."

There was silence all around the throne where the saints had often trod. As the policeman waited quietly, for the judgment of his God.

"Step forward now, policeman, you've borne your burdens well. Come walk a beat on Heaven's street, you've done your time in hell."

My letter was written just prior to the Texas Massacre. May God Bless and keep all police officers safe.

Ginna Gentner
Cass City




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Karpoviches set for 4-H show

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"They are in it for the experience and education, and as they get older they've learned how to interact with strangers and show leadership," said Tonya. "Last year Becca was excited to show off her rabbits to anyone who came by to see them."

Last year's fair also proved to be a great success for the kids. Despite it being their first year with rabbits, they were happily surprised when Becca won Grand Champion honors for the rabbit meat pen and Nathan won Reserve Champion. While another win like that would be awesome, Tonya said that at the end of the day, the fun and experience matters much more. And the fact that the kids both enjoy doing it is also very important.



Nathan Karpovich



Becca Karpovich

"It's fun to take care of them (the animals) and show people what we have," said Becca when asked what her favorite part of the fair is. "I also like seeing what kind of breeds that other people bring. Last year I saw a lionhead rabbit which was awesome!"

"My favorite part is working with the animals," said Nathan when asked the same question. "It's fun to see other people want to hold my bunny and interact with my animals."

In the future Becca hopes to do more rabbit showings, not only at the Tuscola County fair but all around the area, as well as dog showings, and Nathan wants to be able to work with horses.

No quiet start for this year's fair

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Also planned are the annual 4-H horse show, swine, poultry and open sheep shows. Tuesday's grandstand entertainment will be Thumb Pickup and Tractor Pulls, slated to get underway at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday's events include the 4-H and open beef, horse, goat and feeder beef shows, and the 4-H Small Livestock Sweepstakes Showmanship Contest (6 p.m. in the rabbit judging tent). At 7:30 p.m., the first of two full nights of Super Kicker Championship Rodeo action will get underway, featuring bull riding, saddle bronc riding, team roping and girls' barrel racing.

Thursday is Senior Citizens' Day, with visitors ages 62 and over admitted free (grandstand admission is still \$11).

The day will include the 4-H Horse Cover Bud and Fun Show (open to Tuscola County 4-H horse members only) at 9 a.m., as well as the long-anticipated annual 4-H and FFA Small Livestock Sale at 9:30 a.m. and the 4-H and FFA Large Livestock Sale (immediately following the small livestock auction). Super Kicker Rodeo action gets underway for a second night at 7:30 p.m.

Friday's schedule includes the 4-H Cloverbud Learning Experience (held behind the poultry barn from 9 to 11 a.m.), a 4-H livestock judging competition from 9 a.m. to noon and a large livestock sweepstakes competition at 7 p.m. at the livestock pavilion. The 2016 Thumb Area Mud Runners Mud Drag will be featured at 7:30 p.m., with proceeds from the event benefiting Tuscola County Christmas for Kids.

Saturday's activities will feature open horse and large livestock Cloverbud shows during the day, followed by the Unique Motor Sports Scramble at 7:30 p.m.

FAIR HISTORY

The Tuscola County Fair's roots date back to the early 1880s. The Tuscola County Fair Association, initially known as the Caro District Agriculture Society, was organized March 11, 1881, 33 years after the nation's first state fair was held in Detroit. In September 1881, the county fair group hosted its first agricultural, industrial and recreational exhibit.

Always a primarily agricultural attraction, the county fair has traditionally showcased new farming equipment and methods, animals, produce and handicrafts at its current site in Caro.

The Tuscola County Fair pre-dates any of the football "bowl" games as well as the Indy 500. When the fair started, there was no Panama Canal, no radio, the Wright Brothers had not flown yet, Ellis Island was not in operation, Geronimo was still on the war path, and 12 states had yet to be admitted to the Union.

Harness racing was a popular sport in a horse-powered society, and the clay track at the fairgrounds was built in 1892 with 7,000 yards of dirt, most sand, and topped with 3,000 yards of clay - all hauled with horses and wagons - as a cost of roughly \$1,000.

The first grandstand was constructed in 1894 at a cost of \$2,000 and looked much like the stands of Kentucky's Churchill Downs, seating 1,500 people. This was followed by a stage, with a cement block basement for dressing rooms. Horse barns and sheep and hog pens were added, and in the early 1900s, the fair office and two restrooms were built. At about the same time, the building later called Heritage Hall was constructed and basketball games were held here until the new Caro High School was built.

The first electricity was provided by the Michigan Sugar Factory's power plant. The railroad tracks leading to the plant were also used in the early era of the fair to bring entertainment acts to the fair. One of those acts was Katherine Stinson, the fourth licensed female pilot in the United States. Only 21 at the time, she became known as the "Flying Schoolgirl", flying exhibitions all over the country. Her plane was brought in by train and assembled in the infield of the track.

Over the years, many other world famous performers appeared at the Tuscola County Fair, including Gene Autry, The Cisco Kid, Minnie Pearl, Homer and Jethro, the Duke Ellington Band and the Glenn Miller Band.

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Changes to annual Hills and Dales Foundation golf outing huge success

A new format for the 18th Annual Hills & Dales Foundation Golf Outing Wednesday resulted in a record breaking donation for the Cass City charity last week.

Unlike previous years, when the event was hosted entirely at the Ubyly Heights Golf Course, this year's event also included golfers at Cass City's Rolling Hills Golf Course.

Foundation Director Danielle Blaine said that remarkable support from the community resulted in 27 teams golfing 18-holes in Ubyly, while an addition 15 teams golfed 9 holes at Rolling Hills. The foundation also received numerous individual and business sponsorships, helping them to raise a record breaking \$32,000 for the Foundation.

"This year was a big change for us. We didn't know how adding a second course would affect the event. Overall, the feedback has been great. Everyone enjoyed both courses and the dinner back at Rolling Hills," Blaine said. "We are glad we could support Rolling Hills here locally. The number of golfers and sponsors we had is an all time high, and we are very thankful for the amazing support we received."

The overall winners at Ubyly were defending men's champion team Anrod Screen Cylinder/Biddinger & Bitzer. The four man team consisted of Jeff Mackenzie, Greg Biddinger, Jason Bitzer, and Erik Tamlyn. The Women's Team winner was Radiology Sub-Specialty, which consisted of Peggy Davidson, Cathy Drake, Barb Cronce and Duff Pelkey. The Mixed Team winner was Dave Weiler & Friends, whose team members were Dave & Heather Weiler, and Brad and Ann Goslin.

Other contests included longest

drive & closest to the pin. Laurie Weber and Travis Baes were the women's and men's winners of the longest drive respectfully, while Brad Goslin was the winner of closest to the pin.

Blaine noted there were also four hole-in-one opportunities - sponsored by Pat Curtis Chevrolet, Caro, - while there were no winners of the grand prizes, everyone had a great time trying.

In Cass City, the overall men's winners were the Trophy Ranch team, which consisted of Kevin Anthony, Ryan Ramsey, Jim Byrd, and Jeffrey Benkelman Jr. The Women's Team winners were Independent Bank, the team of Emily Philips, LaNette Wiese, Christine Kaczuk and Misty Rogers, while the Mixed Team winners - Pat Curtis Chevrolet - consisted of Pat & Patti Curtis, Ryan Lowman, and Dan Curtis.

The Hills & Dales Foundation will use the money raised from events like the golf outing to help with purchases of new equipment, updated technology, or any other needs that arise for departments throughout the hospital. The support and contributions to the golf outing made a huge impact for the Foundation.

"We continue to be humbled by all of the support we receive each year. Last year we were able to fund over \$30,000 of new items for the hospital departments," said Blaine. "Events like this truly help make a difference for the hospital."

For additional information about the Golf Outing, or for more information about ways to give to the Hills & Dales Foundation, please contact Danielle Blaine at 989-912-6401 or at dblaine@hillsanddales.com.



THE OVERALL winners at Ubyly Heights Golf Course were defending men's champion team Anrod Screen Cylinder/Biddinger & Bitzer. The four man team consisted of, from the left, Greg Biddinger, Erik Tamlyn, Jeff Mackenzie and Jason Bitzer.

Moore pens with Madonna University baseball team

Former Cass City Red Hawk baseball slugger Watson Moore will take his talents to Madonna University in the fall.

The 2014 high school graduate has been awarded a \$2,500 athletic grant to help in attaining his education goals at the Livonia, Michigan institution.

Moore was part of four straight district championship teams for Cass City Coach Nathan Haag, despite sitting out much of his senior year with a broken hand before returning for tournament play.

Madonna University is a member of the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference (WHAC) and the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics. The Crusaders offer eleven varsity men's and women's teams. About 175-200 students participate in intercollegiate sports each year.



WATSON MOORE - 2014 CASS CITY GRAD



THE OVERALL winners at Cass City Rollings Hills Golf Course were the men's Trophy Ranch team. Team members are, from the left, Ryan Ramsey, Jeffrey Benkelman Jr., Jim Byrd and Kevin Anthony.

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Mod Vint 401cc Open 1987 -

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| 1 Eugene Copeland Jr | Flint, MI |
| 2 Brian Hewson | Lapeer, MI |
| 3 Richard Seifferlein | Burtchville, MI |
| 4 Dan Crawford | Marlette, MI |
| 5 Steve Seifferlein | Marlette, MI |
| 6 Anthony S. Pearson | Burton, MI |
| 7 Eric Gordon | Swartz Creek, MI |
| 8 Jason Rosencrantz | Flushing, MI |
| 9 Derek Paris | Grant Township, MI |
| 10 Joshua Flukes | Gagetown, MI |

0-51 cc Multi Speed 4-8

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|---------------------|----------------|
| 1 Evan D. Myers | Pinconning, MI |
| 2 Aaden Savage | Caro, MI |
| 3 Skylar W. Sentell | Caro, MI |
| 4 Luke Krug | Kingston, MI |
| 5 Andrew T. Hawley | Owosso, MI |
| 6 Dominic M. Huey | Howell, MI |

350 to 450cc A

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|----------------------|--------------|
| 1 Kyle Martinez | Marlette, MI |
| 2 Dillon Ronald | Linden, MI |
| 3 Kyle Oboyle | Midland, MI |
| 4 Jacob Barber | Auburn, MI |
| 5 Dominic Marcangelo | Algonac, MI |

350 to 450cc B

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| 1 Steel G. Oboyle | Breckenridge, MI |
| 2 Brandon Kitchen | Clifford, MI |
| 3 Joey A. Howard li | Muskegon, MI |
| 4 Dustin Gardner | Newaygo, MI |
| 5 Robby A. Knapp | Burton, MI |
| 6 Ryan Flynn | Marlette, MI |
| 7 Cody Boughner | Montrose, MI |
| DSC Christian Renfroe | Coopersville, MI |
| DSC Joshua Dishaw | Wheeler, MI |
| DSC Landon Cousineau | Rhodes, MI |

0-51cc Pee Wee Shaft Drive

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| 1 Luke Krug | Kingston, MI |
| 2 Andrew T. Hawley | Owosso, MI |

52-65cc 6 -11 Yr Old

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|-------------------|-----------------|
| 1 Ethan Kitchen | Marlette, MI |
| 2 Carson C. Green | Carsonville, MI |

Senior 45+ Years

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|---------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Lyle Barber Jr | Auburn, MI |
| 2 Brian Hewson | Lapeer, MI |
| 3 Steve Seifferlein | Marlette, MI |
| 4 Derek Paris | Grant Township, MI |

251cc + Open Single

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| 1 Steel G. Oboyle | Breckenridge, MI |
| 2 Brandon Kitchen | Clifford, MI |
| 3 Kyle Oboyle | Midland, MI |
| 4 Dominic Marcangelo | Algonac, MI |
| 5 Kyle Martinez | Marlette, MI |
| 6 Dustin Gardner | Newaygo, MI |
| 7 Joey A. Howard li | Muskegon, MI |

Veteran 30+ Years

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| 1 William Harrington | Millington, MI |
| DN: Cory Cousineau | Rhodes, MI |

0-51cc Chain Stock 4-8

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| 1 Dominic M. Huey | Howell, MI |
| 2 Aaden Savage | Caro, MI |
| 3 Evan D. Myers | Pinconning, MI |
| 4 Sarah E. Walton | Au Gres, MI |
| 5 Jason M. Rosencrantz | Flushing, MI |

66-85cc 7-15 Yr Old

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|---------------------|----------------|
| 1 Jordan Jean | Midland, MI |
| 2 Kolby Gyomory | Marlette, MI |
| 3 Zach W. Bailey | Leonard, MI |
| 4 Austin Harrington | Millington, MI |
| 5 Trevor J. Gatlin | Harrison, MI |
| 6 Chris Clutter | Bay City, MI |

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| 1 Richard Seifferlein | Burtchville, MI |
| 2 Robby A. Knapp | Burton, MI |
| 3 Eugene Copeland Jr | Flint, MI |
| 4 Steve Seifferlein | Marlette, MI |

251+ Open Twin

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| 1 Robert Knapp | Burton, MI |
| 2 Randy Stauffer | Decker, MI |
| 3 Byron Sparks | Pontiac, MI |

86-250cc Open

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| 1 Jordan Jean | Midland, MI |
| 2 Troy M. Barber | Linwood, MI |
| 3 Kolby Gyomory | Marlette, MI |
| 4 Ryan Flynn | Marlette, MI |
| 5 Brian Coltson | Caro, MI |
| 6 Jacob A. Somerville | |
| 7 Zach W. Bailey | Leonard, MI |
| 8 Brett A. Barber | |
| 9 Trevor J. Gatlin | Harrison, MI |
| DN: Christian Renfroe | Coopersville, MI |

Vint 0-400cc AC 1990 -

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|------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Nelson Pearson | Burton, MI |
| 2 David Rogers | North Branch, MI |
| 3 Derek Paris | Grant Township, MI |
| 4 Robby A. Knapp | Burton, MI |
| 5 Robert Knapp | Burton, MI |
| 6 Joshua Flukes | Gagetown, MI |

Quad B open 15+ years

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| 1 Richard E. Hammond | Lapeer, MI |
| 2 Stephen Clutter | Bay City, MI |
| 3 Steven Wright | Holly, MI |
| 4 Adam W. Claspell | Flint, MI |

Combo 16+ Years

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|----------------------|--------------|
| 1 Jordan Mccready | Marlette, MI |
| 2 Dillon Phelps | Corunna, MI |
| 3 Aaron Fortenberry | Montrose, MI |
| 4 Dillon Ronald | Linden, MI |
| 5 Devin Pfeiffer | Metamora, MI |
| 6 Douglas J. O'boyle | Midland, MI |

Veteran 30+ Years

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|----------------------|----------------|
| 1 Travis Jakubik | Flint, MI |
| 2 Shawn Coltson Jr | Marlette, MI |
| 3 Joey A. Howard | Muskegon, MI |
| 4 Brent Donley | Clifford, MI |
| 5 William Harrington | Millington, MI |
| 6 Anthony Gifford | Millington, MI |

0-51 cc Multi Speed 4-8

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|---------------------|----------------|
| 1 Evan D. Myers | Pinconning, MI |
| 2 Aaden Savage | Caro, MI |
| 3 Skylar W. Sentell | Caro, MI |
| 4 Andrew T. Hawley | Owosso, MI |
| 5 Luke Krug | Kingston, MI |
| 6 Dominic M. Huey | Howell, MI |

66-85cc 7-15 Yr Old

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| 1 Jordan Jean | Midland, MI |
| 2 Austin Harrington | Millington, MI |
| 3 Kolby Gyomory | Marlette, MI |
| 4 Zach W. Bailey | Leonard, MI |
| 5 Trevor J. Gatlin | Harrison, MI |
| 6 Chris Clutter | Bay City, MI |

251cc + Open Single

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| 1 Aaron Fortenberry | Montrose, MI |
| 2 Jayson Bloss | Millington, MI |
| 3 Kyle Martinez | Marlette, MI |
| 4 Brandon Kitchen | Clifford, MI |
| 5 Dominic Marcangelo | Algonac, MI |
| 6 Dustin Gardner | Newaygo, MI |
| 7 Joey A. Howard li | Muskegon, MI |
| 8 Brian Coltson | Caro, MI |

251+ Open Twin

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| 1 Randy Stauffer | Decker, MI |
| 2 Byron Sparks | Pontiac, MI |

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| 1 Derek Paris | Grant Township, |
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0-51cc Pee Wee Shaft Drive

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| 1 Andrew T. Hawley | Owosso, MI |
| 2 Alexander Anderson | Millington, MI |
| 3 Luke Krug | Kingston, MI |

350 to 450cc A

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| 1 Kyle Vanconunt | Croswell, MI |
| 2 Aaron Fortenberry | Montrose, MI |
| 3 Kyle Martinez | Marlette, MI |
| 4 Jacob Barber | Auburn, MI |
| 5 Dominic Marcangelo | Algonac, MI |

350 to 450cc B

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| 1 Brandon Kitchen | Clifford, MI |
| 2 Joey A. Howard li | Muskegon, MI |
| 3 Dustin Gardner | Newaygo, MI |
| 4 Robby A. Knapp | Burton, MI |
| 7 Troy M. Barber | Linwood, MI |

52-65cc 6 -11 Yr Old

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| 1 Ethan Kitchen | Marlette, MI |
| 2 Carson C. Green | Carsonville, MI |

0-51cc Chain Stock 4-8

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| 1 Dominic M. Huey | Howell, MI |
| 2 Aaden Savage | Caro, MI |
| 3 Evan D. Myers | Pinconning, MI |

86-250cc Open

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| 1 Jordan Jean | Midland, MI |
| 2 Brian Coltson | Caro, MI |
| 3 Kolby Gyomory | Marlette, MI |
| 4 Troy M. Barber | Linwood, MI |
| 5 Zach W. Bailey | Leonard, MI |
| 6 Trevor J. Gatlin | Harrison, MI |
| 7 Brett A. Barber | |

Senior 45+ Years

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| 1 Lyle Barber Jr | Auburn, MI |
| 2 Robert Knapp | Burton, MI |
| 3 Derek Paris | Grant Township, MI |

Quad B open 15+ years

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| 1 Stephen Clutter | Bay City, MI |
| 2 Josh D. Elenbaum | Owendale, MI |
| 3 Steven Wright | Holly, MI |

Combo 16+ Years

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| 1 Kyle Vanconunt | Croswell, MI |
| 2 Jayson Bloss | Millington, MI |

Buddy Class

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| 1 Brent Donley | Clifford, MI |
| 1 Brandon Kitchen | Clifford, MI |
| 2 Zach W. Bailey | Leonard, MI |
| 2 Austin Harrington | Millington, MI |
| 3 Carson C. Green | Carsonville, MI |
| 3 Ethan Kitchen | Marlette, MI |



LUCKY THUMB Motorcycle Club racers Dave Rogers (#19) and Stephen Clutter were among the many competitors over the weekend at the Deford area track. Rogers, of North Branch, is pictured during the 0-400cc Vintage Class event, while Clutter, of Bay City, battles in the Quad B Class race.

CHIP SHOTS

at Rolling Hills Golf Course



Monday Night League	2nd Flight	Wednesday Night Early League	Cont.	Wednesday Night Late League	Cont.
Championship Flight	George Batty 115	Caister/Burns 87		Richards/Bitzer 77	
Tony Nika 118	David House 93	Hobbs/Meck 87		Langenburg/Langenburg 76	
Dieter Roth 116	Daryl Iwankovitsch 91	Bolton/Thompson 87		Ulfig/Ulfig 64	
Brad Langenburg 72	Paul Regnerus 87	Alexander/Spencer 86		Hillaker/Murphy 62	
Mike Lowe 60	David Block 77	McAlpine/Mosher 75		Division 2:	
Ryan Lowman 60	Jacob Boynton 56	Craig/Knight 73			
Chris Clifton 58		Irrer/Dillon 64			
Nick Bliss 58	Wednesday Night Early League	Wednesday Night Late League		Andersen/LaMarr 110	
Scott Adams 47	Iwankovitsch/Block 139	Cotton/Israelson 100		Koch/McNeil 100	
Don Ouvry 45	Biefer/Hoard 121	Division 1:		LeValley/Krol 97	
1st Flight	Hendrick/Veggian 116	Lowman/Tamlyn 128		Wallace/Wallace 94	
Jon Zdrojewski 127	Herron/Fox 110	Hartel/Brown 120		Martin/Stern 91	
Dan Caister 119	Berwick/Young 105	Hacker/Nika 113		Sommerville/Tomlinson 88	
Larry Robinson 106	Mastie/Robinson 105	Osentoski/Wallace 105		Peters/Brown 86	
Jim Hobbs 90	Jones/Marshall 97	Davis/Lowe 102		Brinkman/deBeaubien 81	
David Allen 83	Wallace/Warner 97	Doerr/Haire 97		Schinnerer/Dillon 78	
Harold McAlpine 75	Tate/Wiseman 91	Bitzer/Curtis 86		Halasz/Ahleman 69	
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Worship Service 9:30 a.m. •
Social/Mission Coffee hour following worship
Pastor: Rev. Linda Graham



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Intern's notebook

Pokémon Go is the new craze

by Conner Emery
Staff Writer

Growing up in the late 90's/early 2000's, there are certain dreams members of my generation wished with all their hearts to be reality. Being a Power Ranger or being able to attend Hogwarts was up there, but I don't think that there was anything that kids wanted more, especially me, than to be a Pokémon trainer.

Nearly two decades after the video games and animated show debuted (wow) and took the world by storm, people young and old can finally get a small taste of that dream to "catch 'em all" as the Pokémon Go app recently launched for smart phones in North America. So far the success has been good to say the least, with millions of downloads and about \$7.5 billion being added to Nintendo's market value.

Besides the nostalgia and sheer joy that comes from throwing a Pokeball and catching a Pikachu on my desk at work, the app is so much more than that. First of all, I have a feeling that deep down it may be an exercise app, given how it requires a person to walk all around to catch Pokémon. Certain types can only be caught in certain areas. Also the feature of having eggs that can only be hatched by walking a set distance gives gamers a reason to get out of the house.

I think the most interesting and not often mentioned feature of the app is how it connects people to their local towns. This is done through having several checkpoints on the app called PokeStops, where a person can gain experience and also items. These stops are actual places in towns, and there are several located throughout this area. For example, in Cass City the veterans memorial, several churches and the fire hall are all stops in town.

So not only are people going out of their way to go to places they normally wouldn't for the sake of this app, they may also learn something. Personally I went over to the veteran's memorial the other day while playing and I had never stopped and actually checked that place out before. So I sat down for a minute and read the plaques and learned some things I likely never would have had I not been playing.

I hope that this app doesn't end up becoming a fad. There has been a large community following so far, especially among the three teams that do battles at gyms, which are also real life places in town, in Cass City one gym is located at Rawson Memorial District Library.

But the Internet and my generation can be very fickle with things.

It isn't a perfect app; the servers can be real bad from time to time and the game isn't as immersive as when it was first announced last summer. However, given that many groups of people, both younger and older, are walking around towns with their phones in the air, talking about the Squirtle or Metapod that is in the area, I'd say that a little bit of imagination is taking people a long way with this app. It reminds me of playing the Pokémon card game when I was younger. I was just laying down a Charizard card to do battle, but it felt like that big fire-breathing dragon was right there with me.

Hopefully with a couple more updates, this can be around for a long time, and maybe also can introduce people to the exciting world of Pokémon who weren't part of the phenomenon in the past. I've already seen parents playing with their kids, and siblings bonding over it. I am excited to see who will take on the challenge to be the very best, like no one ever was.

Ubly native Nicole Franzel returns to CBS's Big Brother

by Conner Emery
Staff Writer

Reality show fans, including those in the Thumb area, were given a pleasant surprise a few weeks ago when Nicole Franzel appeared as a surprise contestant for the 18th season of the popular CBS show, Big Brother.

The Ubly native was originally a contestant on the show for the 16th season two years ago and finished in seventh place. And with half a million dollars on the line again, hopes are high that Franzel will be the winner this time around.

Franzel's parents, Dave and Jeni,



Nicole Franzel

are both very proud of their daughter and are hoping for the best. According to Dave, the chance to come back on the show was always up in the air, and Nicole was very excited when she got the phone call asking her to return.

"I always thought that she would be back on, so I wasn't 100 percent surprised by the news," said Jeni Franzel.

During their daughter's previous appearances on the show, the Franzels held viewing parties for friends and family to see how Nicole was doing on a week-to-week basis. This year the viewing crowds have been smaller so far, and on Thursdays there is no crowd. However, the family will be hosting viewing parties again in the near future, according to Jeni.

"Thursdays are my torturous nights; it's too stressful to watch with a lot of people," said Jeni, referring to the night when episodes of the show reveal which contestant will be sent home. "It's not fun to see who is gunning for my daughter."

Jeni added this season, as a whole, has been a little bit more stressful than the last time around. When Nicole chose to go back on the show, Jeni, her husband and their son all had to sign non-disclosure agreements agreeing not to talk about Nicole going back on the show, which required telling a few fibs to Nichole's friends for a few weeks regarding her whereabouts.

The show's 24-hour live feeds also weird Jeni out, and the opinions of

people on Twitter get her "all worked up" from time to time.

"Everyone has a favorite contestant, and if that person has a problem with Nicole, they aren't going to be very nice to her," said Jeni. "But I am still excited. It's a different opportunity with different people."

Both Jeni and Dave noted how supportive the community was back when Nicole was originally on the show and how it still is to this day. There have been a few negative opinions voiced, according to Dave, but he those comments have come mainly from people who just aren't fans of reality shows.

"The attention depends on where you go (in town), but everyone is supportive," said Dave.

"The community has been very supportive," Jeni agreed. "People come into my store and talk about Nicole and the show all the time. And one of Nicole's friends is making T-shirts to support Nicole."

In between her previous stint on Big Brother and now, Nicole worked nights full-time at Huron Medical Center in Bad Axe. In fact she was about to switch over to the day shift on a following Monday before getting the call. When the show is over, she plans to go back to her job at the hospital, or she may move on and work in a larger hospital.

"She's been recognized several times while working and patients get all excited," said Dave. "She's flattered, but has to remind them that we need to get them healthy first before they can talk about the show."

Obituaries

Grace Daukantas

Grace E. Daukantas, 79, of Marlette, passed away peacefully Monday, July 11, 2016 at Medilodge of Cass City. Mrs. Daukantas lived in Marlette and was previously from the North Branch area.

She was born August 14, 1936 in North Branch, daughter to the late Raymond and Clara (Schumacker) Vielhaber.

She grew up in the North Branch area and attended school in the North Branch District.

Grace married Stanley Daukantas Jr. on June 10, 1967 in Bad Axe, Michigan. He preceded her in death February 9, 2012.

She enjoyed gardening, cooking, crafts, visiting the Soo Locks, and taking many drives, enjoying the beauty of Michigan, but most of all, spending time with her family and friends.

Her family would like to thank Medilodge of Cass City, for the care given to Grace.

She is survived by her son Mark & Rebecca Daukantas of Marlette and her three loving grandchildren, Susan, Landon and Lauren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, brother Harold Vielhaber and sisters Margaret Somerset, Helen Daech, Lois Loreitsch, Doris Lisek and Marion Black.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, July 19, at 11:00 a.m. at Marsh Funeral Chapel in Marlette, with Pastor Michael Hollenbeck from Grace Bible Church will be officiating.

Burial will be in the Moshier Cemetery in Hemans.

Memorials may be given to the family.

Arrangements were made by Marsh Funeral Chapel of Marlette.



Mildred Roemer

Mildred Roemer, 84, of Sebawaing, passed away Monday, July 11, 2016, at the Huron County Medical Care Facility in Bad Axe.

Mildred was born June 12, 1932, in Bach, to the late Frank and Meta (Sontag) Ludwig.

She married Edwin Roemer on November 10, 1951, at St. Johns Lutheran Church in Kilmanagh. He preceded her in death on June 23, 2000.

She enjoyed crocheting, baking, and spending time with her family. She was a longtime member at St. Johns Lutheran Church, participating in the Ladies Aid and helping with many church dinners.

Mildred is survived by her children: William (Connie) Roemer of Deford, John (Elizabeth) Roemer of Gagetown, Kenneth (LuAnn) Roemer of Sebawaing, and Patricia (Lee) Koehler of Sebawaing; grandchildren: Christina (Chris) Bedore, Matthew (Angie) Roemer, Susan (Eric) McCourt, Stephen (Melissa) Roemer, Amy (Ryan) Lowman, Kevin (Kristen) Roemer, Kayla Roemer, Ryan Koehler, David (Jyoti) Sutter, and Zachary Sutter; granddaughter-in-law, Tressa Roemer; and 14 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Edwin; sister, Dorothy Nast; brother, Ralph Ludwig; grandson, Billy Roemer, Jr.; and great-grandson, Hogan Roemer.

A funeral service was held Thursday, July 14 at St. Johns Lutheran Church (Kilmanagh).

Burial will take place at the church cemetery in Sebawaing. Memorial donations may be given to St. Johns Lutheran Church.

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Arrangements were made by Juengel & Mellendorf Funeral Home of Sebawaing.



Floyd Spencer

Floyd Earl Spencer, 66, of Deford, died Saturday, July 16, 2016 in his home. He was born January 26, 1950 in Cass City to Mason Earl and Evelyn Alice (Stevens) Spencer. He married Theresa Kay Bilicki December 2, 1967 in Cass City.

Floyd graduated from Cass City High School. A member of the Laborer's Union # 1191, he worked as a dump man with concrete on highway construction jobs. Floyd enjoyed fishing, deer and raccoon hunting. He loved motorcycles and riding along with family and friends on his Harley Davidson.

Floyd is survived by his wife, Theresa; son, Michael Spencer of Deford; sister, Alice Nickerson of Cass City; many nieces and nephews; aunt, Mary Lou Spencer of Deford; uncle, Dale (Joyce) Stevens of Cass City. He is preceded in death by his parents; uncles: Bernard Spencer, Wayne Spencer; aunts: June Szappon, Shirley Periso.

Graveside service held 12:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 20, 2016 in Novesta Township Cemetery with Brad Speirs of Novesta Church of Christ officiating. Memorials may be made to Family Discretionary Fund.

Family and friends may share memories, prayers and stories with the family at www.kranzfuneralhome.com.

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Mortgage SALE – Default has been made in the conditions of a Mortgage made by Jamshid Bakshi Zahraie, a single man to Visio Financial Services, Inc., original Mortgagee, dated December 23, 2013, and recorded on December 30, 2013, in Liber 1298, Page 1337, and assigned from Visio Financial Services, Inc. to VFS Lending Services IV, LLC, as documented by an assignment, recorded on April 14, 2014 in Liber 1305, Page 271 in the Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned from VFS Lending Services IV, LLC to Atalaya Administrative LLC, as documented by an assignment, recorded on April 14, 2014 in Liber 1305, Page 274 in the Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned from Atalaya Administrative LLC to Visio Financial Services, Inc., as documented by an assignment, recorded on May 26, 2016 in Liber 1351, Page 1477 in the Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Twenty-Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty-Nine and 50/100 (\$29,929.50), including interest at 18% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the Circuit Court within Tuscola County, Michigan on July 28, 2016 at 10:00 AM. Said premises are located in Tuscola County, Michigan and are described as: Land situated in the Township of Indianfields, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan described as: Commencing at a Point on the centerline of Highway M-81, said point being South 41 degrees 55 minutes West 153240 feet from the intersection of Highway M-8 and the East line of Section 17, Town 12 North, Range 9 East, and THENCE RUNNING South 41 degrees 55 minutes West along the said centerline of Highway M-81, 68 feet; thence South 48 degrees 5 minutes East 275.70 feet to the Southwest right of way line of the M.C. Railway; thence Northeasterly along said right of way 78.50 feet, thence North 48 degrees 5 minutes West 181.8 feet; thence South 41 degrees 55 minutes West 3 feet; thence North 48 degrees 55 minutes West 125 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Property Address: 2111 W. Caro Road, Caro, MI 48723 Tax ID No. 013-017-200-1300-00 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If this 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 sale or to the Mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Visio Financial Services, Inc. Mortgagee/Assignee Gerner & Kearns, PLLC 809 Wright's Summit Parkway, Suite 200 Fort Wright, KY 41011

6-29-4

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Default having been made in the

terms and conditions of a mortgage made by CANDY F. POHLOD, a married woman, 5137 SNOVER ROAD, CLIFFORD, MI 48727, Mortgagor(s) to TEAM ONE CREDIT UNION, 520 HAYDEN STREET, SAGINAW, MI 48607, Mortgagee dated OCTOBER 29, 2014, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Tuscola County, and State of Michigan on NOVEMBER 4, 2014, in LIBER 1318 on PAGE 724 of Tuscola County Records on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of ONE HUNDRED THIRTY EIGHT THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED EIGHTY THREE AND 45/100THS (\$138,783.45) DOLLARS at 4.500% percent per annum and attorney fees as provided for in said Mortgage, and no suit or proceedings at law or in equity have been instituted to recover the moneys secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof;

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on AUGUST 4, 2016, AT 10:00 A.M. local time, said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder in the main lobby of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Tuscola is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, aforesaid, on said mortgage with interest thereon and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows:

TOWNSHIP OF KOYLTON, COUNTY OF TUSCOLA AND STATE OF MICHIGAN, to wit: Beginning at a point on the South line of Section 19, Town 11 North, Range 11 East, said point being distant South 89 degrees 01 minutes 08 seconds West 1329.41 feet from the South quarter corner of said Section and proceeding thence South 89 degrees 01 minutes 08 seconds West 333.0 feet along said South line, thence North 0 degrees 58 minutes 14 seconds West 1647.31 feet, thence North 88 degrees 52 minutes 14 seconds East 333.0 feet, thence South 0 degrees 58 minutes 14 seconds East 1648.05 feet to the point of beginning.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 5137 SNOVER ROAD, CLIFFORD, MI 48727 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 600.3241 a, the property may be redeemed during the thirty (30) days immediately following the sale.

TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foregoing Mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.

KENNETH C. BUTLER II (P 28477) ATTORNEY FOR MORTGAGEE 24525 Harper Avenue St. Clair Shores, MI 48080 (586) 777-0770 Dated: 7-6-16

7-6-4

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 John P. Giglio and Ann Giglio, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Michigan Fidelity Acceptance Corp dba Franklin Mortgage Funding its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated November 3, 2004, and recorded on November 9, 2004 in Liber 1016 on Page 1038, and assigned by said Mortgagee to U.S. Bank National Association as successor by merger of U.S. Bank National Association ND as

assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Four Thousand Six Hundred Three and 31/100 Dollars (\$94,603.31).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on August 18, 2016.

Said premises are situated in Township of Elkland, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the Northwest corner of the East half of the Southwest quarter of Section 10, Town 14 North, Range 11 East, thence West on the East and West quarter line 330 feet; thence South at right angles to said quarter line 660 feet; thence East 330 feet; thence North 660 feet 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: July 20, 2016 For more information, please call: FC S (248) 593-1304 Trott Law, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Hwy Ste. 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-5422 File #463901F0

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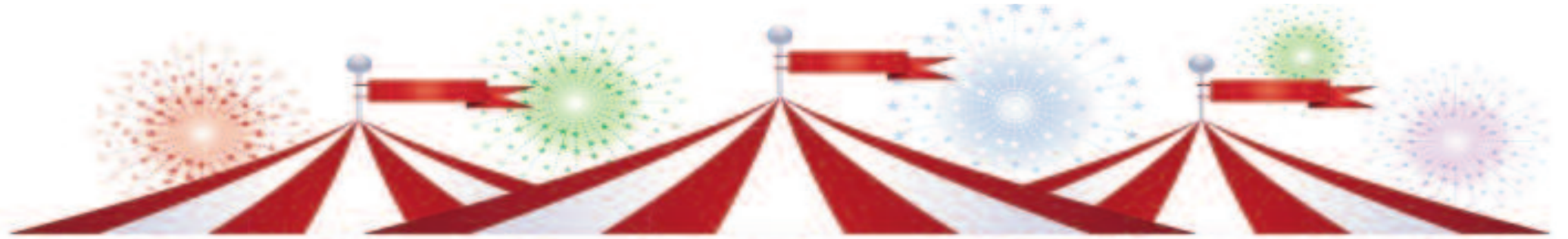
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Come see the animals & stroll the beautiful grounds!

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Community Appreciation Day!

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Come & enjoy the FREE concert & Ice Cream Social starting at 1:00pm

Sunday, July 24th

1st ever Tuscola County Fair CAR SHOW - 10AM

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Sunday, July 24th

Fair Opens in Grandstand

Free with goodwill offering benefiting "The Good Samaritans" of Tuscola County

1:00pm - Calverymen

2:00pm - FREE Ice Cream Social

3:00pm - Ben MacArthur & Friends of Vassar

4:30pm - 4-H & Open Talent Show followed by the Tuscola County Fair Royalty Contest

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2016 Thumb Area **Mud Runners**
MUD DRAG

During the Tuscola County Fair!

FRIDAY, JULY 29th
7:30PM

All proceeds benefit the Tuscola County **CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS EVENT!**

2016 Thumb Area MUD RUNNER EVENTS:

- 08-06-16 Mud Bog in Vassar During River Fest
- 09-11-16 Buggy Show/Swap Meet in Millington at Barnum's
- 12-03-16 Christmas for Kids in Vassar at the Eagle's

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