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**CASS City's annual Christmas in the Village Lighted Christmas Parade and Community Gathering drew dozens of area residents to the local VFW hall Saturday night. Above, six-week-old Sophie Rose Brooks, daughter of Emma Green and William Brooks, both of Cass City, visits Santa for the first time. Pictured at left is the Cass City Gun Club's entry in the parade.**

## Caro woman faces charges in reported abduction, assault

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

A Caro woman could face up to four years in prison if she's convicted on charges stemming from what law enforcement officials say was a hoax involving claims she was abducted and raped.

Valerie M. Lesoski, 38, was formally arraigned last Wednesday in Tuscola County District Court on charges of falsely reporting the crimes of kidnapping, first degree criminal sexual conduct, second degree criminal sexual conduct, and unlawful imprisonment.

Lesoski is free on a \$15,000 personal recognizance bond pending her next appearance in court.

The charges are the result of a Michigan State Police investigation that began in late October, when Lesoski reported she was abducted and sexually assaulted in the area of Riley Road, between Pierce and East Dayton roads, in Tuscola County's Wells Township.

Days later, Tuscola County Prosecutor Mark E. Reene and Michigan State Police, Caro post, Commander First Lt. Todd Mapes issued a joint news release saying the alleged incident had been fabricated.

"(Lesoski) indicated she had stopped to assist a stranded motorist and was forced into a vehicle. She further stated she was driven to an unknown location and sexually assaulted," Reene stated. "It should be noted physical injuries were observed."

"Since the date of the initial report this matter...remained a top priority for the Michigan State Police," the prosecutor added. "Countless hours and resources (were) expended to investigate all information that became available. Multiple units within the department became involved with both obtaining and analyzing evidence."

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## Deputies make additional arrests in armed robbery

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Thumb law enforcement officials have arrested additional suspects in connection with an armed robbery investigation last month in Sanilac County's Minden Township.

Sanilac County Sheriff's Deputies, who are continuing their investigation into the Nov. 11 crime, reported on the latest arrests last week.

"On Nov. 14 a search warrant was executed in Tanton Estates Trailer Court in Harbor Beach, (where) 19-year-old Devin Cooper of Harbor Beach was arrested and taken to the Sanilac County Jail. He was arraigned on two counts of armed robbery, conspiracy to commit armed robbery, home invasion and felony firearm (possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony). He is being held at the Sanilac County Jail on \$50,000 bond," said Sgt. Ron DuBois.

Based on the investigation, an arrest warrant was later issued for another suspect, 26-year-old Lucas Flygare, who was taken into custody in the Sault Sainte Marie area, DuBois added.

Flygare was subsequently transported back to Sanilac County by sheriff's deputies and arraigned on two counts of armed robbery, conspiracy to commit armed robbery, home invasion and possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony.

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## Health agency leadership changes hands

by Mary Drier  
Special for the Chronicle

The leadership of the health departments in Huron and Tuscola counties has officially changed hands.

For almost three decades, Gretchen Tenbusch, R.N., M.S.A., and Ann Hepfer R. N., B.S., have worked side by side, providing health care services for Thumb residents.



Ann Hepfer

Hepfer is on her own this month as she takes over as health officer of both health departments from retiring the Tenbusch. Hepfer was the first nurse Tenbusch hired at the Tuscola County Health Department. That was 28 years ago.

Huron County Commissioners recently welcomed Hepfer and presented Tenbusch with a certificate of appreciation for her years of service to the county.

Hepfer has worked in several different positions with

the department — health nurse, nursing director, department coordinator and nursing administrator, as well as deputy health officer. She has worked in the public health field since 1988.



Gretchen Tenbusch

In addition to being a registered nurse, Hepfer has a Bachelor of Science Degree in public administration and community development from Central Michigan University.

Both Hepfer and Tenbusch have reputations for working aggressively to make the two area health departments the best they can be, and both have been recognized by the state for their efforts.

Hepfer indicated she is looking forward to continue serving and enhancing health services in each county.

Gretchen, a cancer survivor, meanwhile, says she is looking forward to spending more time with her family, camping, doing some consulting, and devoting more time to her business of etching designs on glass.

## Milligan named chair of national wheat committee

Michigan wheat farmer David Milligan of Cass City has assumed chairmanship of the Research & Technology Committee of the National Association of Wheat Growers (NAWG).

Milligan has served on the NAWG board since 2013, representing Michigan's nearly 8,000 wheat farmers. During that time, he has served or is still serving on most of the NAWG committees, including the Domestic and Trade Policy Committee; Joint International Trade Policy Committee; Environment and Renewable Resources Committee; Joint Biotechnology Committee;

Dave Milligan

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**COUSINS DALE Churchill of Deford and Flora McRae of Livonia place a wreath near the grave of their great-grandfather and Civil War veteran Peter Churchill at the Novesta Township Cemetery south of Cass City.**

## Cousins plan to honor Civil War vets this month

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

A mission to honor a family member and Civil War veteran buried at the Novesta Township Cemetery has grown into a more ambitious project for Deford's Dale Churchill.

"My cousin, Flora McRae and I, have decided to honor (all) Civil War veterans buried at the Novesta Township Cemetery this Christmas with wreaths," Churchill said.

"(The Chronicle's) story about the Kranz Funeral Home offering to order wreaths to honor veterans in local cemeteries got us thinking that we would like to do that for our great-grandfather, Peter Churchill," he added, referring to a story about Wreaths Across America Day, which is slated for Saturday, Dec. 17. Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, participating in the program this year by offering area residents the opportunity to

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by Mary Drier  
Special for the Chronicle

Owen-Gage School Supt. Terri Falkenberg has earned top grades as

an administrator, according to members of the Owen-Gage Board of Education, who recently reviewed her performance and rated her as being "highly effective" on the job.

Michigan law requires each school's board of education and each intermediate school district's board of education to conduct annual performance evaluations of their administrators.

The process to evaluate Falkenberg began during the October board of education meeting, and for the past month school board members have been reviewing information to grade her performance as school leader.

The Revised School Code requires board of education members to receive training on the evaluation instrument to be used for the superintendent beginning in the 2016-2017 school year. The Revised School Code requires school boards to evaluate their superintendent's job performance annually as part of a comprehensive performance evaluation taking into account several factors.

After conducting the review, the board assigns the administrator with a rating of: highly effective, effective, minimally effective or ineffective.

"I think the evaluation is a good process. A lot of time was spent reviewing the evaluation process with the board to make sure they understood how to use it and was comfortable with it," Falkenberg

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# Haldane local poster contest winner

Madelyn Haldane, a seventh grade student at Owen-Gage Schools, has taken the first step to becoming an internationally-recognized artist by winning a local competition sponsored by the Owendale Lions Club.

Haldane's poster was among more than 600,000 entries submitted worldwide in the 29th annual Lions

International Peace Poster Contest. Lions Clubs international is sponsoring the contest to emphasize the importance of world peace to young people everywhere.

"Peace comes from all different directions. Peace is not something you wish for, it is something you create," said the 13-year-old from

Gagetown, whose poster was selected by the Owendale Lions for its originality, artistic merit and portrayal of the contest theme, "A Celebration of Peace."

Owendale Lions Club President Trace Lopez said he was impressed by the expression and creativity of the students at Owen-Gage School.

"It is obvious that these young people have strong ideas about what peace means to them. I'm so proud that we were able to provide them with the opportunity to share their visions," Lopez added.

"Haldane's poster will advance to face stiff competition through the district, multiple district and international rounds of competition if she is to be declared the international grand prize winner," he noted.

One grand prize winner and 23 merit award winners will be selected. The grand prize includes a cash award of \$5,000, plus a trip for the winner and two family members to an award ceremony. The 23 merit award winners will each receive a certificate and a cash award of \$500.

"Our club is cheering for Haldane as her poster advances in the competition, and we hope that her vision will ultimately be shared with others around the world," Lopez said.

Locally, Haldane and 25 other students will be honored for their participation by the Owendale Lions Club during an honors assembly at the school.

Lions clubs international is the world's largest service club organization with 1.4 million members in more than 46,000 clubs in more than 200 countries and geographic areas. In addition to its efforts toward conquering blindness, the organization has made a strong commitment to community service and helping youth throughout the world.



OWEN-GAGE seventh grade student Madelyn Haldane was recently named a local winner by the Owendale Lions Club in the 29th annual Lions International Peace Poster Contest. She is pictured above (second from left) with Trace Lopez, Owendale Lions Club president, and her parents, Patty Haldane and Bob Haldane.



FOUR GENERATIONS gathered recently, they are, from left, great-grandmother Patricia Konrady-Taylor, grandmother Penny Taylor, mother Katelyn Taylor and son Carter Harp. The group gathered to celebrate Harp's first birthday at Bad Axe Expo Center.



WHILE CELEBRATING Carter Harp's first birthday, four generations gathered. They are, standing, great-grandmother Judith Boyce, sitting from left, grandmother Tina Pallas, father Michael Harp holding Carter Harp.

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# In Our OPINION..

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## Vendors doing their part to protect kids

*If it takes a village to raise a child, businesses in communities throughout the state are doing a good job when it comes to protecting youth from the dangers inherent in tobacco use.*

*That's according to officials with the Office of Recovery Oriented Systems of Care (OROSC) within the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), who recently reported a statewide survey conducted during 2016 unofficially indicated that 86.9 percent of retailers did not sell tobacco products to youth under age 18.*

*This is the sixteenth consecutive year Michigan vendors have been in compliance with the federal minimum rate of 80 percent. The 2016 rate represents a 2.8 percent improvement from last year.*

*"Deterring tobacco sales to youth is critical to reducing the negative health effects and deaths caused by smoking and tobacco use," said Nick Lyon, director of the MDHHS. "We commend the business community for doing their part to protect Michigan youth from the dangers of smoking, and thank our affiliate partners for conducting high quality inspections."*

*The Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and Mental Health Administration Reorganization Act, which includes an amendment aimed at decreasing youth access to tobacco, requires all states and territories to conduct a survey using a scientific random sample study protocol approved by the federal Center for Substance Abuse Prevention.*

*States must demonstrate that its tobacco vendor compliance meets or exceeds the federal minimum compliance rate of 80 percent through random, unannounced inspections of tobacco retailers.*

*During the summer of 2016, OROSC conducted random unannounced inspections statewide to measure the rate of illegal sales of tobacco to Michigan youth. During those operations, a youth inspector visits the retailer, attempts to make a tobacco purchase, and records the results. An adult chaperone drives the youth inspectors and oversees the purchase attempts.*

*States are required to enact and enforce laws prohibiting the sale or distribution of tobacco products to individuals under the age of 18. States that fall below the 80 percent minimum compliance rate are subject to a penalty of 40 percent from their federal Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant funding. For Michigan, failure to comply could cost the state more than \$22 million.*

*With the popularity of electronic nicotine devices, Michigan is strengthening tobacco education and awareness through a resource website called "Do Your Part" which is designed to educate the general public and teens about the dangers of smoking.*

*In addition, MDHHS is continuing outreach efforts targeting tobacco vendors by providing educational materials to 100 percent of establishments that sell tobacco products. Businesses who want to educate staff, avoid fines and safeguard public health can do so by accessing a free online certification test and PowerPoint presentation.*

*To learn more about the Do Your Part campaign, visit [www.michigan.gov/doyourpart](http://www.michigan.gov/doyourpart). The free online presentation and certification is available at [www.improvingmipractices.org/](http://www.improvingmipractices.org/).*

## Drier Humor

by Mary Drier

No strings attached, just cords



I love getting a good deal on an item. I used to be a garage sale junky. The main item I looked for at garage sales was used books. I'm a voracious reader. During garage-sale season, I would stockpile dozens of books to read during the winter.

As it's become more difficult to get to some garage sales because of limited mobility, I've thought on and off about the possibility of getting a Kindle electric book reader.

My son is also an avid reader who is also a speed reader, so it is difficult to keep him in books. I had a bunch of credit card reward points that had to be used up, so I used some of them to get him a basic Kindle.

Because I hate trying to do anything on the Internet with the exception of sending news stories, and checking email and Facebook, it was very late at night and I had been relaxing for a while with some wine. I was intrigued with the concept of electronic book readers where hundreds of books could be downloaded. I looked at several different types of Kindles and what each had to offer. I flipped back and forth between the various screens and continued to sip wine.

My son's Kindle arrived, and then a Kindle Fire arrived. Apparently during my wine sipping and screen shopping, I ended up ordering one for myself somehow.

My Kindle sat on the kitchen table for several days as I debated whether or not to keep it or send it back because I didn't want to spend that much money at that time. I finally decided to open the box just to check it out to see how it worked, with the intention of sending it back until I was more comfortable spending the money.

As soon as it was turned on, the Kindle connected to my Internet and said "Hello Mary!" I was like, "Dang, it knows who I am, and it's adopted me."

How could I send it back? All of that was a few years ago, and I've grown to love my Kindle. I subscribe to a couple of sites where I can download electronic books for free or at a low price, and I can borrow books from the local library. Another positive is that my Kindle has lighted pages so I don't have to have a light on to see to read.

As much as I like my Kindle, it does have a few drawbacks. I have problems sleeping so it is not unusual for me to wake in the middle of the night and read for a while until I can fall back asleep. When I get to a really good part of a book, the battery on the Kindle dies, so I have to get up in the middle of the


night and wander around, trying to find an extension cord to find out what happens next. And by the time I find an extension cord, I'm wide awake again. Sigh.

I'm sure Rawson Memorial District Library Director Kate Van Auken is happy to know that among the many, many services her library has to offer, an extension cord is one.

## Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)



You're probably aware that Green Party presidential candidate Jill Stein officially filed the necessary paperwork last Wednesday requiring a recount of the Nov. 8 election. That figures, given the craziness voters have had to endure throughout election year 2016.

What you may not know, however, is just how much money Stein's request is going to cost taxpayers. Believe us when we say you're not going to like the answer.

"It is unusual that a candidate who received just one percent of the vote is seeking a recount, especially when there is no allegation of hacking or fraud, or even a credible allegation of any tampering," Michigan Secretary of State Ruth Johnson said in a statement regarding Stein's request.

"The cost of this recount to Michigan taxpayers could easily reach into the millions of dollars," Johnson said. "Based on Wisconsin's estimate, Michigan taxpayers could be paying \$4 million despite the \$1 million the Green Party nominee must pay to have the recount."

We have no words to describe this sort of foolishness.

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## Letters to the Editor

### Will officials ask us back when deal fails?

At the meeting last week, the village voted to sell the antique mall to Mr. Molter.

The eviction notice came in the mail Tuesday. We have to be out by Dec. 31.

This saddens all of us at the mall, as we are busy planning our Christmas open house. With the holidays and the winter weather coming, this could be a real challenge.

We appreciate everyone for all their support over the years. Know that we haven't given up and will start anew, somewhere, somehow.

We also appreciate Mr. Schneeberger for standing up and speaking out for the people in this town.

Just a couple of questions; does our building need to be vacant for Mr. Molter to get his grant money? Is this why it's such an urgent matter, as Mr. Althaver has said?

Also, will the village invite us back in the spring when this deal fails to happen?

Just asking.

Barb Vollmar  
Cass City

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Chances are good you don't recognize the name Michael James "Jim" Delligatti, but you've probably dined on a few of his well-known sandwiches in your time.

Delligatti, a McDonald's franchisee who created the Big Mac - two all-beef patties, special sauce, lettuce, cheese, pickles, onions, on a sesame seed bun - nearly 50 years ago, died last week at his home in Pittsburgh, according to an Associated Press report. He was 98.

We've all heard the warnings about fast food and how it can affect health, but that same report quoted Delligatti's son as saying his dad ate at least one of the 540-calorie Big Macs a week for decades.

The Cass City Lions Club held a 50/50 raffle on Saturday at the VFW Hall in conjunction with the annual Christmas in the Village celebration.

Club member Dennis Meck reports the winning ticket is "yellow" 326166. Contact the retired Cass City School teacher at (989)872-5088 to claim your prize money.

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Kate Van Auken is asking the community to consider nominating a deserving student who they feel is deserving of Junior Citizen of the Year honors. The candidate must be in their senior year at Cass City Public Schools or is homeschooled in the Cass City district.

These young adults may be from your organization, congregation, business, club or neighborhood. Contact Rawson Memorial Library for a nomination form.

Nominations are due by Dec. 16. The Junior Citizen will be announced at the Annual Chamber of Commerce Dinner slated for Feb. 7, 2017.

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Area residents around my age, and older, probably have a fond memory or two of gathering at the former Sherman's Restaurant that was located on the east end of town near the Kranz Funeral Home.

It was a hang out for school kids during the 1970s and their pizza burgers covered in mushrooms were the favorite fare for the Haire children.

Fast forward to Monday, I received more than one call to report the one-time hot spot is in the process of being torn down.

### Have a concern? A complaint? Just want to voice your opinion?

**The Cass City Chronicle welcomes letters to the editor.**

Letters must include the writer's name, address and telephone number. The latter is in case it is necessary to call for verification, but won't be used in the newspaper. Names will be withheld from publication upon request, for an adequate reason. The Chronicle reserves the right to edit letters for length and clarity.

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## Wednesday, December 7

•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.

## Thursday, December 8

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

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

## Monday, December 12

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

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

•Elkland Township Board meeting, 7 p.m.

•VFW monthly meeting, 7:00 p.m., VFW Hall, Cass City.

## Tuesday, December 13

•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.)

•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.

### 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:

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#### 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 Thursday:

•Living with Parkinson's Support Group, 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., Holiday Inn Express, 55 Rapson Lane West, Bad Axe. For more information, call Merry at (989) 673-4121.

•Family Caregiver Support Group, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Harbor Beach Community Hospital Administration Building/Conference Center, 147 S. First St., Harbor Beach. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121

•Uby Lions Club meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the Uby Thumb Veterans Organization-Hall, 2165 Bingham St., Uby MI 48475. A pot luck is served prior to the meeting. Everyone is welcomed.

#### Third 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., Uby. For more information, call Angela R. at (989) 658-2319.

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

#### Every Tuesday:

•Al-anon meeting, 7 p.m., St. Francis Parrish, Pigeon.

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

#### Every Wednesday:

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

#### Every Thursday:

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

# Hanson: drug sweeps in county schools turn up little contraband

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Routine drug sweeps at Huron County schools last week, utilizing a dog trained to sniff out drugs, netted little in the way of contraband, according to Huron County Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson.

"In cooperation with local high school officials, seven of the eight high schools located in our county were checked by a drug dog from the St. Clair County Sheriff's," Hanson reported Friday. "Unfortunately, found in lockers were prescription pills (not) prescribed to a student,

and marijuana residue and paraphernalia in another's.

"The dog also hit on other lockers where it was apparent items within it had been subject to marijuana at one time or another. However, the dog hit on (fewer) lockers than normal which overall was somewhat positive," he added.

"School officials are dealing with the offenders in-house with what we understood to be suspensions," Hanson noted.

Hanson urges parents to be vigilant when it comes to their child's behav-

ior and to check their belongings regularly, because it's important to detect signs of drug use before experimentation becomes an addiction.

"Our office always encourages illegal drug tips by calling your local police department or by calling our office during regular business hours at (989) 269-6500 or Huron Central Dispatch's non-emergency number anytime at (989) 269-6421," Hanson said. "Confidential callers can use our TIPS Line of (989) 269-2861. We're also available on Facebook through our Huron County Sheriff's Office Drug Task Force page.

## Circuit court proceedings

### Several appear in court on charges last week

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

\*Michael N. Jacques, 35, Millington, was sentenced to 365 days in the county jail and 60 months probation following his pleas of no contest to three counts of purchasing/possessing ephedrine or pseudoephedrine, knowing it would be used to manufacture methamphetamine between July 8, 2015, and April 28, 2016, in Vassar; and to carrying a concealed weapon July 8 in Vassar. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

The jail term was deferred, according to court records, which state Jacques was also ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$1,870 plus attorneys fees of \$500.

Jacques also entered a plea of guilty to a charge of forgery of a license plate Aug. 26 in Millington.

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

\*Steven E. Crosby, 27, Caro, was

sentenced to 60 months to 25 years in prison following his plea of no contest to assault with intent to commit bodily harm less than murder July 8 in Caro. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

Crosby also pleaded no contest to charges of assault by strangulation and domestic violence Oct. 6 in Caro.

In addition to prison time, he was placed on probation for 60 months and ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$566.

\*James L. Burpee, 43, Caro, was sentenced to 365 days in jail following his pleas of no contest to two counts of domestic violence - aggravated assault July 7-8 in Indianfields Township.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,735.

\*Dominique J. Freeman, 20, Otisville, pleaded no contest to a charge of illegal sale/use of a financial transaction device Nov. 29, 2015, in Fremont Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was

ordered and bond was continued at \$3,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

\*Nichole R. Tomassetti, 24, Caro, pleaded guilty to possession of cocaine, heroin or another narcotic (less than 25 grams) last September in Almer Township.

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

\*Tyler A. Zaborney, 20, Caro, pleaded no contest to charges of assaulting or obstructing a public officer and possession of marijuana July 12 in Caro.

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

\*Michael O. Morrison, 38, Vassar, pleaded guilty to a charge of driving while his license was suspended or revoked - causing serious injury July 18 in Juniata Township.

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

# Deputies make additional arrests in robbery

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mission of a felony. He is also being held at the Sanilac County Jail on a \$50,000 cash bond.

"The ongoing investigation into the armed robbery has led deputies to follow up leads ranging from Illinois to the Upper Peninsula, and is not complete," DuBois said. "Investigators are confident they have all suspects who were part of the armed robbery, and must still work through all of the evidence, follow up on leads and put together the case."

Sanilac County Sheriff Garry Biniecki said investigators are looking at several individuals who are suspected of either aiding the suspects in trying to cover up the crime through various methods or have evidence and/or are attempting to profit from the armed robbery.

"It is important to realize that helping the suspects in any way, from hiding evidence, purchasing supplies, to lying to investigators may be considered a felony," he added.

Sanilac County Sheriff's Deputies on the case have been working closely with Huron County Sheriff's Deputies as well as the Sanilac County Drug Task Force.

"We greatly appreciate the dedication to this case by the Huron County Sheriff's Office. Investigators from the two agencies have been working side-by-side throughout the case, and the progress thus far would not have been possible without this cooperation," Biniecki said.

The robbery took place during the evening hours at a residence in the 8000 block of Maurer Road.

"Sanilac Central Dispatch received the initial 911 call at approximately 1:20am on Nov. 12 from the homeowner, advising that three male subjects at his residence at that time were robbed by three males in ski masks, and (the homeowner) advised that one of the suspects held the three victims at gun point," Lt. Charlene Washkevich said.

The homeowner was not home at the time of the robbery and called after he returned home and gathered information from the three victims, she added, noting an undisclosed amount of money and medical marijuana were stolen from the residence.

"Later in the afternoon of the 12th, the investigation led Sanilac County deputies towards a group in Huron County," Washkevich reported. "Investigators from the Sanilac County Sheriff's Office and Investigators from the Huron County Sheriff's Office began their joint

investigation. That investigation eventually led to a traffic stop being made in Bad Axe and three search warrants being authorized by the Huron County Prosecutor's Office for residences in Huron County.

"Two of the search warrants were simultaneously done in Bad Axe, with one at a residence on South Silver Street and the other on Willis Street," Washkevich continued. "The third search warrant was later done at the Tanton Estates Trailer Court in Harbor Beach.

Deputies arrested a 19-year-old Owendale man for felony possession of drugs. Terrance M. Dubs was subsequently arraigned in Huron County District Court with one count of possession with intent to deliver marijuana. Bond in his case was set at \$1,000 cash and he remained lodged in the Huron County Jail awaiting a preliminary examination scheduled for Dec. 16.

# Owen-Gage board gives school chief high marks

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said.

In November 2015, Public Act 173 was signed into law to provide clarity to ongoing policy discussions about the direction of educator evaluations in Michigan, and linked to the strategic goal to "develop, support, and sustain a high-quality, prepared, and collaborative education workforce."

Falkenberg was hired as a teacher in 1999 and was named principal in 2010. She took on the duties of superintendent two years ago in January. Owen-Gage has an enrollment of 154 students.

Also recently in the Owen-Gage Schools, officials noted the cost of breakfast and lunch in the district was slated to increase this week, and the board approved increasing substitute teacher pay to \$80 a day.



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## Reporter's notebook



**Exercise? Rather have extra fries...**

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor



You know Christmas is coming when television commercials are in overdrive, offering the latest and greatest of everything, including the best way to eliminate those pesky bat wings under your arms, nagging muffin tops, love handles, belly bulges, etc.

Enter all sorts of treadmills – some that let you project images of your favorite foreign city while you run off the pounds – along with arm exercisers, thigh master machines, belly trimmers and even butt crunch miracle workers.

Who are these businesses trying to fool, anyway? Well, evidently enough optimistic lovers of chips, cookies and pumpkin pie to earn a bundle of cash selling their contraptions, which generally end up in an un-used room in the house, the basement or on the front lawn just as soon as spring arrives, signaling the start of the glorious yard sale season.

Unless you're a genius, like the guys I once saw on a Facebook video, where they set up an old electric treadmill at the entrance of a basement window and were using the machine to load fire wood into the house.

I suppose I can understand why so many people fall for the exercise fad, with all the dials and electronics and other bells and whistles. I mean, have you seen the beautiful people demonstrating them on TV? The ladies don't have even a hint of underarm flab, the guys are all sporting perfect 10 abs, and there are enough butts of steel to convince just about anyone that they, too, can look like that if they'll just put 15 minutes of exercise in a day. And they're all smiles, not a sign of hard breathing or discomfort, because getting fit is easy.

Right. Couldn't have anything to do with the fact that the actors are all 19, could it? Of course they don't have any flab – they were born perfect.

Most of us weren't, and the happiest among us have accepted that fact. My Grandma Miller was one of those people. She always struggled with her weight, in spite of years of membership in one weight-loss program or another. She was also probably the best cook I ever knew – then or now. When it came to the holidays, no one was on a diet at my grandparents' house.

She also loved ice cream and indulged whenever the mood struck her because, I guess, it made her happy.

Growing up, I never thought of her as being overweight. I simply saw her as one of the most wonderful people in my life, because she was full of life and love and had a sharp sense of humor that never failed to tickle me.

Grandma never took time out of her day to trot on a treadmill or complete 25 reps of anything on a home gym. I know she probably should have paid a little more attention to her weight for health reasons, but hers was a life well lived.

There's a big difference, so to speak, between wanting to lose (or keep off) a few pounds, and needing to do so for the sake of your well-being, you know? That's one of the things that really bothers me about those pencil thin models you see sculpting even more perfect bodies on this or that exercise contraption – one of the messages seems to be that you're somehow missing out on something if you don't look like they do.

Nonsense. Many of us weigh a little more than we'd like, or have far more unsightly bulges than we'd care to look at again in a mirror, but what on earth does that have to do with the sort of people we are? Sure, age can really bite when it comes to physical appearance, but is kindness or compassion or true beauty actually measured in ounces and pounds? Nope.

So go ahead, indulge in that second piece of pumpkin pie this Christmas season. In the end, I can't imagine regretting enjoying a second slice of happiness in this life.

# Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



## 5 YEARS AGO (2011)

If you had to guess which current business owner in Cass City has the most seniority, who would it be? Perhaps Dick Hendrick, long-time owner of the Cass Theatre. Dick told me last week he plans to run the theatre for at least 2 more years, when his cinema career reaches 50 years. Merry Christmas, Dick – we're lucky to have a great local theatre.

He's not big in stature, but Ron Wolschleger has the heart of a giant. That's why the Cass City grappler is honored as Schneeberger's Athlete of the Week award winner. The 125-pound Red Hawk had a banner showing over the weekend at the Cros-Lex Team tourney, where the senior team leader posted a perfect 5-0 record by defeating opponents from Richmond, Midland, St. Clair, Memphis and Cros-Lex. "We look for Ron to be a consistent point winner for Cass City entering into 2012," said Coach Don Markel.

## 10 YEARS AGO (2006)

The discovery of a pair of old military mortar shells resulted in some tense moments last week at a Gagetown residence. Fortunately, no one was injured and the shells were disposed of by experts from a pair of Michigan State Police bomb units. According to Gagetown Police Chief Gene Bucholtz, Gagetown resident Jerry Wooters, 6462 Cleaver St., called federal authorities last Wednesday at about 12:40 p.m. after finding the shells in a crawl space inside the home he rents. The bomb unit personnel removed the devices and transported them to a gravel pit, where they were disposed of safely, according to Detective Sgt. Steven Hickman of the Michigan State Police Bomb Squad out of Grayling. Hickman said the shells were both from the World War II era. He said one of the shells was not live, but it's not known if the other one was, because of the method used to destroy them. "That's the safest way to go," he said.

Coach Beth Howard's revamped Red Hawk spikers brought home an early Christmas present over the weekend, claiming their first invitational crown of the season Saturday at Caro. Individually for the champs, Meeker had 38 kills, 12 aces and 5 blocks; Schinnerer, 24 kills, 9 aces, 17 digs; Carly Howard, 16 kills, 13 aces, 40 digs; Sarah Howard, 14 kills, 4 blocks; Amanda Langenburg, 9 kills, 74 assists, 17 aces; Ashleigh Rabideau, 4 kills, 20 digs; Lauren Dillon, 13 kills; and Megan VanVliet, 41 digs.

The winners of the Cass City Chamber of Commerce's Christmas in the Village children's drawings are: Jacob Miller, Tyler Miller, Lauran Russell, Mariah Miller, Brandy Brooks, Shane Hoppe, Natalia Frankowski, Christopher Fifer, Martha Brooks, Kristen Stimpfel, Abby Phillips, Vincent Favazza, Payton Bock, Owen Hoppe, Hunter Walker, Mariah Mellendorf and Logan Adams.

## 25 YEARS AGO (1991)

Kathleen Ann Harbal and Alvin R. Burk II of White Bear Lake, Minn. announce their engagement. Kathy will soon graduate from Normandale Community College, Bloomington, Minn., with a degree in Office Systems and Management. She is employed by EER Products, Inc., Minneapolis, as an administrative manager. Al is a graduate of Mt. San Antonio College, Walnut, Calif., with an AA degree in Aircraft and Powerplant Maintenance. He is employed by Northwest Airlines as an aircraft inspector. A June 27, 1992 wedding is planned in White Bear Lake, Minn. Al is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin R. Burk I of Decker.

Jan Moore of Cass City will present her "Music Stars of Tomorrow" in a Christmas Concert at Jordan College. Students of all ages will be performing. There will be piano, organ saxophone and vocal music. The public is invited to attend.

Owendale-Gagetown Public Schools has 5 students representing their school in the Tri-County Honors Band. The 5 are Patti Timmons, alto saxophone; Tanya Muntz, clarinet; Deb Powers, baritone; Jenny Niester, trombone, and Todd Ziehm, trumpet. The Tri-County Band will be hosted this year at Owendale-Gagetown Public Schools in the high school gym. Performance time will be at 3 p.m. Jan. 26.

Dear Santa, I have been a good boy this year, so my Grandpas say. I would like a dump truck and a Little Tikes workbench for Christmas. Next year I promise I won't be afraid of you! Thank you, Love Nathaniel Caister, Age 2 P.S. Please leave a bone or toy for Norman.

## 35 YEARS AGO (1981)

Kathy Marshall is student of the week for the week of Nov. 30 at Cass City Intermediate School. A sixth grader, she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Marshall of Milligan Road, Cass City.

Mr. and Mrs. Audley Horner, Mrs. Lois Binder and Mrs. Helm Little was dinner guests Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Ware.

Attending the wedding shower for Barb Jaques, bride of Kim Copeland, at Vassar Sunday afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. Le Hendrick, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Copeland, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Copeland, Mrs. Ken Copeland and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Decker.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Kruchko of Cass City announce the engagement of their daughter, Pamela Ann Goodman, to John Paul LaFave, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul LaFave of Gagetown.

Navy Seaman Mark J. Dolecki, son of James D. and Carole J. Dolecki of 6432 Van Dyke Road, Cass City, has completed recruit training at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill. During the eight-week training cycle, trainees studied general military subjects designed to prepare them for further academic and on-the-job training in one of the Navy's 85 basic occupational fields. Included were seamanship, close order drill, Naval history and first aid. He is a 1981 graduate of Cass City High School.

Members of the second marking period honor roll at Evergreen Elementary School are: Fifth grade — Michelle Laming, Barry Osentoski, Matthew Peasley, and Kathy Rockwell. Sixth grade — Jack Hawley, Kristy Marshall, Raquel Rockwell, Brenda Severance, Dean Whittaker (all A's) and Jody Hazzard.

## 40 YEARS AGO (1976)

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Kirm and family had as Saturday dinner guests, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Seeley and son Brian of Uby, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Erlich and son of Gagetown, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Seeley, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Seeley and Mrs. Hazel Seeley and daughters Sheryl and Janis.

Mr. and Mrs. James Ketchum and Katie were Thanksgiving guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Harrison of Unionville. Also present were Rev. and Mrs. Gary Groth and son, Nathan.

Electrician's mate 3rd class U.S. Navy Michael Kirm came from Roto, Spain, Nov. 20, and is spending a 30-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Kirm. Miss Melinda Kirm, who attends college at Owosso, spent from Tuesday, Nov. 23, until Sunday at her home. Also with the Kirns from Wednesday until Friday were his mother, Mrs. Esther Kirm of Chelsea and his sister, Miss Marjorie Kirm of Flint.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hendrick returned Sunday evening from State College, Pa., after spending Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hendrick and family.

Getting the Girl Scout Mitten Tree ready at The Pinney State Bank are Cass City Girl Scouts, Lori Sugden, Julie Sugden, Kathy Marshall and Jeanne Marshall. Mittens donated to the tree are distributed to needy area children. An additional mitten box will also be available through the Christmas season at the Cass City State Bank, organizers said.

One of the first donors at Monday's Red Cross Blood Bank, sponsored locally by Hills and Dales Hospital Auxiliary, was Village Trustee James Ware. A total of 152 persons signed up to give blood and 87 units were taken. Blood from Monday's drive will be stored at a Red Cross center in Flint for later distribution. Mrs. E.C. Fritz, an organizer of the drive, said several high school students donated blood as well. Site of the blood bank was St. Pancratius Hall.

## 50 YEARS AGO (1966)

Mrs. Agnes Morell poses with the winning ticket that won a free television for her in the first of the weekly drawings sponsored by the Cass City Chamber of Commerce. The second drawing Saturday will feature a free coffee table style stereo record player.

Two more bucks were downed in the Cass City area in the closing days of the season, local nimrods reported, Wednesday, Nov. 30, Larry Hartwick, 16, shot a six-pointer northeast of Cass City. On Sunday, the final day of the season, Duane Warner shot a large 12-pointer at 4 p.m. The buck was bagged west and south of Deford.

Dear Santa, my name is Luann Thompson and I'm 8 years old. For Christmas I would like a Baby First Step, Some clothes for her, and a sweater for me. Your Friend Luann.

Dear Santa, my name is Geraldine and I am two years old. My sister is writing this for me because I'm too little to write so please bring her something for Christmas. For Christmas I would like a wagon, a little doll, PJ's, 2 dresses and anything else you'd like to bring me. Please bring my mother and father and brothers and sister something. I will leave some goodies for you and your reindeer. Love, Geraldine Salas Deford, Michigan.

Chris Seeley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Seeley of Ypsilanti, celebrated his first birthday Dec. 2 at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Dodge. Guests included Hollis Seeley, Sherry and Janis Seeley, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Sadler, Julie and Grant of Decker, Mr. and Mrs. Miles Dodge and Alfred Maharg.

## 75 YEARS AGO (1941)

Three members of the Cass City Livestock Club were awarded championship prizes on three animals they exhibited at the Junior Livestock Show in Detroit this week. The grand champion lamb of the show, a Southdown, is the property of "Mickie" Little, and is probably the smallest grand champion lamb ever exhibited at the Detroit Junior show. It weighed about 70 pounds. The reserve champion lamb, an Oxford, was shown by Frances Koepfgen. The reserve champion steer of the show, a Shorthorn, is owned by Leslie Peasley. Frances Koepfgen won first place with her pen of Oxforths and "Mickie" Little was second with her pen of Southdowns. In the Shorthorn class, Leslie Peasley won first on his steer; Don Doerr, second; Don Koepfgen, third; and Stanley VanVliet, sixth. In the Angus steer class, Kathleen Smith was awarded second and Leslie Smith tenth place. In a class of 66 in the Hereford division, Jean Muck was awarded 10th place on her steer. Cass City exhibitors won first money on the best three steers from one county.

Acting on instructions received from the company's New York office Sunday, W. L. Mann, manager of the Nestle's Milk Products, Inc., factory at Cass City, has doubled the watchmen force to insure the plant for safety against sabotage. The factory here is classed as a defense industry.

Fifty-two boys, who have hopes of making the high school basketball squad, have been working out under the direction of Coaches Harold Parker and Lester Ross in preparation for the opening game of the season against Crosswell here tonight (Friday), December 12. Nine lettermen are back from last year's squad—Sickler, Root, Profit, Kolb, Kettlewell, Strickland, Clement, Guc and Karr. These boys should form a fast, aggressive outfit but are lacking in height. Other promising looking candidates are Bugbee, Ross, Auten, Champion and Caister. Crosswell will bring almost the same team here Friday that played a tie game with the Maroon and Grey group in their encounter last year.

Following the election of officers of Tyler Lodge, F. & A. M., this (Friday) evening, those elected and appointed to positions in the society will be installed. Lyle Annis and Walkins McCrimon, both of Bad Axe, will officiate at the installation service.

State Representative Audley Rawson has been named as a member of the study commission appointed by Governor Van Wagoner to investigate the need for a general revision of Michigan's constitution.

## 100 YEARS AGO (1916)

Cass City celebrated the Christmas season Wednesday afternoon with a community Christmas tree. A large platform was erected at the intersection of Main and Seeger streets in the center of which was a tall Christmas tree and four smaller ones. The trees were decorated with bells, tree ornaments and lighted by many colored electric lights. Several Christmas songs and "America" were sung by the school children of the lower grades. Santa arrived amid the shouts and cheers of the children and distributed 550 boxes and sacks filled with candy and nuts to the many children who crowded around the platform. The giving of these gifts concluded the program and yet the crowd lingered on the street. The tree will be left standing and lighted every evening until the New Year.

Elbert Bearup a well-known farmer of Novesta township and Mrs. Jud VanAllen of Hardy were united in marriage at the court house at Caro on Wednesday, Dec. 13, by Rev. H. Canfield, pastor of the Caro M. E. church. The ceremony was performed in the presence of County Treasurer Wickware and his assistant, Miss Ruby Taggett, who signed the marriage documents as witnesses.

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## Caro woman charged in abduction hoax

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Reene declined to be specific regarding details of the case, but indicated Lesoski was looking for an excuse to avoid some sort of obligation when she told police she had been attacked. Michigan State Police investigators used her description of the alleged attacker to create a sketch of the "suspect" that was subsequently disseminated to the media.

"I think the motivation here...she had certain obligations and commitments over that weekend and was trying to come up with an explanation as to why she wasn't at a particular place when she was supposed to

be," he said.

Reene lauded what he described as the "extraordinary efforts of the Michigan State Police in conducting this investigation and reaching a definitive conclusion so the public can expeditiously be informed of its results."

In spite of the frustration inherent in spending hundreds of hours and a significant amount of money investigating a crime that didn't occur, Reene pointed out that area law enforcement officials again proved why they continue to play a vital role in keeping Tuscola County communities safe throughout the year.

"The process worked here - it worked the way you want it to," said Reene, who explained the investiga-

tors immediately went to work searching for a suspect once a crime was reported, then continued following up on leads and additional information until the incident was resolved.

In a time when police agencies are under siege almost daily in courts of public opinion across the country, Reene continued, "I can't say enough about (our) law enforcement. If people just take a step back and see the work that is being done by these officers - they deserve appreciation. They're doing exemplary, excellent work.

"Our community is well served and benefits each and every day from these dedicated and tireless efforts."

## News briefs

### Tom Thumb Singers concerts

CASS CITY — The Tom Thumb Singers will be presenting a Christmas concert entitled "Sing We Now of Christmas" Saturday, Dec. 10, at 7 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 11, at 3 p.m., at the Cass City United Methodist Church, 5100 N. Cemetery Rd., Cass City.

The concert will also feature the Thumb Ringers Handbell Choir. The Tom Thumb Singers are under the direction of the Rev. Phil Burkett. Darlene Burkett is the piano accompanist and handbell choir director, and Michelle Kuhl is the guest pianist.

Freewill offerings will be taken.

### Observing a "Day of infamy"

UNITED STATES - Pearl Harbor was attacked 75 years ago today, Dec. 7th, which drew the U.S. into World War II.

### Minimum wage to increase

MICHIGAN - Effective Jan. 1, 2017, employees in Michigan will see a minimum wage increase from \$8.50 to \$8.90.

The increase marks the third step of a gradual 25-percent increase in the minimum hourly wage rate that will culminate in a \$9.25-per-hour rate in 2018.

Compiled by Mary Drier and Tom Montgomery

### Milligan named chair of committee

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Operations and Planning Committee; Budget Committee; and Nominating Committee.

In addition, Milligan also completed the exclusive Wheat Industry Leaders of Tomorrow (WILOT) program, a leadership development program developed by NAWG and the National Wheat Foundation.

"Research was a founding principle for the Michigan Wheat Program, and Dave was a charter member of our founding committee, so it makes all the sense in the world that the national organization would tap him to help steer national wheat research efforts," said Jody Pollok-Newsom, executive director of the Michigan Wheat Program (MWP). Pollok-Newsom serves as scribe to the Research and Technology Committee, supporting Milligan's tenure.

Milligan and Pollok-Newsom attended NAWG meetings last month in Colorado, where wheat growers from across the United States helped set the future direction of the organization and discussed NAWG's priorities for the upcoming Farm Bill.

At Milligan's first Research and Technology Committee meeting, discussion focused on new technology, new opportunities and an update on the first annual national wheat yield contest.

"The opportunity to serve on these NAWG committees, gives you a real chance to compare your farm with those from other states," Milligan said. "Sometimes we find best practices that we can utilize in Michigan and sometimes we find some unique things about Michigan that we can share nationwide."

NAWG's Research and Technology Committee is responsible for assessing research needs, providing direction for public and private researchers and working to ensure public wheat research programs are adequately funded. More than three-quarters of U.S. wheat varieties are developed by public research programs, making research and innovation a top priority for the national board.

NAWG is a national federation of state wheat grower organizations working on the broad range of issues facing today's wheat farmers. Founded in 1950, the organization is located in Washington, D.C., where it is funded and governed by wheat growers from 22 states.

Michigan ranks 12th in the nation for winter wheat production and produces 2.4 percent of all U.S. wheat. Michigan growers benefit from five mills in the state that add value to the commodity, and several significant end-users, including Kellogg, Kraft, Nabisco, Post and General Mills.

The Michigan Wheat Program is a check-off organization funded by nearly 8,000 wheat farmers who grow wheat in 50 of Michigan's 83 counties.

Michigan wheat producers plant 500,000 acres of red and white wheat annually, resulting in a crop of about 40 million bushels on average. The state's wheat crop has a total economic impact of about \$388 million annually.



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Nanette Walsh  
Village Clerk



# Honoring Civil War veterans

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sponsor a \$15 wreath to adorn the grave of a loved one/veteran.

"That discussion led us to the fact that these veterans don't get much attention from their families because of the amount of years that have passed since the Civil War," Churchill said.

According to McRae, who resides in Livonia, Peter Churchill had three brothers who also served during the Civil War. He was originally from Oxford County, Ontario, Canada, and came to this country when Michigan was still a territory — in 1837 — settling east of Almont in Berlin Township.

Dale Churchill said he researched burial records at Novesta Cemetery and came up with the following names:

\*William H. Wills - Enlisted in Co. B, 24th Michigan Infantry at Detroit on 8/11/1862 for three years. Age 27.

\*William Henry Crawford - Enlisted in Co. A, 9th Michigan Infantry at Armada on 1/28/1864 for three years. Age 18.

\*Thomas McQuillin - Enlisted in Co. D, 23rd Michigan Infantry at Elkland on 2/24/1864 for three years. Age 23.

\*David Oliver Ramsey - Enlisted in Co. L, 3rd Mich. Cavalry as a saddler at St. Joseph on 9/20/1861 for three years. Age 44.

\*Henry M. Hudson - Enlisted in Co. K, 4th Michigan Cavalry at Pontiac on 8/11/1864 for three years. Age 22.

\*Robert Henry Warner - Enlisted in Co. F, 2nd Michigan Infantry at Vienna on 12/22/1863 for three years. Age 27.

\*Josiah R. Lewis - Enlisted in Co. K, 4th Michigan Cavalry at Dryden on 8/7/1862 for three years. Age 20.

\*James H. Mattoon - Enlisted in Co. E, 8th Michigan Cavalry at Dryden on 12/29/1862 for three years. Age 26.

\*Francis Fox Barber - Enlisted in Co. H, 4th Michigan Cavalry (2nd organization) at Berlin on 9/23/1864. Age 44, and

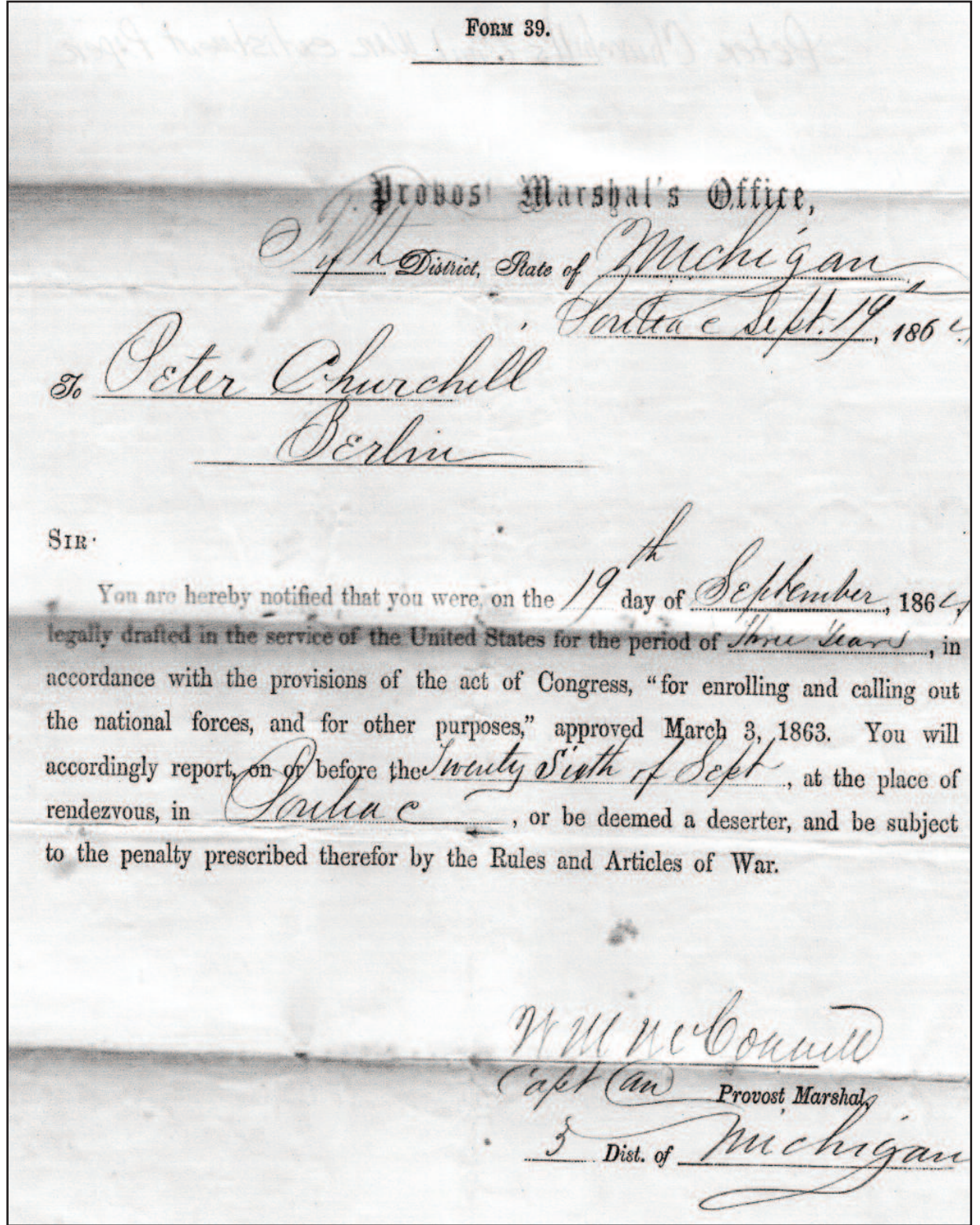
\*Peter Churchill - Enlisted in Co. H, 4th Michigan Infantry (2nd organization) at Pontiac on 9/23/1864. Age 35.

Churchill said there may be others, and he's hoping area residents can help him out by providing information on any other family members they believe served during the war.

"If any of your readers know of other veterans of the Civil War that are buried at the Novesta Township Cemetery, please have them let me know at dalechurchill@hotmail.com or (989) 872-4429. We would like to purchase wreaths for their graves," he added.

"Also, I am researching the history of these veterans, so if anyone knows stories of these Grand Army of the Republic soldiers, let me know."

The U.S. Census of 1894 reported that 22 Civil War Vets were living in Novesta Township, according to Churchill, who provided the following names of veterans who were living in Novesta Township at the time of the war but are not buried at the Novesta Twp. Cemetery: George Aplin, James Bruce, Edward Buel, Franklin Curtis, Edward Deneen, H.C. Downing, John C. Goodrich, Chas. Henderson, Abraham Houghton, William Justin, Wm. McCracken, Richard Norris, Arthur L. Powers, Hezekiah Snell, Henry B. or R. Warner, and Wm. H. Rutherford.



DALE CHURCHILL's great-grandfather, Peter Churchill, is pictured at left just prior to starting his duty in the Civil War. Above is his draft notice, dated Sept. 19, 1864.

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**HURON COUNTY Sheriff's deputies Janice Pulaskey, Jackie Cregeur and Gabe Callender unload a patrol car filled with toys into a jail garage that contains at least another five car loads of gifts along with several bikes. "All those items, with many more expected, will be taken to the North Huron High School to join other toys already collected this year, which will be distributed to parents who have applied and have been approved prior to the Dec. 10 distribution," Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson noted.**



**DEPUTY GABE Callender is pictured above with his patrol car loaded with toys after he picked them up from Tower Automotive in Elkton.**

## In Huron County "Deputy Santas" on the job this month

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Huron County Sheriff's deputies are seeing a rise in cases of...generosity this Christmas season, which Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson says comes as no surprise.

"With less than 24 days till Christmas, our deputies continue to gather toys for the Toys for Tots program distribution that will take place Dec. 10," Hanson said Thursday. "Once again, this year many generous people have contributed cash or toys at local businesses or our jail to put toward the effort. In fact, we've had to send a patrol car twice this week to Tower Automotive in Elkton because the employees overflowed

the collection boxes there.

"They are not alone in the cause though because other collection points have called for second pickups also," added Hanson, who noted this is the department's sixth year of involvement with the program, which last year served nearly 300 children.

"This year also marks our third year of distributing \$100 bills and gift cards to individuals or families who have experienced some type of tragedy or setback during this past year," the sheriff continued.

"Last year over \$7,000 was given out, which was nearly \$2,000 more than the year before. The money for that project comes from anonymous caring Huron County citizens who

I'm very honored have entrusted me to see that their money is given to deserving families," he said. "Fortunately I get referrals from clergy, law enforcement, school administrators, media, public officials, community leaders and others.

"Unfortunately, though, there are some families who do fit the parameters but have a (family) member or members with a substance abuse issue, who we're fearful would take the money and use it for their habit," Hanson added. "Decisions then have to be made on whether to give or not, which often are difficult.

"Regardless, the deputies and I are glad to be a part of the Christmas cheer," he said.

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A Budget Hearing will be held on Monday, December 12, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. for all interested citizens of the Village of Cass City.

The following budget is proposed for fiscal year 2017.

#### PROPOSED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR 2016

##### REVENUES:

General Fund	1,304,941
Major Street Fund	389,172
Local Street Fund	461,241
Economic Development Fund	550
Downtown Development Fund	93,014
Wastewater Treatment Fund	851,766
Water Fund	803,363
Motor Vehicle/Equipment Fund	320,500
	4,224,547 Operating Revenues

##### EXPENDITURES:

General Fund	1,301,764
Major Street Fund	388,272
Local Street Fund	457,899
Economic Development Fund	500
Downtown Development Fund	92,934
Wastewater Treatment Fund	851,266
Water Fund	803,117
Motor Vehicle/Equipment Fund	318,662
	4,214,414 Operating Expenses

The Property Tax Millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

The meeting will be held at the Municipal Building, 6506 Main Street, Cass City, Michigan for the purpose of discussion of the proposed budget. The proposed budget may be examined on weekdays at the Municipal Building, 6506 Main Street, Cass City, Michigan from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. All interested citizens will have the opportunity to give written and oral comment.

Nanette S. Walsh  
Clerk/Treasurer

# Chili champs

*Great weather, turnout, recipes add up to successful competition*

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Chili connoisseurs from throughout the area converged on Cass City over the weekend for 13th annual Christmas in the Village Chili Cook-off sponsored by Knights Insurance Agency.

And they weren't disappointed, according to event organizer and Knights Insurance owner Amy Peters, who reported another solid turnout, with nearly 175 judging ballots sold during Saturday's four-hour competition.

"We sold 173 ballots - right about the same (as last year), maybe slightly down," Peters said, adding, "We ended up with 23 chilis. "It was a big success and we look forward to next year."

Mild weather accompanied this year's contest, which included a number of changes designed to keep the event fresh and interesting for tasters and chili chefs alike.

Each business, for example, registered their signature chilis in one of three categories - Best Tasting, Most Creative, and Zesty and Spicy - instead of having just one general category. The chilis were then judged only in the category chosen by the businesses.

Also new this year was a "Chili for Charity" category at the Cass City Municipal Building at the corner of Main and Seeger streets, where non-business groups, such as service clubs, offered their own brand of chilis with the winner passing the cash prize on to its favorite local charity.

Local businesses donated items for a gift basket that was slated to be awarded via a drawing among those who tasted every one of the chilis. Gifts were also awarded through a second drawing among the same number of tasters as there were participating businesses in the contest.

The 2016 chili cook-off winners are: Best Tasting - Revive Ministries; Zesty and Spicy - House of Hair; and Most Creative - Quaker Maid. In addition, the Cass City Missionary Church claimed the inaugural Chili for Charity crown, collecting \$672 to donate to a charity of its choice.



**CASS CITY Rotary Club member Allison Zimba (right) serves up a sample of the club's entry to Heather Severance during the Christmas in the Village Chili Cook-off's inaugural Chili for Charity competition at the municipal building Saturday.**



**CROWDS POUR into the Cass City VFW Hall following the parade Saturday night. The annual Christmas in the Village Community Gathering offered not only a warm place to socialize, but also plenty of free refreshments and, of course, visits with Santa Claus.**



**THE STAFF AT Rawson Memorial District Library in Cass City selected a Peanuts theme for its Lighted Christmas Parade float this year.**



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## Lady Cardinals roll to easy win

by Clarke Haire  
Publisher

Despite losing three key players from last year's regional championship squad, the Kingston girls' basketball team displayed no signs of rebuilding during their season opener with visiting Dryden.

The Lady Cardinals simply reloaded.

A 15-0 run to start Friday's non-conference affair removed much doubt from the game's outcome that ended at 51-12. Kingston would settle for a 28-7 advantage at the intermission before using an 11-1 spurt to open the third quarter that had several fans heading for the parking lot.

"We had nice ball movement and a good defensive effort to open the season," said Kingston Coach Jay Green.

Jillyan Dinsmore led a balanced attack for the winners with 10 points and 12 rebounds, while Lily Lyons scored nine and Camryn MacGuire eight. Kingston also had Carley Smith with eight points and 10 rebounds.

Gone from the 2016 North Central

Thumb League championship squad are graduates Sarah Savage, Madison Cofer and Kali Powell. Post players Savage and Cofer were all-conference first team picks in their final seasons, while Powell was voted to the all-conference second team at guard.

"We will be young. Experience will be a concern after losing three 2-year starters. Savage and Cofer were our go to scorers the last two years and Powell was our top defender," Green said.

Although improving on last year's 20 win season seems unlikely, six returning letter winners believe otherwise. Senior forward Jade DeLong and senior guard Cira Skinner will be counted on to elevate their game for Kingston to be successful, according to Green, while sophomore guard MacGuire - NCTL all-conference 2nd team - sophomore guard Lyons, sophomore forward Smith and sophomore center Dinsmore all gained a great deal of experience last year as freshmen.

The Lady Cardinal varsity rookies are senior Victoria Hale, juniors Grace Dinsmore, Kaisa Giddings, Madisyn Pennington and sophomore Gerilyn Carpenter.

"Girls who were role players last year need to step forward and make winning plays. If we develop the necessary depth and team leadership, we hope to compete for the league championship. The NCTL will be more balanced this year. Deckerville returns a lot of experience and may be the favorite. Peck, Caseville, North Huron, and Mayville should be much improved."

THE 2016-17 Kingston Lady Cardinals should be one of the Thumb's top teams. Coach Jay Green's squad includes: (front row, l-r) Victoria Hale, Camryn MacGuire, Gerilyn Carpenter, Jade DeLong, Cira Skinner (back row) Madisyn Pennington, Grace Dinsmore, Carley Smith, Kaisa Giddings, Lily Lyons and Jillyan Dinsmore.



## Red Hawks win opener

Chances are pretty good we won't know that much more about the Cass City Lady Red Hawk basketball team after this week's games than we do now.

As expected, Coach Aaron Fernald's gals beat up on undersized Mayville to kick off their season last Tuesday, before bowing Friday against perennial power Marlette.

The Red Hawks' Week 2 schedule holds similar strength opponents. They were scheduled to have hosted Dryden on Tuesday - a 51-12 loser against Kingston - before traveling to face always tough Sandusky on Thursday.

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THE 2016-17 Kingston Cardinal basketball team members are: (front row, l-r) Manager Logan Cloyd, Austin Ahern, Quinlan Western, Evan Neff, Nathan Cloyd, Dez Carter, Chase Whitfield, Manager Connor Seaman (back row) Head Coach Dave Lester, Carter Goss, Gabe Hall, Garrett Green, Grant Koehler, Bo Mickelson and Quin Geister.

## Kingston boys look to make some noise

by Clarke Haire  
Publisher

Kingston Coach Dave Lester is excited about his basketball team's season opener between a pair of 2016 conference champions. The host Cardinals will face Greater Thumb West defending champ Bad Axe Thursday to kick off play for

**"We have some new pieces this year, so building chemistry is our top priority right now."**

- Coach Lester

To improve on last year over records of 12-2 in the North Central Thumb League, 15-8 overall, returning starters senior Grant Koehler and junior Garrett Green will be asked to provide more leadership after they helped Kingston earn district honors and advance to the regional semifinals, where Marine City Cardinal Mooney ended their tournament run. Koehler was an NCTL all-conference second team selection as a junior.

Coach Lester will also need solid

contributions from returning seniors Quin Geister, Bo Mickelson, junior Gabe Hall and sophomore Nathan Cloyd if they hope to be in this year's race for the league crown.

"Grant Koehler (6'4") and Bo Mickelson (6'3") are athletic post players who we expect to step up and lead us in scoring and rebounding," Lester said, adding, "Junior Garrett Green (6'0") moves from the point to small forward and provides us with a very versatile player who can create off the dribble and hit the perimeter shot. Our guard positions will be very talented, but young and inexperienced with sophomore Nathan Cloyd (5'11") taking over the point guard. Evan Neff (6'0") is a very talented freshman who can score in a variety of ways. Juniors Dez Carter (6'0"), Austin Ahern (6'0") and Gabe Hall (6'3"), along with senior Quin Geister (6'3") will provide depth off the bench for the Cardinals."

"Our league will be very competitive with Deckerville and Dryden each returning all five starters. Peck is well coached and capable of beating anyone. We expect to compete for a conference championship. We have some new pieces this year, so building chemistry is our top priority right now. If we defend, rebound and dictate tempo, we have a great chance to make some noise. Our non-conference schedule - Sandusky, Capac, International Academy of Flint, Bad Axe and Genesee should help us compete in the Class C District," said Lester.



THE 2016-17 Owen-Gage varsity boys' basketball team members are: (front row, l-r) Matthew Fritz, David Binder, Aaron Fahrner (back row) Luke Retford, Ben Schultz, Derek Vincent, Carl Steff, Michael Ray and Coach Brian Wright. Missing is Marco Lopez.

## Senior Binder back to lead O-G hoop team

There's plenty of uncertainty for Brian Wright as he enters year three as coach of the Owen-Gage Bulldogs boys basketball team.

Not only will Wright be without the services of his son Jacob Wright - a 1,000+ point career scorer - for the first time since taking control of the basketball program in Owendale, this year he'll compete in the Inner

State League that includes schools such as St. Thomas More Academy, New Life Christian Academy, Faithway Christian School and other opponents not known to the average Thumb fan.

"We have a new league so I don't know what to expect. I hope to finish 500 or better," he said.

Senior David Binder highlights the

names of returnees that also includes Luke Retford and Aaron Fahrner. The trio helped the Bulldogs to an overall record of 15-5 a year ago.

"David Binder knows how to score and fast break. A great athlete all-around," says Wright, adding, senior Derek Vincent has good height and is active around the basket.

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# Lady Bulldog cagers set

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"We have a quick team with a good sense of teamwork, but only two seniors. Our three returning players all started games on varsity," said Wright.

In addition to the graduation loss of Jacob Wright, Owen-Gage will also surly miss the play of Dan Good.

"We have to replace two of the three big three," Wright said of his graduation loss.

Hoping to fill the holes created by their departures are first year players Mike Ray, Ben Schultz, Matt Fritz, Carl Steff and Dustin Woodward.

Turning to the Lady Bulldog cagers, Coach Mike Sutherland will have plenty of experience as he welcomes back Kaitlyn LaCroix, Carley Haldane, Morgan Ondrajka, Hanah Cole, Natasha Dubs, Megan Fritz, Alyson Witzke, and Carlee Rievert from last year's squad that won just four games in the regular season.

# Cass City gals suffer defeat

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"I feel like over the last week the girls have really improved. The girls are working really hard and have great attitudes. As we play more games and get a few more practices under our belts we will continue to

improve and get better as a team. Overall, very happy with the first week and look forward to our games this week," Fernald said Monday morning.

If Cass City hopes to upset the Redskins, another hot shooting performance from junior Lauren Fernald will most likely be required.

Fernald hit a pair of high-arching three pointers to keep visiting Cass City close against the Red Raiders early, although the hosts were still able to take leads of 16-8 after one quarter and 25-13 after two.

Sydney Parker recorded a game-high 15 points to lead Marlette that included four field goals in the third stanza where Marlette extended the gap to 39-23.

Fernald connected on two more shots from behind the 3-point arc in the closing quarter to reduce the spread on the final outcome, but the damage had already been done and Marlette celebrated a 43-34 victory.

Fernald finished with a dozen points to pace Cass City, while Sayge Cuthrell added 7.

Earlier in the week, Cass City outscored visiting Mayville 31-3 to the break and never looked back.

Cuthrell and Kacey Haire had their way in the paint against the Wildcats. Cuthrell turned in a game-high 16 points, eight rebounds, and four assists, while Haire hit on 6-of-7 shots to chip in a dozen markers.

Also for the winners, Rylie Weiler had eight points, five steals and four assists.

## Girls' Basketball Standings

Greater Thumb West			
	W	L	
Bad Axe	0	0	2
USA	0	0	1
EPBP	0	0	1
Cass City	0	0	1
Reese	0	0	1
Vassar	0	0	1
Greater Thumb East			
	W	L	
Marlette	0	0	2
Ubyly	0	0	1
Brown City	0	0	1
Harbor Beach	0	0	1
Sandusky	0	0	1
Memphis	0	0	0
NCTL - Stripes			
	W	L	
Peck	0	0	1
CPS	0	0	0
Caseville	0	0	1
North Huron	0	0	2
NCTL - Stars			
	W	L	
Kingston	1	0	1
Mayville	0	0	1
Deckerville	0	0	2
Dryden	0	1	0



THE 2016-17 Owen-Gage varsity girls' basketball team members are: (front row, l-r) Libby Ondrajka, Kaitlyn LaCroix (middle row) Sierra Mascorro, Carley Haldane, Morgan Ondrajka, Megan Fritz (back row) Hanah Cole, Natasha Dubs, Madyson Feurst, Alyson Witzke, Carlee Rievert and Coach Mike Sutherland.

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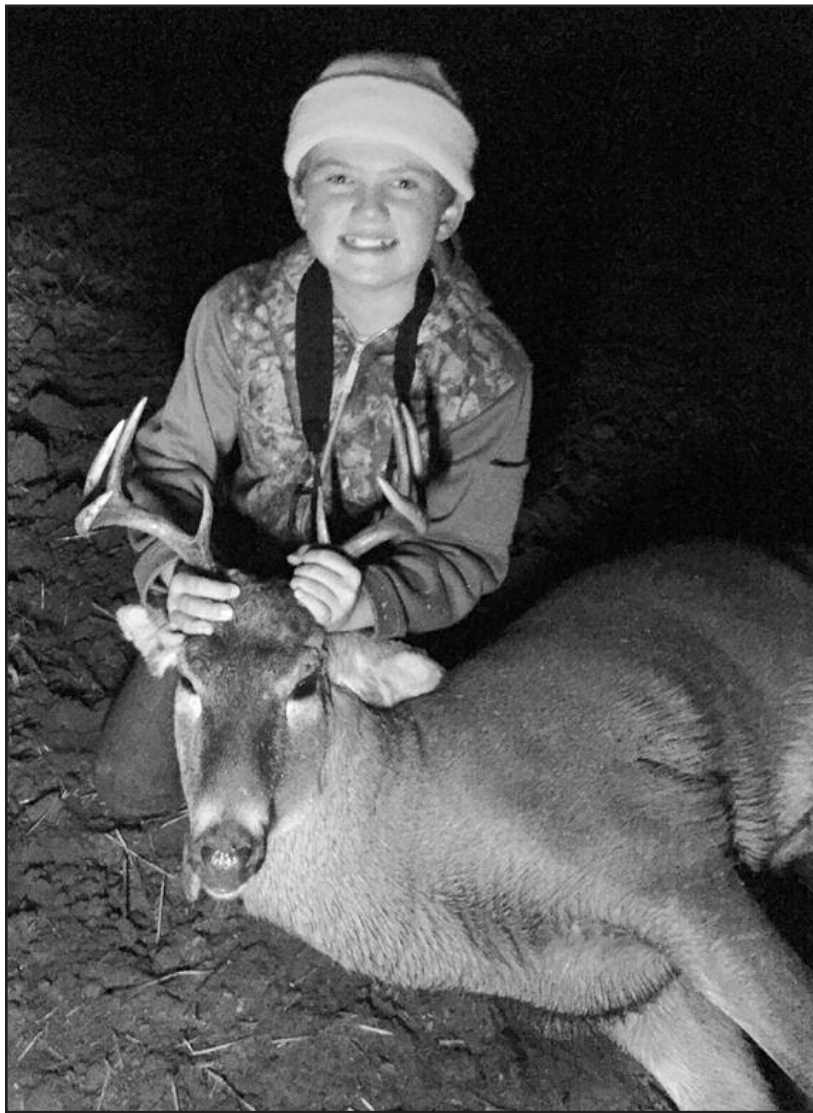
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## Fabulous Four's Fearless Forecast

### 2016 Basketball Picks Dec. 6-9



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Geoff Morgan



Doug Hyatt

#### BOYS' BASKETBALL

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 7

Mayville at Cass City  
Almont at Marlette

THURSDAY, DEC. 8

Bad Axe at Kingston  
O-G at Caseville

FRIDAY, DEC. 9

Cass City at Sandusky  
USA at Harbor Beach

Cass City  
Almont

Cass City  
Almont

Cass City  
Marlette

Cass City  
Almont

Kingston  
Owen-Gage

Bad Axe  
Owen-Gage

Kingston  
Owen-Gage

Kingston  
Owen-Gage

Sandusky  
USA

Sandusky  
USA

Cass City  
USA

Sandusky  
USA

#### GIRLS' BASKETBALL

TUESDAY, DEC. 6

Dryden at Cass City  
Reese at Millington  
Frankenmuth at USA

Kingston at Marlette

CPS at A. Fairgrove  
Mayville at Owen-Gage

Ubyly at North Branch

THURSDAY, DEC. 8

Bad Axe at Brown City  
Cass City at Sandusky  
USA at Harbor Beach

Reese at Ubyly

FRIDAY, DEC. 9

Caseville at Kingston

Cass City  
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### BOYS' BASKETBALL (JV/VARSITY)

DATE	OPPONENT
12/7	Mayville
12/9	Sandusky
12/14	Memphis
12/16	Marlette
12/21	Bay City All Saints (BCAS)
1/6	Lakers
1/11	Harbor Beach
1/13	Reese
1/20	USA
1/25	Brown City
1/27	Vassar
2/1	Bad Axe
2/3	Lakers
2/8	Capac
2/10	Reese
2/15	Ubyly
2/17	USA (Snowcoming)
2/22	Caro
2/24	Vassar
3/2	Bad Axe
3/6-10	Districts @ Lakers

All games begin at 6 p.m.

### GIRLS' BASKETBALL (JV/VARSITY)

DATE	OPPONENT
11/29	CC 53, Mayville 23
12/2	Marlette 43, CC 34
12/6	Dryden
12/8	Sandusky.....5:30 p.m.
12/13	Memphis
12/15	Bad Axe
12/19	Capac
1/3	Caro
1/5	Lakers
1/10	Harbor Beach
1/12	Reese
1/19	USA
1/24	Brown City
1/26	Vassar
1/31	Bad Axe
2/2	Lakers
2/9	Reese
2/14	Ubyly
2/16	USA
2/23	Vassar
2/27-3/3	Districts @ Habor Beach

All games begin at 6 p.m. unless noted

### BOWLING

DATE	OPPONENT
1/5	North Huron
1/10	Harbor Beach
1/12	Ubyly
1/17	USA
1/19	CPS
1/24	Brown City
1/26	Reese
2/2	Bad Axe
2/7	Sandusky

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### WRESTLING

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
12/7	Millington	6:00 p.m.
12/10	Marlette Team Tourney	8:00 a.m.
12/14	Bad Axe/Ubyly	6:00 p.m.
12/17	Cros-Lex Team Tourney	9:00 a.m.
12/21	EPB Lakers	6:00 p.m.
12/30	Mayville Ind. Tourney	TBD
1/7	N. Branch Team Tourney	9:00 a.m.
1/11	Marlette/Sandusky	6:00 p.m.
1/14	Flushing Team Tourney	8:00 a.m.
1/18	Brown City/ Memphis	6:00 p.m.
1/21	Mayville Team Tourney	9:00 a.m.
1/25	Vassar/Mayville @ Lakers	6:00 p.m.
1/28	Bullock Creek Team Tourney	8:30 a.m.
2/1	League Makeup Date	TBD
2/4	GTC League Meet	TBD
2/8	Team District	TBD
2/11	Individual Districts @ Sandusky	TBD
2/15	Team Regionals @ New Lothrop	TBD
2/18	Individual Regionals @ New Lothrop	TBD
2/24-25	Team State Finals @ Mt. Pleasant	TBD
3/3-5	Individual State Finals @ Auburn Hills	TBD

### GYMNASTICS

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
1/7	Fraser Invite	9:00 a.m.
1/10	Vassar	6:30 p.m.
1/18	Adrian	TBA
1/24	Linden/Fenton/Lake Fenton	TBA
1/28	Huron Valley @ Lakeland HS	8:00 a.m.
2/6	Port Huron Unified	6:30 p.m.
2/11	Vassar Invite	10:00 a.m.
2/18	Port Huron Unified/Vassar	9:00 a.m.
2/23	Vassar	6:30 p.m.

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# Obituaries

## Oscar Brooks

Oscar David Brooks, 88, of Grand Rapids, formerly of Cass City, passed away Wed., Nov. 20, 2016, at the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans.

He was born Nov. 14, 1928 in Clifford, the son of the late Lewis and Margaret (Ingram) Brooks.

On Oct. 15, 1955 he married Patricia Decker in Cass City. They were married for 56 years. Patricia passed away May 25, 2012.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church, Cass City and the Cass City VFW Post 3644, served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, serving in Germany. Oscar owned and operated Brooks Landscaping for many years. He loved hunting, fishing, woodworking, making beautiful dollhouses, bird feeders and birdhouses, playing pinocle and most of all loved his grandchildren.

Oscar is survived by 5 children, David (Linda) Brooks of Kouts, IN, Wayne Brooks of Grand Rapids, Lorraine Brooks of Cass City, Brent Brooks of Bay City, and Sally (David) Alban of Big Rapids; 5 grandchildren, Michael and Jessica (Brooks) Denny of Valparaiso, IN, Morgan and Julie (Brooks) McGreevy of Streamwood, IL, Evan Brooks of Kouts, IN, Seth and John Alban of Big Rapids; 2 great-grandchildren, Gavin and Elizabeth Denny of Valparaiso, IN and his sister, Lena Maleck of Cass City.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held Sun., Dec. 11 at 2 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 6420 Houghton St., Cass City. Pastor David Hill will officiate. A luncheon will be held before the service beginning at 1 p.m.

Interment will take place after the service at Novesta Township Cemetery.

Honor service by the Cass City VFW and the U.S. Army. Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church or the Cass City VFW. Please share condolences at [www.thabetfuneralhome.com](http://www.thabetfuneralhome.com).

Arrangements were made by Thabet Funeral Home, Cass City.

## Marie Deneen

Marie Catherine Deneen, 93, of Marlette, formerly of Cass City died Tuesday, November 29, 2016 in Northwood Meadows Medical Care Unit, Cass City.

She was born January 10, 1923 in Marion to John and Agnes (Colman) Herron.

She married Orton Spencer. He died in France during World War II. She later married Russell Alvin Deneen February 7, 1947 in Cass City. He died May 28, 1996.

Marie and Russell owned sulky horses and attended the harness races at many county fairs. They also enjoyed time spent together at Bluegrass festivals. A homemaker, Marie was happiest in the company of her family, especially her grandchildren. She loved to play Euchre, visit with neighbors and watch cars go by as she sat in her lawn chair in the front yard.

Marie is survived by her daughter, Judy (Donald) Lawson of Marlette; granddaughters: Brenda (Richard) Ahlgren of Marlette and Leisha (Clarence) Nichting of Mt. Pleasant, IA; great-grandchildren: Jeramiah (Renee) Nichting of Des Moines, IA, Travis Nichting of Mt. Pleasant, IA, Adam (Kayla) Ahlgren of Imlay City and Alyssa (Eric) Hohmann of Marlette; great great-grandson, Adrian Hohmann; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her son, Robert Spencer in 2011.

A funeral service was held Friday, December 2 in Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City with Richard Barriger, Compassus Hospice Chaplain, officiating.

Interment will be in Novesta Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Memorials may be made to Compassus Hospice. Family and friends may share memories, prayers and stories with the family at [www.kranzfuneralhome.com](http://www.kranzfuneralhome.com).

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City.

## Fred Peruski

Fred Peruski, 74, of Sandusky, died Wednesday, November 30, 2016 at Karmanos Cancer Institute in Detroit following a diagnosis of multiple myeloma (bone marrow) cancer earlier this year. He actually beat this ugly disease, but lost the battle to a flu virus.

He was born September 2, 1942 in Ubyly, to the late Henry and Grace (O'Parka) Peruski.

He married Kathleen Graham on August 3, 1963 at St. Pancratius Catholic Church in Cass City.

Fred was a brother to an extremely large farming/Catholic/Polish family comprised of nine brothers and two sisters. Born and raised just outside the bustling village of Ubyly, Fred grew up milking cows, planting and harvesting crops as well as walking uphill to and from school every day, because that how it was done back in those days according to him. After graduating from Ubyly High School in 1959, he moved to Wolverine, Michigan where he began his second career in construction as a cement mason. This was a passion of his that continued for decades and whenever a request came in from a friend or family member, he would be the first to volunteer.

In 1962, as fate would have it, he met his loving wife, Kathleen Graham, during a wedding party at the infamous Cumber Bar where he literally swept her off her feet by dancing the polka. After several years away, they decided to return to the Thumb area in order to be closer to family and plant his roots for the rest of his life. Upon their return in 1965, they bought a small dairy farm in the Deckerville area that was perfect to raise a growing family.

Fred became an extremely active community member, having joined the parish council at St. Joseph's in Argyle, the Knights of Columbus in Sandusky, and softball teams in any city. His friends would ask him to play because they knew he would always belt one out of the park and generally any organization that would welcome his vibrant language and strong opinions.

An avid fisherman, hunter, bowler, pretend golfer, and softball slugger, Fred thoroughly loved being outdoors and active. Even after his diagnosis, he refused to sit still and remained active, living life the only way he knew how. Most of all, he loved being with his dear friends and family. Whether it was the annual Christmas tree cutting, summer weekend trips to Flower Hill or even simple pizza and pop after a hard day of baling hay, he love being with people, friends, family and strangers alike. Fred will be remembered for his extreme generosity of his time and love and will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

Fred leaves his beautiful and loving wife of 53 years, Kathleen (Graham) Peruski; his stunning daughters, Natalie (Stanley) Ruth, Tracey (Brent) Henry and Jessica (Toby) Betts; his remarkable sons Jeffery (Marti) Peruski and Jeremy Peruski; amazingly fun and hilarious grandchildren, Justin, Russell, Preston and Hannah Ruth, Kierra, Cora and Emily Peruski, Collin and Connor Henry, Lillian, Jack and Evelyn Betts; as well as great-grandchildren, Kenzie, River and Sawyer Ruth; his brothers, Jim (Delphine), Ronnie (Roxy), Stanley (Lorraine), Bob (Jane), Allen (Carolyn), Henry Junior, wonderful sister, Marie, and sister-in-law, Marge Peruski. Of course, let's not forget his many close fishing, bowling, softball and drinking buddies. They always relied on Fred to entertain them with a darn good story.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers Carly, Steve and Joey; sister, Rosie; and daughter, Connie Peruski. Connie was always known for her loving charm and occasional colorful language by muttering something funny and expletive under her breath as she walked away from her dad if he dared to change the channel away from Little House on the Prairie.

Mass of Christian burial was held Saturday, December 3 at St. Joseph Church, Argyle. Rev. Charles Hammond, pastor, will officiate. Burial will be in the St. Ignatius/St. Joseph Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials have been requested to the Sanilac County Special Olympics or the Sandusky Knights of Columbus.

Please visit [www.smigielskifuneralhomes.com](http://www.smigielskifuneralhomes.com) to express your sympathy and sign the guest book for Fred's family.

## Gary Somerville

Gary John Somerville, 70, of Kingston, passed away Friday, December 2, 2016 in Tuscola County Medical Care Facility.

He was born February 14, 1946 in Port Huron to the late John and Gladys (Ballagh) Somerville.

He married Catherine A. Doherty on September 17, 1966 in Burnside.

Gary was the Director of Substance Abuse for the Sanilac County Health Department. He was a charter Member of the Lamotte Township Fire Department and a member of Our Lady Consolata of St. Michael Catholic Church, Wilmont, Michigan. He served as usher and was on the Parish Council. He was the Koylton Township Zoning Administrator for several years and also served as the Dairy 4-H Leader. Gary devoted much of his time to substance abuse treatment and set a great example of recovery of 32 years.

He is survived by his wife, of 50 years, Catherine of Kingston; three sons, John (Melanie) Somerville of Cass City, Joe (Kristy) Somerville of Gaylord and Jeremy Somerville and Val of Cass City; his daughter, Julie (Tim) Ruggles of Kingston; 10 grandchildren, Chelsea, Justin and Kyle Ruggles, Guy and Alexina Somerville, Maggie, Bridget and Luke Somerville and Sailor and Piper Somerville; three step-grandchildren, Tyler, Trent and Tara Nicholas; and a step great-granddaughter, Kenleigh Nicholas; his brother, Jim (Mary) Somerville of Decker; two sisters, Roxy Sova of Caro and MaryAnn (Mike) Ellery of Lake George; in-laws, Darlene (Alfred) Pitcher, Theresa (Leonard) Redmond, Phil (Becky) Doherty, Vicki Doherty, Virginia (Kirk) Finkbeiner, Linda (Terry) Bissett, Cynthia (Marek) Marcol, Marilyn (Rick) Swoish, and Patrick Doherty; several nieces and nephews; and also Niccole Somerville and Theresa Somerville.

He was preceded in death by Carl and Evelyn Doherty, Tom Doherty and Tom Sova.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, December 6, in Our Lady Consolata of St. Michael Catholic Church, Wilmont, Michigan. The Reverend Father Christian Tabares

will officiate.

Burial will be in St. Michael Cemetery, Wilmont. Pallbearers will be Guy and Luke Somerville, Justin and Kyle Ruggles, Matt Doherty, Steve Redmond and Neil Bissett.

Memorials may be made to United Hospice of Marlette or the donor's choice.

You may share an online condolence at [www.marshfuneral.com](http://www.marshfuneral.com).

Arrangements are by Marsh Funeral Chapel, Marlette.

## Jennifer Zimba

Jennifer Marie Zimba, 56, of Deford, died Tuesday, November 29, 2016 peacefully in her home. She was born November 21, 1960 in Marlette to William Edward and Rita Delores (Mathis) Zimba.

Jennifer graduated from Michigan School for the Deaf in 1979. She received her Associate Degree in Criminal Justice from Mott Community College. Jennifer attended Holy Family Parish, St. Elizabeth Catholic Church in Marlette. She read her Bible faithfully each day and always had it open. Jennifer enjoyed watching sports on television especially the Detroit Tigers and Detroit Lions. She loved playing softball and played on an area summer softball league for many years. She worked on her brother Edward's farm providing care for the many calves. Although her independence was very important to Jennifer, her family and the farm were the center of her life. She was particularly close to her brother Edward. She loved her nieces and nephews and often wondered what their future would bring. Holidays brought great joy to Jennifer. Christmas was her favorite and she made sure her nieces and nephews always had gifts. Jennifer knew her death was near and she was looking forward to being able to hear for the very first time, especially beautiful music.

Jennifer is survived by her siblings: Bernadette (James) Walters of Bay City, Rita (Eugene) Kaake of Gageton, W. Jesse (Sally) Zimba of Deford, Lisa (Victor) Johnson of Saginaw, Edward (Melanie) Zimba of Deford, Matthew (Jan) Zimba of Deford; nieces and nephews: Nathan (Lindsey) Walters, Joshua Walters, Benjamin (Allison) Zimba, Chelsea (Michael) Barone, Emmie Zimba, Cade Zimba; great-nieces and great-nephews: Lennon, Brock, Brielle and the fourth due in May.

Jennifer was preceded in death by her parents.

A funeral service was held December 2 in Our Lady Consolata Parish, St. Michael Catholic Church with the Rev. Robert Schikora of Holy Family Parish, St. Elizabeth Catholic Church officiating.

Interment will be in St. Michael Cemetery. Pallbearers for Jennifer: Edward Zimba, Jesse Zimba, Matthew Zimba, Nathan Walters, Joshua Walters, Benjamin Zimba, Cade Zimba.

Memorials may be made to St. Elizabeth Catholic Church or the Charity of the Donor's Choice. Family and friends may share memories, prayers and stories with the family at [www.kranzfuneralhome.com](http://www.kranzfuneralhome.com).

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City.

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**Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2016**  
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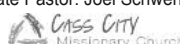
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Dated: 11/16/2016 U.S. Bank N.A., as Trustee for the registered holders of BancCap Asset Securitization Issuance Corporation Mortgage Loan Asset Backed Certificates...

11-16-4

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.

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Kody L. Slough and Nichole L. Slough, Husband and Wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee...

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Said premises are situated in Village of Millington, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at a point 669.11 feet South of the Northwest corner of Block 8...

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

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...

For more information, please call: FC H (248) 593-1300 Trott Law, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Hwy Ste. 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-5422 File #465349F03

11-23-4

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Floyd C. Myers and Ruth Myers, husband and wife, of Wells Fargo Bank, NA, Mortgagee...

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...

Said premises are located in the Township of Watertown, Tuscola County Michigan, and are described as: Lot 10 and 11 of Lakehill Farms...

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

Dated: November 23, 2016 Orlands Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007

11-23-4

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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed...

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Connie Sutherland and Tony Sutherland, wife and husband, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee...

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...

Said premises are situated in Village of Millington, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 9, Township 10 North, Range 8 East, Millington Township, Tuscola County, Michigan...

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

Said premises are situated in Village of Fairgrove, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 11, Block 3 of Johnson's Addition to the Village of Fairgrove...

Dated: November 30, 2016 For more information, please call: FC J (248) 593-1311 Trott Law, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Hwy Ste. 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-5422 File #4694352F04

11-23-4

MORTGAGE SALE THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Notice is hereby given that Default has occurred in a Mortgage given by Haze R. Morrison and Ethel L. Morrison...

dance 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...

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The Mortgage will be foreclosed by selling the property described below at a public auction to the highest bidder. The sale will be held on December 22, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. local time at the main entrance to the Tuscola County Court Facility...

The property to be sold is located in the Township of Juniata, County of Tuscola, Michigan and is described as: Commencing 330 ft N of the SW corner of the NE 1/4 of Section 35, T12N, R8E...

11-23-4

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The redemption period will expire twelve (12) months after the date of the foreclosure sale, unless the property is determined abandoned under MCL 600.3241a...

SMITH, MARTIN, POWERS & KNIER, P.C. Dated: November 17, 2016 Henry L. Knier, Jr. (P46393) Attorney for Mayville State Bank, Mortgagee 900 Washington Ave., P.O. Box 219 Bay City, MI 48707 - (989) 892-4574

11-23-4

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.

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 Foster C. Findlay II, an unmarried man, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee...

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...

Said premises are situated in Village of Fairgrove, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 11, Block 3 of Johnson's Addition to the Village of Fairgrove...

KENNETH C. BUTLER II (P 28477) ATTORNEY FOR MORTGAGEE 2425 Harper Avenue St. Clair Shores, MI 48080 (586) 777-0770 Dated: 12-7-16

12-7-5

IF YOU ARE NOW ON ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY OR HAVE BEEN IN THE PRIOR ONE YEAR, PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT 248-502-1400. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Norris Holdburg...

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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed...

The redemption period shall be one year 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...

Nationstar Mortgage LLC Mortgagee/Assignee 23938 Research Drive, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 S20160526164605 CONV

11-30-4

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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 JANUARY 12, 2017, at 10:00 A.M. local time, said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction...

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 JANUARY 12, 2017, at 10:00 A.M. local time, said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction...

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...

KENNETH C. BUTLER II (P 28477) ATTORNEY FOR MORTGAGEE 2425 Harper Avenue St. Clair Shores, MI 48080 (586) 777-0770 Dated: 12-7-16

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Dated: December 7, 2016 For more information, please call: FC J (248) 593-1311 Trott Law, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Hwy Ste. 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-5422 File #4694352F04

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...

Dated: December 7, 2016 For more information, please call: FC J (248) 593-1311 Trott Law, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Hwy Ste. 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-5422 File #4694352F04

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Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by KEVIN CRYDERMAN and JENNIFER CRYDERMAN, HUSBAND AND WIFE, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns...

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...

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...

Federal National Mortgage Association ("Fannie Mae"), a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C. 23938 Research Drive, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 S20161115142458 FNMA

12-7-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by KENNETH M. DANDRON and NANCY J. DANDRON, HUSBAND AND WIFE, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns...

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...

JP Morgan Chase Bank, National Association Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C. 23938 Research Drive, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 S2016112214708 USDA

12-7-4

MORTGAGE SALE - THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Notice is hereby given that Default has occurred in a Mortgage given by William L. Pauley, II, an unmarried man, mortgagor, to Independent Mortgage Company, a dissolved Michigan corporation...

The Mortgage will be foreclosed by selling the property described below at a public auction to the highest bidder. The sale will be held on January 12, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. local time at the main entrance to the Tuscola County Court Facility...

The property to be sold is located in the Township of Arbelva, County of Tuscola, Michigan and is described as: A parcel of land beginning at the S 1/4 corner of Section 29, T10N, R7E, Arbelva Twp., Tuscola Co., Michigan...

Dated: December 7, 2016 For more information, please call: FC J (248) 593-1311 Trott Law, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007 File No. 16-013548

12-7-4

SMITH, MARTIN, POWERS & KNIER, P.C. Dated: December 1, 2016 By: Henry L. Knier, Jr. (P46393) Attorney for Independent Bank Mortgagee 900 Washington Ave., P.O. Box 219 Bay City, MI 48707 - (989) 892-4574

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**THE CASS City Rotary Club recently honored Rawson Memorial District Library Director Kate Van Auken as an honorary Rotary Paul Harris Fellow.**

## Heating fuel prices are down, but cold winter may mean higher bills

Customers will continue to benefit from low natural gas and propane prices but increased usage compared to last winter could mean higher bills overall, according to the Michigan Agency for Energy's (MAE) Winter Energy Appraisal.

"Last winter was a warm one, and we had near record-low energy prices, so Michiganders enjoyed a year of relatively low heating costs," said Valerie Brader, MAE executive director. "This winter we should have plenty of supply and low costs, but a more normal winter will probably mean higher bills than last year because we will be using more energy to heat our homes and businesses."

Regional and national inventories remain strong for winter fuels, and barring any unforeseen geopolitical, infrastructure, or weather-related event, current supply should be adequate to meet expected demand and help keep prices in check.

**Natural Gas** – Expectations are for continued relative stability of natural gas prices and supply. However, residential consumers should expect to see their winter expenses rise about 25 percent over the 2016-2017 winter season due to anticipated increases in natural gas consumption.

Michiganders can compare natural gas costs from different providers at the CompareMIGas website.

**Propane** – Both U.S. and Midwest propane inventories remain strong. Prices are a bit higher compared to last year — for the week of November 14, the average residential propane price in Michigan was \$1.70 per gallon, about 15 cents higher than this time last year.

**Petroleum** – The majority of petroleum products consumed in the state

are motor fuels, such as gasoline and diesel fuel.

Crude oil stocks in the Midwest are slightly higher than last year. Assuming normal weather and absent unexpected supply problems, it is expected that the price and supply of petroleum products will be stable for the remainder of 2016.

Right now, motor gasoline is slightly less expensive than at this time last year, and usage is expected to grow regionally due to lower prices, growing employment, and rising wages. Diesel fuel and heating oil are both lower in cost than at this time last year.

**Electricity** – No supply shortages or transmission constraints are expected to affect the ability of Michigan utilities to meet winter peak electric demand.

During this past summer, in order to meet electric demand, more than 98% of all available resources in the region had to be used. In the vast majority of cases, electric rates do not vary seasonally.

In August, MAE officials announced \$89.5 million in energy assistance grants to 14 organizations to provide low-income customers with assistance. MAE's consumer tips sheet on home heating help outlines the various programs available to low-income customers and others.

In Michigan, 77 percent of households heat with natural gas, eight percent use propane, nine percent use electricity, three percent use wood, one percent use heating oil, and two percent use another heating fuel.

MAE's Winter Energy Appraisal, published since 1978, reviews the projected prices and availability of energy in Michigan over the winter months.

## Rotary club honors Van Auken as honorary Paul Harris Fellow

The Cass City Rotary Club recently honored Kate Van Auken as an honorary Paul Harris Fellow.

The Rotary Paul Harris Fellow recognition acknowledges individuals who contribute, or who have contributions made in their name, \$1,000 to the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International, according to Cass City Rotary Club President Mark Karwowski, who said this year in Rotary District 6310, which includes Cass City, all the local

Rotary clubs were asked to name an honorary Paul Harris Fellow. "The Cass City Rotary Club chose Kate VanAuken as its nominee."

Originally from New Jersey, Van Auken earned a bachelor's degree in business administration with a minor in marketing at Clemson University in South Carolina, which is also where she met her husband, Joe. After moving to Cass City 20 years ago, the Van Auken set their sights on raising their two children, Rob

and Audrey.

"For many years she was a classroom volunteer, and for 10 years, she and Joe donated over a thousand dictionaries to Cass City third graders and taught them how to use this important tool," Karwowski said of Van Auken, who is probably best known in her role as director of Rawson Memorial District Library in Cass City.

"She was co-general coordinator for the Fun in the Thumb Playscape, a community project that brought together people of all ages and abilities to build a playground for area children," he added. "She began a young adult and middle school book club 12 years ago, and for the past six years has joined forces with a fifth grade teacher (to triple) book club membership from 12 kids to 35."

In 2009, Van Auken returned to school, earning a master's degree in library and information science from Wayne State University.

"In 2010, she established a scholarship fund, which now totals over \$20,000, for the Cass City Junior Citizen of the Year. A \$500 scholarship is awarded annually to a graduating senior," Karwowski continued. "This past May she was also honored as the Cass City Schools Friend of Youth."

"Kate serves on the Hills and Dales Hospital Foundation Board and she, along with two other foundation board members, head up the fundraising building committee for a major hospital renovation and expansion project set to break ground in the spring of 2017," he said.

"But one of her favorite events she started 13 years ago. Every November she encourages Rawson Memorial Library patrons in Cass City to donate a new book for Rotary's Christmas for Kids. By her estimation, over 2,000 books have been donated to families in need in the local Cass City community."

"Kate truly exemplifies 'service above self' and is a great asset to the community of Cass City," Karwowski added.

## Cass City Rotary sweeps awards at foundation gala

The Cass City Rotary Club recently swept the awards during the 10th Annual District 6310 Foundation Gala in Frankenmuth.

"The club was honored with the top award for per capita giving at over \$340 per member, nearly \$80 higher than the next highest club in the district," said Mark Karwowski, Cass City Rotary president.

"The awards did not stop there though," he added. "The Cass City club was also honored with the 'Every Rotarian Every Year Award' recognizing every member donating to the Paul Harris Society with at least a \$100 average per member. This is the first time that the Cass City club has received this award."

The third and final award received was presented for giving to the Polio Plus project with the goal of eradicating polio worldwide.

"The club had a goal of \$250 and partnered with Cass City high school during spirit week last year where each class was challenged to bring in the most change. The senior class won the challenge and the total raised by all classes was nearly \$3,000, far exceeding the goal," Karwowski explained. Principal Chad Daniels did an excellent job of challenging the students and spent many hours counting all the change.

"It was an honor and a privilege to accept these prestigious awards for Cass City," he said.

Some 350 people attended the recent awards ceremony, representing 32 clubs in the district.

The keynote speaker at the event was Larry Lunsford, past Rotary International director, who made it a point to congratulate the Cass City club at the end of the gala, according to Karwowski. "Also in attendance at the event were fellow Rotarians Bert Althaver, Dave Milligan and Pat Curtis – all members of the Paul Harris Society, recognized for giving at least \$1,000 per year."

"Giving to the Paul Harris Society enables giving back to the district and individual clubs through grants," Karwowski said. "In the past, the Cass City club has received grants for items like the pavilion and fence at Rotary Park. This year the club applied for and received a grant to support the Community Financial Peace University project helping people create a budget, get out of debt, and make a plan for their money."

He noted the next Financial Peace University session is scheduled to start Monday, Jan. 9, and run for the next nine weeks.

"Thanks to the grant, all of the membership kits will be free of charge to participants," added Karwowski, who said class size is limited, so participants will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

Participants can sign up at Revive Ministries or send a message to the Cass City Financial Peace University Facebook page. As an incentive for everyone to attend every session, there will be a special drawing at the end of the last session.

"This grant is also funding the materials for the high school version of Financial Peace University being offered to high school seniors in the Senior Seminar class at Cass City High School. To-date over 150 graduates from Cass City have benefited from this program, and Rotary is excited to help this incredible program continue," Karwowski said.

The Cass City Rotary Club meets at Gilligan's every Tuesday at noon.

"Our goal is to provide networking opportunities for local business representatives and give back to the wonderful community of Cass City," Karwowski said. "All are welcome to come check out a meeting, have a great lunch and consider joining this excellent organization, making a difference locally and across the globe."

## Hey kids! It's time to write letters to Santa

Hey kids, get busy writing those letters to Santa.

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All of the letters will be published in December - most of them in our annual Christmas edition, Wednesday, Dec. 21.

**But get started now because the deadline is:**

**Thursday, Dec. 15.**



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