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Brigham faces 52 years in prison for girl's rape

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

A 48-year-old Unionville man convicted in the assault and rape of a Millington area girl under the age of 13 last summer was sentenced to more than double the 25-year mandatory minimum prison term for the crime.

"I have seen my share of criminal sexual conduct cases. I have never seen anything like this," Tuscola County Circuit Court Judge Amy Grace Gierhart said before handing down a prison term of 52 years to David A. Brigham last week.

Tuscola County Prosecutor Mark E. Reese agreed, later saying, "The judge did an excellent job of outlining the reasons why she did that."



David Brigham

Reese described Brigham's crimes as particularly heinous not only because of the victim's age, but also because of the savagery of the assault. "The nature of the injuries suffered by the child — she was hospitalized for three days," he noted. "All the things you can't quite comprehend. It's really a case unlike anything we've seen."

And the Millington girl allegedly was not Brigham's only victim, according to the prosecutor, who said information came to light from two other victims/witnesses — during the investigation — who re-

ported Brigham sexually assaulted them, too. No formal charges were authorized stemming from those complaints. Brigham avoided a two-week jury trial by entering pleas to four felony charges.

The defendant, who initially faced two dozen felony

counts in connection with the crime, pleaded no contest to one count of kidnapping and three counts of first degree criminal sexual conduct.

Dismissed in the case were one count of kidnapping — child

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Cleaning up the Cass...



A TEAM OF Cass River Greenway volunteers who started their clean-up work Saturday near the Cass City Wastewater Treatment Plant didn't have to look long before spotting a partially-buried tire on the river bottom (top photo). About 40 volunteers traveled to Cass City from as far as Saginaw to take part in the clean-up. The workers/organizers include (above, right) Cass City Wastewater Treatment Plant Supt. Dennis McCabe and fellow Cass River Greenway member Nancy Barrios.

40 volunteers roll up sleeves for Cass River Greenway project south of village Saturday

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

They came, they organized, they cleaned. And, thanks to the small army of

volunteers that traveled to Cass City from parts throughout the Thumb Saturday morning, a four-mile section of the Cass River has been rid of all sorts of trash, from tires to an old picnic table — even a toilet.

"It went pretty well. It was a great turnout; volunteers from Frankenmuth, Vassar, Saginaw, Kingston, Cass City, Helen Stevens Pool lifeguards and Reese High School Out-

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CASS CITY area teen Addy Battel (above) was a driving force in helping to establish the Thumb Dairy Odyssey activity in the Thumb. This year's sessions are slated for June 17 and 24. See story, page 6.

School gearing up for free summer meal program

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

It's a good thing Shari Bock enjoys cooking. After coordinating the preparation of thousands of meals for Cass City students throughout the school year, Bock doesn't get much of a break before starting all over

again with the district's popular summer meal program.

Bock, food service director for the Cass City Public Schools, has been coordinating the preparation of free meals for Thumb area youngsters during the summer months over the past several years. And she's gearing up to get started all over again this

month.

It's no secret this time of year is exciting for area children waiting for the last bell of the school year. Summer vacation marks the beginning of activities such as play dates with friends, time on the ball field, a week at camp, or a family vacation. But for

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Cass City Lions Club news...



THE CASS CITY Lions Club recently celebrated 100 years of service to the community. Holding the club’s banner above are (from left) Blaine deBeaubien, Jack Gasho and Dennis Meck.



MEMBERS OF the Cass City Lions Club this year presented \$500 college scholarships to five local high school seniors based on their citizenship, academic achievement and community service. The recipients are (left to right) Katelynne Mester, Paige Bagnall, Josephine Loomis, Joel Patera and Victoria Cumper.

Summer reading program set at library

Area children and youth are invited to join the staff at Rawson Memorial District Library this summer for the 2017 Summer Reading Program, “Build a Better World”.

Registration begins Thursday, June 15, from 10 a.m. until noon with a spectacular sign-up party that will include face painting, a craft, a snack and other fun activities. Those unable to attend may register anytime at the circulation desk.

Upon enrolling, each participant will receive a book bag, bookmark and rules for participating. They will also receive a reading page with a registration sheet that will be turned in when each reader comes in to pick up their first prize.

A calendar of events will be distributed at registration. Highlights include:

- *Story times for children at 1:30 p.m. on Thursdays from June 22 through July 13 (except for July 6).
- *Movie Mondays starting June 19 at 1:30 p.m. Popcorn and drinks will be served. A list of films and dates will be distributed at registration.
- *Truckin’ Tuesday on July 11, when everyone will be invited to check out all kinds of big trucks and other vehicles up close and personal in the library parking lot.

All participants are invited to take part in the end-of-summer-reading-program celebration – a picnic to be held Thursday, July 20, at Cass City Recreational Park.

Reading is the single most effective summer activity to prevent summer learning loss. Research shows that students who read as few as six books during the summer months gain or maintain reading skills achieved during the year, while students who did not read during the summer fall back as much as a grade level in their skills.

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2	4	5	7	6	3	9	1	8
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9	7	8	2	1	4	5	6	3



CASS CITY Lions Club members recently presented the service club’s 2016-17 Lion of the Year Award to Bob Tuckey. Above, club Secretary Gary Jones (left) presents the award. Both Tuckey and Jones have been members of the organization for 50 years, having joined in October 1966.

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In Our OPINION...

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Door-to-door meat sales can be risky

The Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) is reminding consumers to use caution when purchasing meat or poultry from a door-to-door salesperson, and to make sure the products come from a reputable, approved source.

“Although door-to-door meat sales can offer the ease of being able to shop at home, these types of transactions can also provide an opportunity for disreputable salespeople to take advantage of consumers,” said MDARD Director Jamie Clover Adams.

“Consumers should always do their homework before making a purchase, to safeguard their health and their pocketbooks.”

Consumers are urged to keep the following in mind before buying meat or poultry from a door-to-door salesperson:

**Be an informed buyer; know exactly what you are buying and from whom.*

**Check to see if the salesperson has been approved by MDARD to sell products.*

An MDARD issued decal must be conspicuously displayed on each side of the vehicle and be visible when in transit and while serving the public. Decals are issued each licensing year in different colors – the color is yellow for 2017.

**Make sure all receipts and accompanying documentation are complete and include the seller’s name and address. Keep a copy for your records.*

**Never buy meat from an unrefrigerated vehicle or from the trunk of a car.*

**All food must come from an approved source; have the U.S. Department of Agriculture seal of inspection; and include a complete and intact label identifying the product and cut of meat, listing all ingredients, and providing the net weight of the product.*

**The name and address of the business must be affixed to the exterior side of the vehicle in letters not less than 3 inches high x 3/8 inches wide and in colors contrasting the background color of the vehicle.*

**Many communities require a vendor’s permit to operate door-to-door. This is a business license and is not a replacement for the required MDARD mobile food establishment license.*

**Call your local Better Business Bureau to see if you are doing business with a reputable firm.*

**Door-to-door meat sales are also regulated by the Michigan Home Solicitation Sales Act, Public Act 227 of 1971, which outlines your rights as a buyer and your right to cancel the sale and return the product within three business days. Details of this law can be found at <http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?mcl-Act-227-of-1971>.*

If someone comes to your door selling meat and you suspect they are operating illegally, report the company to your local law enforcement agency and to MDARD at 800-292-3939. Any description you can provide regarding the salesperson(s) or vehicle, and the date and time of the attempted sale, will assist law enforcement and regulatory staff in their investigations.

If you decided to purchase from a door-to-door vendor, taking a few minutes to make sure you’re dealing with a legitimate business could save you a few bucks – not to mention protect your health – in the long run.

Drier Humor

by Mary Drier

In your face, Facebook



In early 2011, I grudgingly caved in to peer pressure and joined the social media site Facebook.

One of the reasons I caved in was because of a news broadcast about a “high-tech grandma.” The story featured Eunice Brillhart, who was billed as the “high-tech grandma.” At the time of the news story, she was 105-years old and an avid Facebook user with 23 friends.

“She checks her Facebook page every day,” friends and family were quoted in the news story.

Yadda. Yadda. Yadda. I broke down and created a Facebook page. I did so partly because if a 105-year old could join the tech age, I could too, but I joined mostly because of work. A lot of events that I wanted to write about directed me to one Facebook page or another for information.

I’ve been in journalism over three decades and have written columns on and off over those years for a variety of newspapers that I worked for. My kids, dogs, friends, ex-husband and boyfriends have all been fodder at one time or another for columns.

I’ve had readers of my column ask me if my son had gotten his stitches out yet, while some asked if my run-away dog had returned, etc. They talked at length about things going on in my life, which often surprised me.

Now, I meet a lot of people in what I do. I don’t always recall their names, but I’m pretty good at remembering faces.

Some of those who read my columns come up to me in stores or restaurants and start conversations about events in my life that have been in columns. I have to interrupt and apologize because I don’t recall their name. They just laugh and say that we’ve never met, but they recognize me from my column and read it frequently.

Because of the columns I write, I think enough of my personal life is exposed to the public. I don’t see the necessity of having to be part of the “social network” to write about mundane day-to-day happenings of what is going on with me, but I’m doing it now.


At 105 and living in a nursing home, Eunice has things to write about. She leaves status updates, posts and comments, and maneuvers the site like a pro, according to her friends and family members. The news story pointed out at “her age”, she can remember an era when horses were still the main form of transportation, and since then she has witnessed space travel and putting a man on the moon, cures for a variety of illnesses, television and computers.

The news report of Eunice’s Facebook prowess was thrown in my face as to why I should do more on Facebook. So, okay, I’ll try to be a better “Facebooker”.

With everyone having cell phones nowadays, Facebook is about the only way to reach anyone. And, I admit I’ve found some news stories on Facebook, so now I check my account a couple of times a day. I generally will repost things I find amazing from other people’s sites rather than writing personal informa-

tion.

So yeah, you can teach an ole’ dog new tricks. But it is r-r-r-rough and doesn’t mean that I have to like it.



Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

The Arbor Day Foundation has a book that helps people identify trees in a simple, step-by-step process. The book, What Tree Is That?, is available for a \$5 donation to the nonprofit tree-planting organization.

What Tree Is That? is a fun, easy-to-use tree identification guide that features hand-drawn botanical illustrations highlighting the distinctive characteristics of many tree species.

Nature lovers and professional arborists alike have called this pocket field guide a must-have, user-friendly resource. Its beautiful, full-color illustrations are in precise detail and depict natural colors, shapes, and textures so users can make a positive species identification in just a few easy steps.

The Arbor Day Foundation offers this book to help people identify trees throughout the Eastern and Central regions of the United States. What Tree Is That? uses a unique step-by-step approach for identifying the species of each tree, explaining what to look for in the shape of the leaves, differences in the leaf stems and twig structures, and specific characteristics of fruits, flowers, buds, and bark.

“Our What Tree Is That? Pocket guide is an ideal resource for developing a greater appreciation for trees,” said Matt Harris, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. “The Arbor Day Foundation strives to help people enjoy and appreciate trees, and we feel our pocket field guide will do just that.”

What Tree is That? is also available as an online interactive version at arborday.org.

To obtain a tree identification guide in full color, send your name, address, and \$5 for each guide to What Tree Is That?, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410. You can also order the book online at arborday.org.

What Tree is That? would have been perfect for Nancy Weippert’s biology class at Cass City High School in the late 1970s. Mrs. Weippert was a demanding teacher that didn’t hesitate to call on students for answers in a very public forum. That usually had folks like me that didn’t know the answers on the edge of their seats. She was very good at her trade, I always felt, and is sorely missed.

A family wedding took the Haire kids to Chicago (actually Joliet) this weekend to celebrate my oldest sister Lynn’s son’s wedding.

The Haire family tree doesn’t have a lot of branches and the relatively few cousins, nephews, uncles, and the like, are scattered all over the United States. It takes a memorable occasion to bring us together.

The celebration also provided a couple of firsts for our kids that heightened the enjoyment for the local parents. Parker, a MSU sophomore, was a member of the bridal party, while Kacey, a Cass City High School sophomore, caught the bouquet.

NOPE, ain’t happening.

This from Terry Tuckey, Huron County Area Technical Center instructor: once again I need to thank the Cass City Chronicle for making the “Wall of Fame” in our Automotive Technology class a success.

At the beginning of the year I tell my Huron Area Technical Center students that I will post all good news reported about them in print or online. Our students come from across Huron County but again this year’s student news is dominated by your coverage of our Owen-Gage students. All three O-G students, Carl Steff, Dustin Woodward and David Binder, had multiple mentions with David Binder a near weekly occurrence. One week in February David was reported in three articles, honor roll, basketball and Snowcomming King. We called that “King David’s Triple”.


Pictured in front of the Wall-of-Fame are Ashton Lemke and David Binder. Ashton is our Top Tech Award winner for 2016-17. He is an Ubly Junior and was dual-enrolled in our Mid-Michigan Community College Automotive Technology program first semester, and on a work study program with Jeff’s Upholstery second semester. He is also on the Wall-of-Fame for honor roll. David is our Outstanding AM award winner. He is a Senior and has been a dual-enrolled automotive student at Mid-Michigan Community College, National Technical Honor Society and class representative to Huron Area Tech

Center’s Student Leadership Team. David earned 23.5 Mid-Michigan Community College credits here at the Tech Center and will be taking them to Central Michigan University to study engineering and play ball for the Chippewas.



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•Caregiver Support Group, 11:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m., Bullard-Sanford Memorial Library, 520 W. Huron Ave., Vassar. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.

Saturday, June 17
•Revive Food Pantry, from 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. Must live in the Cass City School District and meet the financial guidelines. For more information, call (989)551-7803.

Monday, June 19
•Alcoholics Anonymous, “Monday at a Time,” 8 p.m., Parkside Cafe, 2031 Main St., Ubly. For more information, call Angela R. at (989) 658-2319.
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Tuesday, June 20
•Al-anon meeting, 7 p.m., St. Francis Parrish, Pigeon.
•AA Meeting, 7-8 p.m., St. Joseph Church, 4960 N. Argyle Rd. (Meeting will be held in the hall next to the little stone church.)
•Living with Parkinson’s Support Group, 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., Holiday Inn Express, 55 Rapson Lane West, Bad Axe. For more information, call Merry at (989) 673-4121.
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Second Monday:
•Elkland Township Board meeting, 7 p.m.
•VFW monthly meeting, 7:00 p.m., VFW Hall, Cass City.
Second Tuesday:
•Thumb Octagon Barn meeting, 7 p.m., fire hall in Gagetown.
•Tuscola County Alzheimer’s and Family Caregiver Support Group, 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m., HDC Intergenerational Building, 430 Montague Ave., Caro.For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.
•Kedron OES #33 of Caro meeting, 7 p.m.
•Huron County Family Caregiver Support Group, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Human Development Commission, 150 Nugent Rd., Bad Axe. For more information, contact Merry at (989) 673-4121.
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•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:
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Local man among rescued kayakers

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

The recent rescue of a pair of kayakers – including a Cass City resident — near Caseville has Huron County Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson reminding all area residents to take special precautions when kayaking on a large body of water such as Saginaw Bay. Huron County Sheriff’s deputies earlier this month were dispatched to assist two kayakers who were reportedly struggling and taking on water between the swim area and the breakwall in Caseville. Deputies responded in a patrol boat and located 40-year-old Christian Tabares-Velasquez of Cass City and 38-year-old Carlos Andrade of Columbia. “The two males were struggling to make their way in due to high winds and rough water. Deputies reached the kayakers and were able to bring them aboard the patrol boat and return them to shore,” Hanson reported.

“For the last several years, Huron County’s north shore has become a popular kayaking destination. Our waters have also been the scene of many emergency situations involving kayaks, which includes near death experiences and, unfortunately, death,” Hanson said.

“Kayakers are strongly encouraged to understand how easy it is to be overtaken by hypothermia, as water temperatures are only in the mid to upper 50s,” he added. “Kayakers also need to know their physical limits while kayaking, along with understanding exactly what type of sea conditions their kayak can take.

“Near shore southerly breezes can also leave a false impression of favorable boating, but the further you go offshore, the waves and currents do increase and it does become difficult to return.”

Under no circumstance should anyone venture out without a proper fitting life jacket, the sheriff pointed out.

“The most common causes of death in kayaking accidents are overturning or falling overboard,” he said. “Sadly enough in those instances, the majority of kayakers weren’t wearing life jackets and drown.”

In addition, Hanson urges kayakers to travel with a cellular phone in some type of water proof container. “One other very important safety precaution to take is always let someone on shore know where you’re going and when you’re supposed to be back,” he said.

Hanson added, “Many enjoyable summer time memories have occurred on the water in kayaks. Don’t risk allowing a tragic situation to unfold simply because safety was taken for granted.”

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:

*Roy J. Klinesmith, 53, Elkton, pleaded no contest to charges of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, and possession of cocaine, heroin or another narcotic (less than 25 grams) Sept. 23 in Gilford Township. A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case and bond was continued at \$20,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Trevor A. Betzing, 36, Vassar, pleaded guilty to attempted interfering with electronic communications March 19 in Vassar Township. A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$3,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Patrick J. Payne, 40, Caro, pleaded guilty to violating the Sex Offenders Registration Act by failing to update his address March 21, 2016, in Indianfields Township. A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$5,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Demetrick J. Hadley, 30, Pontiac, was sentenced to 120 days in the county jail and 18 months probation following his plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, subsequent offense, Dec. 14 in Caro. The jail time was deferred without a date, according to court records, which note Hadley was also ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$1,008 plus attorneys fees of \$500.

*Kimberly S. Selden, 38, Saginaw, was sentenced to 365 days in jail (deferred) and 24 months probation following her pleas of no contest to charges of fleeing a police officer, domestic violence and two counts of assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer May 9, 2016, in Reese. She was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$944 plus attorneys fees of \$100.

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Reporter's notebook

Spam a big pain; dangerous, too!

by Tom Montgomery
Editor



The Internet has certainly made my work as a journalist easier, but it's also created some annoying tasks.

For example, I spend far too much time sifting through my email both at work and home, separating the junk or "spam" from the dozens of legitimate notes, news releases, photos, etc., I receive each week. It isn't uncommon for me to receive a couple hundred unsolicited emails over the course of a weekend.

I follow some basic rules when it comes to spam.

First, if I don't know you, or your subject line has nothing to do with an agency or topic I'm familiar with — or otherwise raises my suspicion — your message is going into the ole recycle bin.

Same thing for folks who try to scam me (my first recommendation to most of these morons is to learn how to spell and maybe try to use a little punctuation now and then to throw me off).

Most of the time, I just answer spam in my head and then delete, as in:

*"Is your wardrobe ready for summer?" Ummm...I guess so.

*"You can still have that bikini body by July!" Think I'll just let that one slide by without comment.

*"Try sobriety today!" Done.

*"Your urgent attention is needed (thanks) — Omar." Sorry, Omar, deadlines are calling my name. And, no, I don't believe for a moment that you're contacting me from Madison, Wis.

*Sell your timeshare! Did you even use it this year?" Nope. Didn't get my yacht out, visit our summer place in the Hamptons, or get back to the islands this summer, either.

I once tried to get a better understanding of spam and how it works by searching the Internet, but my eyes glazed over sometime during the second sentence (pretty much the same way they do when my computer-guru son insists on explaining anything high-tech to his old man).

"Email spam, also known as junk email or unsolicited bulk email (UBE) is a subset of electronic spam involving nearly identical messages sent to numerous recipients by email. Clicking on links in spam email may send users to phishing websites or sites that are hosting malware. Spam email may also include malware as scripts or other executable file attachments."

Thanks for nothing, Wikipedia.

By the way, spam was named for Spam luncheon meat by way of a Monty Python sketch in which Spam is depicted as ubiquitous and unavoidable.

Unfortunately, email spam is not only a pain in the butt, it can also be dangerous. And I'm not talking scams and viruses here.

Case in point: I regularly receive invitations from various dating agencies — some legitimate and others definitely on the shady side — offering me a free weekend to search for "my match". I've even received a few emails from one infamous website that caters to married folks looking to, shall we say, expand their relationship horizons — in secret. "Life is short. Have an affair," the emails state.

Yeah, right. If I were to ever even think about having an affair, life would be short alright.

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Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO (2012)

"The best lemonade in town" was chanted by this young group of Cass City youngsters recently. They are Ayden Torres, Kylie McKee, Alexa Torres and Brianna McKee. They had their stand up on the corner of Garfield and Seeger St. and were selling their lemonade for 50 cents per glass.

Sea Cadet Award recipients are: Alex Altergott, Bay City, Jilee Mallard, Millington, Holley Rochefort, Bad Axe, and Brianne Dybilas, Ubly. The cadets were awarded the Veterans of Foreign Wars Naval Sea Cadet Award on June 10.

The Rev. George Stevens Bagnall is slated to be installed as pastor of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City, Sunday, July 1 at 3 p.m. The Rev. Charles Schutt, pastor emeritus of St. Luke Lutheran Church, Clinton Township, will preach the sermon and the Rev. David Maier, Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS) Michigan District president, will perform the rite of installation. After graduation from Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Ind. in 1998, Bagnall was ordained to the pastoral office and has served congregations in Lewisville, Minnesota and Clinton Township. He and his wife, Jen, who works for the Lutheran Heritage Foundation, have 2 daughters, Anna and Paige.

10 YEARS AGO (2007)

For the first time in 51 years, 3 students are sharing the title of best male athlete at Cass City High School. The Paul Smarks award has had two-way ties several times in the past few years, but a three-way tie has not been seen since 1956, Athletic Director Aaron Fernald said at the Senior Awards night May 16. "There were plenty of outstanding candidates, but this is how it happened and I'm shocked," he told the audience. The awards ceremony, which took place in the school gymnasium, honored students' academic and extracurricular achievements with scholarships, certificates, trophies, plaques and pins. Kyle Sieradzki, Brad Hartel and Andrew Martin's names are inscribed onto the trophy for their athletic ability, citizenship, scholarship and sportsmanship.

This year's Outstanding Female Athletic Award winner, Courtney Rabideau, was chosen based on athletic ability, citizenship, scholarship and sportsmanship. Rabideau received a total of 9 varsity letters during her four years at Cass City High School in baseball, basketball and volleyball. She is an All Conference Athlete in basketball and softball and an All Region and All League Athlete in softball.

25 YEARS AGO (1992)

Mark and Shelley Guinther of Concord, Calif., announce the birth of a son, Drew McConnell Guinther, Tuesday, June 9. He weighed 8 pounds, 8 ounces, and was 21 1/2 inches long. Grandparents are Stan and Melva Watson of Cass City, Janice Watson of Concord and the late Vern Pinkston. Great-grandparents are Vern McConnell and Marion Whitefoot, both of Cass City and Fred and Esther Jones of Concord.

Betsy Tuckey of Cass City has been selected as a judge for the 21st annual American Junior Quarter Horse World Championship Show to be held at the Will Rogers Memorial Center in Ft. Worth, Texas, Aug. 8-15. Ten individuals are selected from a field of 392 American Quarter Horse Association-approved judges to officiate the AQHA World Championship Show. An AQHA approved judge since 1989, Tuckey has officiated in the Sun & Surf Circuit, Florida Gold Coast, Ak-Sar-Ben Silver Classic and the Keystone Futurity.

Grocery shopping at IGA Foodliner paid off for two local youths. Ryan Bennett and Doug Ball are the Cass City residents who won the store's grand prize in the supermarket chain's Kids Kontest. They will accompany winners from other IGA stores on a two-day, all-expense paid trip to Ohio's Sea World and Cedar Point later this summer. The boys received the most votes from store customers, with each vote equivalent to dollars spent in the store, based on customer sales receipts.

Members of the 1992 Cass City pool staff are Jennifer Fruendt, Mindy Fulcher, Bobbi Fischer, Scott King, Greta Coston, Jennifer Erla, Doug Badgley, Stacey Capps and Luanne Robinson.

35 YEARS AGO (1982)

The United States Achievement Academy has announced that Brenda Schwartz has been named a national award winner in business education. The Owendale-Gagetown High School student is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schwartz of rural Gagetown. She was nominated by her typing and accounting teacher, Peggy Randall.

Navy Seaman Recruit Ruth A. Harmer, daughter of Paul C. and Alice M. Harmer of 4465 Brooker Street, Cass City, has completed recruit training at the Naval Training Center, Orlando, Fla. 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.

Staff at the Helen Stevens Memorial Pool in the Cass City Recreation Park this summer are Suzy Scollon, Carol Horner, Tim Johnson, co-director Scott Richards, Mark Wilson, Sally Ware, Tim Horner, co-director Nancy Tonti and Paul Guernsey.

Student of the week for the week of June 7 at Cass City Intermediate School is Julie Sugden. The eighth grader is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Sugden of Cass City.

40 YEARS AGO (1977)

Miss Patricia Lynn Holcomb and Alan Benjamin Peters were united in marriage Saturday afternoon, May 21, at the Novesta Church of Christ, Cass City. Rev. Harold Prong, pastor, performed the ceremony. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Holcomb of Deford. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Peters of Ubly.

Dr. Richard A. Hall, D.O., of Saginaw, will enter private practice in Cass City upon completion of his internship with Saginaw Osteopathic Hospital June 30. He will be associated with Hills and Dales Hospital when he assumes his solo private practice. His office will be in the Hills and Dales Medical Center. Osteopathic medicine runs in the family. His uncle, Dr. K. Ivan MacRae, D.O., practices in Cass City and his aunt, Dr. Thelma June MacRae, D.O., practices in Gagetown. He is the son of Lela Hall and the late Alvin Hall. Mrs. Hall lives with her sister, Dr. MacRae, in Gagetown.

Carl A. Palmateer Jr., a 1977 graduate of Cass City High School, left Tuesday, June 14, for recruit training in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves. He is undergoing training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot at San Diego, Calif. He enlisted in the reserves May 2 through the Delayed Entry Program. His initial active duty will be for 85 days. At the end of his training, he will return to Cass City for a brief stay before starting at Michigan State University in the fall. Palmateer will be assigned to D Company, 1st Battalion, 24th Marine Regiment in Flint.

50 YEARS AGO (1967)

The State of Michigan just gave each and every one of us a gift. There was nothing too special about the way it was wrapped, just the way it came, and it came early. Bright and early Wednesday morning it was there; nine o'clock came at eight, eight came at seven, seven came at six and six came at the unbelievable hour of five. The Chronicle took a survey to find out just what the reactions to the time change were. Out of the 20 persons interviewed, only five thought the State could do better in the gift department. Seven didn't think it would affect them too much and eight thought it was "wonderful." Most of those who felt the time change wouldn't

make much difference were retired as is Mrs. Charles Watson. "When you're retired," said one of those interviewed, "you just don't have to go by the clock so much." When the Chronicle called Sommer's Bakery, Lena Tuckey said that they were just discussing the issue. She is in favor of the change because there will be more time at night and besides, "I enjoy the morning."

Mr. and Mrs. Konrad Konwalski announced this week that they have sold their bakery business on Main Street to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Stephens of Caro.

Mr. and Mrs. George F. Murray sold the M-81 motel to Mr. and Mrs. George Jannsen of Utica. The new owners took possession Thursday. They have moved to Cass City with their family which includes two small children. The Murrays have operated the motel since August of 1963 when they purchased the business from Charles Goff.

Sherryl Law Dillon received her B.S. degree with a major in elementary education from Central Michigan University Saturday, June. 10. She was one of 974 Central students participating in the commencement exercises held on Alumni Field. Mrs. Dillon is a 1963 graduate of Cass City High School and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Law of Cass City. She will teach second grade this fall at Willis Campbell Elementary School. Her husband, Wayne, an industrial arts teacher, will also be working in the Cass City School system this fall. The son of Mrs. Don Russell of Caro, Dillon taught in the Coleman School system last year.

75 YEARS AGO (1942)

Miss Virginia Janet Day will become the bride of Mr. Frederick Rudolph Bufe at the First Presbyterian Church in Cass City on Saturday afternoon, June 20. Miss Day is the daughter of Mrs. Zora MacLarty Day of this city. She was graduated from the Cass City High School and Michigan State College and has done graduate work at the Julliard School of Music and -Columbia University in New York. She is a member of Alpha Gamma Delta, national social fraternity, and Mu Phi Epsilon, national honor music society. Mr. Bufe is the son of Mrs. Frederick Bufe of Wyandotte and attended the Detroit Institute of Technology.

Bruce Edward Stine, 21 years old, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Stine, of Cass City, has been enlisted in the U.S. Naval Reserve for flight training. Stine passed his physical examination and mental tests before the Naval Aviation Cadet Selection Board at Detroit and was administered the oath June 6. He is now awaiting a call to active duty. As a Naval Aviation Cadet, Stine will leave first for the University of Iowa at Iowa City, Iowa, where for three months he will be given intensive physical training and ground school work. He then will be transferred to a Naval Reserve Aviation Base for primary flight training before being sent South to Corpus Christi, Texas, or Pensacola, Florida, for advanced training at one of the Navy's huge air stations.

100 YEARS AGO (1917)

A pretty wedding was solemnized Monday at high noon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Sole of Deford when their daughter, Addle, and Chauncey Tallman of Pontiac were united in marriage. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Hallead in the presence of intimate relatives. They were attended by Miss Lena Wentworth and William Patch. The bride was charmingly attired in a gown of navy blue messaline and carried a bouquet of lilies of the valley. Mr. and Mrs. Tallman left Monday afternoon for Pontiac where they will make their home.

A wedding of interest took place last Tuesday in Bad Axe when Mrs. Emma Wade became the bride of William Churchill of Novesta. Mrs. Churchill is a sister of ex-county Clerk Brown and has been a nurse in the Edmunds hospital in Caro. They will make their home on the groom's farm in Novesta township.

First session on tap June 17 in Caro

Cass City area teen a driving force behind the Thumb Dairy Odyssey

by Mary Drier
Special for the Chronicle

A Cass City area student in her first year of high school is having an impact in the dairy industry. Addy Battel, 14, helped coordinate the Thumb Dairy Odyssey program that offers youths a hands-on opportunity to learn about the dairy industry as well as the various career opportunities available in the field. Thumb Dairy Odyssey, now in its second year, is a fun, educational hands-on workshops being offered in both Huron and Tuscola counties, but you don't have to be from one of those counties to participate. "I attended a similar program last year on the other side of the state and I really learned a lot and enjoyed it," said Battel, who is completing her freshman year at Cass City Junior-Senior High School. "There was nothing like it in our area, and I felt there should be." Battel contacted Huron County MSU Extension Dairy Educator Marianne Buza about developing such a program in the Thumb. "She thought it was a good idea and we started working on it together," Battel said. "Last year there were three programs at different farms. About 30 attended each one," noted Battel, the daughter of Sue and Bob Bat-

tel. "There are only two odyssey days (events) this year, and I hope the turnout will be more." This year's Thumb Dairy Odyssey days will be Saturday, June 17, and Saturday, June 24. Programs at each location start at 10 a.m. and end at about 2:30 p.m., with lunch included. The cost is \$5 per child, with accompanying adults attending free. The first program will be at Paramount Enterprises Dairy, 2647 E. Caro Rd. (M-81), Caro, where participants will learn the finer points of showmanship and displaying their animal's best traits. Paramount Enterprises herdsman Brent Moyer will explain what judges look for when a youth is showing their cow, along with what it takes to get an animal ready to show. "This is our first year participating in this," said Moyer, who was active in 4-H as a youth in Indiana. "I think it is a great idea. It's to get more kids involved in dairy operations and careers. I'm 100 percent for it." Moyer will also talk about animal health and what can be done to make improvements, regardless of a farm's size. The second Thumb Dairy Odyssey day, June 24, will be at Prime Land Farms, 7542 Rapson Rd., Harbor Beach. The topics there will cover how milk is made,

hoof health, and crossbreeding. The programs are designed for those ages 9 to 19 years old and are open to all youth whether they are farm, city or country kids. It is open to FFA and 4-H members, as well as non-members of those organizations. Registration is necessary and can be completed by visiting the website <http://events.anr.msu.edu/dairy-odyssey2017/>. More information is available at the Huron County Extension Office, 1142 S. Van Dyke Rd., Suite 200, Bad Axe, by calling (989) 269-9949 or via email at mbuza@anr.msu.edu. Buza said Thumb Dairy Odyssey offers not only a first-hand look at the dairy industry and introduces young people to career options in agriculture, it also strengthens skills used in FFA and 4-H competitions. The offering has proven popular among both young people and adults. "In 2016, Thumb Dairy Odyssey saw 61 youth participate along with 21 parents and 33 community volunteers," she said. "The program resulted in more participants in local fairs and a Thumb area quiz bowl team. Participants also said they learned about new career options in agriculture and were interested in a career they learned about."

Suspect in ax attack faces preliminary exam

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Michigan State Police Troopers from the Caro post responded. Williams initially told investigators his home had been invaded and his wife assaulted. His wife suffered a serious head wound and was transported by ambulance to an area hospital. The best way to describe the weapon involved is that a splitting-ax maul is heavier than an axe," said Reese, who

called the crime "incomprehensible. "She is still in critical condition," he noted. "The family welcomes well wishes." As the investigation progressed, the victim's husband became the suspect and was arrested the next day. "He (Williams) is charged with assault with intent to murder, which is punishable by up to life

in prison or any number of years," said Reese. "He is charged with four counts of false report of a felony, and lying to a police officer during a violent crime investigation." Each of those five counts carries a four-year prison term. According to Reese, a motive in the incident has not yet been determined, but some "difficult to decipher comments" seemed to indicate general "marital discord." During his arraignment before Tuscola County Magistrate Joe Van Auken, Williams was asked if he had appeared in court proceedings before. "He answered no," said Reese. "The other question asked was if he had been treated for mental health issues. He said, 'not yet.'" Reese credits state and county law enforcement as well as first responders for their efforts in the case.

"Every day officers are confronted with complicated circumstances and unconscionable conduct. They work tirelessly to ensure the health, safety and welfare of our communities. Too often these efforts are taken for granted," Reese said, adding that taking a moment to acknowledge their efforts is appropriate. He also acknowledged the extraordinary contributions of the Michigan State Police, including Detective Sgt. Tiffany Franzosi-Watson of the Biometrics and Identification Unit, Detective Sgt. Jeff Hook of the Caro Police Post and others in resolving the matter. Williams remains in jail on a \$500,000 cash or surety bond.

News briefs

Pavlov announces contest

THUMB — State Senator Phil Pavlov (R-St. Clair Township) recently announced his 2017 "Be a Senator for a Day" summer reading contest in coordination with local libraries. The contest begins Monday, June 19, and runs through Saturday, Aug. 19. It is open to all students in grades one through five who have completed their local public library's summer reading program, including those in Huron and Sanilac counties. Participating students may be enrolled in any public, private or home-based school. Once students have completed the summer reading program, they may fill out a contest entry form at their local public library branch. One winner from each branch will be selected as a "junior senator", and they will be invited to bring their parents to Lansing for a tour of the state Capitol, mock committee hearings and a pizza party with Pavlov.

Autism movie set June 15

CASS CITY — The Peer to Peer Autism Support Group movie developed by the Junior-Senior Cass City Schools Peer to Peer Groups will be shown at the Strand Theater at 10 a.m. Thursday June 15. Admission is free, with pop and popcorn available for purchase.

Lighthouse open house set

CARO — The Lighthouse Transitional Living Apartments at 1655 E. Caro Rd. will host an open house Friday, June 16, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. There will be a noon luncheon, with a ribbon cutting at 1 p.m. and tours from 2 to 4 p.m.

Greenleaf hearing June 14

SANILAC COUNTY — the Greenleaf Township Planning Commission will host a public hearing today (Wednesday) at 6 p.m. at the township hall, 6435 Bay City-Forestville Rd., on proposed changes to the township's zoning ordinance. Written comments may be mailed to: Greenleaf Township Clerk, P.O. Box 135, Cass City, MI 48726.

Changes for Kingston grads

KINGSTON — The Kingston School District will be making some changes affecting its future graduates. Starting with the graduating class of 2019, any student having earned a grade point average of 3.5 or higher at the conclusion of their seventh semester, or the conclusion of the first semester of their senior year, shall be recognized during commencement by wearing a white gown with a gold card. White gown students will sit in descending order by GPA from the highest to lowest. Silver cords will be worn by the students having earned a GPA of 3.0 to 3.49.

EPA funding goes to group

THUMB — The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Brownfield Redevelopment and Assessment has awarded a \$600,000 grant to the MI Green Thumb Region, which includes Huron, Sanilac and Tuscola counties. "We are thrilled because this is one of the most competitive federal grants. To be awarded is an extremely high honor," said Vicky Sherry, communications director for the Tuscola County Economic Development Corporation. The grant will be used to assist local communities in assessing and developing redevelopment plans for contaminated sites within the three-county region.

Rubber meeting the road

CARO – About \$2.9 million in Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) grants were recently awarded to support recycling and research related to re-using old vehicle tires. Recycled scrap tires can be used in asphalt for roads, material in the manufacturing, as garden and playground mulch, and to produce energy. The city of Caro received a \$207,000 grant. Previously, the city used recycled tires to pave some streets.

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Group cleaning up the Cass

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doors Club (members) came with their sponsors,” commented Nancy Barrios, Cass City, a member of the Cass River Greenway, which organized the clean-up.

The event drew about 40 volunteers, and after splitting up into four teams, they spent about three hours covering a four-mile section of the river, both upstream and downstream from the Cass City Wastewater Treatment Plant.

“We got loads of trash. We had a slide from an old swing set. There were tires – lots of tires,” Barrios said.

“I thought it went great,” agreed Cass City Wastewater Treatment Plant Supt. Dennis McCabe, who helped to organize the event and has been active with the Cass River Greenway group for the past year or so.

When it was all said and done, McCabe noted, the workers had filled a 20-yard dumpster about three-quarters full of trash and junk. “I was very surprised at how much stuff came out of the river,” he said.

This was the ninth annual clean-up project for the Cass River Greenway, a group consisting of volunteers, assisted by professional resources and municipal leaders, who are working to enhance recreational opportunities and the environmental well-being of the Cass River, a major waterway within the Saginaw Bay Watershed that extends more than 60 miles from Sanilac County to where it enters the Saginaw River at the Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge in Saginaw County.

Organized in 2007, the Cass River Greenway group has been active in a variety of efforts designed to improve the river and expand available recreational opportunities.

Aside from organizing clean-up days, the group has been active in promoting construction of public access sites along the river, proposed establishing a Cass River Water Trail, sponsored recreational events on the Cass River, worked with various partners to control invasive plants along the river corridor, promoted riverbank restoration projects, and monitored water quality.

In addition, the organization’s efforts to secure National Water Trail designation for the Cass River is well on its way to becoming a reality, following an announcement last fall that the group has been approved for an assistance grant from the U.S. National Park Service – Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program, a technical assistance program that supports partnerships with communities across the country in achieving their conservation and outdoor recreation visions and goals.

According to Bob Zeilinger, chairman of the Cass River Greenway, national park service officials are facilitating local efforts to plan and assess the feasibility of securing the National Water Trail designation.

“I applaud the work that has already been done to develop the Cass River Water Trail and am looking forward to working with the Cass River Greenway partners on an exemplary water trail with opportunities for recreation, education and conservation that the public can explore and enjoy,” commented Barbara Nelson-Jameson, Michigan program coordinator for the U.S. National Park Service.

Nelson-Jameson said national park service water trail designation demonstrates achievement in implementation of best practices in the design and management of a water trail, and would offer significant promotional opportunities for the region.

Barrios figures that sort of promotion can only be good economically for the participating communities, and she says Cass City is a good candidate to be an active partner in the effort. “That is why I asked them (Cass River Greenway) to do the clean-up in this area – to generate some interest,” she said.

Towards that end, Barrios would like to see village officials and others consider establishing a canoe launch on the river to enhance local recreational opportunities.

“We have the Cass River, and it’s a gem – it’s just a natural gem,” she said.

Brigham sentenced to 52 years in rape of Tuscola County girl

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enticement, three counts of first degree criminal sexual conduct, 10 counts of second degree criminal sexual conduct, and one count each of assault by strangulation, assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder, criminal sexual conduct – second degree assault, and interfering with electronic communications.

Brigham has remained behind bars since his arrest. His bond was originally set at \$3 million, then revoked.

Investigators said Brigham was at one time related to the victim’s family by marriage, and that he lured the eight-year-old girl away from her parent’s Swaffer Road home in the early morning hours of July 30.

The case unfolded when Lt. Ted Hull, Sgt. Josh Herman, and Detective Sgt. Scott Jones from the Tuscola County Sheriff’s Department responded to a call at about 5:15 a.m., according to reports, which state Brigham returned the child to the residence at about 10:30 a.m. and was arrested.

“The child knew him and he exploited that. He (Brigham) was aware people knew he had the child and she was returned,” Reese said.

He noted the girl was immediately placed in protective custody and subsequently given medical attention. She was also interviewed at the Tuscola County Child Advocacy Center, which employs a trained forensic interviewer and was established to reduce the trauma young victims face in the wake of such crimes, while also providing investigators with the information they need to quickly track down and arrest offenders.

Unfortunately, Reese said, the victim in this case was not only brutally attacked, but has since been placed in foster care. “Due to a variety of circumstances, the parental rights of the mother have been terminated,” he explained.

Following his initial appearances in court, Brigham was ordered to undergo a forensic psychiatric evaluation to determine if he was competent to stand trial for the alleged abduction and rape.

Tuscola County District Judge Kim Glaspie ordered him to undergo a mental evaluation and criminal responsibility evaluation at the Center for Forensic Psychiatry in Ypsilanti, where he was deemed capable of assisting with his defense and could be held criminally responsible for his actions.

As he should be, Reese said.

“Everybody who was touched by this case from the beginning was impacted and remains so,” he added. “This (case) was in a category by itself.”



ONE OF FOUR teams transports a canoe to the river’s edge as they prepared to start cleaning their assigned one-mile section of the Cass River Saturday morning.

Fairgrove Township Minutes of May 15, 2017

The May meeting of Fairgrove Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Keith Aeder on May 15, 2017 at 7:31 pm. Board members present were Aeder, Treasurer John McQuillan, Trustee Mike Day, Trustee Dennis Hadeway and Clerk Katie Gebhardt. Sexton Doug Foster was also present. Meeting called to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. McQuillan moved and Day supported to approve April minutes as presented. Passed. McQuillan moved and Aeder supported to approve May agenda as presented. Passed. Aeder moved and Day supported to appoint Linda Tonkin as Fairgrove Township Library Board Representative. Passed. Board is requesting installation of signage to address deaf child in area. McQuillan moved and Hadeway supported resolution to allow signage. Passed. Day moved and Hadeway supported to approve cleaning contract as presented. Passed. Sexton has dirt currently accumulating in cemetery, public can contact Sexton to arrange pick-up. Hadeway moved and Day supported to accept financial report as presented. Passed. Hadeway moved and McQuillan supported to pay bills as presented. Passed. Aeder moved and McQuillan supported to adjourn. Passed. Adjourned 9:50 PM.

Next meeting 6/19/2017 at 7:30 PM.

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Cade Walsh	Ubly	Senior	First Base
James Schellke	Harbor Beach	Junior	Outfield
Grant Hanson	Harbor Beach	Junior	Outfield
Calvin Cook	Brown City	Junior	Outfield
Logan Wheeler	Sandusky	Senior	At Large
SECOND TEAM			
Caleb Muxlow	Brown City	Senior	Pitcher
Kyle Gross	Memphis	Senior	Pitcher
Chad Bower	Marlette	Sophomore	Catcher
Sean Quade	Marlette	Sophomore	Infield
Ben Blanco	Memphis	Junior	Infield
Ethan Lemke	Ubly	Junior	Infield
Ben Bovenschen	Brown City	Junior	First Base
Brett Havens	Marlette	Sophomore	Outfield
Tyler Jones	Ubly	Sophomore	Outfield
Cody Hoag	Sandusky	Junior	Outfield
Austin Roberts	Harbor Beach	Junior	Outfield
HONORABLE MENTION			
Marcus Armstrong	Marlette	Junior	Pitcher
Alex Heussner	Marlette	Sophomore	Pitcher
Ryche Roggenbuck	Ubly	Sophomore	Pitcher
Landen Peplinski	Sandusky	Junior	Catcher
Garrison Booms	Harbor Beach	Sophomore	Catcher
Noah Truetle	Memphis	Junior	Catcher
Kurtis Hanson	Harbor Beach	Junior	Infield
Matt Calabro	Brown City	Junior	Infield
Cam Walsh	Memphis	Freshman	Infield
Alex Heussner	Marlette	Sophomore	Infield
John Heffner	Memphis	Senior	First Base
Austin Shivers	Memphis	Senior	Catcher
Ethan McKenney	Marlette	Senior	First Base
Chorben Chisolm	Marlette	Senior	Outfield
Jesse Bischer	Harbor Beach	Junior	First Base
Skyler Lexoski	Ubly	Junior	Outfield
Casey Sweeney	Ubly	Freshman	Infield/Catcher
Sean Wendling	Memphis	Senior	Outfield
Aidan Florke	Memphis	Sophomore	Outfield
Zack Hollers	Memphis	Sophomore	Outfield
Cade Seiler	Sandusky	Senior	Outfield
Trenton Lee	Sandusky	Sophomore	Outfield
Ben Kreger	Sandusky	Sophomore	First Base
Austin Roberts	Harbor Beach	Junior	Outfield
Kurtis Hanson	Harbor Beach	Junior	Infield
Connor Masadas	Ubly	Junior	At Large
Lucas Fortune	Brown City	Senior	At Large
John Tkalcac	Brown City	Sophomore	Outfield
Nick Macias	Memphis	Senior	At Large

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Megan Kreger	Memphis	Senior	Catcher
Allison Romzek	Ubly	Senior	Infield
Erika Troia	Brown City	Junior	Infield
Taylor Calkins	Sandusky	Sophomore	Infield
Katelyn Patterson	Sandusky	Senior	First Base
Paige Patterson	Sandusky	Freshman	Outfield
Becki Krause	Brown City	Senior	Outfield
Savannah Walker	Ubly	Junior	Outfield
Sadie Souva	Ubly	Sophomore	At Large
Alexis Wiltse	Brown City	Sophomore	At Large
SECOND TEAM			
Lauren Woods	Brown City	Freshman	Pitcher
Kaylee Stover	Marlette	Senior	Pitcher
Bethany Gornowicz	Ubly	Sophomore	Catcher
Katelyn Sweeney	Ubly	Freshman	Infield
Jenna Arndt	Harbor Beach	Senior	Infield
Madysen Jansen	Sandusky	Junior	Infield
McKenzie Wilhelmson	Marlette	Junior	First Base
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GTW All-Conference softball picks include 8 Red Hawks



SAYGE CUTHRELL



RILEY KLEIN



KONNAR WARREN

by Clarke Haire
Publisher

As usual, Unionville-Sebewaing Area (USA) and Reese dictated the Greater Thumb West All-Conference dream team softball choices with eight of the 12 players honored coming from the league’s powerhouse teams.

Both schools landed four members on the 2017 first team, according to the vote of coaches in the 6-school association.

Named from undefeated conference champ USA were Katie Engelhardt, junior, pitcher; Marisa Mortan, senior, infielder; Brianna Osantowski, junior, outfield; and Sara Reinhardt, senior, player-at-large.

Reese – the Greater Thumb West (GTW) runner-up – was represented on the first team by Lauren Bouvy, freshman, pitcher; Carlee Selle, senior, catcher; Elena Beylerlein, senior, infield; and Abbey Ackerman, junior, infield.

Rounding out the first team honorees were Elkton-Pigeon-Bay

Port: Jaelyn Talaski, freshman, infield; and Michelle Schulze, senior, first base; Vassar: Maddison Hornung, junior, outfield; and Bad Axe: Abby Newland, sophomore, outfield.

Highlighting the GTW All-Conference second team choices was the Cass City trio of Sayge Cuthrell, Riley Klein and Konnar Warren.

Cuthrell, a junior pitcher, was mighty on the mound and in the batter box. The Lady Red Hawk ace threw 125 innings during the campaign and won 10 times. She struck out 166 with an ERA of 2.8. At the plate, Cuthrell held a .388 average that included seven doubles.

Klein, the Red Hawks’ junior third baseman, batted .325 and was clutch with runners in scoring position. She hammered in 23 RBIs.

Warren, a junior gold glove candidate in center field, had an OBP of .481 and batted for a .386 average.

Also on the GTW All-Confer-

ence second team were Rylee Zimmer, USA, sophomore, pitcher; Monica Jobes, Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port, senior, catcher; Breyton Meeks, Bad Axe, senior, infield; Katlin Kady, Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port, sophomore, infield; Alexis Cady, USA, senior, first base; Lauren Adams, USA, junior, outfield; Olivia Montgomery, Reese, senior, outfield; Kristyn Wurst, Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port, sophomore, play-at-large.

Turning to the GTW Honorable Mention players, from Cass City were Baylee Murphy, Lauren Dickinson, Kacey Haire, Bailee Ross and Megan Graham. Other honorable mention players were Reese’s Abbie Huizar, Madison Peyok, Carly Schluckbier, Indyanna McCoy, Gracie Lefler and Nicole Kowalski; Vassar’s Hannah Tomlinson, Samantha Taylor and Ann Marie Faulk; Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port’s Abi Schuette and Taylor Weisenbaugh; USA’s Jessica Fritz and Lexy Neal, Bad Axe’s Maddy Jimkoski, Ashliegh Krug and Hannah Young.

Anthes, Baker top Cass City’s all-conference baseball choices

Freshman Kendall Anthes and senior Brent Baker were the top Cass City vote getters in the 2017 Greater Thumb West (GTW) All-Conference baseball balloting.

However, the Red Hawks failed to place anyone on the league’s all-conference first team, while co-champions Reese, USA and third place finishers Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port (EPBP) – the lone teams with winning records in the GTW – occupied most of the dream team positions.

Earning first team all-conference praises were Rockets senior Ryan Fisher (pitcher), senior Ryan Maclin (infield), junior Tony Wark (first base), senior Jacob Galsterer (outfield). Patriots honored were junior Devin Risky (pitcher) and senior Cody Finkbeiner (player at large), while from the Lakers, senior Seth Bowles (catcher), senior Travis Deering (outfield), junior Taylor Kady (outfield) were named among the GTW best. Completing the first team selections are senior infielder Martin Messing of Bad Axe and senior infielder Steven Hecht of Vassar.

In addition to Cass City’s Anthes and Baker, the GTW All-Confer-

ence second team players were: EPBP’s Zac Gerstenberger and Brennan Wissner; USA’s Brendan Prime, Cooper Kauffold, Ryan Kain and Paul Miklovie; Reese’s Tyler Terbush; Vassar’s Collin Bowden; and Bad Axe’s Brandon Erla.

Cass City Coach Josh Stern says Anthes will be part of a young returning core for next year’s team, while Baker will be sorely missed.

In his rookie season, Anthes batted .316 at the plate, but it was his work on the hill that stood out. He struck out 32 batters in 23 innings

pitched and held a 1.215 ERA in mostly relief appearances.

Baker batted .330 in his final season and drove in 11 RBIs. Like Anthes, he too was solid toeing the rubber, highlighted by a no-hit outing against Brown City.

Completing the list of all-conference award winners were honorable mention players Joey Krol, Brad Baker, Sandyn Cuthrell and Luke Stern – Cass City; Jacob Hartman, Chase Everitt, Adam Fisher and Tyler Kosik – Reese; Brady Smith – EPBP; Josh Waldie – Vassar; Bailey Iden – Bad Axe.



KENDALL ANTHERS



BRENT BAKER

GTC announces golf standouts

The Greater Thumb Conference 2017 all-conference golfers were named late last week.

Honored from the West Division were: first team players Ethan Krohn, Bad Axe; Javier G-Mayoral, Vassar; Drew Sholler, EPBP; Colby Meeks, Bad Axe; Brandy Rosental, EPBP; Luke Bogart, Vassar.

The Greater Thumb West all-conference second team included Hunter McGrath, Klean Boynton and Brad Hacker - Cass City;

Brandon Hazard and Adam Reinhardt, EPBP; and Sam MacAlpine, Bad Axe.

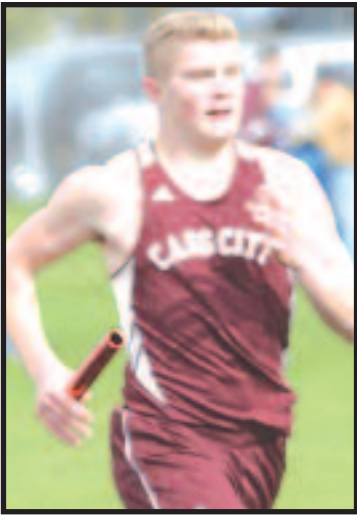
Honorable mention players from the West Division are Logan Hook, Vassar and Tyler Bismack, Bad Axe.

Honored from the East Division were: first team players Ben Jones and Marshal Holt, Sandusky; Mitch Conley and Garret Kunz, Brown City; and Jake Uhl and Blake Badger, Ubly.

The Greater Thumb East all-conference second team included Levi Block and Justin Briolat, Ubly; Cody Johnston and Blake Kartanys, Sandusky; Owen Woody, Harbor Beach; and Jared McPhail, Brown City.

Honorable mention players from the East Division are David Sorenson, Ubly; Mark Vaertan, Brown City; Wyatt Bradley and Lucus Parker, Sandusky; and Brad Voss, Harbor Beach.

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Pastor’s Corner

Gould finds truth in the Bible, not fake news

It has always amazed me how the godless who deny scripture, so readily fulfill their role in it. The reaction to the recent Paris Climate Agreement is just one more example. How do whole continents of people fall for fake news, about a fake accord, concerning a fake issue? Paul gives us the answer in Romans 1:25, where he describes the heart of man in the last days: “For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.”


Do you see the problem? The truth of God was long ago abandoned in Europe, creating a vacuum now being filled by Islam and every other false doctrine. They exchanged the biblical truth of God and the creation for the secular lie of Darwin and evolution. The fear and hysteria (if it’s even genuine) regarding America’s abandonment of the Climate Accord is projected only by those who “worship the creature.” If the planet is god, then fallen, foolish man will defend against anything that threatens his god (translated “idol”).

But a Christian who takes God at His word cannot be captured by unfounded fear. For the believer knows: “The earth is the Lord’s, and all it contains, the world and those who dwell in it,” Psalm 24:1. God owns it and God takes care of it. Christians are merely stewards, managers of God’s creation, not the owners of it. We worship the God of creation, not the creation itself. We know the Lord’s promise given to man long ago, after the cataclysmic flood of Noah’s day: “While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease,” Genesis 8:22.

As children of the Creator, we take comfort in the promises of a Heavenly Father who cannot lie, and find security in the home in which He has placed us. Certainly: “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, and though the mountains slip into the heart of the sea;..” yet, “He established the earth upon its foundations, so that it will not totter forever and ever,” Psalm 46:1, 2; 104:5.

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

MORTGAGE SALE - A mortgage was granted by Brian M Schuman, a married man and Lisa Schuman, married woman, mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Mac-Clair Mortgage Corporation, its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated September 9, 2003, and recorded on November 17, 2003 in Liber 964 on Page 891, and assigned by said Mortgagee to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Fifty-Three Thousand Two Hundred Seventy-Five and 04/100 Dollars (\$153,275.04)

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on June 29, 2017. Said premises are situated in Township of Arbel, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: The East 12 rods of the South 135 rods, of the West 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 18, Township 10 North, Range 7 East.

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

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Dated: May 31, 2017

For more information, please call:
FC S (248) 593-1304

Trott Law, P.C.

Attorneys For Servicer

31440 Northwestern Hwy Ste. 200

Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-5422

File #380606F06

5-31-4

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 John P. Lemire, a single man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Irwin Mortgage Corporation, its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated March 24, 2003 and recorded April 23, 2003 in Liber 927, Page 741, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Ditech Financial LLC fka Green Tree Servicing LLC, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-Nine and 32/100 Dollars (\$73,889.32), including interest at 6.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on JUNE 29, 2017.

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

Beginning at a point in Section 29, Town 14 North, Range 7 East, where the South line of right of way of Detroit, Bay City and Western Railroad intersects the East line of said Section 29, 125 feet Westerly therefrom, running thence South parallel with the East Section line, 200 feet; thence West parallel to said railroad right of way 105 feet; thence North parallel to said Section line 200 feet to said South line of right of way of said railroad; thence East along said line of right of way to the place of beginning. Together with an easement for ingress and egress over the existing driveway located on the South 12 feet of the North 26 feet of the South 1285.60 feet of the Easterly 125 feet of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 29, Town 14 North Range 7 East.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

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

Dated: May 31, 2017

Orlans PC

Attorneys for Servicer

P.O. Box 5041

Troy, MI 48007

File No. 17-007002

5-31-4

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 Carol McElroy, an unmarried woman, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lenders successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated April 25, 2014 and recorded May 22, 2014 in Liber 1307, Page 1181, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Ditech Financial LLC, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty-Four and 73/100 Dollars (\$63,854.73), including interest at 4.99% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on JUNE 29, 2017.

Said premises are located in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at a point on the Section line 921.1 feet West of the Northeast corner of Section 3, Town 12 North, Range 9 East, thence West along the Section line 50 feet; thence South at right angles to the Section line, to the Northeast boundary line of Oakwood Addition to the Village of Caro, thence Southeast along the Northeast boundary line of Oakwood Addition to the Village of Caro to a point which is South and at right angles to the Section line from the point of beginning; thence North at right angles to the Section line to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can re-

scind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

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

Dated: May 31, 2017

Orlans PC

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P.O. Box 5041

Troy, MI 48007

File No. 16-013169

5-31-4

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Kelly Torrey and Michele Torrey, husband and wife, as Mortgagors, to Northstar Bank, a Michigan Banking Corporation, whose principal office is in Bad Axe, Michigan, as Mortgagee, dated February 23, 2009 and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan on March 3, 2009 in Liber 1168, page 1041 ("Mortgage"), and on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of One Hundred Twenty Two Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety Five and 32/100 (\$122,795.32) Dollars including interest at 5.38% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said Mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the Circuit Court within the County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, at 10:00 o'clock A.M. on Thursday June 22, 2017.

Said premises described as follows:

PARCEL F: Part of the Northeast quarter of Section 36, Town 11 North, Range 9 East, described as: Beginning at a point that is North 89 degrees 43 minutes 15 seconds West, 66.00 feet along the North Section line and South 00 degrees 24 minutes 07 seconds West, 657.50 feet from the Northeast corner of said Section 36; thence continuing South 00 degrees 24 minutes 07 seconds West, 101.60 feet; thence North 89 degrees 34 minutes 20 seconds West, 175.12 feet; thence along the extended Easterly Plat line of William Turner's second Addition, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, page 29, now being page 30A, Tuscola County Records, North 00 degrees 39 minutes 03 seconds East, 101.60 feet; thence South 89 degrees 34 minutes 20 seconds East, 174.68 feet to the point of point of beginning.

PARCEL G: Part of the Northeast quarter of Section 36, Town 11 North, Range 9 East, described as: Beginning at a point that is North 89 degrees 43 minutes 15 seconds West, 66.00 feet along the North Section line and South 00 degrees 24 minutes 07 seconds West, 759.10 feet from the Northeast corner of said Section 36; thence continuing South 00 degrees 24 minutes 07 seconds West, 101.60 feet; thence North 89 degrees 34 minutes 19 seconds West, 175.56 feet; thence along the extended Easterly Plat line of William Turner's Second Addition, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, page 29, now being page 30A, Tuscola County Records, North 00 degrees 39 minutes 03 seconds East, 101.60 feet; thence South 89 degrees, 34 minutes 20 seconds East, 175.12 feet to the point of beginning.

TOGETHER WITH AND INCLUDING an easement for ingress and egress, 66.00 feet in width described as part of the Northeast quarter of Section 36, Town 11 North, Range 9 East, described as: Beginning at a point on the East Section line that is South 00 degrees 24 minutes 07 seconds West, 657.58 feet from the Northeast corner of said Section 36; thence South 00 degrees 24 minutes 07 seconds West, 406.93 feet; thence North 89 degrees 16 minutes 03 seconds West, 66.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 24 minutes 07 seconds East, 406.58 feet; thence South 89 degrees 34 minutes 21 seconds East, 66.00 feet to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date at such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.

Dated: May 31, 2017

NORTHSTAR BANK, Mortgagee

Zachary J. Eskau, Attorney at Law

175 Thompson Rd., Bad Axe, MI 48413

(989) 269-6272

5-31-4

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

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE MORTGAGE SALE-A mortgage was granted by GERI BARACONI, a single woman, as Mortgagor(s) to FRANKENMUTH CREDIT UNION, 580 NORTH MAIN STREET, FRANKENMUTH, MI 48734, Mortgagee dated OCTOBER 25, 2013, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Tuscola County, and State of Michigan on NOVEMBER 5, 2013, in LIBER 1295 on PAGE 818 of Tuscola County Records on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of NINETY SEVEN THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY THREE AND 58/100THS (\$97,463.58) DOLLARS at 6% percent per annum and attorney fees as provided for in said Mortgage, and no suit or proceedings at law or in equity have been instituted to recover the moneys secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof;

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on JULY 13, 2017, At 10:00 A.M. local time, said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder in the main lobby of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Tuscola is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, aforesaid, on said mortgage with interest thereon and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises.

Which said premises are described as follows: TOWNSHIP OF TUSCOLA, COUNTY OF TUSCOLA AND STATE OF MICHIGAN, to wit: PART OF THE SOUTHEAST 1 / 4 OF SECTION 16, TOWN 11 NORTH, RANGE 7 EAST, DESCRIBED AS BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 16, WHICH IS NORTH 928 FEET FROM THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 16; THENCE CONTINUING ALONG SAID EAST LINE, NORTH 200 FEET; THENCE AT RIGHT ANGLES TO SAID EAST LINE, WEST 327 FEET; THENCE SOUTH, 200 FEET; THENCE EAST, 327 FEET TO THE

EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 16 AND POINT OF BEGINNING. During the SIX (6) MONTHS immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241 a, the property may be redeemed during the thirty (30) days immediately following the sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.

KENNETH C. BUTLER II (P 28477)

ATTORNEY FOR MORTGAGEE

24525 Harper Avenue St. Clair Shores, MI 48080

(586) 777-0770

Dated: 6-7-17

6-7-5

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

MORTGAGE SALE - A mortgage was granted by Eugene F Partridge and Terra Partridge, husband and wife, mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated December 22, 2011, and recorded on December 29, 2011 in Liber 1238 on Page 236, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Four Thousand Six Hundred Eleven and 36/100 Dollars (\$74,611.36).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on July 13, 2017. Said premises are situated in Township of Dayton, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: The land is situated in the Township of Dayton, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, as follows:

The East 281 feet of the North 310 feet of the Northwest quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 18, Town 11 North, Range 10 East, Dayton 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, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Dated: June 14, 2017

For more information, please call:

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Attorneys For Servicer

31440 Northwestern Hwy Ste. 200

Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-5422

File #466548F02

6-14-4

FORECLOSURE NOTICE THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR COLLECTING A DEBT. IF THE DEBT WAS DISCHARGED IN A BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDING, THIS NOTICE IS NOT AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT THAT DEBT. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below. ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee for any reason. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest, and the purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgage, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's attorney.

MORTGAGE SALE – Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Diana Woodruff, Unmarried to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Fidelity Mortgage of NY a division of Delta Funding Corporation, its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated February 8, 2007 and recorded February 20, 2007 in Liber 1111 Page 451 Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said Mortgage was assigned to: HSBC Bank USA, N.A., as Indenture Trustee for the registered Noteholders of Renaissance Home Equity Loan Trust 2007-1 by assignment dated May 25, 2017 and recorded June 6, 2017 in Liber 1375 Page 898 on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Four Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty-Five Dollars and Eighty- Three Cents (\$94,855.83) including interest 4% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, the Circuit Court of Tuscola County at 10:00 AM on July 13, 2017 Said premises are situated in Township of Almer, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: COMMENCING 375 FEET NORTH OF THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SOUTHEAST ONE-QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST ONE-QUARTER OF SECTION 22, TOWN 13 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST, THENCE WEST 175 FEET; THENCE NORTH 140 FEET; THENCE EAST 175 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 140 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING.

Commonly known as 2185 Luder Road, Caro, MI 48723 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later, or unless MCL 600.3240(16) applies. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Dated: 06/14/2017 HSBC Bank USA, N.A., as Indenture Trustee for the registered Noteholders of Renaissance Home Equity Loan Trust 2007-1 Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 251 Division Street Rochester, MI 48307 248-853-4400 Our File No: 106315

6-14-

4Publication of Notice of Hearing

File Number: 17-000010-NC

In the matter of Tia Jo Kennedy

To all interested persons whose address(es) are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:

Take notice: A hearing will be held on June 19, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at Tuscola County Probate/Family Court before Nancy L. Thane (P38918) for the following purpose: to complete a legal name change from Tia Jo Kennedy to: Grayson Joseph Kennedy.

Date: May 17, 2017
Tia Jo Kennedy
3489 W. Dickerson Rd.
Unionville, MI 48767
(989) 670-9906

6-14-1

Obituaries

Terry Lynn Prosowski

Terry Lynn Prosowski, 63, of Cass City, died Thursday, June 8, 2017 in St. Mary's of Michigan, Saginaw following a brief and unexpected illness.

She was born July 13, 1953 in Detroit to William Earl and Ruth Lucille (Scott) Griffith.

She married Alan Edward Prosowski October 26, 1974 in St. Clair Shores.

Terry graduated from South Lake High School, St. Clair Shores in 1972.

She worked for Basset Engineering and then General Cable for fifteen years. Terry enjoyed her part time job as a crossing guard for Cass City Public Schools and also worked part time for Erla's Grocery Store in the bakery. She was a good cook, known for her homemade potato salad and perch dinners. She enjoyed playing solitaire, gardening, working crossword puzzles and watching TV, especially Deadliest Catch and Food Network. Terry loved attending her children and grandchildren's school and sporting events. Together Terry and Al made cider and donuts each fall.

Terry is survived by her husband, Alan; children: Alan (Carrie) Prosowski of Auburn, Christine (fiancé Brian Zuzga) Prosowski of Unionville and Michael (Kristin Hedley) Prosowski of Elkton; grandchildren: Nathan Prosowski, Noah Prosowski, Kailey Becker and Mason Becker; brother-in-law: Milton Phillips of Cass City; mother-in-law, Anita Prosowski; sisters-in-law: Barbara Prosowski and Linda (Dennis) Regnerus; and many nieces and nephews. Terry will also be missed by her special pet friend, her dachshund, Abby.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Roger Griffith; sister, Brenda Phillips; sister-in-law, Lena Griffith; and father-in-law, Edward Prosowski.

A funeral service was held Saturday, June 10, in Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City with the Rev. Christian Tabares of Our Lady Consolata Parish officiating.

Interment will be in Elkland Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Cass City Historical Society.

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

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City.

John Wood

On June 10, 2017, Rev. John Ralph Wood had his fondest wish come true; to meet his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ face-to-face. He passed peacefully in his home, surrounded by family.

Rev. Wood was many things to many people: a cherished husband, a loving father, an adoring (great) grandfather, a trusted friend and a gifted pastor. His presence will be greatly missed on this side of eternity.

He was born on the south side of Chicago on December 19th, 1927 to Mr. & Mrs. John Walter & Lydia Wood.

He lived a full 89 years, filled with love, laughter (often times at his own jokes- and there were many!) and, most of all, a close walk with Jesus. He graduated from Streater High School in 1945. After receiving his diploma, he followed his older brother's footsteps and joined the Navy. He later attended Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, after which he became an ordained minister, a calling he lived out faithfully and passionately for 65 years. It was also during this time where he met the love of his life and future wife of 67 years, Jean Mitchell. They were married in Cass City, Michigan in 1949 and had one son, Ronald Wood. In 1951, he was called to lead his first church in La Paz, Indiana. In future years, he would pastor in various cities throughout Michigan and Ohio including; Lapeer, Ecorse, Bellefontaine, OH, and Cass City. He also served as the state representative for the Michigan Association of Regular Baptist Churches (MARBC). John served the Lord and his people faithfully in all venues. He eventually entered into retirement, but had a difficult time staying there.

During his "retirement years" he served as interim pastor for different churches, assisting each in various capacities. He was a man of great faith, wisdom and integrity. He moved through the world with an eternal perspective, his eyes fixed on Jesus. He loved the Lord. He loved his family. He loved his friends. He served all of them well. To know John was to know his quick-witted personality and love for laughter. People simply adored his personality. He shared his many jokes generously and was gifted in conversation, particularly politics and religion. His light-hearted nature and genuine concern for others made him a fast friend to many. He enjoyed travel, venturing into 48 different states in the U.S. as well as visiting Israel, and spending time in nature. He could enjoy almost any situation with his wife, Jean, at his side. She was truly his pride and joy.

He was preceded in death by his parents John Walter & Lydia Wood; brother Raymond; sisters Marian & Ruth; and many dear friends.

He is survived by his wife Jean Wood; son and daughter-in-law Ronald & Melody Wood; 3 grandchildren and their spouses: Bradley & (Ashley) Wood, Benjamin & (Krista) Wood and (Stephen) Brackett & Jennifer Wood-Brackett; and 4 great children, Bryce, Kaiya, Natalie and Crosby.

Though he will be greatly missed, none would wish to take him away from the joy he is now experiencing! Philippians 3:7-8.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, June 14 from 5-8 p.m. at Hurst Funeral Home, Greenville. A memorial service will be held Wednesday, June 21 at 11:00 a.m. at Cornerstone Baptist Church in Bay City, with military honors.

Interment will be at the Novesta Township Cemetery in Cass City. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Calvary Baptist Church in Greenville, MI or Continental Baptist Missions in Rockford, MI.

Memories and messages of condolence may be shared via www.hurstfh.com.

Arrangements were made by Hurst Funeral Home of Greenville.



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Historical society on the lookout for young blood during program

All invited to “Puttin’ on the Dog” celebration hosted by the library

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Members of the Cass City Area Historical and Genealogy Society are hoping to ignite some interest in their organization among younger members of the community with a special event planned for next week. Their goal? To recruit residents willing to play a key role in helping to make sure the society’s mission of preserving local history continues for many years to come.

“We would like to invite (everyone) to a special event in which the community will come together to celebrate the history of Cass City, hear about one of its most interesting places, and learn how we can, together, ensure Cass City’s story is told for generations to come,” said historical society member Tyler Perry, referring to the “Puttin’ on the Dog” celebration set for Monday, June 19, at 6 p.m. at Rawson Memorial District Library.

The event will include plenty of food — hot dogs with all the fixings, plus strawberries and ice cream – along with a brief business meeting and special program entitled, “Do You Know Elkland Township Cemetery?”, hosted by cemetery Sexton Steve Wright.

While some people might consider history to be little more than a subject studied in school, Perry indicated history has a much broader importance in communities such as Cass City.

“A hometown is a special place. It is there that we first learn of life and death, love and loss, the value of hard work, and the importance of community. For hundreds of people, Cass City...has been that place,” Perry stated in an invitation letter announcing the upcoming gathering at the library.

“The storefronts that line Main Street have been the ‘classrooms’ where the town’s younger residents have learned customer service and business. The halls and playgrounds of Cass City’s schools have served as meeting places for lifelong friends and relationships, while the cemetery at the edge of town holds memories of lost loved ones and shed tears,” he explained.

“No matter where a person may end up in the world, geographically, their hometown is bound to hold a special place in their heart, and serves as the keeper of their earliest memories,” Perry said. “For Cass Cityans, the Cass City Area Historical and Genealogy Society is the custodian of many of the tangible ties to those memories, the guardian of relics from the town’s past.

“The society has taken proactive and progressive measures to ensure that generations, present and future, understand how special their community is and have access to its history with the flip of a page or the click of a mouse.”

Towards that end, the society has launched and completed a number of significant projects over the course of its existence.

Examples include the compilation of the town’s history in “The Way It Was (1854-1995)”, the production of the film “Cass City: The First 150 Years”, and the complete digitization of both of Cass City’s newspapers (1881-present) and Elkland Township Cemetery records. The society was also behind the publishing of its own book, “The Story of Your Town, a Children’s History of Cass City”, which is used as part of the Cass City Public Schools curriculum.

Much of the work involved in those projects has fallen on a small number of volunteers, and society members are concerned these days about how their ranks have thinned over the years.

“We’ve got to get some younger people in there,” said Katie Jackson, who has served as the local historical society’s president for the past 25 years and intends to retire at the end of this summer.

“We have 40 or 50 dues-paying members. Financially that’s fine, but physically, we’re down to very few” active members, Jackson added.

As the historical and genealogy society looks to the future, members are anticipating the development of new projects, such as the digitization of the Cass City High School yearbooks, along with many others. But the group needs more help, Perry said.

“We realize time is a precious commodity these days,” he added, “but we also believe that the preservation and promotion of our community’s history is a worthwhile task.”

Police coverage takes spotlight at Ubly meet

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Law enforcement issues took center stage during a recent Ubly Village Council meeting.

The June meeting’s discussion focused on what police coverage Bingham Township has contracted for and what coverage they pay for, according to Ubly Village President David Jaroch.

“Many years ago, an agreement was reached between the village and Bingham Township to provide police assistance for fire, ambulance and other assists outside the village limits. This agreement has been formalized into a contract,” Jaroch explained. “At the meeting, the police committee and the police chief questioned how patrol time should be spent.

“Ubly is located in Bingham Township, and village residents pay both township taxes and village taxes,” Jaroch noted.

“Villages are formed to offer their residents increased services other than those provided by the township. The village of Ubly spends general fund dollars to provide for police presence in the community,” he said. “All village residents enjoy the rights and privileges of being township residents as well. Village tax monies are spent to enhance the village.”

Townships have the option of providing police protection to their citizens directly or by relying on county and/or state police agencies to fulfill that duty. An “assist agreement” is another method of enhancing police protection locally.


“The village of Ubly currently spends over \$130,000 per year for police protection. The township of Bingham is currently paying \$9,000 to the village to provide services to the entire township,” Jaroch said. “Approximately half of township residents live in the village. Currently, 15 to 20 percent of the village patrol time is spent outside of the village limits. “

Discussion during the recent village meeting centered on the level of service Ubly residents receive from Bingham Township’s \$9,000 supplement in terms of paying for assists outside the village, according to Jaroch.

In other business, the council’s safety committee reported that a peddler’s license is required to sell door-to-door in the village, and that the new police car has been delivered and will be ready for service in the next few weeks.

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