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Ben's owner says local grocery still coming

by Clarke Haire
Publisher

Trustee Tom Herron was absent from Monday's regular monthly meeting of the Cass City Village

Council, as he left on a trip to South America earlier in the day.

But before doing so, the local builder delivered a letter to the Chronicle office from Jim Zyrowski, Ben's Supercenter owner,

outlining the progress being made in his plans to transform the former Erla's Food Center building at 6233 Church St. into a new Ben's location expected to be called "Ben's Neighborhood Mar-

ket".

Zyrowski originally planned to build a grocery store just north of M-81 at the west end of the village on the site of the former Croft Clara lumber yard, but later opted

to use the Erla's building — which he purchased in the fall of 2015 — saying it would be far less expensive to renovate than to build from scratch.

Part of Zyrowski's plan is to house a branch of Frankenmuth Credit Union inside the new store, a move made possible late last year when he secured a zoning variance allowing a bank drive-through feature to be constructed along the north side of Church Street, within less than the 60-foot setback requirement in the village's zoning ordinance.

In a letter dated Jan. 28 and read into record by Cass City Village

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January embers...

IN SPITE OF the bitter temperatures and biting winds that have dominated this winter, Thumb area residents have been treated to some amazing sunrises. Following a weekend warm-up of sorts, weather forecasters were calling for a return to normal highs and lows this week.

Annual chamber dinner on tap Saturday

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

The Cass City community has been honoring its own annually since the 1960s, recognizing a select few "citizens of the year" whose contributions have helped to make the village a better place to work, live and play.

That tradition continues this weekend with the annual Cass City Chamber of Commerce Dinner, slated for Saturday, Feb. 3, at the Cass City VFW Hall.

The event will kick off at 5 p.m. with a social hour featuring hors d'oeuvres and a silent auction, followed by dinner at 6 p.m. with a program to follow. Tickets, which

include dinner and an open bar, are available for \$30 each at Rawson Memorial District Library, Chemical Bank, Independent Bank, Thumb Bank and Trust, and the chamber of commerce office, located at the Cass City Municipal Building at the corner of Main and Seeger streets.

Proceeds from the silent auction along with \$1 from every ticket sold will go to the Cass City Junior Citizen Scholarship Fund.

Former longtime local education and school administrator Willis Campbell was the first resident honored with the Citizen of the Year award back in 1963. Two years later, chamber officials added a Junior Citizen of the Year

award category, and Betty Kennedy was the recipient.

In 2017, the chamber honored Citizen of the Year Sherryl Seeley, while then-Cass City High School seniors Paige Bagnall and Joel Patera shared Junior Citizen of the Year honors.

While the names of individual(s) selected for the Citizen of the Year award is generally not released ahead of time, the field of Junior Citizen of the Year nominees is made public prior to the dinner.

Nominated for 2018 Junior Citizen of the Year honors are Travis Albrecht, Lauren Dickinson, Lauren Fernald, Megan Graham, Claire Kausch, Samantha Stern, CarLee Stimpfel, Robert Weaver,

Reed White and Kaitlin Wither. Please turn to page 7.

Swindlers target area business in utility scam

Scam artists are continuing to come out of the woodwork, according to the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department, which last week reported a business owner in the county was duped out of \$600 allegedly owed to DTE Energy.

"The caller tells them they are behind in their electric bill and will shut off if they don't pay money in the form of a money gram," Sheriff Glen Skrent said on the department's Facebook page. "The call back number is an actual DTE format, which fools many people."

"This scam has been around for some time and we have put warnings out previously," Skrent noted. "DTE will never ask you to pay a bill in the form of a money gram. There is no way for the victim to get their money back. Please spread the word so no one else in our county gets their hard-earned money taken by these thieves."

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Purchase agreement submitted for preschool space

Uibly board approves bond vote

by Mary Drier
Special for the Chronicle

Uibly School District officials have formally approved plans to again ask voters for to support a bond issue for capital improvements.

In addition, the board of education approved a resolution to submit a purchase agreement for the Restore Shabby Chic Furniture Store, located at 4454 N. Washington St., along with the hall next to it for \$32,500. School officials plan to use the store to house a preschool program starting next fall.

The board gave its nod approval to both proposals during a special meeting early last week.

During a recent informational meeting, the district outlined a list of facility needs that passage of a ballot issue would address. School officials have spent more than a year identifying those needs.

"From the subcommittee of about 15 to 18 mem-

bers, a list of needs was developed and improvements that need to be done. The plan is to ask for 1.7 mills for 20 years," explained school Supt. Joe Candela. "That would generate about \$8.4 million."

If approved, the proposal would cost a resident with a home valued at \$108,000 about \$7.65 a month — roughly \$91 a year — more in taxes. Voters will decide the request during the Tuesday, May 8, election.

Should residents approve the measure, school officials say they would tackle a variety of capital improvement projects, including an addition, roof replacement, heating and cooling, remodeling, traffic flow improvements for parents picking up and dropping off students, a new gym floor, and bleachers.

The biggest need is to close off and replace the upstairs of the 1936 section of the original school because of its age and lack of handicap accessibility.

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KINGSTON HIGH School competed in the snow sculpting competition during the 27th annual Zehnder's Snowfest, held over the weekend in Frankenmuth. The school was represented by (from left) Alayna Williams, Coach Matt Ferguson, Sophia Allen, Dakota Distelrath and Kasia Giddings. See story, page 8. (Photo courtesy of Matt Ferguson)

Rawson Library gearing up for Threads Across the Thumb VII

Rawson Memorial District Library, Cass City, will present Threads Across the Thumb VII in February, featuring an entire month devoted to quilting.

The library will be draped in quilts created by local quilters during the celebration.

In addition, expert quilter Linda Guza will host a quilting class to make a zig zag table runner Saturday, Feb. 10, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. This table runner is a project designed for the confident beginner.

Cost of the class is \$15, including a soup and sandwich lunch. The offering is limited to 12 students. Interested patrons can sign up at the circulation desk and pick

up a supply list.

A Quilter's Tea is slated for Saturday, Feb. 24, from 1 to 3:00 p.m. at the Cass City United Methodist Church. Quilts will be displayed, a luncheon served, and Deb Wilson from Sisters in Quilting will present a trunk show.

Library officials say you don't have to be a quilter to enjoy this event. The luncheon will be served at 1 p.m. Cost for the event is \$15 per person and tickets may be purchased at the library until Feb. 21 (no tickets at the door).

New for Threads Across the Thumb VII will be a Mug Rug Challenge. In this challenge, organizers are asking anyone interested to make a "mug rug" — a mini-quilt that is about six inches

by nine inches; larger than a coaster but smaller than a placemat (just the right size for a cup of whatever you're drinking, a spoon, and perhaps a little treat beside it).

Creating mug rugs is an ideal stash or scrap project. It can also provide an opportunity to experiment with machine quilting and new quilting techniques and ideas. For each one made (up to 10), participants will be entered to win a \$25 gift card to use at their favorite quilt shop.

More information is available by calling the library at (989) 872-2856 or by stopping by the circulation desk during regular business hours.

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In Our OPINION...

Clarke Haire
Publisher **Tom Montgomery**
Editor

Stay healthy, baby! Prevent to protect

To increase their chances of having a healthy baby, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) officials are urging women to take steps to reduce their risk of getting an infection during pregnancy.

Gov. Rick Snyder proclaimed January as Birth Defects Awareness Month in Michigan, and MDHHS is joining with the National Birth Defects Prevention Network, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the March of Dimes, the Teratology Society and MotherToBaby to raise awareness of birth defects and how they can be prevented.

The campaign, "Prevent to Protect: Prevent Infections for Baby's Protection," places a special emphasis on the importance of preventing infections before and during pregnancy that can increase the risk of having a baby with a birth defect.

Birth defects are the most common cause of death in the first year of life and the second most common cause of death in children aged one to four years.

Among the many steps a woman can take to increase her chance of having a healthy baby is preventing infections that increase the risk of birth defects and other health problems for mothers and babies.

Some helpful tips for pregnant women or women who may become pregnant include:

*Get vaccinated — get a flu shot and the whooping cough vaccine, and be sure you're up-to-date with all vaccines before getting pregnant.

*Prevent insect bites — in warm weather, use insect repellent, wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants when outside, and consider avoiding travel to areas with Zika virus.

*Practice good hygiene — wash your hands often with soap and water.

*Talk to your healthcare provider — ask about how you can prevent infections, such as Zika virus, and discuss how to prevent sexually transmitted infections.

"Every expectant mother should take steps to prevent an increased risk of birth defects as well as promote an overall healthy pregnancy and healthy baby," said Eden Wells, MDHHS chief medical executive. "Vaccination, proper hygiene, prevention of insect bites, as well as conversations with your healthcare provider are important steps for any woman looking to start a family."

Wells reminds all women capable of becoming pregnant that they should eat a healthy diet, be physically active and take a multivitamin with 400 micrograms (mcg) of folic acid every day, whether they are currently planning a pregnancy or not.

In the United States, a baby is born with a birth defect every 4½ minutes — about 120,000 babies each year. Roughly one in 33 of Michigan's 113,000 babies is born with a serious birth defect every year.

MDHHS encourages residents to be an active participant in National Birth Defects Prevention Month. Learn more by following the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services on Facebook and #Prevent2Protect on Twitter.

Drier Humor

by Mary Drier

Remembering Rosie...and mom



"Anything you can do, I can do better..." Whenever I hear that line I think of my mother and the fictional character "Rosie the Riveter" who became the symbol of America's can-do spirit during World War II.

My mother was a city girl until she married my father. She quickly adapted to rural life. She learned to milk cows, raise chickens, drive tractors, grow a garden and can its produce, and she loved to fish and hunt. She could do it all.

The famous photo of Rosie shows her with her dark hair tied up in a red handkerchief, flexing her muscle with the words "We can do it" typed across the top, which reminds me of my mother.

Anyway, in my mind, my mother and Rosie the Riveter are intertwined. I guess that's why I've always had a place in my heart for Rosie and the effort to save the Willow Run Bomber Plant in Ypsilanti.

My mother passed away in 1983. I was saddened to learn that the lady, Naomi Parker Fraley, who according to some was the one who inspired Rosie the Riveter, passed away earlier this month at age 96.

Back when efforts were underway to save the old bomber factory, I wrote a couple of columns about it and donated to the effort because it was an important piece of history.

That factory and the part that women played in the war effort helped change history.

Their effort helped win the war. Also, few realize the freedom that women enjoy today basically started back then. Before WW II, a woman was expected to marry, to take care of her husband, their home and children. It was looked down on by society for a woman to work outside of the home.

After the war started, women began entering the workforce because so many men were away serving their country. There was a labor shortage.

In order to change the mindset of society that it was okay and necessary to the war effort for women to help out in factories, the government created the "Rosie the Riveter" campaign to recruit female factory workers. Rosie became the iconic image of working women during the war. The Willow Run Bomber Plant in Ypsilanti was the home of Rosie the Riveter.

That campaign was so successful that by 1945, nearly one out of every four married women worked outside of the home, according to statistics.

At the peak of production, the factory employed 42,000 people and produced a bomber every 55 minutes. Because of its efficiency, the factory was known as the "Arsenal of Democracy."

The Willow Run Factory was built by Henry Ford in 1941 to make bombers. The factory set idle for years until the Michigan Aerospace Foundation decided to buy part of the facility to preserve its history as an asset to the allies winning the war and the contribution that women made.

Millions of dollars in donations were raised to save part of the plant for the Yankee Air Museum that opened last year.


Although my mother was a rather small woman from the city, she was formidable in determination. She learned to hunt, milk cows and live off the land when she married my dad. So, when I see the Rosie the Riv-

eter sign, I think of her, and of all the strong women who helped forge our country and state.

Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)



You don't have to sell teacher Bill Hartzell on the notion that community support is alive and well in Cass City.

Hartzell reports his innovative History Based Movies Class at Cass City High School has benefited from a variety of support from area organizations, including Cass City VFW Post 3644, which recently donated a copy of the "The Vietnam War" PBS documentary for his students to view.

In addition, he reports, the Tuscola County Community Foundation's Future Youth Involvement (FYI) group approved an \$846 grant for the class to purchase a new popcorn machine. "Lastly, (we) ran a highly successful trivia night fundraiser on Saturday, Jan. 20, at Gilligan's Restaurant," he said, adding the money raised — more than \$2,600 — will be used to help the class provide a better learning experience for the students.

If Old Man Winter has you down, take heart — the Chronicle staff has received its first reported sighting of a robin this season.

Cass City area resident John Ryba stopped in at the office Friday to say he spotted a robbing near Rolling Hills Golf Course at about 11 a.m. Can spring be far away?

Calling all card sharks. The Cass City Gavel Club's annual Euchre Tournament is fast approaching.

Entry fee to the Saturday, Feb. 24th event is only \$35 and includes refreshments and lunch at Rolling Hills Golf Course in Cass City.

Club member Tavis Osentoski says the action is slated to start at 1:00 p.m. and initial partners will be determined by a blind draw and must be 18 years of age to play.

Submit entries to: Tavis Osentoski, 6349 Brenda Dr., Cass City, MI 48726. For more information call 989.551.2010 or email tavisosentoski@yahoo.com.

The 3rd Annual Cardboard City 5K Trail Run is set for April 21, 2018 starting at the Caro Community High School.

Entry fee, which includes a T-Shirt, is \$20 for the 10:00 a.m. race that helps support the homeless. In Michigan alone, there are 86,189 people homeless. All profits from the event will go directly to homeless people in Tuscola County.

Registration forms can be obtained at your local high school or by calling the Tuscola County Community Foundation at 989-673-8223.

Cass City Schools had a terrific showing at the robotics event over the weekend according to Lyle Severance, Technology Director of our local schools.

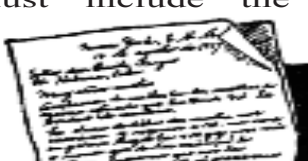
"The Robohawks had great performance at the Bad Axe competitions on Friday and Saturday. Our 6th grade IQ teams dominated on Friday night taking the top four spots in the event. Two teams won the tournament and therefore are going on to the State competition in Charlotte on March 3rd," he said, adding, "The Black and Maroon High School VRC teams were on the winning alliance on Saturday and are moving on to the Regional competition at Monroe County Community College on Feb 10. The Jr. High team and the White team each performed well and advanced to the elimination rounds of the tournament."

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Wednesday, January 31

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

Thursday, February 1

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

Saturday, February 3

•Al-anon meeting, 11 a.m., Cakima Serenity Home, Mayville. Call 989-912-5478 for more information.

•Suicide Survivor Grief Support Group, 1 p.m., Thumb Area Psychological Services 6627 Rose St., Cass City. For more information Lisa Schoettle, MA LPC NCC at 989-872-1800.

Sunday, February 4

•Hillside Community Brunch, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., All you can eat. Free will offering.

Monday, February 5

•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.

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

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

•Shabbona Outreach Baby Pantry, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Shabbona Outreach 5448 Shabbona Rd. Decker, MI. Gently used clothing and equipment, diapers, bottles, toys, formula, baby food. For more information contact Judy Doerr (989) 658-8625.

•Diabetes Seminar, 7 p.m., Rawson Memorial District Library. Sponsored by Cass City Lion's Club.

Tuesday, February 6

•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.

•Al-anon meeting, 7 p.m., Cakima Serenity Home, Mayville. Call 989-912-5478 for more information.

Circuit court proceedings

Several appear on felony charges

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

*Carl E. Savage Jr., 35, Caro, pleaded no contest to a charge of carrying a weapon with unlawful intent Oct. 25 in Caro. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

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

*Melanie M. Harrington, 35, Flint, received one-year delayed sentences following her pleas of guilty to possession of a controlled substance Sept. 16 in Caro, and to counts of possession of a controlled substance and one count of possession of marijuana or a synthetic equivalent Aug. 23 in Caro.

She was ordered to complete a combined 401 hours of community service and pay court costs and fines totaling \$2,124 plus attorneys fees of \$500.

*Kimberly D. Hughes, 46, Marine City, pleaded no contest to home invasion, second degree, June 17 in Koylton Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$10,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Justin R. Humes, 37, Caro, pleaded no contest to one count of criminal sexual conduct, second degree, Jan. 9, 2016, in Juniata Township.

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

*Michael W. Richmond, 42, Caro, pleaded guilty to charges of delivery/manufacture of marijuana and possession of marijuana Feb. 14 in Caro.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$8,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Preston T. Berry, 29, Vassar, pleaded guilty to assaulting or obstructing a public officer Sept. 20 in Caro. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at

\$10,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Mark P. Carter Jr., 32, Vassar, pleaded guilty to delivery of five to 45 kilograms of marijuana or a synthetic equivalent, or 20 to 200 marijuana plants July 7 in Vassar Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$8,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Timothy A. Czarniak, 56, Caro, pleaded no contest to larceny in a building June 14 in Caro. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

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

*Keith E. Gronewald, 41, Clarkston, received a one-year delayed sentence following his plea of no contest to assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault) Sept. 5

in Wells Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (three or more prior felony convictions).

He was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$858. Restitution in the case is to be determined.

*Rogelio S. Reyes, 37, Akron, was sentenced to 210 days in jail following his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Oct. 8 in Akron.

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

*Thomas W. Patterson, 37, Caro, was sentenced to six to 40 years in prison following his convictions on charges of delivery/manufacture of methamphetamine/Ecstasy, possession of methamphetamine/Ecstasy, and soliciting another to obtain pseudoephedrine, knowing it would be used to illegally manufacture methamphetamine Nov. 17, 2016, in Caro.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$394.



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September 24
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Planning Commission:

March 6
May 1
July 10
September 4
November 13

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Reporter's notebook

To err is to be
a journalist...

by Tom Montgomery
Editor



*"Ah ne'er so dire a Thirst of Glory boast,
Nor in the Critick let the Man be lost!
Good-Nature and Good-Sense must ever join;
To err is Humane; to Forgive, Divine.*

—English Poet Alexander Pope, from *An Essay on Criticism, Part II, 1711.*

Like most folks, I'm not very fond of criticism, but it's a necessary evil that has made me a better person in the long run. Still, it makes me wonder why on earth I chose a career as a journalist, a job in which your errors are out there on display, in newsprint, for all to see.

I'm convinced some people have made a hobby out of searching out mistakes we miss at the Chronicle.

Truthfully, we have, too.

It's been a while, but what follows is another brief chapter in a book of columns featuring some of the errors that didn't get away — courtesy of our proofreader, Deb Severance — each with the correction in parenthesis and a comment or two.

Enjoy.

*"Funds from the bong issue would allow us to..." We're guessing a bong issue would draw plenty of support (and cash) in this day and age, but we can't imagine too many school districts getting behind any sort of pot proposal. (bond).

*"Honored for their longtime service at Hills and Dales General Hospital... Isabel Wright, 111 years." Now, that's dedication! (11 years, from Memory Lane).

*Admission is \$5 (ages six and old). Hey, what about the middle-aged crowd? (older).

*"The celebration will include the crowing of the bean queen." What young lady wouldn't be happy enough to crow a bit after winning the title? (crown).

*"Team One has completed installation of an automated yeller machine (ATM)." Can you imagine how embarrassing that could be? What would an ATM yell, say, if you didn't have enough cash in your account to make the desired withdrawal — "Shame on you! Don't you ever, ever try that again!" (teller).

*"An estimated 325 to 350 people visited last year's Christmas in the Village Crash Show." And you were wondering why Cass City Police Chief Craig Haynes looked so exhausted after the holidays. (Craft).

*"The company filed for special used permits..." Waste not, want not, right? (use).

*"...assault rifles." Sure the money is grand, but is it really worth the risk? (rifles).

*"(Franzel) returns to CBS' Big Bother." No offense to our readers who were big fans of this reality television show. (Brother).

*"He is scheduled to join the U.S. Naval fleet." Maybe a subliminal plea for more military funding? (U.S.).

"(The suspect) was stopped as he was diving in Sebewaing." Is that illegal these days in Saginaw Bay in general, or only in Sebewaing? Wonder if Unionville still allows diving." (driving).

*"Cass City Gavel Club officers... Treasure Jim Hempton." No doubt the club values Jim's contributions. (Treasurer).

*"The Living Work Worship Center." Yup, that congregation isn't letting any grass grow under its feet. "(Word).

"The Department of Natural Recourses..." We're not saying this agency doesn't exist, but we wouldn't suggest that you lose your hunting or fishing license. (Resources).

*"Tuscola County Sheriff's deputies are asking for the public's health." Sheriff Skrent really takes that "to protect and serve" mission seriously! (help).

*"Mark Battel adds firework under a kettle to boil." Boy, those Battels really know how to throw a Maple Syrup Saturday, don't they? (firewood).

Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO (2013)

Kayla Montreuil has been named Owen-Gage School's "Senior Student of the Month" for January. Montreuil has been very active in sports and has won numerous all conference and honorary athletic awards. She has been a member of the varsity volleyball, basketball and softball teams each year throughout high school. Academically, Montreuil has been on the honor roll and a member of the 3.0 Honors Club each year. During her sophomore year, she was inducted into the Owen-Gage Chapter of the National Honor Society. She served as class president as a freshman, sophomore and junior. She is the daughter of Don and Patti Montreuil of Gagetown. Her future plans are to attend SVSU to pursue a career in special education.

Erica Sedlak and James "Jimmy" Ringle of Cass City announce their engagement. Erica is the daughter of Dave and Mary Henning of Bad Axe, and John and Kay Sedlak of Snover. Jimmy is the son of Jim and Linda Ringle of Cass City. The couple is planning a June 2013 wedding.

Ten-year-old Paige Hudson, the daughter of Brent and Constance Hudson, is among the Cass City Elementary School students whose artwork has been selected for participation in Michigan Senator Mike Green's annual "Kids of the 31st!" display in Lansing.

10 YEARS AGO (2008)

The 2008 Cass City Snowcoming King and Queen candidates include: Lauren Dillon, Maddie Dooley, Danielle Johnson, Kristie Karr, Caitlin Sorenson, Chris Zawilinski, Shane McFarland and Chris Binder, Chris Childs and Tom Parrish.

Vassar will be welcomed back with open arms by members of the Greater Thumb West league. It's a natural fit for the league. Vassar is similar to Cass City in that its enrollment hovered between class B and class C and with the recent decline in students it now is class C. Both schools were in the former Thumb B League that included larger schools, notably for local fans it included Caro and North Branch.

Marilyn Biefer has spent more than 3 decades sharing her love of art in the classroom with students in the Kingston Community Schools, but she also spends plenty of time practicing what she preaches at her Cass City home and at various art shows in the area. Biefer is the featured artist for January and February at Rawson Memorial Library in Cass City, where official are hosting a Cass City Arts Council showcase of area residents' artistic talents.

Chris Childs became a common household name throughout the Thumb over the weekend, as the senior sharpshooter helped Cass City rally for an electrifying 72-63 overtime win Friday against guest Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port. Childs, who received a shoulder ride from his teammates after the game, led the winners with 15 points, while Chris Summersett added 13 and Austin Babich had 11. Trent Gascho had a game-high 17 points to lead the Lakers, who had D'Anre Cook with 14 and Logan Tibbitts and Grant Gnagey each with 11.

25 YEARS AGO (1993)

Ed J. Hewitt, the son of Amor West, Cass City, was recently promoted to Sergeant (E-5). Hewitt, a 1984 graduate of Cass City High School, is currently stationed at Schofield Barracks in Oahu, Hawaii. His assignment with the U.S. Army as an attack helicopter crew chief and attack helicopter weapon systems technician is with ECo.214Avn.RGT.

Navy Lt. Craig S. Noble, whose wife, Angela, is the daughter of Walter and Evelyn Zmierski of Cass City, recently reported for duty at Naval hospital Branch Clinic, Naval Air Station, Meridan, MS. The 1971 graduate of Olivet College, Olivet, with a Bachelor of Arts degree and 1992 graduate of Western Graduate

School of Psychology, Palo Alto, Calif., with a Doctor of Psychology degree, joined the Navy in June 1991.

A Cass City resident is one of 61 residents from eastern Michigan among the 262 students named to Adrian College's 1992 Fall Dean's List. To achieve this honor, a student must maintain a 3.50 grade point average on a 4.0 scale and carry at least 12 credit hours of classes. Kelly Taylor of East Main Street, a senior majoring in mathematics with a minor in biology, is a 1989 graduate of Camden-Frontier High School and the daughter of Richard and Nancy Taylor.

35 YEARS AGO (1983)

Mr. and Mrs. George Fisher Sr. were supper guests Tuesday, Jan. 25, of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Langmaid when the first birthday of Paul Langmaid was celebrated. Other members of the Fisher families, including Mr. and Mrs. George Fisher of Caro, joined them later for dessert.

A buffet dinner Sunday afternoon at the home of W. and Mrs. Charles (Bud) Peasley was attended by 49 co-workers, friends and relatives. It celebrated Peasley's retirement from the Department of Mental Health Caro Regional Center. Jan. 26 was his last day at work. Retiring at the age of 62, he had been employed there for 14 years.

Wilford Smith of Snover announces the engagement of his daughter, Sandra Smith of Cass City, to Donald Yax of Deford. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Yax of Deford are his parents. A July wedding is planned.

Navy Sonar Technician 2nd Class Raymond D. Piaskowski, son of Mary E. Piaskowski of S. Seeger Street, Cass City, has returned from a deployment to the Western Pacific. He is a crewmember aboard the frigate USS Davidson, homeported in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. During the six-month deployment, the ship participated in several 7th Fleet training exercises. Port visits were made to Hong Kong, the Philippines, Thailand and Japan. The Davidson is 414 feet long and carries a crew of 247.

40 YEARS AGO (1978)

Michael Kirm, Electrician's Mate 2-C, U.S. Navy, is expected to arrive Friday at Tri-City Airport, coming from Rota, Spain, where he has spent nearly 3-1/2 years. He has completed a four year enlistment. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Kirm.

Mr. and Mrs. Velda L. Simmons of Kingston announce the engagement of their daughter, Arlene Joyce, to Steven Kent Kirkman. Steve is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Kirkman of Royal Oak. A Sept. 9 wedding is planned.

Navy Seaman Recruit Ronald J. Curtis Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin C. Caverly of Deford, has reported for duty aboard the frigate USS Patterson, homeported in Mayport, Fla. He joined the Navy in August, 1977.

Cass City Scoutmaster Jim Baker of Garfield Street received a veteran Scouter pin at the sixth, annual Scout recognition dinner Jan. 21 in Caro for Scout leaders in Tuscola and Huron counties. He received the pin for having served in Scouting for 20 years. He also received a Scouter key for having served as scoutmaster of Troop 594 for three years.

Cindy L. Calka, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Calka of Cass City, has been named to the dean's list in the college of education at Western Michigan University. Miss Calka is a senior who expects to graduate in December. She is majoring in physical education.

50 YEARS AGO (1968)

Second winner in a free drawing sponsored by the Chronicle and participating Cass City merchants was Mrs. Ella Cumper, "I told them when I submitted my first ticket that it was the winner, but I didn't really believe it", Mrs.

Cumper reported with a laugh. Handing her the prize is Mrs. Richard Bassett of Wood Rexall Drug, the store which drew her name for the week.

Private John Mulrath Jr., 20, whose parents live on S. Seeger, Cass City, completed reconnaissance training Jan. 26 at the Army Armor Center, Fort Knox, Ky. He received eight weeks of training in the methods of scouting and patrolling, with emphasis on the operation of Army jeeps on rugged terrain. Instruction was also given in camouflage techniques, concealment in natural terrain and handling of weapons. The private's wife, Shirley, lives on Church St., Cass City.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Beach, former residents who are now missionaries serving in Korea, recently completed a two-year Korean language course at Yonsei University in Korea. The pair were two of five foreigners to complete the language institute. Learning the language and customs of the country is expected to aid the couple in their work. Beach is working as a teacher with native farmers. He is helping them to develop 2,500 acres for farm purposes. Following her graduation, his wife, Mary, returned to Yonsei University, this time as a member of the staff. She will teach English at the university. Beach is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Beach of Gagetown and Mrs. Beach is the daughter of Mrs. Albert Leslie of Decker.

75 YEARS AGO (1943)

A pretty wedding was solemnized at the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Manley Endersbe in Grant Township on Saturday, Jan. 23, at 4:00 p. m. when their daughter, Ruth, and Pvt. Merton A. Wiltse, of the Army Air Force of Patterson Field, Ohio, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Wiltse, of Hemlock, Michigan, were united in marriage by Rev. Walter S. Hubbard of Kingston, uncle of the bride. The bride was given away by her father.

George Schwaderer, son of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Schwaderer, and Donald Adams, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Adams, Sr., of Caro, have enlisted in the Navy and left Detroit Monday for a naval training station. Both were students at the Michigan College of Mines and Technology at Houghton until recently.

Second Lieut. Wm. O. Wright, Jr., grandson of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Wright of Cass City, was graduated from the Officers' Training School of the Army Air Force at Miami Beach, Fla., on Jan. 14. He is the son of Wm. Wright, Sr., of Mr. Clemens, formerly of Cass City.

Mrs. Leland Delong and daughter, Linda Lee, of Detroit were callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Delong Sunday. Sunday evening they received a telephone call from Leland Delong, who has been stationed at Fort Custer, but who is now at Fort Brady, where he expects to remain for the duration. Leland is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Delong.

100 YEARS AGO (1918)

George D. Clarke of Vassar, J. D. Breaker of Cass City and H. P. Bush of Caro, lately appointed to constitute a War Board for Tuscola County, held a meeting in Caro and organized by electing Mr. Bush chairman, Mr. Clarke secretary and Mr. Breaker treasurer. Considerable time was devoted to a discussion of the work before them which will be in connection with local boards to be formed in every township of the county.

Theo Hendrick and little daughter Ruth, spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. Hendrick at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Brown at Cass City. Mrs. Hendrick is gaining nicely and expects to be home the last of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Higgins entertained Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Striffler and family at six o'clock dinner Thursday. The event was in honor of Kenneth Higgins and Kenneth Striffler whose birthdays are the same date, January 24.

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Leeson named to local planning commission

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Manager Debbie Powell Monday night, Zyrowski wrote:

"The Ben's team has been busy researching the right size and format for this location. This work has been completed and final floor plans and architectural drawings are near completion. Financing has been approved and we currently have verbal agreements with our partnering tenants and we will have written agreements executed soon.

"We are pleased with the progress we have made and are confident that the citizens of Cass City and the surrounding area will be pleased with the variety and selection of fresh and smoked meats, produce, deli, bakery, and grocery that we will offer.

"Our team plans to present our plans to the planning commission and (village) council for final approval in the very near future."

Cass City has been without a grocery store for more than three years. In September 2014, former Erla's Food Center owner Venu Ganga closed the business after owning and operating the store for about 2 1/2 years. Ganga originally purchased the business in February 2011, marking the end of a 57-year business tradition established by the Erla family.

"There's no doubt the new grocery store is coming," said Herron.

IN OTHER BUSINESS

Turning to other business during the January regular meeting, the council approved the village's 2018 Tuscola County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) allocation and entered into a service contract with Abadata Computer Corporation.

Before unanimously approving the \$5,000 contribution, Trustee Marilyn Biefer told her fellow council members that the Tuscola EDC has been actively assisting the village in the process of obtaining a Redevelopment Ready Community certification with the Michigan Economic Development Corporation that will aid the potential for securing federal and state grants.

Likewise, Biefer's motion to enter into a contract with Abadata Computer Corporation for computer maintenance was quickly approved after she explained the cost of a 100-hour package is \$7,500, and upon exhaustion of the 100-hour package, an additional package of 20 hours of service is available for \$1,640.

Among the services provided by Sebewaing firm, according to Biefer, are monitoring and maintaining daily backups; firewall, virus and malware protection; hardware malfunction alerts; security; and customized functions at three locations.

Also during the one-hour meeting, Fredrick (Joe) Leeson was appointed to the Cass City Planning Commission for a term ending in May to fill a vacant position created by the resignation of Deb McClorey, and learned that Jeremy Russell, Cass City, was chosen from over 50 applicants to fill a vacant position with the DPW crew. He starts work on Feb. 6.

Township creates position to handle FOIA requests

by Mary Drier
Special for the Chronicle

Officials in Sanilac County's Greenleaf Township are in the process of hiring some help to handle formal requests for information under Michigan Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

The township has been advertising, seeking an FOIA coordinator.

Under FOIA, citizens have the legal right to ask for and access information from units of government. Although much of that information is available, local governments can withhold certain items if they fall under one of nine categories that are exempt under the law.

A government entity that receives a FOIA request must respond within five business days after receiving a request. However, the public agency can notify the individual making the request — in writing — to extend the deadline by an additional 10 business days.

"Our clerk is getting bombarded, just bombarded with FOIA requests. We've gotten dozens of them. It has gotten to the point of extreme," said township Supervisor Robert DeLong. "Some requests are for information from seven to eight years ago."

The main problem with that is the township has only had a computer since April 2017, according to DeLong.

"So most of our records are not on a computer. Most records are not computerized and have to be searched for manually," he explained. "That takes a lot of effort and work."

According to DeLong, before the township purchased its own computer, some of those officials who previously held office in the township used their personal computers to conduct township business.

"Our clerk is our FOIA coordinator, but with the number of FOIAs she is getting, she can't keep up," said DeLong, noting the jobs of township supervisor and clerk are both only part-time positions.

"With the timeline that the FOIAs have to be responded to, it was decided to hire an FOIA coordinator," he said. "We received one application (for the job) before the deadline to apply and got one after. The person who applied on time is highly qualified and has a background in state and county government."

That individual, whose name has not been released yet, is expected to be hired soon as the township's FOIA coordinator.

It's an important responsibility because an FOIA request is a legal document and failure to respond in a timely manner can result in court action and fines.

If a trial court finds a public body has arbitrarily and capriciously violated the FOIA by refusal or delay in disclosing or providing copies of a public record, it may, in addition to any actual or compensatory damages, award punitive damages.

DeLong indicated that's a situation township officials want to avoid. "Some of the previous board members ran into (legal) issues on FOIA before I was on the board," he said. "That's why we will be hiring someone to help us with them."

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Scam artist targets Tuscola Co. business

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Just days earlier the department released a similar warning after a Deford area couple was bilked out of \$850 in a sweepstakes scam.

Sgt. Ryan Pierce investigated a fraud complaint filed by an elderly couple in Deford who had been called by a person identifying themselves as the executive vice president of Publishers Clearing House (PCH).

"The caller indicated that the victims had won \$8.5 million dollars, plus \$5,000 a week for life, as well as a new Mercedes Benz. The caller felt his was a real call, because she had a recent mailing from PCH and that paperwork showed Deborah Holland as the executive vice president," the department stated.

"All they had to do to claim this prize was send \$2,000 via a Walmart money transfer to a bank account that the caller provided. The \$2,000 was needed to cover the one percent transfer fee for their winnings," investigators said. "They were also told to change their phone number — because of this windfall, people will be calling them, asking them for money. Further, they were told to not tell anyone, including any bank, because they wanted it to be a surprise in the area."

The victims did change their phone number temporarily, but then contacted their phone company and changed it back, according to deputies.

"They withdrew \$850, having told the woman that was all they could send. They went to Walmart and transferred the money to a Walmart in Virginia."

The victims told investigators that the woman was very persistent and called them several times a day over a two-day period, attempting to get the full \$2,000 from them. When the victims began asking questions, and insisting that she should just give them their prize money now — and then suggested that this was a scam and wanted the \$850 returned — the scammer hung up and did not call them again.

The victims did call PCH, and after hearing their story, the cou-

ple was told that no one from PCH would ever call ahead of time, nor would they request money from the winner.

Chamber dinner scheduled

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spoon.

"This is the third year we have sought nominations from the community as well as the teachers nominating students," said Kate Van Auken, who has played a key role in administering the program. "There were eight students nominated from the school and five from the community, with one nominee receiving four letters of support from the community. Three of the community nominees were already nominated by the school, so that is why there are 10."

"I think I started the scholarship in 2010, and we have given a \$500 scholarship to the winner(s) each year until this year, when we raised the amount to \$1,000," she added. "So this year's recipient

will get the \$1,000 scholarship. I am so excited about that!"

This year's chamber program will feature three additional awards, according to chamber Administrator Judy Keller. The recipients will include Revive Ministries for its outstanding efforts in meeting countless needs in the area via its food pantry, resale store and free family activities.

In addition, Thumb Bank and Trust will be honored for its community support throughout the year, and a longtime member of the local business community — Schneeberger Furniture and Appliance — will be recognized for 55 years of dedicated service to the region.

Uibly okays bond proposal

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"Funds from the bond issue would allow us to do that by building four new classrooms," said Candela.

"We are asking voters to fund needs," he added. "The money can only be used for construction and facility improvements."

This is the second time the school officials have asked district residents to approve a bond proposal.

Voters rejected by a 139-vote margin — 486 to 347 — a similar proposal of 1.7 mills over 10 years. They also rejected by a 72-vote margin a proposal to create a sinking fund from a two-mill levy for 10 years that would have generated \$490,000 annually. That vote was 451 to 379.

Rapes Scholarship offered

Applications are now available for the Anthony L. Rapes Memorial Scholarship.

High school seniors may pick up an application from their high school guidance counselors and/or FFA advisors, or at the Huron

County MSU Extension Office, located in the health department complex at 1142 S. Van Dyke, Suite 200, in Bad Axe. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and during the noon hour.

The deadline to apply is Thursday, March 29, by 4:30 p.m.

Several scholarships are awarded annually to Huron County's outstanding freshmen students from the Anthony L. Rapes Memorial Scholarship Fund. This scholarship was established in honor of Tony Rapes, a long time Extension agricultural agent in Huron County, with the first scholarships being awarded in 1981.

In 2017, eight scholarships were awarded. Since the scholarship began, more than \$62,000 has been distributed to Huron County students.

These scholarships are presented to students "with high moral character, initiative, and high scholastic achievement; who have made outstanding achievements in FFA and/or 4-H work; who have been accepted as students at an educational institution; and who plan to major in agriculture or a related field."

The primary source of funding for these scholarships has been the Huron County Dairy Promotion Committee.

For more information, contact the Huron County MSU Extension Office at (989) 269-9949.

News briefs

Family Fun Night on tap

CARO — The Tuscola County Parent Coalition will host its Family Fun Night Thursday, March 1, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Tuscola Technology Center, 1401 Cleaver Rd., Caro.

Families are invited to listen as a storyteller reads "Pete the Cat and His Magic Sunglasses", learn the importance of reading to children, and how to make stories fun and interactive. Each family will receive a copy of the book to take home, and each child will be invited to select a book from tables full of free children's books. In addition, Jason Hudy will delight all ages with a fun-filled magic performance, and there will be free prize drawings.

Kids must be accompanied by an adult. For more information and to register, call (989) 673-2144 (ext. 30505).

HDC organizes food drive

THUMB AREA — The Human Development Commission's (HDC) Foster Grandparent Program and Retired and Senior Volunteer Program performed true community-based volunteer services by hosting its fifth annual MLK Rise and Shine Food Drive in celebration of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday.

Dr. King once said, "Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'" and volunteers each of HDC's senior volunteer programs took those words to heart, helping others in their communities.

Volunteers collected nonperishable breakfast foods such as cereal and oatmeal, pancake mix and syrup, and peanut butter and jelly at grocery stores in Huron, Sanilac and Tuscola counties Jan. 15. Volunteers greeted customers and asked for food donations at stores in each of the counties. The donations will benefit the following food pantries: Help, Inc. in Sandusky, Free Methodist Church in Bad Axe, and Good Samaritan Food Pantry in Caro.

Festival plans shaping up

UBLY — Plans are beginning to shape up for this year's Uibly's Homecoming celebration, with organizers reported they have signed a contract to host a tractor pulling event from July 12 through July 15.

Walks for warmth slated

THUMB — Walk for Warmth events are coming up next month in the Thumb area as part of a statewide effort by Community Action Agencies to promote awareness of and raise funds for individuals and families who need assistance with heat and utility emergencies.


In the Thumb, Walk for Warmth events are sponsored by the Human Development Commission (HDC).

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Kingston High School crew sculpts snow into lesson for all mankind

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

A group of Kingston High School students not only displayed their snow sculpting talents in Frankenmuth over the weekend, they also shared a vital message in the process by exploring mankind's impact on the planet it calls home.

The students – seniors Alayna Williams and Kasia Giddings and juniors Sophia Allen and Dakota Distelrath – competed in the high school category in this year's Zehnder's Snowfest, led by their coach, Matt Ferguson, a veteran Kingston High School educator who teaches art, graphics, math and robotics, and serves as the high school's robotics coach.

Frankenmuth's weekend winter festival has been home to one of the top snow sculpting events in North America for the past 27 years, with visitors invited to enjoy larger-than-life snow sculptures and beautifully detailed ice carvings each year.

According to team member Sophia Allen, this year's Kingston contingent put together its snow sculpture project, from planning to execution, during the two weeks leading up to the competition.

"It took 22 hours to complete the sculpture, and we chose to do it because we wanted to get the Mother Earth idea across to show how we are killing the earth," Allen explained.

"Sculpting began at 8 a.m. Thursday and all tools had to be dropped by 8 p.m. sharp. Friday, work was allowed to begin by 7 a.m. and (we) had to be completed by 5 p.m.," she said, noting teachers and coaches were not allowed to touch the sculptures or tools, but were encouraged to watch while offering support and suggestions to their team.

"A large, catered celebration banquet and awards ceremony was given by Zehnders at 6 pm, in which the top three teams were presented their awards," Allen added. "Unfortunately, Kingston did not place, but (we were) simply quite grateful to be able to participate in such a celebrated event."

The Kingston High School team's snow sculpture was accompanied by the following description:

"An Angry Earth"

"The story behind our tree is all together the idea that we – mankind – are killing the Earth and it is upset with us for that.

"The idea is that the tree itself represents Mother Earth and the tree of life, a deeply spiritual "God like" being to many cultures and religions. We aim to represent that through this. The peace sign made from the tree's roots show how the Earth is supposed to be a peaceful and loving place, but we have abused and mistreated the Earth so that is not possible. The roots also represent the interconnectedness of all Earth's systems.

"The angry face in the center of the trunk shows the depth of the impact we have on the Earth, between war, deforestation, global warming, pollution, and the depreciation of beautiful places on our planet such as the Great Barrier Reef and the Amazon Rainforest.

"Every year, enough trees to entirely cover Ireland are cut down. People do not seem to realize the amount of pressure their existence puts on our planet and that is our purpose in this sculpture. We want to bring awareness to the impending death of our planet so people will start to do more things to help slow down that process."



THE KINGSTON snow sculpting team named its icy creation "An Angry Earth". (Photos courtesy of Matt Ferguson)

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SENIOR KASIA Giddings uses an axe to shape a portion of the Kingston High School team's snow sculpture as the sun sets in Frankenmuth.



READY TO start sculpting at the start of the competition are team members (from left) Sophia Allen, Kasia Giddings, Alayna Williams and Dakota Distelrath.

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Showdown with state-ranked Reese next for Cass City girls

by Clarke Haire
 Publisher

Cass City kept its collision course with Reese for Greater Thumb West (GTW) bragging rights on track Thursday, despite a harder-than-expected victory over winless host Bad Axe.

Despite struggling, the 53-42 victory runs the Lady Red Hawks' current win streak to four in a row, but more importantly, improves Coach Aaron Fernald's girls to 3-1 in the GTW standings. Cass City, which hasn't been

beaten in 2018, hosts league leader Reese Thursday in a game with title aspirations on the line.

"We are trying to focus on the little things, such as cleaning up our passing and improving our defense," said Cass City Coach Aaron Fernald, adding, "Girls continue to work hard and be very coachable. We are looking forward to the challenge of facing a state-ranked Reese team."

To knock-off the heavily favored Rockets, Cass City will need a better effort than the one on display against the woeful Hatchets

who trailed just 11-8 after eight minutes and 21-20 at the break.

Cass City ratcheted up their defense in the final half and a 16-6 run had the visitors up double digits to open the final stanza.

Lauren Dickinson prevented the upset-minded Hatchets from cutting into the margin in the deciding quarter with a pair of 3-point bombs.

Sayge Cuthrell scored 15 points for Cass City, while Dickinson and Kelsey Bouverette each added eight.

For Bad Axe, Jelena Prescott hit for 19 points.

UBLY GAME

Cass City rallied late for a 51-47 Greater Thumb Conference crossover win Tuesday at Ubly.

A back-and-forth contest saw the host Bearcats trail 15-9 after the initial quarter and 25-21 after two. After the third quarter, the game was tied at 26-26.

Cuthrell, who recorded game scoring honors with 19 points, couldn't be stopped in crunch time. She scored nine points in the deciding frame.

Dickinson added a career-best 16 points for the winners, that included four treys.

On the night, Cass City used a pair of 3-pointers from Lauren Fernald and one from Brittany Hamilton to help maintain control in the non-conference tilt.

Kingston win streak hits 12

Kingston left no doubt who's in control of the North Central Thumb League - Stars Friday, disposing of visiting Deckerville 50-18.

The Eagles invaded Kingston with a perfect conference mark, but provided little trouble for Kingston that opened the game on a 17-2 run before settling for a 28-8 edge at the intermission.

Another big run - this one 14-4 - to start the final half removed all doubt from the game's outcome.

"Our defense was strong versus a good Deckerville team. Offensively we had a well-balanced effort," said Coach Jay Green.

Camryn MacGuire had nine points to lead Kingston, while Lily Lyons chipped in eight, Carley Smith, eight, Hannah James, seven, Jillyan Dinsmore, six, and Payton Kolacz, six.

Kylee Colesa's 10 points were tops for Deckerville.

Also last week, Kingston defeated Peck, 54-20, in a North Central Thumb League crossover game between division leaders.

Kingston outscored the hosts in each quarter in Thursday's victory. "This was a good team effort. Peck gave us some different looks. But we still were able to establish a good inside-outside game with contributions from everybody," Green said.

MacGuire and Dinsmore finished in double digits to lead the winners with 13 and 12 points, respectively.

CASS CITY'S SAYGE Cuthrell checks Bad Axe's Jelena Prescott during Thursday's Greater Thumb West meeting. The Lady Red Hawks' win streak reached 4-games with a 53-42 triumph.



JOEY KROL, Cass City, and Bearcat Jake Uhl battle for the ball during their Greater Thumb Conference crossover game.

Owen-Gage struggles continue

The Owen-Gage boys' basketball team was overpowered last week and suffered setbacks to Dryden and Peck.

In Owendale Friday, Coach Brian Wright's Bulldogs fell behind 20-3 early and would never recover during a 66-24 North Central Thumb League crossover defeat.

"Dryden has a good man-to-man press and pressed the entire game," said Wright.

Leading 38-18 at the halfway point, the visitors outscored their

hosts 28-6 in the closing half.

Luke Retford recorded a double-double to lead Owen-Gage. He had 10 points and 11 rebounds.

Jack Kaplan had a game-high 18 points for Dryden.

Earlier in the week, it was more of the same for Owen-Gage Tuesday as they surrendered 46-22 to Peck.

"We had a slow start, but played a good game overall," said Wright.

Brandon Bitzer led Owen-Gage with 10 points.

Gymnasts show improvement

Cass City Coach Kathy Bouverette says her tumblers are improving. The Lady Red Hawks traveled to Lakeland High School Saturday for the Huron Valley Invite and finished with a team score of 113.725 at the 21-school mega gathering.

"We did pretty good. Our vault and floor scores improved which is exciting considering the judges tend to judge harder at these big invitationals," said Bouverette, adding, "Beam, we had some falls which hurt us. Bars is always a struggle for us because it is the hardest event to learn. We didn't

come in last! The girls are improving."

Regional qualifying scores on the day for Cass City were earned in the vault, where Madison Michalski posted a score of 8.6, and Brittany Swiderski and Haily Schmotzer each had scores of 7.9.

Schmotzer posted a score of 7.075 on the bars, and Michalski a score of 7.4 on the beam and 7.875 on the floor - she had the best floor routine over the weekend - complete the list of regional qualifying scores for Cass City.

Cass City offense erupts in GTW victory

Cass City used its best offensive showing of the season Friday to return to the win column after a 3-game absence.

Unlike many of the team's previous setbacks, the Red Hawks were able to hold on down the stretch to earn a 76-69 win Friday at Bad Axe. The Greater Thumb West decision improves Cass City to 1-1 in the league standings and 6-5 overall, while the Hatchets fall to 0-3 in the GTW and 4-7 overall.

"Finally were able to find a way to win after giving up 20 plus points in the 4th quarter for the third straight game, but we were able to make enough plays to get the win," said Cass City Coach Jeff Hartel.

Another strong finish will most likely be required for Cass City to remain in the win column this week as they travel to face Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port tonight (Wednesday) before entertaining Reese Friday for the school's Snowcoming tilt. Sandyn Cuthrell scored a season-

high 25 points to go with five assists and Mike Ziegler added 17 points and 11 rebounds and Hunter Vaughan had 11 points and 11 rebounds to lead Cass City to their first GTW victory.

Although Cass City saw a double digit halftime advantage shrink to just two points in the third quarter, 14 free throws in the final minutes proved too much for Bad Axe to overcome.

Actually, Cass City's effort at the stripe wasn't very good.

"Team was 24-40 from the free throw line. Got to the free throw line a very high number of times, but need to make a better percentage of them," Hartel said.

For Bad Axe, Jack Clancy and Cody Talaski split 32 points, while James Kervin had 10.

Cass City's Nick Perry completed the list of double digit scorers on the night and finished with 10 tallies.

UBLY GAME

Cass City led early and late Wednesday in a Greater Thumb

Conference crossover game at Ubly, but faded in the final minutes allowing the Bearcats to prevail, 61-54.





The visitors led 21-21 at the break and 44-35 after three quarters.

But with just under three minutes remaining, Ubly cut the margin to 54-52 and then used a 9-0 run to close out the game and steal the decision.

"Ubly had some kids shoot well from behind the arc and we didn't get out with our hands up to properly defend the shooters," Hartel said.

Ethan Lemke and Jacob Uhl each scored 19 points and combined for seven treys to lead Ubly, who also had Matt Miakrzek with 10 markers.

Still, nobody had a better showing than Cass City's Joey Krol from 3-point land, as the senior southpaw hit four of five shots from behind the arc and a season-high 18 points, while Brendan Hamilton chipped in 11 points and five assists in vain.

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Cass City grapplers earn share of GTC lead

by Clarke Haire
Publisher

Once again, it comes down to the Greater Thumb Conference (GTC)

League Meet to determine championship honors among the 9-school association scattered throughout the Thumb. And once again, the Cass City

Red Hawk wrestlers are in prime position to defend their GTC banner. Coach Don Markel's grapplers improved to 7-1 in GTC matches

last week with one-sided victories over visiting Sandusky and Ubly and will now enter Saturday's League Meet in a three-way tie for first place following the completion of the dual meet portion of the season. Joining Cass City with 7-1 marks Saturday will be Mayville and Vassar. The 2018 GTC League Meet is hosted by Marlette Schools.

In their final GTC dual matches Wednesday, host Cass City defeated a pair of undermanned foes in similar fashion as Sandusky fell, 54-18, and Ubly, 51-17.

Highlighting the night for Cass City was senior Eric Peters – one of eight double winners for the hosts. Peters achieved a career milestone when he defeated Ubly's Shane Osantoski 4-3 for his 100th career victory.

Other double winners for the hosts included Drew Markel, Ryan Pisarek, Tristan Swiderski, Hayden Larkin, Race Woloshen, Wyatt Dickson and Hunter Caister.

3-2 record to place third at the Midland Bullock Creek Team Tournament.

In pool play action, the Red Hawks defeated Saginaw Carrollton, 54-15, and Michigan Lutheran Seminary, 57-10, while falling to Midland Bullock Creek, 42-29.

In the championship rounds, Cass City lost to Chesaning, 43-36, before going on to beat Essexville-Garber, 39-35.

"We wrestled well during the week and will need to continue to improve to compete for the league title on Saturday. We graduated eight senior starters from last year's squad, so to be in contention for another league title this season, with an underclassman dominated line-up, is a tribute to the dedication and outstanding work ethic of this year's team," said Markel.

Wyatt Dickson led Cass City over the weekend with a perfect 5-0 record, while Markel, Swiderski, Peters, Matt Mihalic and Nick Perry each went 4-1 for the day.

Cass City's dual meet record now stands at 25-14.




RED HAWK Wyatt Dickson recorded a fall in 3:03 against Sandusky's Jacob Horst during their GTC 160-weight class bout in Cass City.



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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by John E. Weber, a single man, to Flagstar Bank, FSB, Mortgagee, dated April 1, 1999 and recorded April 1, 1999 in Liber 767, Page 1185. Said mortgage is now held by Ditech Financial LLC, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-Seven Thousand Three Hundred Ten and 65/100 Dollars (\$37,310.65), including interest at 7.25% per annum.

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gaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on FEBRUARY 8, 2018.

Said premises are located in the Village of Millington, Tuscola County Michigan, and are described as:

Situated in the Village of Millington, Township of Millington, Tuscola County Michigan, and are described as: Commencing 60 rods West and 18 rods North of the South 1/4 stake of Section 9, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, thence West 20 rods, thence South 8 rods, thence East 4 rods, thence North 8 rods, thence West 4 rods to the place of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. 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: January 10, 2018
Orlans PC
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007
File No. 17-013774

1-10-4

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement ATTN PURCHASERS:

This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee for any reason. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest, and the purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's attorney. Notice is hereby given that the below mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public auction at the place of holding the Circuit Court of Tuscola County at 10:00 am on February 8, 2018. Name(s) of the mortgagor(s):

Christopher Stanley a married man and Mary Stanley, his wife Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Flagstar Bank, FSB its successors and assigns Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC Date of Mortgage: February 6, 2009 Date of Mortgage Recording: February 13, 2009 Amount claimed due on mortgage on the date of notice: \$123,609.58 Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in the City of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Part of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 34, Township 13 North, Range 9 East, Beginning at a point which is North 00 degrees 00 minutes 45 seconds West, 740.00 feet along the West line of Section 34 from the Southwest corner of said Section 34;

Thence continuing along the said West line North 00 degrees 00 minutes 45 seconds West, 170.00 feet; Thence South 75 degrees 58 minutes 22 seconds East, 114.95 feet; Thence South 37 degrees 44 minutes 32 seconds East, 116.85 feet; Thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes 45 seconds East, 50.00 feet; Thence West 183.00 feet to the point of beginning. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, 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.

This notice is from a debt collector.
Date of notice: 01/10/2018
Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 110659
1-10-4

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 Judy Shoup and Jack Shoup, wife and husband, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated June 17, 2005 and recorded June 23, 2005 in Liber 1043, Page 611. Said mortgage is now held by Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust, as indenture trustee, for the CSMC 2016-RPL1 Trust, Mortgage-Backed Notes, Series 2016-RPL1, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Three Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-Two and 3/100 Dollars (\$83,372.03), including interest at 6.246% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on MARCH 1, 2018.

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

Part of the Northwest quarter of Fractional Section 3, Town 13 North, Range 10 East, described as: Beginning at a point on the centerline of State Highway (M-81) which is North 88 degrees 36 minutes 45 seconds West 273.78 feet along the North line of said section and along said centerline on a 00 degree 30 minutes curve to the right, South 41 degrees 28 minutes 44 seconds West 758.80 feet (chord) and South 43 degrees 45 minutes 11 seconds West 150.07 feet (chord) from the North quarter corner of Section 3, said curve having a central angle of 12 degrees 59 minutes, a radius of 11549.19 feet and tangent lengths of 1303.95 feet; thence continuing along said centerline curve, South 44 degrees 29 minutes 39 seconds West 150.02 feet (chord); thence North 44 degrees 34 minutes 00 seconds West 200.00 feet; thence North 44 degrees 29 minutes 39 seconds East 150.02 feet; thence, South 44 degrees 34 minutes 00 seconds East 200.00 feet to the centerline of State Highway (M-81) and 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 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: January 17, 2018
Orlans PC
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007
File No. 17-012590

1-17-4

FORECLOSURE NOTICE RANDALL S. MILLER & ASSOCIATES, P.C. MAY BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. IF YOU ARE A MILITARY SERVICEMEMBER ON ACTIVE DUTY NOW OR IN THE PRIOR

NINE MONTHS, PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE.

Mortgage Sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Calvin A McCloy, an unmarried man to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. acting solely as nominee for Cason Home Loans, Mortgagee, dated September 12, 2014, and recorded on September 16, 2014, in Liber 1315, Page 453, Tuscola County Records, said mortgage was assigned to J.P. Morgan Mortgage Acquisition Corp. by an Assignment of Mortgage which has been submitted to the Tuscola County Register of Deeds, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Eight Thousand One Hundred Sixty and 87/100 (\$68,160.87) including interest at the rate of 4.50000% 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 in said Tuscola County, where the premises to be sold or some part of them are situated, at 10:00 AM on February 15, 2018 Said premises are situated in the Township of Almer, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the northeast corner of the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section 25, town 13 north, range 9 east, thence west along the one eighth line 200 feet; thence south 100 feet; thence east 200 feet; thence north along section line to the place of beginning.

Commonly known as: 1601 Colwood Rd, Caro, MI 48723 If the property is eventually sold at foreclosure sale, the redemption period will be 6.00 months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned or used for agricultural purposes. If the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 and/or 600.3241a, the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of sale, or 15 days after statutory notice, whichever is later.

If the property is presumed to be used for agricultural purposes prior to the date of the foreclosure sale pursuant to MCL 600.3240, the redemption period is 1 year. Pursuant to MCL 600.3278, if the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, the borrower(s) 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.

TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages are, if any, limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Dated: January 17, 2018
Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for J.P. Morgan Mortgage Acquisition Corp. 43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302, (248) 335-9200 Case No. 17M101051-1

1-17-4

Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C., is attempting to collect a debt, any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

MORTGAGE SALE -Donald E. Kribs, a single person, granted a mortgage to Standard Federal Bank, Mortgagee, dated January 8, 1999, and recorded on February 8, 1999, in Liber 762, on Page 658, and assigned by said mortgagee to CitiMortgage, Inc., as assigned, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Two Thousand Seventy-Eight Dollars and Seventy-Eight Cents (\$42,078.78).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, front entrance of the Courthouse Building in the City of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM o'clock, on February 15, 2018 Said premises are located in Tuscola County, Michigan and are described as:

LOT 17 AND THE NORTH 1/2 OF LOT 18, BLOCK 2 OF MERRITT'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF

VASSAR, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT LIBER 1, PAGE 22A, TUSCOLA COUNTY RECORDS.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241, in which case the redemption period shall be 1 month, or under MCL 600.3241a 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later, or extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

CitiMortgage, Inc. Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C. 23938 Research Drive, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335
1-17-4

Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C., is attempting to collect a debt, any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

MORTGAGE SALE -Cecil E. Schmitt and Barbara Ann Schmitt, Husband and Wife, granted a mortgage to American General Finance, Inc., Mortgagee, dated May 14, 2001, and recorded on May 18, 2001, in Liber 832, on Page 310, and assigned by said mortgagee to Madison Revolving Trust 2017, as assigned, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-One Thousand Seven Dollars and Fifty-One Cents (\$51,007.51).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, front entrance of the Courthouse Building in the City of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM o'clock, on February 15, 2018 Said premises are located in Tuscola County, Michigan and are described as: Lots 1, 2, and 3, of Block 15, Blackman's Plat of the Village of Reese, Denmark Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof in Liber 29 of Deeds Page 188, Tuscola County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241, in which case the redemption period shall be 1 month, or under MCL 600.3241a 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later, or extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238.

If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Madison Revolving Trust 2017 Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C. 23938 Research Drive, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335

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Legal Notices

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to MCL 600.3212, that the following will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public auction at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on February 15, 2018:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Ruth M. McShane, Surviving Spouse
Original Mortgagee: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): None
Date of Mortgage: May 18, 2010
Date of Mortgage Recording: June 3, 2010
Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$35,603.24

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Village of Unionville, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 7 of Block 11, H.C. Marvin's Plat to the Village of Unionville, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of plats, Page 48, now being Page 49A of Tuscola County records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

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. This notice is from a debt collector. Date of notice: January 17, 2018
Trott Law, P.C.

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1-17-4

FORECLOSURE NOTICE (ALL COUNTIES) AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTIFY (248) 362-6100 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE – Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Brenda S. Flynn and Jacky W. Flynn, husband and wife and Barbara A. Clouse, a joint tenants with full rights of survivorship of Tuscola County, Michigan, Mortgagor to Signature Bank dated the 16th day of February, 2011, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 22nd day of February, 2011, in Liber 1216, Page 1218, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal of \$38,139.73 (thirty-eight thousand one hundred thirty-nine and 73/100) plus accrued interest at 4.52% (four point five two) percent per annum.

And no suit proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on, the 15th day of February, 2018, at 10:00:00 AM said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI, Tuscola County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the Township of Kingston, in the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan and described as follows to wit: PARCEL G: Commencing at the Northwest corner of Section 32, Town 12 North, Range 11 East, and the point of beginning; running thence South 89°05'48" East, 236.94 feet along the North line of said Section 32; thence South 00°00' West, 458.62 feet; thence South 90°00' West, 236.91 feet; thence North 00°00' East, 462.36 feet along the West line of said Section 32 to the point of beginning. Being a part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 32, Town 12 North, Range 11 East.

PARCEL H: Commencing at the Northwest corner of Section 32, Town 12 North, Range 11 East;

thence South 89°05'48" East, 236.94 feet along the North line of said Section 32 to the point of beginning; running thence South 89°05'48" East, 239.06 feet along the North line of said Section 32; thence South 00°00' West, 454.86 feet; thence South 90°00' West, 232.93 feet; thence North 00°00' East, 458.62 feet to the point of beginning. Being a part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 32, Town 12 North, Range 11 East. Commonly known as: 3015 Phillips Rd, Kingston, MI 48741 Parcel Number 015-032-000-1000-05 If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale the borrower, pursuant to MCLA 600.3278 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.

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: January 17, 2018
By: Foreclosing Attorneys Attorney for Plaintiff Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A. 323 W. Lakeside Ave., Ste. 200, Cleveland, OH 44113
WWR# 10145352

1-17-4

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to MCL 600.3212, that the following will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public auction at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on February 22, 2018:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Rodney A. Creel and Kelly Creel, husband and wife

Original Mortgagee: JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC

Date of Mortgage: February 6, 2014
Date of Mortgage Recording: February 19, 2014

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$104,856.46

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in City of Vassar, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: Commencing at the Southwest corner of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 9, Township 11 North, Range 8 East, thence North, 100 rods; thence East 27.2 rods; thence South, 100 rods; thence West 27.2 rods to point of beginning, except commencing at a point that is East, 103.8 feet from the South 1/4 corner of Section; thence North, 300 feet, thence East, 345 feet, thence South, 300 feet; thence West 345 feet to 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; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

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.

This notice is from a debt collector.
Date of notice: January 24, 2018
Trott Law, P.C.

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1-24-4

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 Alan J. Zsolzai and Ann L. Zsolzai, husband and wife, and Mary E. Owen, a single woman, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated April 13, 2006 and recorded April 24, 2006 in Liber 1078, Page 739. Said mortgage is now held by Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, doing business as Christiana Trust, not in its individual capacity, but solely as trustee for BCAT 2015-14BT, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Seventy-One Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-One and 83/100 Dollars (\$171,361.83), including interest at 2% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on FEBRUARY 22, 2018.

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

PARCEL F: PART OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 18, TOWN 11 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST, DESCRIBED AS: BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE EAST-WEST 1/4 LINE THAT IS SOUTH 89 DEGREES 50 MINUTES 23 SECONDS WEST 2334.69 FEET FROM THE EAST 1/4 CORNER OF SAID SECTION 18, THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 11 SECONDS EAST 1392.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 50 MINUTES 23 SECONDS WEST 314.67 FEET; THENCE ALONG THE NORTH-SOUTH 1/4 LINE, NORTH 00 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 11 SECONDS WEST 1392.00 FEET TO THE CENTER OF SAID SECTION 18; THENCE ALONG SAID EAST-WEST 1/4 LINE, NORTH 89 DEGREES 50 MINUTES 23 SECONDS EAST 314.67 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. TOWNSHIP OF FREMONT, 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. 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: January 24, 2018
Orlans PC
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007
File No. 18-000397

1-24-4

Johnson, Blumberg, & Associates, LLC 5955 West Main Street, Suite 18 Kalamazoo MI, 49009 THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE-Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made BY Tonya K. Johnson, a single woman, whose address is 2465 Dixon Road, Caro, Michigan 48723, as original Mortgagors, to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., being a mortgage dated December 23, 2009, and recorded on December 29, 2009 in Liber 1190 Page 75, Tuscola County Records, State of Michigan and assigned by said mortgagee to Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, as assignee as documented by an assignment dated December 28, 2016 and recorded on January 17, 2017 in Liber 1366 Page 1115, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and then assigned to J.P. Morgan Mortgage Acquisition Corp., as assignee as documented by an assignment dated January 17, 2018 and recorded on January 24, 2018 in Liber 1390 Page 21, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SIXTY-NINE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED SIXTY-SIX AND 29/100 (\$69,666.29) Dollars.

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, at public sale to the highest bidder AT THE PLACE OF HOLDING THE CIRCUIT COURT WITHIN TUSCOLA COUNTY, at 10:00 a.m. on March 1, 2018. Said premises are situated in the Township of Indianfields, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, and are described as:

PARCEL A: PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 17, TOWN 12 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST, DESCRIBED AS COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 17, THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 55 MINUTES 36 SECONDS EAST, 200.00 FEET ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 55 MINUTES 36 SECONDS EAST, 416.84 FEET, ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 03 MINUTES 45 SECONDS EAST, 418.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 55 MINUTES 36 SECONDS WEST, 416.84 FEET;

THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 03 MINUTES 45 SECONDS WEST, 418.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA § 600.3241a in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCLA § 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: January 31, 2018
For more information, please call: (312) 541-9710,
Kenneth J. Johnson, Johnson, Blumberg, & Associates, LLC,
5955 West Main Street, Suite 18, Kalamazoo, MI 49009
File No.: MI 17 3600

1-31-4

Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C., is attempting to collect a debt, any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

MORTGAGE SALE –David L. Zartman, A Married Man and Yvonne L. Zartman, A Married Woman, granted a mortgage to Flagstar Bank, FSB, A Federally Chartered Savings Bank, Mortgagee, dated May 23, 2002, and recorded on June 3, 2002, in Liber 880, on Page 176, and assigned by said mortgagee to Ditech Financial LLC, as assigned, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Two Thousand One Hundred Sixty Dollars and Ninety-Six Cents (\$42,160.96).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, front entrance of the Courthouse Building in the City of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM o'clock, on March 1, 2018

Said premises are located in Tuscola County, Michigan and are described as: Lot 3, Block 2 of Toohy's Addition to the Village of Gagetown, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 54 now being Page 56A of Tuscola County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241, in which case the redemption period shall be 1 month, or under MCL 600.3241a 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later, or extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Ditech Financial LLC
Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C.
23938 Research Drive, Suite 300
Farmington Hills, MI 48335

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Obituaries

Norma Adams

Norma Jean Adams, 62, of Cass City, died from complications of Alzheimer's Disease Sunday, January 28, 2018 in her home with her family by her side.

She was born June 28, 1955 in Flint to Robert and Nancy (Herr) Coverdill.

She was married to Clayton Burdett Adams in 1972. She later married Alfred Lee Carpenter in 1996, he died February 18, 2000.

Norma worked as a certified nursing assistant in Flint Hurley Hospital. She later worked for Sandusky County Child Protective Services as a social worker. She enjoyed spending time outdoors hunting deer, pheasant and geese. Norma was an avid reader and has a large collection of books from fantasy stories to romance novels. She loved animals, especially her dog and cats.

Norma is survived by her parents, Robert and Nancy Coverdill of Cass City; her daughters: Bonnie Adams of Cass City, Rebecca Adams of Cass City, Jennifer Adams of Cass City and Nichole Nicol of Cass City; grandchildren: Gage Hardesty, Chelsea Hardesty, Treanna Dietrich, Erik Michalski, Anna Louks, Tabatha Krueger and Samantha Krueger; eight great-grandchildren; brothers: Robert (Roberta) Coverdill, Jr. of Deford and Bert (Deb) Coverdill of Deckerville; sister, Mickie (Ralph) Brient of Webberville.

She was preceded in death by her sisters: Vickie Foust and Darcie Harris and nephew, Steven Wren.

A funeral service will be held at 12:00 p.m. Saturday, February 3, in Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City with Austin Keller of Novesta Church of Christ officiating. Visitation will be from 11:00 a.m. to 12 p.m. Saturday, February 3, in Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City. Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund.

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.

Peggy Czapla

Peggy Ann Czapla, age 83, of Caro, passed away at Covenant Healthcare - Cooper, Saginaw, on Wed., Jan. 24, 2018.

She was born Oct. 23, 1934, in Evergreen Township, the daughter of the late Leonard and Emeline (Mark) Urquhart.

She married Theodore Czapla in 1959, he passed away in June of 1991. Peggy loved her horses over the years and wanted to be a veterinarian. She worked for the Tuscola County Advertiser, and as a clerk for several stores in Cass City and at Kroger's in Caro. Mainly, she was a loving wife, mother and grandmother.

Peggy is survived by her children, Terry (Marc) Bambach of Kingston, Colleen Czapla of Caro, Randy (Sheila) Czapla of Deford, David Czapla of Cass City, Mary (Tim) Klimek of Silverwood and Kris Czapla of Caro; grandchildren, Stephanie (Mike) Czapla, Travis Klimek, Genelle (Phil) White, Derek (Jeri) Suttle, Sam (Rachel) Stewart, Samantha Czapla, Chelsie Czapla, Emily Czapla and Peggy (Zach DeLong) Wilson; several great-grandchildren; and several loving nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by a sister, Patricia Beecher.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial gathering will be held at a later date.

Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice. Please share condolences at www.thabetfuneralhome.com.

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Julia Eckert

Julia A. Eckert, age 81, of Cass City, passed away at McLaren Bay Region, Bay City, on Wed., Jan. 24, 2018.

She was born July 2, 1936, in Romeo, the daughter of the late David and Julia (Bentley) Spencer.

Julia enjoyed knitting, crocheting, crafting and cooking, but most of all taking care of and spending time with her children and grandchildren.

Julia is survived by her children, Elizabeth (Randy) Finley of Cass City, Joseph Carlson of Akron, Laurie Carlson and Julie (Chris) Beaver, both of WI, John Carlson and Douglas Eckert, both of Cass City and Angela Howe of IA; 16 grandchildren; and 9 great-grandchildren; siblings, Joann (the late Robert) LeFave of Rochester Hills, David (Mary) Spencer of MN and Margaret Ross of Madison Heights.

She was predeceased by her children, Michael Carlson, Mary Carlson, James Carlson and Linda Carlson; brothers, Howard Cochrane, Larry Spencer and infant Jerry Spencer; her children's fathers, Emil Carlson, Douglas Eckert; and special friend, Harry Steele.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held in July.

Please share condolences at www.thabetfuneralhome.com

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Paul Rockwell

Paul Morris Rockwell, 70, of Snover, passed away in Bradenton, Florida on January 26, 2018.

Paul is survived by his wife Donna Jean of 52 years; mother, Iva Rockwell; daughters Paula Miller, Kathy LaPonsie and Brenda (Richard) Yates; brothers Ronald (Sharon) Rockwell, Robert (Rita) Rockwell and Phil (Barb) Rockwell; 3 beautiful granddaughters; and 2 handsome great-grandsons. He also has many loving nieces, nephews and extended family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father Morris Rockwell, son Brian Rockwell and son Danny Rockwell.

Paul was a loving husband, son, father, grandfather, great grandfather, uncle and friend to all.

Paul graduated from Cass City High School and worked at Marlette Homes, was a semi-truck driver and also worked at General Cable. He became a snow bird in retirement and spent the winters in Bradenton, Florida, where he made many new friends. His summers were in Michigan, where most of his family resides. He was always willing to lend a hand on projects to anyone and enjoyed football and spending time with his loving family.

Paul will be laid to rest in the Cass City Cemetery after his Memorial Service. The service will be held at Shabbona United Methodist Church on June 16, at 11:00 a.m.

Memorial donations can be sent to Shabbona United Methodist Church.

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Hills and Dales General welcomes new physician

Hills and Dales General Hospital officials are welcoming the Thumb's newest board certified pediatrician, Dr. Robert Van Howe.

Beginning in March, together



Dr. Robert Van Howe

with the current staff, Dr. Van Howe will see patients at both Thumb Pediatrics in Cass City and Millwood Street Primary Care in Caro.

"We could not be more excited to welcome Dr. Van Howe to our team," said Jean Anthony, Hills and Dales president and CEO. "We have seen a true need for another pediatrician in both Cass City and Caro, and Dr. Van Howe is a great fit. His education, experience and passion for pediatrics are truly remarkable, and we know that patients will benefit from all of these."

Dr. Van Howe comes to Hills and Dales General Hospital after most recently working for CMU Partners in Saginaw. A graduate of Stritch School of Medicine, Loyola University in Chicago, Dr. Van Howe brings a wealth of pediatric experience to Hills and Dales.

Dr. Van Howe also has a Master

of Science Degree from the University of Michigan, School of Public Health, in clinical research design and statistical analysis. Additionally, he serves as the chief of

pediatrics and professor of pediatrics at CMU College of Medicine. Dr. Van Howe has devoted his career to pediatric care and education.

To schedule an appointment with Dr. Van Howe, patients can call Thumb Pediatrics at (989) 872-8503 or Millwood Street Primary Care at (989) 672-1555.

Kingston bags STEM funding

by Mary Drier
Special for the Chronicle

The Kingston School District is among the schools to receive state funding for its STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) programs.

STEM incorporates various academic disciplines in hands-on robotic projects for students.

The Michigan Department of Education awarded \$2.5 million in

grades to FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) robotics teams across the state. Kingston's RoboCards received a \$2,500 grant.

"Running a robotics program, building a robot and entering it in competition is expensive," said Kingston Schools Supt. Matt Drake. "This will help with those costs. We are excited and grateful to receive this."

Robotics started out as a club activity in the Kingston School District about five years ago. Because it was so popular, it was developed into a class.

"I think our school district was one of the firsts to have a STEM program and building a robot," said Drake. "When we first started, the state gave out (substantial) grants, but as more and more schools got into the program, the demand for funding (meant) lower grant amounts."

FIRST Robotics programs help students learn about applications of science, technology, engineering and math through building robots for competitions.

Michigan leads the nation in FIRST Robotics teams, with about 500 FIRST robotic squads involved in various programs.

FIRST was formed in 1989 to inspire young people to be science and technology leaders and innovators, by engaging them in exciting mentor-based programs that build science, engineering and technology skills that inspire innovation and foster well-rounded life characteristics and skills, including self-confidence, communication and leadership.

"STEM and robotics are very good programs, but they come with a lot of expenses. Besides the parts to build the robots, teams travel to competitions, and some require the entire team to stay overnight in motels," said Drake. "We are fortunate to have a lot of supporters who help us. Kingston Community Schools is grateful to have community and business partners that help our students pursue excellence."

Among the faithful STEM program supporters in Kingston have been Kent Kramer Memorial Foundation (Doug, Paula, and Melanie Kramer) - \$2,000; Affordable Electric (Dave Retan) - \$1,000; Meijer, Saginaw - \$1,000; Bullet Auto, Caro (Scott Putman) - \$700; Oetiker Inc. - \$500; and Grupo Antolin - \$500.

Ignash honored with Red Hawk Award of Excellence

The Cass City Board of Education last week recognized the second of two recipients of the coveted Red Hawk Award of Excellence for December 2017.

She is fifth grade student Shelby Ignash, the daughter of Jane and Reggie Ignash, who was unable to attend the board's December meeting along with her fellow award recipient, junior Rebecca Morrish.

During the months of October, December, February and April, each school building staff is asked to nominate students for the award in order to recognize students for leadership, service, outstanding behavior, excellent academic performance, being most improved or other accomplishments in or outside of school.

The nominees and their families are then invited to attend a school board meeting, during which teachers, administrators and the board members themselves congratulate each winner and present them with a maroon ribbon and certificate.

Fifth grade teachers Julie Bitzer, Marnie Hacker and Andrea Ross nominated Ignash for the honor.

"Her work ethic, determination and inquisitive nature distinguishes her from others her own age," said Bitzer, who spoke for the fifth grade teaching team.

"Shelby is an outstanding student and wonderful role model for her peers. She faces each new challenge with a smile that lights up the room," Bitzer said.

"During class discussions, Shelby asks thought-provoking questions that help others to develop a deeper understanding on the content being discussed. An example would be during a classroom discussion while writing an opinion paper. Shelby wasn't afraid to share her opinion and continue to do her best to sway other students' views toward her own. When someone disagreed with her, you could see her gears turning to try and come up with a counter argument.

"She isn't afraid to walk the path alone, rather than follow the status quo if she feels strongly enough about something," Bitzer continued.

"Honesty and respectfulness are just two more of Shelby's numerous qualities. She treats everyone the same and with the same dignity," she said. "When groups are formed, she never hesitates to include everyone. She doesn't judge nor does she condemn others for any shortcomings. If we get tongue-tied and can't spit out what we're trying to say, she just sits there politely and grins. Her delightful sense of humor makes our classroom fun."

Ignash's work is always done with great care and is of the highest quality, according to Bitzer.

"She participates in classroom



Shelby Ignash

discussions and always adds to our conversations," Bitzer said. "She looks at tasks with a positive approach rather than as work that has to be done. She has a genuine desire to learn and excel, which shows through in her attentiveness and attention to detail in the classroom.

Bitzer added, "There is no doubt in our minds that Shelby will do wonderful things in her life."

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