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Jury: Williams guilty on all counts in ax attack

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

A jury spent just under an hour deliberating before returning verdicts of guilty on all counts

against a man accused of brutally attacking his wife with an ax in their Caro area residence last year. The verdicts came following a four-day trial in Tuscola County Circuit Court.

William Russell Williams, 60, was convicted on several charges, including assault with intent to murder, which is punishable by up to life or any number of years in prison. He was also convicted on

five counts of falsely reporting a felony, and lying to a police officer during a violent crime investigation. Each of those counts carries a maximum four-year prison term.

Williams is scheduled to be sentenced Friday, May 4. "I think it's really...such a tragic case, such an unconscionable act," Tuscola County Prosecutor Mark E. Reene commented following the trial.

Reene was quick to laud a host of witnesses – from police officers to emergency response personnel and doctors, to forensics lab experts – whose accounts on the stand helped to convict



William Williams

Williams, and whose response to the scene of the crime is credited with saving the life of the victim. "They never get enough credit," he said. "It's just a miracle that she survived this. "I really have to compliment the jury, too," Reene added. "They paid attention to every witness, Please turn to page 6.



Ice, ice, baby...

AS PREDICTED, A mix of ice, rain and snow pummeled the Thumb over the weekend, leaving roads dangerously slick and hundreds of area residents without power. Even before the storm arrived, the entire village of Cass City lost electricity after witnesses reported a fiery explosion at a DTE substation at the west end of town Friday night. Power was restored about 23 hours later, but outages continued in outlying areas, and dozens of schools were closed Monday.

Pair charged in break-ins at Quaker Maid

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

A pair of local residents were formally charged last week in the break-in of the Quaker Maid Dairy Store in Cass City in February, and the attempted break-in of the same business a month later.

Sonya L. Teller, 45, and RC Logan Smith, 43, were charged with multiple felonies, including breaking and entering a building with intent to commit larceny and conspiracy to commit breaking and entering, which are punishable by up to 10 years imprisonment.

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Deputies respond to near-tragic drug calls

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Icy roads weren't the only potentially life-threatening situations law enforcement officials faced

over the weekend in Tuscola County. Tuscola County Sheriff's deputies responded to at least two

emergency calls involving drugs that could have ended in tragedy, according to Sheriff Glen Skrent, who acknowledged illicit drug use

remains a serious problem in the region.

The first of those calls came in Saturday at about 1:30 p.m., when Sgt. Ryan Pierce was dispatched

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Sobriety court graduation on tap next week at courthouse

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

A regional sobriety court's continuing success story in the Thumb returns to the spotlight next week with the "graduation" of another class of repeat offenders who are turning their lives around by facing addictions that have landed them in court time after time.

The Thumb Regional Sobriety Court (TRSC) will host its ninth graduation ceremony — acknowledging 10 individuals who have successfully completed the intensive treatment court program — Friday, April 27, starting at 10 a.m. in the Tuscola County Circuit Courtroom.

A potluck dinner will follow the ceremony, and the public is welcome to join in the celebration.

The TRSC is also known as a problem-solving court — an innovative program designed to address an offender's underlying problem, in this case alcoholism.

"The Thumb Regional Sobriety Court is a specialized treatment court focused on improving public safety in Tuscola, Sanilac and

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THE CASS CITY Envirothon Team — composed of (from left) high school students Pearl Daskam, Addy Battel, Sophie Mazure and Bella Hill — is gearing up to host a free "Wild About Pollinators" workshop at Rawson Memorial District Library in Cass City Saturday, April 21. Above, team members texture soil as they learn about soil quality and land management. See story, page 16.

Bardwell lone veteran commissioner running

by Mary Drier
Special for the Chronicle

Only one of three senior members of the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners is planning to seek reelection this year.

District Two Commissioner Thomas "Thom" Bardwell announced he will be seeking another term. Bardwell represents citizens in the townships of Almer, Ellington, Kingston and Novesta, as well as the city of Caro.

Bardwell, who is currently board chairman, has served as a commissioner since 2005.

Among veteran board members not planning to seek reelection is Matthew Bierlein, who recently announced his bid for election to the 84th District Michigan House of Representatives seat now held by state Rep. Dr. Edward Canfield (R-Sebewaing). The district is comprised of Tuscola and Huron counties.

Canfield has decided not to seek another term.

Bierlein currently serves as the District Five commissioner representing Denmark, Juniata and Vassar Township, including the city of Vassar.

In addition, District Four Commissioner Craig Kirkpatrick is not seeking re-election. That district is comprised of Arbelia, Millington, Tuscola and Watertown townships.

District One Commissioner Tom Young said he will be running for a second term. He represents citizens in Akron, Columbia, Elkland, Elmwood, Fairgrove, Gilford and Wisner townships.

And, in District Three, Commissioner Kim Vaughan is undecided at this point if he will seek a second term representing residents in Dayton, Fremont, Indianfields, Koylton and Wells townships.

The deadline for candidates to file is 4 p.m. Tuesday, April 24, for partisan candidates, and 4 p.m. Thursday, July 19, for candidates without a political party affiliation, according to Tuscola County Clerk Jodi Fetting.



Thom Bardwell

Knights offers free shredding this April

by Mary Drier
Special for the Chronicle

With identity theft on the rise and more and more income tax fraud happening, Knights Insurance Agency at 6468 Main Street in Cass City, is offering free document shredding during the month of April.

More than 2.7 million people had their identities stolen in 2014, according to Internal Revenue Service (IRS) officials so it is important to be careful with information used to file income tax returns and to dispose of sensitive paperwork when it is no longer needed.

"Shredding documents instead of just throwing them in the trash is one way to protect your identity," said Knights Insurance Agency owner Amy Peters. "That's one of the services we offer because one of the important aspects of our job is to protect our customers."

The shredding service is available Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Shredding will be done by Shred Experts of Saginaw.

"The service is available to everyone in April — not just for our customers, but to the whole community," said Peters.

She offered the following suggestions on how to protect personal infor-

mation: Never carry your Social Security card or number in your wallet or purse, or have it printed on checks. Do not give personal information via email, phone or Internet except to confirmed sources. Obtain a copy of your credit report annually and report any discrepancies.

Peters also recommends not using personal information for passwords or PIN numbers, such as birth date, Social Security number, mother's maiden name, etc. Review monthly bills and account statements, and report inaccuracies immediately. You can also use a credit monitor-

ing service and you can purchase Identity Theft Insurance. This type of insurance provides coverage for expenses related to restoring your identity such as attorney fees, lost earning as a result of time off work, loan reapplication fees, and other out-of-pocket expenses.

If you do become a victim, report it to the police, the Federal Trade Commission, credit reporting agencies and creditors.

For more information about the free shredding or identity theft insurance, contact Knights Insurance Agency at (989) 872-5114.



MEMBERS OF Knights Insurance Agency, from left, Rochelle Brown, Heidi Hartwick, Sue Marlow and Amy Peters offer free shredding for the month of April to residents.

Senior Movies on tap Friday at the library

Rawson Memorial District Library in Cass City will be hosting its next Senior Citizen Movies Friday, April 20, at 1:30 p.m.

Films slated to be shown are:
*After Stonehenge — Archaeologists have long believed that while the Egyptians were building pyramids, the people living in Western Europe were far less ad-

vanced. But new discoveries suggest something far more exciting: a 3,000 year old settlement in eastern England that tells a dramatically new story about Bronze Age life in Britain (60 minutes).

*French Riviera: Uniquely Chic — The quintessential image of luxuriating on a beach in Europe is on the Côte d'Azur, or the

French Riviera. After soaking up more than our share of sun, viewers will see how this glittering stretch of France's Mediterranean coast offers more than just a first-class beach break (30 minutes).

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Medical care facility earns recognition

by Mary Drier
Special for the Chronicle

The Tuscola County Medical Care Facility in Caro was recently recognized for the quality of care it provides.

The American Health Care Association (AHCA) awarded the Tuscola County Medical Care Community a Certificate of Achievement for the attainment of AHCA Quality Initiative goals, according to Tuscola County Medical Care CEO Brenda Kretzschmer RN, NHA.

The certificate of achievement award was based on several factors, including decreasing turnover rates among nursing staff, customer satisfaction, reducing unintended health care outcomes, reducing hospital re-admissions, improved rates of discharge, reducing the use of antipsychotics, and reducing hospitalizations among long-term residents.

Successful ventures of this magnitude can only be accomplished with teamwork and strong leadership, according to Kretzschmer, who said the Tuscola County facility is committed to being a leader in skilled nursing care for the residents of the county and state.

Kretzschmer took over as CEO in September 2017 following the retirement of Margot Roedel after serving in the role for 17 years.

The Tuscola County Medical Care Facility serves patients who need long-term care as well as those requiring short-term care and rehabilitation. The facility's roots date back to 1860. Since then, the facility has strived to keep pace with the changing needs of today, from total care to assisted living.

About 18.3 percent of Tuscola County's population of 54,000 is 65 or older, and that number is increasing as Baby Boomers age.

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Snail pace winner



Driving distracted? U Drive. U Text. U Pay

In spite of laws banning texting and driving, motorists juggling the wheel of their vehicles and a cell phone is a common sight on area roadways.

But the dangers inherent in distracted driving remain all too real. The truth is, texting just one "LOL" or "SMH" could change your life forever. You could end up in jail, injured, or even dead.

At the very least, motorists caught texting and driving find themselves a few dollars lighter, according to Tuscola County Sheriff Glen Skrent, who is joining law enforcement officials throughout the state and nation in sharing a simple message: U Drive. U Text. U Pay.

Law enforcement agencies are stepping up patrol efforts this month and targeting distracted drivers.

"Driving and texting is not only dangerous and irresponsible, it's illegal," Skrent said. "Drivers who break our state's texting law will be stopped and cited.

Texting while driving is especially dangerous because it involves three main types of distraction:

- *Visual – taking your eyes off the road.*
- *Manual: Taking your hands off the wheel.*
- *Cognitive – taking your mind off the task of driving.*

Michigan's texting law prohibits drivers from reading, manually typing or sending text messages while driving. Violating the texting law can be costly; Motorists convicted of a first offense may be fined \$100, with subsequent offenses costing \$200 each.

Distracted driving statistics paint a grim picture of what can happen when motorists aren't paying attention to the road.

In 2016, an estimated 3,450 people were killed nationwide in motor vehicle accidents involving distracted drivers, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). Those crashes made up just over nine percent of all fatal accidents in that same year.

In Michigan, distracted driving accounted for 12,788 crashes in 2016, including 43 fatalities and 5,103 injuries, according to Michigan State Police Criminal Justice Information Center.

A 2014 article in the New England Journal of Medicine stated the risk of a crash or near-crash among novice drivers increased with the performance of many secondary tasks, including texting and dialing cell phones.

Research by the NHTSA reveals that millennials are the biggest offenders when it comes to texting and driving, with more 16- to 24-year-olds handling phones while driving than any other age group.

In addition to cell phone use, distracted driving may involve eating and drinking, using a navigation system, attending to children, grooming, reading, talking to passengers, and even changing a radio station setting.

We understand the temptation to pick up that cell phone while driving, especially when an audible tone indicates you've received a text or email. If you can't resist taking a look, why not pull over in a safe location before reading and responding?

When you really get down to it – and consider the risk of injury and death a distracted driving accident can cause – is there any message so urgent that it can't wait?

Whoever said getting old marked the arrival of the "golden years" had no idea what they were talking about.

I have learned that getting older is more like entering the "metal years." I have silver in my hair. Gold frames in my bifocals, aluminum in my wheel-walker, and lead in my bottom.

I really hate having to use a wheel-walker to get around. I used to race cars and motorcycles on tracks in the area. And, I sometimes used to exceed the speed limit on highways, which earned me more than a few tickets from local sheriff's deputies.

After a while I lost interest in racing and learned to slow down in order to keep my driver's license.

I really slowed down when I had to start using a wheel walker to get around. I really hate using that walker, and the snail pace I have now. Because of my limited mobility, a news report on a racing snail got my attention.

Each year there is a world champion snail race in England. Really. I looked it up on the Internet.

I figure it must be the English version of Mark Twain's 1865 story entitled the "Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County." I'm not sure if there really was a frog jumping contest in Calaveras County, but back in the 1800s, there wasn't a lot to do for entertainment, so there could have been such a contest.

According to what I found out about England's snail race, the event has been around for 50 years, and the first snail to cross the finish line – a distance of about 13 inches – wins the race. Each snail has a little sticker on its back with a number to keep track of them, sort of like the numbers painted on race cars.

My research also revealed that the snail track is kept wet because snails like dampness, and there is even a "snail trainer" who coordinates the races and starts the race heats by yelling, "Ready, steady, slow."


The winner of the last snail race was Larry, who Tara Beasley plucked from a garden the night before the race. Larry streaked across the finish line in 2:47 minutes. Although Larry's race time sounds rather impressive for a snail, he did not beat the world snail-race record. Archie the Snail holds the world record set in 1996 after covering the entire 13-inch length in two minutes.

As winner of the snail race, Larry and Beasley receive a trophy filled with lettuce. It is a duo-purpose prize. The lettuce can be enjoyed by Larry and in a salad by Beasley.

Anyway, the main point of this column is that, "slow and steady wins the race."

Suffice it to say I don't feel so bad having to use

a wheel-walker because I learned that even snails can be world champions.



Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Here's your chance to own a piece of Michigan history. But you'd better move quickly — and have a heavy-duty truck and trailer to transport the treasure home.

The Mackinac Bridge Authority is auctioning off two-ton sections of the bridge's original steel grating. Each section measures roughly 5.5 feet by 38 feet. Seven identical sections of the grating were being sold via an online auction that ends Thursday, April 19, at 9 a.m. The bridge authority reports it will cut a section into two shorter pieces if the buyer wants, and will load them for transport.

The Mackinac Bridge, spanning nearly five miles, connects Michigan's Upper and Lower Peninsulas and crosses the waterway that links Lakes Huron and Michigan.

The bridge, including approaches, and the world's longest suspension bridge between cable anchorages, was designed by engineer Dr. David B. Steinman. Merritt-Chapman & Scott Corporation's \$25,735,600 agreement to build all the foundations led to the mobilization of the largest bridge construction fleet ever assembled.

Construction of the massive structure officially began amid ceremonies May 7 and 8, 1954, at St. Ignace and Mackinaw City. The bridge opened to traffic Nov. 1, 1957.

The Cass City High School band is in need of new marching band uniforms. Accordingly, Thumb Bank & Trust is teaming up with the band boosters and community members to host a Pancake Supper before the Spring Band Concert on May 9th from 5 – 6:30 at the Jr/Sr. high school.

Band Director Laura Curtis says, "We have the uniforms looking pretty good on the outside but the insides are dry rotting, and the pants are blowing out the inner seams. We had 2-4 kids per game blow huge holes in their pants each game by just walking or marching normal. The seams are super weak just because they are so old."

The Boosters will need to purchase roughly 150 uniforms.

Citing the addition of nearly 3 million people to the Michigan Organ Donor Registry since 2011, Secretary of State Ruth Johnson held her final Donate Life Day event and thanked staff and volunteers who have expanded the registry.

Johnson joined partners Gift of Life Michigan and Eversight at Hurley Medical Center in Flint recently to celebrate April as Donate Life Month.

"When I took office in 2011, only 27 percent of Michigan adults had signed up on the Michigan Organ Donor Registry, and now that number is at 63 percent," Johnson said. "Thanks to the hard work and dedication of Secretary of State staff, volunteers and partners, we have come a long way in improving the lives of Michigan residents in need of a life-saving or life-changing transplant."

Johnson made huge changes in the way the Secretary of State's Office approached organ donation when she took office in 2011. About 85 percent of people who sign up do so through the Secretary of State's Office.

Johnson was joined by Dorrie Dils, CEO for Gift of Life Michigan, the state's organ and tissue recovery program; Diana Kern, vice president for philanthropy for Eversight, the state's cornea and eye tissue recovery program; Hurley Medical Center vice president and chief medical officer Dr. Michael Jaggi; a pediatric heart recipient from Rochester Hills; a Saginaw resident waiting for a kidney; and family members whose loved ones donated organs to save the lives of strangers.

"Every time someone joins the Donor Registry they give hope to their fellow residents who are desperately waiting for a transplant," Dils said. "We thank our partners at the Secretary of State for their dedication in helping people make this decision to save and improve lives. We honor life through donation, and together, we are building a culture where donation is becoming the norm across the state of Michigan."

Johnson presented a Shining Star Award to Valerie Canary, a registered nurse at Hurley Medical Center who acts as the center's donation liaison. The number of donors has risen since Canary became the liaison in 2015. She has also taken her passion for donation into the Flint community, registering new donors and educating the public. Shining Stars are given to groups or individuals who show exceptional dedication, outstanding support, novel partnerships or extraordinary efforts in the area of organ, tissue and eye donor awareness.

We added more than 341,000 new names to the Michigan Organ Donor Registry last year," Kern said. "Eversight is grateful to partner with the Secretary of State and her staff, because we're working together to make a direct impact in the lives of those in need."

Anyone can join the Michigan Organ Donor Registry by visiting www.Michigan.gov/organdonation or any Secretary of State office. Those who sign up receive a heart emblem for their driver's license that indicates their decision to be an organ donor. People will receive a heart-logo sticker when people join the registry at a Secretary of State office or online. A new card with a permanent heart emblem is issued at renewal time. One person can transform the lives of up to 75 people through organ, tissue and eye donation.

Letters to the Editor

Canfield did great job

Editor,

State Rep. Ed Canfield is exactly the kind of person we need serving in the Legislature, and it is hard to see him go after serving the people of Huron and Tuscola counties for three years with such integrity and excellence.

Rep. Canfield did a phenomenal job of putting his communities first because he was there for all the right reasons — to be a voice of common sense for the people who elected him.

After serving in the legislature myself, I have experienced those that want to make themselves look good compared to those who want to do good.

Rep. Canfield always took the higher road to serve others instead of himself. Dr. Canfield, you will be missed!

Kevin Daley
Former state representative and candidate for the 31st District State Senate seat (Bay, Lapeer and Tuscola counties)

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Jury convicts Williams

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every piece of evidence – and some of the evidence was pretty difficult to look at.”

According to testimony offered during the trial, Williams struck his 57-year-old wife in the head with a splitting-ax maul – twice – while she was lying in bed during the early morning hours of May 26 inside their home at 1850 Mertz Rd. (M-24) in Tuscola County’s Indianfields Township.

Williams then tossed the ax at his wife, according to Reene, who said Williams “went about his day like he would on any other day.” He made coffee, showered, dressed and went to work. Sometime during the next 14 hours, before returning home, he also visited his girlfriend, dropping off a gift card to her.

After he returned home, Reene said, Williams ransacked the residence in an effort to make it appear as if an unknown intruder had broken in and assaulted his wife.

Investigators said Williams then called 911 to report the “crime”. He initially told police his home had been invaded and his wife attacked.

As the investigation progressed, Williams became the prime suspect and was arrested on May 27.

Reene initially said there was no clear motive in the crime, although Williams offered investigators some “difficult to decipher comments” that seemed to indicate general marital discord, and that during his preliminary examination, court testimony indicated Williams and his wife had argued about his giving another woman money.

In fact, Reene said, the investigation revealed Williams had given his girlfriend \$10,000 to \$20,000 or more over a period of time.

“He’s a very puzzling guy,” Reene has said of Williams. “Cold-blooded – that’s the (phrase) that runs through your mind.

“He had a million options (to end his marriage) besides the one that he chose,” the prosecutor said last week. While the victim survived the attack, he added, she continues to suffer from medical issues related to her injuries. “It’s a miracle that she’s alive, and she continues to reside in a facility where assistance is provided to her.

“I think what you’re looking for is some measure of justice for the victim, and that’s hard to come by in a case like this. She suffered irreparable harm,” Reene said. “She lived a simple life. We can’t give her life back – that was all taken away from her in an instant. But at least he’s being held accountable.”

Prior to last week’s trial, Williams was examined at the Center for Forensic Psychiatry in Ypsilanti, where he underwent a criminal responsibility evaluation. It was determined the case against the Caro resident could move forward.

He will remain in jail while awaiting sentencing.

Pair charged in burglary

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ment. The conspiracy charge also carries a fine of up to \$10,000.

The pair, who share a residence in Cass City, are also charged with possession of burglar’s tools, larceny of property/cash totaling \$1,000 to \$20,000, attempted breaking and entering with intent to commit larceny, larceny in a building and conspiracy to commit larceny in a building.

Teller also faces a charge of obtaining money by false pretenses in a separate case. Her bond was set at \$20,000 (personal recognizance).

Smith’s bond was set at \$8,000 (10 percent), but he also faces an additional charge – probation violation. Bond in that case was set at \$25,000 cash.

The investigation unfolded after police were alerted to a “smash and grab” burglary at Quaker Maid during the early morning hours of Feb. 26. Cass City Police Chief Craig Haynes reported the suspects allegedly used a blunt object to smash the glass in the front door of the business, then entered the building, grabbed an unknown amount of cash and fled.

About one month later, during the early morning hours of March 27, business owner Kareem Khoury discovered a second burglary attempt, although the culprits were unable to gain entry through a glass door before fleeing the scene.

Haynes lauded Officer Ken Miller’s work on the case, noting his efforts in obtaining enhanced digital images of the suspects from a surveillance camera marked a turning point in the investigation.

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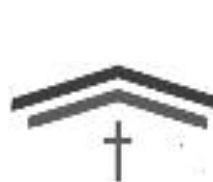


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MICHIGAN Attorney General Bill Schuette discussed his office's accomplishments and his aspirations to become Michigan's next governor during a tour of the Thumb that included stops in Caro, Bad Axe, Sandusky and Vassar Thursday. Above, Schuette addresses a group of business representatives at POET Biorefining in Caro.

Sobriety court graduation on tap

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Huron counties through intensive intervention in the lives of repeat drunken or drugged driving offenders," explained Heather Walther, who has served as TRSC case manager for the past few years and, as of March, is also now coordinator of the program. "The court, referred to as TRSC, first started operating with participants in January of 2014 and has now successfully graduated over 70 individuals," she added.

The TRSC was officially established in 2013 through a partnership of the trial court judges in Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac counties. The goal was to create a specialized central treatment court that could utilize tools outside of the traditional fines and jail time to encourage those repeatedly convicted of driving under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol to turn over a new leaf.

The TRSC is one of four pilot programs launched by the State Court Administrative Office (SCAO) in an effort to bring sobriety courts to rural parts of the state on a regional, multi-county basis. The SCAO initially

awarded \$255,000 in grant funding to establish the Thumb program.

The first offenders accepted as participants in the program began their journey to "graduation" in early 2014.

The 10 individuals slated to be recognized during the upcoming ceremony have completed intensive court supervision, individual and group treatment, intensive drug testing, and 12-step meeting attendance, Walther noted.

"This process aides in reducing recidivism while minimizing incarceration time, therefore reducing jail expenses to the communities. As a result, this provides these individuals with an opportunity to positively change their lives, improve personal relationships, and become law abiding, productive and substance free citizens," she said.

The TRSC is a 15- to 24-month-long program with four phases, during which participants must demonstrate improvements in the areas of behavior, attitudes, lifestyle changes, substance abuse treatment, potentially mental health treatment, mandatory drug testing, and 12-step attendance.

"TRSC follows the National As-

sociation of Drug Court Professionals Best Practices as a guide for all aspects of the treatment court, including how to change behaviors," Walther said. "We use incentives for positive behavioral changes and sanctions for behavior modification when necessary."

Intensive court supervision includes weekly case management meetings and bi-weekly court review hearings with Tuscola County Circuit Judge Amy Grace Gierhart.

Over the course of a year, participants will typically spend \$4,000 or \$5,000 for expenses ranging from substance abuse treatment/counseling, drug testing and gas along with program fees — an initial \$110 assessment charge and monthly \$50 participation fee.

Prior to next week's graduation ceremony, TRSC officials will host their fourth annual stakeholders meeting. The session is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m.

"The purpose of this meeting is to update the community stakeholders as to the progress of this program and any effects it has had on the community," Walther explained. "The public is welcome to attend as well."

Deputies respond to near-tragic calls

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to assist MMR personnel with a heroin overdose in the Cass City area.

"A female was found unresponsive, and Narcan and CPR were used by MMR to save the subject," Skrent said. Narcan is the brand name of the generic naloxone, which works as an opiate antidote and is administered to people in order to reverse the effects of an overdose of heroin or other opioid painkillers.

"Two days prior, another officer had been sent to the address for the same thing. Marijuana was also seized at the scene," added the sheriff, who noted a report detailing Saturday's incident will be

forwarded to the Tuscola County Prosecutor's Office.

Deputies were also dispatched to the Vassar area over the weekend to investigate reports of shots being fired inside a residence.

The call came in at 11:52 a.m. Sunday, according to Skrent. "Deputies were sent to an address on Lewis Road in Arbela Township. The caller told dispatch armed subjects were breaking into their house. Vassar Police Department was asked to assist," he said.

"Upon arrival, the officers found that shots had been fired inside the residence by the person living there. After a thorough investigation, the officers found that the subject living there was under the influence of drugs and had hallu-

cinated the incident," he continued. "They did, however, fire several shots in the house with a shotgun."

Skrent reported officers seized drug paraphernalia, marijuana, possible heroin and cocaine, and a shotgun as evidence.

"One subject was arrested for filing a false police report and reckless discharge of a firearm. The report has been turned over to the prosecutor's office," the sheriff noted.

"Drugs continue to be a problem in our county," Skrent said. "We must do what we can to educate the public to this crisis, which is happening here and all over our country."

News briefs

Airman completes training

TEXAS — U.S. Air Force Airman Haley E. Wynn graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman, a 2012 graduate of Cass City High School, completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training also earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Wynn is the daughter of Steven and Susan Wynn of Unionville, and the granddaughter of Milton Phillips of Cass City.

Intersection upgrades set

CARO — Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) officials say signal upgrades at five intersections in Arenac, Bay, Saginaw and Tuscola counties were scheduled to get underway Monday.

In Tuscola County, the affected intersections are M-24 (Mertz Road) at M-46 (Sanilac Road), and M-81 (North State Street) at M-24 (Clever Road) in Caro.

MDOT will invest a combined \$1.1 million in the signal upgrades statewide. The will include signal modernization and curb, gutter, and sidewalk improvements.

Access to the intersections will be maintained at all times, although occasional lane and sidewalk closures may be required to accommodate some work.

The estimated completion date for the projects is Friday, July 20.

Free student aid info here

MICHIGAN — With April designated as National Financial Literacy Month, the Michigan Department of Treasury is reminding families and students looking for help paying for college to consider checking out the MI Student Aid program as a resource for navigating the financial aid process.

"Navigating the financial aid process can be overwhelming and complicated," said Anne Wohlfert, director of treasury's Student Financial Services Bureau. "Many college-bound students and their families don't know where to begin. As the state's go-to resource for college financial aid information, MI Student Aid can provide students and families with resources to make the process much easier."

Those resources are free and available to the public. To learn more about the financial resources available for paying for college, students and their families are encouraged to visit www.michigan.gov/mistudentaid.

Soybean meetings scheduled

THUMB — MSU Extension and the Michigan Soybean Promotion Committee will hold two informational meetings for soybean growers interested in cooperating in on-farm plots.

The Soybean Management and Research Technology (SMaRT) program, made possible by the checkoff investment of Michigan soybean producers, is a program where soybean producers establish plots on their farm. The individual projects are farmer-driven, and cooperators can choose from among ten possible projects.

Two area informational meetings for soybean growers interested in learning more about participating with SMaRT plots will be held Friday, April 20, at 8:30 a.m. at the Peppermill restaurant in Bad Axe, and at noon at the Brentwood in Caro. Complementary meals will be provided.

Pre-registration is requested. Anyone interested in attending the Bad Axe meeting may call (989) 269-9949 (ext. 602). Those interested in attending the Caro meeting should call (989) 672-3870.

Compiled by Mary Drier and Tom Montgomery

Youth livestock scholarship deadline scheduled May 15

Since 2000, the Michigan Youth Livestock Scholarship Fund (MYLSF) has awarded \$491,000 in scholarships and educational awards to outstanding youth who have exhibited at the premier livestock events in the state of Michigan.

New in 2018, a select number of applicants may be offered an opportunity to be interviewed for an up to \$5,000 scholarship. The MYLSF scholarship committee will choose the top scholarship applicants in June to come back for an interview prior to the Sale-Abraction.

To be eligible for either the MYLSF general scholarship or the statewide scholarship, the applicant must be a resident of Michigan and a graduating high school senior or a high school graduate continuing their education at an accredited institution in the year in which they are applying.

For the general MYLSF scholarship, the applicant must be a youth exhibitor at the Michigan Livestock Expo, the Michigan Dairy Expo or the former Michigan State Fair, for a minimum of three calendar years prior to the year of application.

For the statewide scholarship, an applicant must be a youth exhibitor at a local, county, or statewide exhibition for a minimum of three years prior to the year of application. Applications and qualification requirements for the MYLSF and the statewide scholarship can be obtained at <http://www.michigan.gov/mda-mylysf>. Applications must be postmarked no later than 5 p.m. on May 15.

More information is available by contacting Jeff Haarer, Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development's producer security section manager, at (517) 284-5642 or Ernie Birchmeier, Michigan Farm Bureau's livestock and dairy specialist, at (517) 679-5335.

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Ahhh...spring in Michigan

IT AIN'T OVER 'till it's over. Michigan's wintery spring weather continued last week, with periods of snow and mixed precipitation alternating with cloudy days and even a few peeks at the sun, followed by an ice storm over the weekend. The unpredictable weather didn't, however, keep this squirrel from making his regular rounds in search of acorns he buried last fall at a Deford area residence.

Hills & Dales General Hospital

Hills & Dales General Hospital has rescheduled our Annual Spring Health Fair!

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Passion for coaching, teaching drew Hartel into education career

by Mary Drier
Special for the Chronicle

A passion for coaching high school sports and working with youths drew Jeff Hartel away from a business career and into education.

"I have a bachelor's degree in business management from Central Michigan University," said Hartel, Cass City Public Schools superintendent. "It was when I was coaching freshmen girls' and boys' basketball that I realized I really enjoyed it enough to go back and get a teaching certificate. "I realized that I like working with kids better than I did working in the business field."

Hartel was named Cass City's superintendent in 2010 after spending eight years as the middle school principal and three years before that as middle school assistant principal and athletic director. He started out in the district as an instructor, teaching science, math, health and physical education.

Hartel's career in education spans 31 years, including 27 years in Cass City.

Prior to returning to his hometown — he graduated from Cass City High School in 1978 — Hartel taught four years at Forest Hills Northern High School in Grand Rapids, where he also coached junior varsity baseball, freshman football and varsity basketball.

"From there, I came to Cass City, and became the varsity basketball coach. I've coached varsity basketball here for nine years. I've also coached junior high football, junior varsity baseball, some

youth basketball stuff. I was mainly the varsity basketball coach in the '90s," said Hartel, who recently wrapped up another year at the helm of the boys' varsity basketball program.

Hartel's love of sports dates back to his days in high school, playing basketball, football and baseball.

"High school was the end of my playing days," he said. "I wasn't good enough to play in college. I was a good solid high school player, but that was it, so I went into coaching."



Jeff Hartel

"Sports has always been an important part of what I do. It is a way for me to connect with the kids outside of the classroom when I was a teacher and administrator," Hartel explained. "I enjoy the sports aspect of it — the competition and getting to know the kids better."

"Teaching is a great profession. You have a chance to connect with kids and help them focus their life and help with life lessons," he said. "It is not an easy job. It can be very difficult because of the demands of curriculum. And, it is tougher to motivate kids today to do their best and to try their best."

"It is also difficult to be a good teacher. There is a lot of training involved," Hartel added. "It is a profession where you can affect a lot of lives and get a lot of joy and happiness out of it, but there are frustrating days."

For Hartel, the best part of teaching was the day-to-day interaction with students.

"They make you laugh. They make you think. They make you challenge yourself," he said. "There are so many good kids out there that are so smart, you can learn from them," he said. "I'll see a student that I had 15 to 20 years ago, (and they'll) greet me when we meet. The connections are life-long that you make being a teacher." "As an administrator, I have a handle on school environment, whether it is teaching, athletics, busing, food service. I feel I can reach more people and assist my leadership group with challenges they may have," he said.

"I feel that I have leadership qualities that I can help other people, and that's what I enjoy doing. I enjoy helping whether it is adults or students or families. I pride myself on being there for people when needed."

Among the negatives of being an administrator, according to Hartel, is there are so many obstacles that prevent educators from doing everything they want because of state regulations.

"As an administrator, I kind of lose contact with students. I don't see them every day. I don't know all of their names like I did when I was in the classroom," he said. "I miss that personal touch with students as an administrator."

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Cass City disposes of Ubly in home opener

by Clarke Haire
Publisher

Cass City rode the arm of Kendall Anthes to victory Thursday during a Greater Thumb Conference crossover meeting that kicked-off the 2018 season for the hosts with a promising showing.

Cass City actually spotted the visitors a 1-0 lead early, before Anthes settled-in and cruised to an 11-1 decision.

Ubly struck first when Skyler Lesoski singled on a line drive to open the second frame. Lesoski would advance to third base on a wild pitch and eventually score on an error.

Cass City answered in their half of the second frame behind a 2-out single from Hunter Vaughan — he continues to deliver at the plate when it is needed most — scoring Kenton Wiseman. The Red Hawks took the lead for good moments later when Tristan Swiderski came home on a pass ball.

Leading 2-1, Anthes took care of the rest.

The southpaw sophomore scattered five hits over 6-innings of

work, striking out 13. He displayed nearly perfect control and didn't allow a free pass.

Cass City added six insurance runs in the third and then ended the contest with three runs in the sixth.

Anthony Sweeney and Tyler Jones combined to handle the pitching chores for the Bearcats. Sweeney started on the hill and suffered the defeat. He lasted 2 2/3 innings, striking out four and surrendering seven hits. Jones also worked 2 2/3 innings of relief and was touched for five hits.

At the plate, Vaughn enjoyed a 4-hit game that included four RBIs and two doubles. Wiseman, only a freshman, had a pair of singles and scored twice in his varsity debut, while Zack Beecher and Swiderski added 2-baggers. Collen Wruble was 2-for-3 and supplied two runs scored for the winners.

At the plate, Ubly's Anthony Sweeney was perfect in three trips to the plate in vain.

In the nightcap, the game ended in a 4-4 tie, shortened because of darkness.



RED HAWK Braden Rosenstangel stole a pair of bases and added two runs scored against Ubly. Behind the plate for the Bearcats is Casey Sweeney.



UBLY'S ANTHONY Sweeney recorded four strike outs Thursday, but host Cass City prevailed 11-1 in the Greater Thumb Conference crossover game.



COACH John Hacker tries to steady his Cass City softball team during non-conference action with GTC foe Ubly.

Mayville wins twice at Owen-Gage's expense

by Clarke Haire, Publisher

As the temperate slumped Thursday in Owendale, so did the Owen-Gage Bulldogs' bats as they bowed in both ends of a double header against Mayville to kick off their 2018 campaign.

After scoring three runs in their first at bats, Coach Brian Wright's Bulldogs would be held to a solo run for the rest of the afternoon, falling 17-4 and 10-0.

"We started out strong with three runs in the first. Eventually errors and their good hitting hurt us later in the game. We have a young team with lots of room for improvement," he said.

Owen-Gage's Luke Retford suffered the 5-inning defeat on the hill, while at the plate Aaron Fahrner was 3-for-3. Retford added a pair of knocks and Matt Fritz and Cord Clarkson each recorded singles.

Logan LaBean was the game one winner for Mayville. He helped his own cause with three RBIs and fanned eight.

In the nightcap, Nick Phillips didn't give up a hit, allowing Mayville to complete the sweep in convincing style.

Andrew Partaka was the victim of little offensive support and was tagged with the loss for the hosts.

"Through the game the temperature continued to drop, making it not fun to play," said Wright, adding, "Phillips did a great job on the mound and we need to commit less errors and hit the ball better"

Surprise winners at Bad Axe triangular

by Clarke Haire
Publisher

In early season track action, Bad

Axe captured top honors at their own triangular meet last week that included Cass City and
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Ubly sweeps Lady Red Hawks in Greater Thumb Conference play

by Clarke Haire
Publisher

If Cass City's opening games are any indication, the Lady Red Hawks won't have trouble scoring runs this spring.

Although Coach John Hacker's squad went 1-3 to kick off their 2018 season, they manufactured a total of 45 runs in double header action with Ubly and Brown City.

"I like the way we hit the ball. We need to clean things up a little and cut down on the big innings," said Hacker.

After trading decisions with visiting Brown City to open the week on Tuesday, Cass City entertained Ubly Thursday and came up short by the scores of 17-13 and 8-5.

In the opener, both teams battled to a 5-5 tie, before the Bearcats plated eight runs in the fifth to take a commanding lead.

"We came back twice and had a chance to win at the end," said Hacker.

Konnar Warren and Baylee Murphy each clubbed home runs for

Cass City and combined for six RBIs to highlight a 17-hit attack.

Ubly's Katelyn Sweeney's late inning grand slam proved to be the difference in the slugfest.

Sadie Souva handled the mound duties for the visitors and was awarded the win, while Bailee Ross was tagged with the loss.

In the nightcap, Ubly jumped out to a quick 8-0 advantage and held on for an 8-5 victory.

Sweeney went the distance, toeing the rubber for Ubly. She fanned six to best Cass City freshman Dawson Klein, who struck out five and issued two free passes in her first start.

At the plate, Sweeney and Souva both hit homers for the winners.

Cass City had Jalene Krol with a triple and Macey White with a double for the team's only extra base knocks.

BROWN CITY

The long ball was on display in Tuesday's non-conference twin bill between Cass City and guest Brown City.

In game one, Cass City used a Riley Klein first inning home run to help build a 4-0 margin, only to bow 12-8 to the Greater Thumb East Green Devils.

Lauren Dickinson had three hits, while Murphy and Kacey Haire added doubles in a losing effort.

Ross whiffed seven and walked four, allowing three earned runs in defeat.

In game two, a pair of home runs by Murphy and solo fence clearing shots by DeeDee Haley and Brittany Hamilton powered the hosts to a 19-2 mercy rule decision.

Klein was the pitcher of record for the winners, tossing four innings without allowing a walk.

Haire chipped in two doubles for Cass City's attack, while Murphy drove in six markers.



Reese students shine in underwater competition

The ROVE RHS Innovators of Reese, recently traveled to Roseville, Michigan to compete in the Square One Education Network's Underwater Innovative Vehicle Design Challenge. Throughout the day, this hard-working team competed in several infrastructure-based tasks. They were also judged in several categories where they placed second in presentation and engineering and craftsmanship, as well as first in design innovation. These award-winning innovations included LED lights to improve visibility, an inexpensive car backup camera to give drivers wider visibility, and custom aluminum prop adapters designed by the students and fabricated with the help of Kremin, Inc., a manufacturing company based in Frankenmuth. Now, the Innovators are looking

forward to their next challenge. In order to compete in the Square One Innovative Vehicle Design Challenge at M-City on the University of Michigan campus on May 19, the group is working to test and improve a stock 1/10 Traxxas Slash. With innovations including Arduino-based sensors, custom bodies, and other performance modifications, they will be well prepared to tackle challenges of speed and agility. The RHS Innovators have enjoyed solving these problems as a team as they work towards this exciting opportunity.

You can find the RHS Innovators on social media @rhsinnovators on Snapchat, Instagram, and YouTube, @reeserove on Facebook, or email them at rhsinnovators@gmail.com.



MEMBERS OF THE ROVE RHS Innovators include, from the left, Brenndon Schoenow, Rachel Boensch, Haylee Hull, Melina O'Dell, Megan Klein and Madison Harmon.

Cass City women win

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Unionville-Sebewaing Area (USA).

The host Hatchets came out on top with 66 points, while Cass City held off USA, 55-54, for the runner-up spot.

The results are somewhat of a surprise to defending Greater Thumb West champion coach Jon Zdrojewski.

"We lost to Bad Axe, but not by enough to have me worried as we have some athletes that will move into other roles and give us more points in the larger meets. We have a very young team and this was the first chance to compete at the varsity level for the majority of our team and I was pleased with their initial performances," he said.

Leading the way for Cass City, reported Zdrojewski, was CarLee Stimpfel with three first place showings, adding, Brendan Hamilton will continue to be strong in the short distances and the long jump as well as anchoring the sprint relays.


While those senior standout per-

formances are nothing new for Zdrojewski, senior and new addition Michael Ziegler was a pleasant surprise, "Mike will be very strong for us in the throws, as he continues to work on the technique involved in both throwing events. We looked good in all four of our relay events and Cass City should be a force in all of the relays. We have nice depth on the team with 35 guys that will allow a lot of moving as times improve. That also bodes well for our future as most of the team are 9th and 10th graders with very little experience. Hopefully we will get in a couple meets this week, but the weather is making them doubtful."

Turning to the women's field, Cass City was the easy winner with 94 points, followed by the Hatchets with 54 points and USA with 10.

For the winners, Hailey Schmotzer was best in the 300 meter and 100 meter hurdles, while Madison Beckrow topped all pole vaulters and Layna Mathewson was first in the 1,600 meter run.

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4/5	Caro
4/10	Brown City
4/12	Ubly
4/14	Tuscola Tourny @ Millington.....TBA
4/16	Sandusky
4/19	Bad Axe
4/23	Memphis
4/26	USA
4/30	Marlette
5/3	Reese
5/10	Vassar
5/12	Saginaw Nouvel Tourny.....9:30 a.m.
5/14	Harbor Beach
5/17	EPBP Lakers
5/29-6/1	Districts @ TBA.....TBA

All games begin at 4 p.m. unless noted

GIRLS' SOFTBALL (VARSITY)

DATE	OPPONENT
3/22	Capac
4/5	Caro
4/10	Brown City
4/12	Ubly
4/14	Tuscola Tourny @ Millington.....TBA
4/16	Sandusky
4/19	Bad Axe
4/23	Memphis
4/26	USA
4/30	Marlette
5/3	Reese
5/10	Vassar
5/12	Brown City Tourny.....TBA
5/14	Harbor Beach
5/17	EPBP Lakers
5/23	Cros-Lex (Varsity & JV)
5/29-6/1	Districts @ TBA.....TBA

All games begin at 4 p.m. unless noted

TRACK

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
3/21	Reese/USA/Marlette	4:30 p.m.
4/5	Reese/Vassar	4:30 p.m.
4/10	Bad Axe/EPBP Lakers/USA	4:30 p.m.
4/13	Brown City Invite	4:00 p.m.
4/17	Brown City/EPBP Lakers/Reese	4:30 p.m.
4/18	Bad Axe 9/10 Invite	TBA
4/20	Marlette Invite	4:00 p.m.
4/24	USA Invite	4:00 p.m.
4/27	Vassar Invite	4:00 p.m.
5/1	Ubly Invite	4:00 p.m.
5/4	Reese Invite	3:30 p.m.
5/8	EPBP Lakers Invite	4:00 p.m.
5/9	Reese 9/10 Invite	TBA
5/11	Bad Axe Invite	4:00 p.m.
5/15	GTW League Meet @ EPBP Lakers	4:00 p.m.
5/18	Regionals @ Marlette	TBA
5/22	Tribune Meet of Champs @ Bad Axe	TBA
5/29	Thumb Meet of Champs @ Caro	TBA
6/2	State Finals	TBA

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DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
4/5	Caro	4:00 p.m.
4/19	Caro	4:00 p.m.
4/23	GTC Jamboree @ Vassar	3:30 p.m.
4/24	GTC Jamboree @ USA	4:00 p.m.
4/25	North Huron Invite - Bird Creek	TBA
4/27	Ubly Invite	8:15 a.m.
4/29	GTC Jamboree @ Bad Axe	4:00 p.m.
5/3	GTC Jamboree @ Cass City	4:00 p.m.
5/9	Brown City Invite	8:00 a.m.
5/11	GTC Jamboree @ Lakers	4:00 p.m.
5/14	Millington Quad	1:00 p.m.
5/16	Owen-Gage Invite	9:30 a.m.
5/18	Warner Memorial Invite @ Vassar	TBA
5/21	GTC League Meet @ Ubly	TBA
5/22	Bad Axe @ Verona	4:00 p.m.
5/23	Mayville Invite	TBA
5/30	Regionals @ Scenic	TBA

JUNIOR HIGH TRACK

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
4/11	USA/Vassar	4:30 p.m.
4/16	Sandusky/Vassar	4:30 p.m.
4/18	Bad Axe	4:30 p.m.
4/23	Reese/Sandusky	4:30 p.m.
4/25	Brown City/Sandusky	4:30 p.m.
5/2	Vassar/Reese	4:30 p.m.
5/7	Vassar/USA/Reese/EPBP Lakers	4:30 p.m.
5/9	Harbor Beach	4:30 p.m.
5/16	GTC West League Meet	TBA

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Legal Notices

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.

Default has occurred in the conditions of a mortgage made by PETER ZECHMEISTER, a single man ("Mortgagor"), to GREENSTONE FARM CREDIT SERVICES, FLCA, a federally chartered corporation, having an office at 3515 West Road, East Lansing, Michigan 48823 (the "Mortgagee"), dated December 7, 2007, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Tuscola County, Michigan on December 17, 2007, as Instrument No. 200700902940 or Liber 1137, Page 287 (the "Mortgage"). By reason of such default, the Mortgagee elects to declare and hereby declares the entire unpaid amount of the Mortgage due and payable forthwith. Mortgagee is the owner of the indebtedness secured by the Mortgage.

As of the date of this Notice there is claimed to be due for principal and interest on the Mortgage the sum of Twenty-Two Thousand Seven Hundred Eighteen and 23/100 Dollars (\$22,718.23). No suit or proceeding at law has been instituted to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage or any part thereof.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in the Mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, and to pay the above amount, with interest, as provided in the Mortgage, and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fee allowed by law, and all taxes and insurance premiums paid by the undersigned before sale, the Mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the mortgaged premises at public venue to the highest bidder at the Tuscola County Courthouse in Caro, Michigan on Thursday the 3rd day of May, 2018, at ten o'clock in the forenoon. The premises covered by the Mortgage are situated in the Township of Almer, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, and are described as follows:

Parcel 1: Commencing at the Southwest corner of Section 36; thence North 88 degrees 41 minutes 37 seconds East 58 feet along South Section line to the Northwest corner of Section 1, Town 12 North, Range 9 East; thence North 88 degrees 41 minutes 37 seconds East 937.46 feet along South Section line to point of beginning; thence North 1309.06 feet to the South 1/8 line; thence East 331.21 feet along the South 1/8 line to West 1/8 line; thence South 1303.59 feet along West 1/8 line to South Section line; thence South 88 degrees 41 minutes 37 seconds West 331.82 feet along South Section line to point of beginning, containing 10 acres more or less. All being in Section 36, Town 13 North, Range 9 East, Township of Almer, Tuscola County, Michigan.

Parcel 2: The West 10 acres of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4, Section 36, Town 13 North, Range 9 East, Township of Almer, Tuscola County, Michigan.

Together with all fixtures, tenements, hereditaments, and appurtenances belonging or in any way appertaining to the premises.

Commonly known as: 1708 Orr Road, Caro, Michigan 48723 (Parcel 2) and vacant land on

Orr Road, Caro, Michigan 48723 (Parcel 1) P.P. #79-002-036-000-3950-00 (Parcel 1) and 79-002-036-000-4000-02 (Parcel 2)

Notice is further given that the length of the redemption period will be six (6) months from the date of sale, unless the premises are abandoned. If the premises are abandoned, the redemption period will be the later of thirty (30) days from the date of the sale or upon expiration of fifteen (15) days after the Mortgagor is given notice pursuant to MCLA §600.3241a(b) that the premises are considered abandoned and Mortgagor, Mortgagor's heirs, executor, or administrator, or a person lawfully claiming from or under one (1) of them has not given the written notice required by MCLA §600.3241a(c) stating that the premises are not abandoned.

If the premises are sold at a foreclosure sale, under MCLA §600.3278 the Mortgagor will be held responsible to the person who buys the premises at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the Mortgagee for damaging the premises during the redemption period.

Dated: March 28, 2018
GREENSTONE FARM CREDIT SERVICES, FLCA
Mortgagee
Timothy Hillegonds
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16946366-1

3-28-4

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Mike Koblinski single man, as his sole & separate property to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Flagstar Bank, FSB dated August 19, 2004 and recorded August 29, 2005 in Liber 1051, Page 1459, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by assignment.

In pursuance and by virtue of a Default Judgment of Foreclosure of Mortgage entered for Plaintiff, Federal National Mortgage Association, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America against Defendant(s), The Estate of Mike Koblinski, Jr., Tuscola County Decedent Estate No. 12-034116-DE, a Michigan decedent estate in Case No. 17-029907-CH of Tuscola County Circuit Court, the below premises shall be foreclosed and sold by public auction. Default Judgment of Foreclosure of Mortgage was entered on the 20th day of February, 2018, wherein there is claimed to be due on said date the sum of One Hundred One Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars and Thirty Cents (\$101,575.30), which includes interest from October 20, 2017 at a rate of 5.75% plus sums advanced for taxes, insurance and other fees incurred and allowed by said mortgage. Under the Default Judgment of Foreclosure of Mortgage and related statutes, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the mortgage premises pursuant to the Default Judgment of Foreclosure of Mortgage and that the sale shall be at public auction to the highest bidder, at public

venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, on the 17th day of May, 2018 at 10:00 AM, Eastern Standard Time, the following described property, viz:

All certain piece or parcel of land situated in the city of Fairgrove, County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, described as follows:

Commencing at a point 313.2 feet South of the East quarter corner of Section 29, Township 14 North, Range 7 East, and running thence South 181.5 feet; thence West 162.7 feet, thence North 181.5 feet, thence 162.7 feet to the place of beginning, reserving an easement of one rod in width on the South side for road purposes.

Commonly Known As: 4215 Quanicasse Road, Fairgrove, MI, 48733
Tax ID: 023-029-000-7400-00
This property may be redeemed during the six (6) months following the sale.
Dated: March 20, 2018
Orlans PC
/s/Christian K. Mullett
Attorney Name
Attorneys for Plaintiff
File No. 17-005829

3-28-6

Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C., is attempting to collect a debt, any information obtained will be used for that purpose. MORTGAGE SALE - ISABLE DELACRUZ, AN UNMARRIED MAN, granted a mortgage to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated June 6, 2007, and recorded on June 12, 2007, in Liber 1122, on Page 151, and assigned by said mortgagee to Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper, as assigned, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Sixteen Thousand One Hundred Sixty Dollars and Eleven Cents (\$116,160.11).

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, front entrance of the Courthouse Building in the City of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM o'clock, on April 26, 2018 Said premises are located in Tuscola County, Michigan and are described as: LOT 2, COUNTRY MANOR SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN LIBER 3, PAGE 52, 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. Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr.

Cooper Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C. 23938 Research Drive, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335
1346031

3-28-4

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Scott W. Kirby, A Single Person and Kathy A. Pletcher, A Single Person, granted a mortgage to Standard Federal Bank, Mortgagee, dated March 25, 1996, and recorded on April 16, 1996, in Liber 688, on Page 1191, and assigned by said mortgagee to Federal National Mortgage Association ("Fannie Mae"), a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America, as assigned, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Twenty-Four Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-One Dollars and Eighty-Five Cents (\$24,621.85). 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, front entrance of the Courthouse Building in the City of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM o'clock, on April 26, 2018 Said premises are located in Tuscola County, Michigan and are described as:

The East 125.3 feet of South 327 feet of West 290.3 feet of Southeast 1/4 of Southeast 1/4 of Section 33, Township 11 North, Range 8 East. 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. Federal National Mortgage Association ("Fannie Mae"), a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C. 23938 Research Drive, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335

3-28-4

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 A.M. on May 3, 2018. Name(s) of the mortgagor(s):

Anmarie L. Vermeesch, A Single Woman Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for New Executive Mortgage LLC, its successors and assigns Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Flagstar Bank, FSB Date of Mortgage: June 20, 2017 Date of Mortgage Recording: June 30, 2017 Amount claimed due on mortgage on the date of notice: \$36,931.19 Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in the Township of Wisner, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are de

scribed as: Beginning at a point 148.50 feet South of the East one-quarter post of Section 29, Town 14 North, Range 7 East; thence West 257.70 feet, South 165.00 feet, East 257.70 feet, North 165.00 feet to Beginning. Reserving the road way now established across the North side of the above described property for road purposes only. 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: 04/04/2018 Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 111923

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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 May 3, 2018:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Lowell E. Anderson and Elizabeth Roe Anderson, husband and wife

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Quicken Loans Inc. its successors and assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Quicken Loans Inc.

Date of Mortgage: June 6, 2015
Date of Mortgage Recording: June 25, 2015
Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$41,701.03

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Gilford, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: Commencing 52 rods East of the Northwest corner of Section 35, Town 13 North, Range 7 East; Township of Gilford, Tuscola County, Michigan; thence 34 rods South; thence 7 rods, 1 foot West; thence 34 rods North; thence 7 rods, 1 foot East to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a; 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: April 4, 2018
Trott Law, P.C.
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4-4-4

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 May 17, 2018:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Rory Schleeter, a married man

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): RoundPoint Mortgage Servicing Corporation

Date of Mortgage: October 5, 2012
Date of Mortgage Recording: October 9, 2012

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$110,464.63

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Millington, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: The North 20 rods of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 9, Township 10 North, Range 8 East, EXCEPT the East 24 rods thereof and EXCEPT the West 12 rods thereof, being more particularly described as: All that part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 9, Township 10 North, Range 8 East, described as: Commencing at the North 1/4 corner of said Section; thence North 89 degrees 44 minutes 50 seconds East along the North section line 198.00 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing North 89 degrees 64 minutes 50 seconds East along the North section line 694.67 feet; thence South 00 degrees 33 minutes 09 seconds East parallel with the East 1/8 line of said Section 330.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 44 minutes 50 seconds West 693.35 feet; thence North 00 degrees 46 minutes 54 seconds West parallel with the North-South 1/4 line of said Section 330.00 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 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.

lector.
Date of notice: April 18, 2018
Trott Law, P.C.
1347866

4-18-4

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 May 17, 2018:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Nicholas A Hinton, An Unmarried Man, And Alyssa R Misukaitis, An Unmarried Woman

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Cason Home Loans, its successors and assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): U.S. Bank National Association
Date of Mortgage: June 20, 2016

Date of Mortgage Recording: June 22, 2016

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$80,487.12

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Dayton, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: Commencing at a point that is North 88 degrees 47 minutes 53 seconds East 1311.02 feet from the West 1/4 corner of Section 17, Township 11 North, Range 10 East; thence North 00 degrees 53 minutes 14 seconds West 363 feet; thence South 59 degrees 17 minutes 40 seconds East 267.93 feet; thence East 306.46 feet; thence South 215 feet; thence South 88 degrees 47 minutes 53 seconds West 531.32 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 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: April 18, 2018
Trott Law, P.C.
1347972

4-18-4

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 May 17, 2018:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Edwin Blackmer and Diane Blackmer, husband and wife

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors

and/or assigns
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Morgan Stanley Home Equity Loan Trust 2006-1

Date of Mortgage: September 30, 2005

Date of Mortgage Recording: December 9, 2005

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$67,541.01

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Watertown, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: Beginning at a point 670.00 feet South of the Northwest corner of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 26, Town 10 North, Range 9 East, thence running East 168 feet, thence South 130 feet, thence West 168 feet, thence North 130 feet to the place of beginning

The redemption period shall be 1 year from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a.

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

This notice is from a debt collector.

Date of notice: April 18, 2018
Trott Law, P.C.
1348049

4-18-4

**TOWNSHIP OF ELKLAND
NOTICE OF ADOPTION:**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS 406F, 702 AND 919 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR ELKLAND TOWNSHIP

To the residents and property owners of the Township of Elkland, Tuscola County, Michigan, and all other interested persons:

On April 9, 2018, the Township of Elkland (the "Township") adopted an Ordinance to Amend Sections 406F, 702 And 919 of the Code of Ordinances for Elkland Township ("Ordinance"). A summary of the Ordinance is provided below. A true copy of the Ordinance, including any exhibits, is available for inspection at the Township Hall, 6691 Church St., Cass City, MI and at the Rawson Memorial Library, 6495 Pine St, Cass City, MI 48726.

Section 1. This section amends subsection 406f of the Code of Ordinance to include "Sexually oriented businesses" as a use permitted by special land use permit in the M-1 Manufacturing Zoning District.

Section 2. This section amends Section 702 of the Code of Ordinances to add "Ponds pursuant to Section 322" to the list of "special land uses eligible."

Section 3. This section amends Section 919 of the Code of Ordinances to add language regarding fines for violations and other enforcement remedies.

Section 4. This section provides that if any portion of the Ordinance is found invalid for any reason, such holding shall not be construed as affecting the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

Section 5. This section provides that if any provision of this Ordinance differs from a provision of any other applicable law, ordinance, rule or regulation, both the provision of this Ordinance and the differing provision shall apply if possible. If the two (2) provisions are in conflict, then the provision establishing the higher or stricter standard shall apply.

Section 6. This section provides that the Ordinance shall take effect seven days after publication.

EDWARD LABELLE, Clerk
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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Public Accuracy Test for the Tuesday, May 8, 2018 Primary Election has been scheduled for Thursday, April 26, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. at the Elkland Township Fire Hall, Cass City, Michigan.

The Public Accuracy test is conducted to demonstrate that the program and tabulators that will be used to tabulate the ballots of the election have been prepared in accordance with law.

Ed LaBelle
Elkland Township Clerk

**ELKLAND TOWNSHIP CEMETERY
Rules and Regulations**

Planting of trees or shrubs is prohibited unless permission is given by sexton.

No decorative stones around markers or monuments.

One arrangement per grave site.

All flowers must be in containers.

All glass jars or bottles used for arrangements are prohibited.

Monuments and markers are to be installed by sexton.

All lots will be cleaned off on April 1st, and remain clean until May 1st.

The township shall not be financially responsible for damage to flowers, shrubs, lots, stones, objects or articles removed from any grave in this cemetery.

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Obituaries

Robert "Bob" Wagner, Jr.

Robert "Bob" Jack Wagner, Jr. of Cass City, Michigan died peacefully at the age of 76 Tuesday, December 12, 2017 in Northwood Meadows.

Bob is the beloved husband of 48 years to Phyllis Ann (Wilcox) Wagner. Bob was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Juanita Wagner; brother, Tom Wagner and brother-in-law, Michael Long. Bob is survived by his wife, Phyllis; sister, Carol (Robert) Thoma brother-in-law, David (Joyce) Wilcox; sister-in-laws: Audrey Long and Sarah (Steven) Berry; nine loving nieces and nephews; nine great nieces and nephews.

Bob was employed as a maintenance foreman for the Walled Lake Schools and retired in 1995. Bob was a very caring, compassionate man and always had a bright positive outlook.

Friends and family will be gathering Sunday, April 29 from 2 to 4 p.m. at Northwood Meadows in Cass City to celebrate Bob's life.

Memorials may be made to Northwood Meadows. Family and friends may share memories, prayers and stories with the family at www.kranzfuneralhome.com.



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Real Estate For Rent

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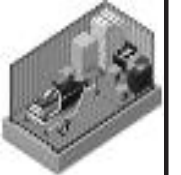
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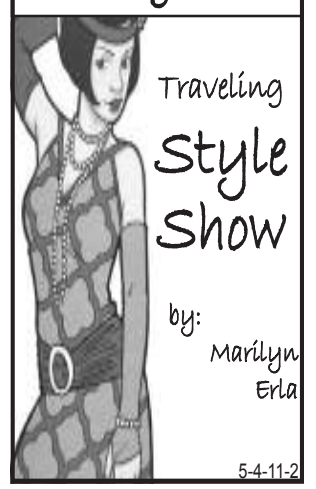
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HELP WANTED - The Helen Stevens Memorial Pool is looking for American Red Cross Certified Lifeguards who work well with children and are ready for a busy summer, working days, nights, weekends and holidays. Applications are available at the Cass City Village Office, open Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-4:30p.m. 11-4-18-2

HELP WANTED - Zimba Dairy is now accepting applications for the following positions: Calf Feeder/Maternity Barn, Milkers & Cow Pusher/Scrapers. **Calf Feeders:** Duties include, feeding and watering, bedding, cleaning pens, giving shots, dehorning, and driving a tractor. Applicant should also have maternity barn experience. The position has 2 shifts, 2 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. This is a very physical job. There is a lot of walking and lifting. This position is and outdoor job, only serious applicants please. **Milkers:** Duties include, working in a fast paced environment while staying on time milking 700 organic cattle. Applicant needs to know basic knowledge of the milking procedure, be able to stand for long periods of time, and have good teamwork skills. The milking shifts are 8 hour periods, only serious applicants please. **The Cow Pushers:** Duties include bringing cows to the milking parlor in a safe and timely manner, raking stalls, laying 50 lb bags of Barn Dry, ensuring all gates and pens are latched correctly, scrapping manure both with scapper and skid-steer. The applicant should have knowledge of running a skidsteer and have basic knowledge of cow care. This is a very physical job! Only serious applicants please. Please stop by Zimba Dairy and fill out an application. Zimba Dairy is located at 7995 Mushroom Rd., Deford, MI 48729. You may call Mandy (Parlor Manager) at 989-325-2123, Chey (Calf Manager) at 989-670-4169 or Robby (Cow Pusher Manager) at 989-214-0596 between the hours of 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. We look forward to talking to you. 11-4-18-3

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Young 5's & Kindergarten

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ENROLLMENT:

This sign-up is for all young 5's and kindergarten students as well as anyone interested in the GSRP Program and Headstart Program for the 2018-2019 school year.

REQUIREMENTS:

•Child's Birth Certificate •Complete Immunization Record
Call (989) 872-2158 with any questions after April 25.

Parents Only, Please!

This meeting is for any child who will be 4 or 5 years old by Sept. 1, 2018.

Pollinators focus of Envirothon workshop at Cass City library

Children and families are invited to celebrate Earth Day at Rawson Memorial District Library with the Cass City Envirothon Team.

The team organized and will host a free, fun-filled workshop called "Wild About Pollinators" Saturday, April 21, starting at 1 p.m. Residents can sign up for the event by stopping at the library, or by calling (989) 872-2856 or emailing librarian@rawson.lib.mi.us.

The program will enable participants to learn about Michigan's pollinators and make a "seed bomb" craft to fuel them. The activity is designed for preschool through middle school aged youth, but all are welcome, including adults.

"This event is made possible by the Cass City Envirothon Team's community outreach project," said team member and Cass City High School sophomore Addy Battel. "With Michigan's pollinator populations quickly dwindling, planting of their 'fuel' — Michigan wildflowers — is greatly needed. This event aims to educate the public about the importance of our pollinators such as bees and butterflies and empower them to do something about it."

During the April 21 workshop, participants will take part in hands-on activities to learn about pollinators. "Each person will make and take home a seed bomb made from recycled paper pulp and native wildflower seeds. They'll learn how and where to plant the seed bombs," Battel explained.

In addition to this community event, the Cass City Envirothon Team, composed of Battel and fellow students Sophie Mazure, Bella Hill and Pearl Daskam, competed in a regional Envirothon competition and earned the eighth highest score in the state.

"The competition was held April 4 at the Green Point Environmental Center at the Shiawassee National Wildlife Reserve in Saginaw," Battel said. "(Teams) learned about environmental practices, issues and hot topics, and demonstrated their knowledge through a written test. Topics included water quality, soils, wildlife, forestry and renewable energy."

The Tuscola Conservation District sponsored the local team's participation in the event, according to Battel, who noted the Envirothon team competes under the auspices of the Cass City FFA Chapter.

"At the regional Envirothon, the team earned the opportunity to compete at the Michigan Envirothon competition at Lake Ann, near Traverse City, May 21-23," Battel said, adding the team is seeking financial support to be able to participate.

The Envirothon is an annual environmentally-themed academic competition for high school aged students organized by the NCF Envirothon, a program of the National Conservation Foundation. The competition is held by the United States and Canada on a regional, state, and bi-national level.

Anyone interested in making a financial donation for the local team's next competition may do so by sending a check to: Cass City FFA, Attn. Leigh Osentoski, 4868 Seeger St., Cass City, MI 48726.



CASS CITY Envirothon Team member Sophie Mazure (above) uses a clinometer to measure the height of a tree during the forestry portion of a regional Envirothon competition held earlier this month at the Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge.



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