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Williams sentenced to 40 to 80 years in prison

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

A 60-year-old Caro man convicted in the brutal attack of his wife with an ax inside their Caro area residence nearly one year ago will, in all likelihood, spend the rest of his life in prison.

Tuscola County Circuit Court Judge Amy Grace Gierhart handed down a sentence of 40 to 80 years in prison to William Russell Williams, whose four-day trial ended in her court April 13 with a jury returning verdicts of guilty on all counts after deliberating for just under an hour.

Williams, who was previously examined at the Center for Forensic Psychiatry in Ypsilanti and deemed criminally responsible for his actions, was convicted on several felony charges, including assault with intent to commit murder. He was also convicted on multiple counts of falsely reporting a felony, and lying to a police officer during a violent crime investigation.

"I think it's really...such a tragic case, such an unconscionable act," Tuscola County Prosecutor Mark E. Reese has said of the assault by Williams on his wife of 28 years.

Although Williams read a written statement of apology in court Friday, "The defendant took virtually every aspect of her life from her that she cherished," Reese said in

asking Judge Gierhart to hand down a lengthy prison sentence. "He never batted an eye doing it, and he hasn't lost a moment of sleep about it since."

Assault with intent to commit murder is punishable by up to life in prison or any term of years. Judge Gierhart indicated a life sentence is appropriate in this case.

"The survivor of this act, her family and this community deserve the peace of mind, Mr. Williams, that will come from you being incarcerated until you take your final breath," she said during sentencing.



William Williams

According to testimony offered
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Sunday sales?

Tuscola County citizens to face vote on alcohol

by Mary Drier
Special for the Chronicle

Voters will decide the fate of Tuscola County's last "blue law" — a rule prohibiting retailers from selling packaged liquor on Sundays — in the August primary election.

The planned vote stems from a petition requesting that the issue be placed on the Tuesday, Aug. 7, ballot, according to Tuscola County Clerk Jodi Fetting, who recently informed county commissioners of the request submitted by a group in favor of ending the restriction on alcohol sales.

"There were 322 petition sheets turned in. After the preliminary inspection of the petition sheets,

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ELKLAND TOWNSHIP firemen were dispatched to a pole barn fire about seven miles southeast of Cass City early last week. The cause was determined to be an electrical problem, according to Fire Chief Glenn Guilds, who estimated the loss at \$35,000 to \$40,000 for the structure and about \$5,000 for contents. See story, page 4. (Photo courtesy of Chris Hyatt)

Deputies seeking hit, run driver

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

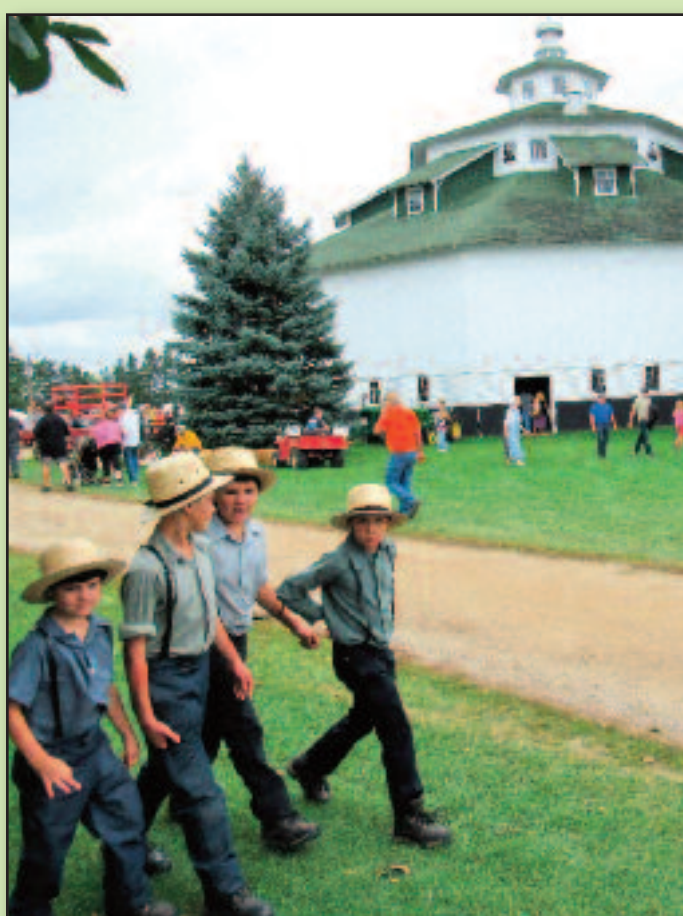
Huron County Sheriff's deputies are asking for the public's help in identifying the driver of an apparently stolen pickup truck that struck another vehicle in front of

the Silver Bullet Speedway near Owendale and then fled the scene Saturday night.

Huron County Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson indicated the driver of the other vehicle was seriously injured.

"(The) investigation determined

that a 2002 Lincoln Town Car was eastbound on Sebewaing Road near a speedway entrance, when a westbound 1999 Dodge pickup failed to yield to the Town Car and turned in front of it," Hanson reported. "After the two collided... Please turn to page 7.



Students going back in time during this week's tours at Octagon Barn

by Mary Drier
Special for the Chronicle

It was the vision and dedication of a handful of volunteers about 25 years ago that led to the transformation of a unique but deteriorating eight-sided barn and nearby farmhouse east of Gagetown into an historic architectural treasure that has since been enjoyed by hundreds of thousands of people.

Over the years, the Friends of the Thumb Octagon Barn has also created a sprawling agricultural museum, and each year youngsters from across the region are invited to the site to explore and experience rural life in the early 1900s.

That tradition continues this week with the 23rd annual Thumb Octagon Barn School Tours, slated to run today (Wednesday) through Friday. The theme for this year's tours, designed for youngsters in pre-school through the eighth grade, is "The Thumb: Naturally Sweet!"

A group of volunteers — which later took the name Friends of the Thumb Octagon Barn — was behind the effort to restore the old, eight-sided barn and extravagant 15-room farmhouse originally owned by James and Cora Purdy.

As the grassroots movement to save the barn and house gained momentum, so did the support for the preservation effort. The Tuscola County Community Foundation's \$10,000 grant to the Friends of the Octagon Barn initially helped the group purchase the 26.5 acre site of the Octagon Barn and Purdy family home outside of Gagetown from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) in 2004.

The friends went on to restore the eight-sided, four-story tall barn, which has about 300 windows, several gables and dormers, and is topped by a cupola — as well as the eight-bedroom house, which incorporates English Tudor, French Provincial and Continental European design throughout.

"We will be doing some upgrades this year," Rose Putnam, one of the founding members of the Friends of the Octagon Barn. "About two weeks after the school tours end, there will be a new roof going

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THE 23RD ANNUAL Thumb Octagon Barn School Tours are slated to get underway today (Wednesday) and continue through Friday at the Thumb Octagon Barn and Agricultural Museum near Gagetown. The theme of the 2018 tours is "The Thumb: Naturally Sweet!" Last year, more than 1,365 students from eight counties participated in the three-day event.

Debate still fierce over marijuana legalization

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

The Michigan State Board of Canvassers Thursday approved the Coalition to Regulate Marijuana Like Alcohol's petition to place an initiative that would legalize marijuana use for adults 21 years and older on the state's November ballot.

If approved by voters, Michigan would become the first state in the Midwest with a recreational-use cannabis law.

The initiative would:

*Legalize the possession and sale of up to 2.5 ounces of marijuana for personal, recreational use.

*License marijuana businesses that cultivate, process, test, transport and sell marijuana.

*Require testing and safety regulations for retail marijuana.

*Impose a 10 percent excise tax on marijuana sold at the retail level on top of the state's six percent sales tax. Revenues generated by those sales — estimated at roughly \$100 million a year — would be split among K-12 education (35 percent), roads (35 percent), communities that allow marijuana businesses within their

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Traffic crash claims life of county woman

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Tuscola County Sheriff's deputies are continuing their investigation into a two-vehicle traffic crash in Indianfields Township that claimed the life of a county woman last week.

Deputies were dispatched to the scene of the crash — West Caro Road (M-81) near Chambers Road — at about 7:30 a.m. Wednesday.

"A 67-year-old Caro man, operating a green colored 2015 Chevrolet Silverado, was traveling west on M-81. Preliminary investigation indicated that the Silverado crossed the center line and struck an eastbound vehicle," Tuscola County Undersheriff Bob Baxter reported. "The driver was wearing a seatbelt and the airbag was deployed. He was transferred to Covenant Hospital by MMR

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Ubyly School officials announce their junior-senior high honor roll students

The following students were named to the Ubyly Jr./Sr. High School honor roll for the second marking period.

Grade 12

Levi Block, Danielle Briolat, Justin Briolat*, Chantelle Burk, Delanie Candela, Rachel Cook*, Dylan Crickon, Evan Franzel*, Shelby Fulton, Andrew Gilbert, Lauren Gillig*, Emily Gosdzinski*, Alex Grifka*, Chelsey Halifax, Jacob Halifax, Emma Hembrough*, Erin Inbody, Macy Knoblock*, Emily Kubacki, Ashton Lemke, Skyler Lesoski, Matthew Maikrzek, Josilyn McCoy, Peyton McLellan, Jason Mierop*, Jordon Monzo, Brent Osentoski, Mary-Christine Osentoski, Kara Peruski, Shaquala

Rich, Emelia Rodriguez, Izabel Rodriguez*, Kacie Roggenbuck, Madelyn Smalley*, David Sorenson*, Katrina Stevenson*, Nicholas Swanson*, Ryan Sweeney, Samantha Sweeney, Jacob Uhl, Madeline Ulfig, Savannah Walker*, Janelle White, Todd Wollin II and Amber Wolschleger.

Grade 11

Mirela Araujo, Isaac Booms, Joshua Brandel*, Jaelynn Burton, Eli Emming, Amber Essenschmacher, Rebekka Foster*, Bethany Gornowicz*, Anna Greyerbiehl*, Haili Gusa*, Cassie Holdwick, Cheyenne Janik, Kelsey Knoblock*, Ethan Lemke, Parker Lipskey, Jaleesa Mattox, Anna Messing, Nolan Murray,

Kylie Ogryski, Arisa Osentoski*, Natalie Pallas, Rebecca Particka, Madelyn Peplinski*, Alexis Pionk, Cheyenne Porzondek*, Ashley Puvalowski*, Brooke Ritter, Ryche Roggenbuck*, Sabrina Schumacher, Jason Smalley, Sadie Souva*, McKenzie Stomack*, Mackenzie Uhl, Mikaela Van Erp*, Mikkayla Verellen, Amanda Weaver and Nicholas Wright.

Grade 10

Olivia Brown, Austin Cregeur*, Kali Dutcher, Grant Geiger*, Andrea Grifka, Rachel Leppke, Shelby May, Hannah Melnik, Ellie Peruski*, Caleb Powers, Isle Roggenbuck, Hannah Schroeder, Jaiden Schulte, Abigail Sorenson, Katelyn Sweeney*, Jaelyn Toth, Danielle Tschirhart, Alexia Vogel, Sierra Walker, Jazmyn Warchuck and Tanner Wollin*.

Grade 9

Alivia Bischer, Ethan Foster, Kendra Glaza, Josephine Gusa*, Katie Heilig, Carson Heleski, Amanda Hill, Kalli House, Markus Howard, Haley Klama*, Haley Krueger*, Shelby Kuntze*, Allison Lautner, Dajnae Leipprandt, Erin McCarty*, Reese McLellan*, Cole Messing, Shelby Messing*, Madison Michalski, Sarah Peplinski*, Dawson Schumacher, Samantha Souva*, Gabriel Sweeney, Nolan Van Erp* and Elizabeth Weber*.

Grade 8

Jenna Arntz*, Matthew Brandel*, Bryce Essenschmacher, Alexander Foote, Nora Franzel*, Trinity Franzel*, Ethan Gillig, Katelyn Grifka*, Tess Grifka*, Alexiss Guigar, Lindsey Guza, Theron Harris*, Reece Heleski, Ryan Hill, Carter Hughes, Lily Kieliszewski*, Kylie Maurer, Hailie Mausolf*, Logan Mueller*, Colin Oberski, Myah Schulte*, Emma Smalley*, Annisa Smith, Leah Stringer, Kyle Sweeney, Coletton Taylor*, Dallas Hunter Walker* and Emma Widger.

Grade 7

Haylee Arlitt, Joy Auman, Jeanna Bischer, Gabrielle Bukoski, Michael Cook, Alex Fleming, Christopher Gosdzinski, Maze Gusa*, Abigail Guza*, Carly Guza*, Mark Heilig, Jalyn Kolar*, Adrianna Learman-Essenschmacher, Anthony McCarty*, Abigail Michalski*, Jarrett Nast, Christopher Oswald, DeLaney Peruski, Taylor Peruski, Jacob Schroeder, Zachary Schroeder, Jenna Stambaugh, Jace Susalla, Seth Sweeney, Logan Volmering*, Samantha Warchuck, Samantha Warczinsky and Mercedes Wolschleger.

*Denotes all A's

Library will host movies for seniors next week

Rawson Memorial District Library in Cass City will be hosting its next Senior Citizen Movies Friday, May 18, starting at 1:30 p.m.

Films slated to be shown this month are:

***Visions of New York City** — This vivid film offers striking views of New York: the harbor from Lady Liberty's perspective; Central Park as the birds experience it; the crucifix architecture of St. Patrick's Cathedral as intended from the heavens; neighborhoods from the Lower East Side, Little Italy, Chinatown, Harlem and the Upper West Side, and more.

Aerial and ground footage highlight the city's iconic images, boundless energy, and enduring allure (55 minutes).

Normandy: War-Torn Yet Full of Life — While it's seen more than its share of war, today Normandy is a peaceful and welcoming corner of France. With its thought-provoking sights and memorials, delicious cuisine, and idyllic nature, it's no wonder this region is such a popular get-away for nearby Parisians (30 minutes).

Refreshments will be served. This older adult program is offered free of charge.

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Pot vote deserves a long, hard look

The Michigan State Board of Canvassers recently approved a Coalition to Regulate Marijuana Like Alcohol petition to place an initiative on the November ballot that would, if approved, legalize recreational marijuana use among adults ages 21 years and older here.

The group's successful campaign to collect thousands of signatures opens the door to Michigan becoming the first state in the Midwest to allow recreational marijuana use. The question is, should we?

Proponents of the measure say legalizing marijuana would free up law enforcement to focus on combating violent crime and the state's opioid epidemic, reduce crime and generate millions of new tax dollars for schools, roads and local government.

A number of Thumb law enforcement officials, however, aren't buying those theories.

In fact, they say incidents of violent crime involving medical marijuana growing operations have increased in the Thumb, where the lucrative crop boasts an average street value of \$1,700 to \$2,800 a pound, depending on the grade.

"And the potency of marijuana has increased," Tuscola County Sheriff Glen Skrent says. "Michigan grows a high-quality pot which is now highly desired and being exported. Anything that generates a lot of money, you're going to get bad people involved in it."

Both Huron County Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson and Sanilac County Sheriff Garry Biniecki concur, as does Tuscola County Prosecutor Mark E. Reene.

Reene is quick to point out that post-legalization studies in some states haven't painted a rosy picture of the impacts of legalizing recreational marijuana use.

For instance, according to the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan (PAAM), both Colorado and California experienced increases in marijuana-related traffic fatalities after legalizing recreational and medical marijuana, respectively. The percentage of traffic deaths related to marijuana doubled in Washington State the year retail sales were allowed, and in Colorado, marijuana is now involved in more than one of every five deaths on the road.

Statistics also show drug and narcotics crime is up. For example, those types of crimes have increased at a rate of about 11 percent annually in Denver since legalization.

"While it is unclear if legalization has caused this increase, it does contradict promises of pro-legalization advocates that legalization would reduce such crime rates," PAAM officials say.

Since Colorado legalized marijuana about four years ago, regular use of the drug among youth ages 12 to 17 has been both above the national average and rising faster than the national average. Comparatively, Colorado teens use marijuana at a rate 50 percent higher than the national average.

We can't help but wonder if any amount of promised financial windfall is truly worth legalizing recreational use of a drug that has been linked to an increase in crime, traffic accidents, etc. Another important question involves our youth; if we regulate marijuana like alcohol, won't it - like alcohol and cigarettes - be much more accessible to our children?

Of course, it's up to every resident to educate themselves on the issue before casting their vote, and we hope they do, especially in light of what could be at stake for many years to come.

Drier Humor

by Mary Drier

Barbies and Pretty Ponies



While out to lunch with some friends recently at Star Brite, I couldn't find my car keys when it was time to leave.

After a few minutes of digging through my purse, I started to panic, thinking I had locked the keys in my van. Eventually, the keys were found at the very bottom of my purse because the lining inside had worn out, creating a hole between the outer layer of the purse and the inside.

I knew my favorite purse was starting to wear out and would have to be replaced before too long. I'm the kind of person who knows what I like and tend to stay with it. I hate to admit it, but I'm a creature of habit.

I like what I like; I like a certain style of wallet, shoes, haircut and purse.

It isn't easy trying to find the styles I prefer. I searched for several months to find the kind of purse I wanted before one was found. It was only just a matter of taking the time to transition everything from the old to the new purse, but I put it off because the old purse had a few more months or weeks of life left in it.

Anyway, while searching my purse for the keys, I found several other missing items. Some of the things I found that had escaped through the lining of the purse were a missing packet of bank checks, a pocket calendar from 2014, a small wrench I use to put in and take the battery out of my lawn mower, a sea shell, and some McDonald's Happy Meal toys.

The reason I have toys in my purse is because I have a six-year old friend who likes to be taken to McDonald's.

Although it had been several years since my purse had regularly contained toys, I remember those long ago days of Legos and GI Joes well. I carried a couple of GI Joes in the purse to have on hand when my little boys were bored and cranky.

And, toys weren't just found in my purse. Back in the day, I swear Legos had a life of their own. They would crawl out by themselves at night to the middle of the floor and grow spikes to impale a bare foot.

I became so adept with my toes finding toys on the floor in the dark, I could even identify some GI Joes. (The secret to identifying GI Joes is Sgt. Slaughter has bigger shoulders than the others, and Dusty was the only one that had a scrap of cloth attached to the back of his hat as part of his desert camouflage).

Ahhhh...the memories of motherhood.

The years have passed and now it is my son's turn to deal with toys. Legos and GI Joes in the house have now given way to Barbies and Pretty Ponies, which he regularly finds in his bathtub.

I have to smile when I listen to my son grumble about stepping on them when he takes a shower.

Letters to the Editor

Reproductive rights are under attack in country

Dear editor,

Re: Nation living under a curse (May 2, 2018).

Hats off to the Cass City Chronicle for publishing a letter celebrating the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. I applaud Ms. Frederick's exercising her right to free speech and religion. Contrary to her belief that "our founding fathers established this nation on biblical laws," they realized full well the dangers inherent in state-sanctioned religion: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof..."

That being said, she clearly serves a "god" who is very disappointed in what He has created, is out for revenge, and has "cursed" all of us for some reason, imaginary or otherwise. May I remind the readers and Ms. Frederick the Bible is a belief book - not a fact book. The fact that she believes what is in there

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One of the best parts of being a parent is when your child gets older and you get to sit back to watch what went around come around.

Hope everyone has a great Mother's Day that creates a lot of fond memories.



Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

The Arbor Day Foundation is offering a handy tree-care booklet designed to help people plant and care for trees.

Anyone can receive Conservation Trees, a user-friendly booklet featuring illustrations, colorful photos, and easily understood descriptions, by making a \$3 donation to the Foundation this month.

"Conservation Trees is an ideal resource for tree planters," said Matt Harris, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "Taking care of existing trees is just as critical as planting new ones, and proper care ensures communities are able to fully enjoy the diverse benefits of urban forestry."

The booklet provides details about the right way to plant and prune trees. It also includes tips on using shade trees and windbreaks to save on energy costs, attract songbirds, and create a living snow fence.

To receive the Conservation Trees booklet, send a \$3 check along with your name and address to Conservation Trees, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410, or order online at arborday.org/conservationtrees.

About the Arbor Day Foundation. Founded in 1972, the Arbor Day Foundation has grown to become the largest nonprofit membership organization dedicated to planting trees, with more than 1 million members, supporters, and valued partners. More information is available at arborday.org.

The village of Cass City has a community clean-up date set for Saturday, May 19th.

It's then when residents of Cass City and Elkland township can dispose of large items and appliances - refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners and dehumidifiers must be tagged that Freon has been removed - at the municipal building parking lot at 6506 Main Street, in downtown Cass City from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Dumpsters will be provided by EMTERRA.

Also slated for the third Saturday in May is a Village of Cass City tire collection. It too runs from 9 am to 1 pm in the municipal building parking lot and is for Tuscola County residents only.

Officials say no businesses, no semi-truck tires over 48" in height or 12" in width. Maximum of seven tires per vehicle.

Collection ends when the truck is filled - first come, first served.

Congratulations to Cass City Village Council trustee Rob Paskowski. He's the 2018 Memorial Day parade chairperson.

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Reporter's notebook

The moms in my life are amazing

by Tom Montgomery
Editor



Life is full of disappointment; lost opportunities, broken relationships, poor decisions, plans that never pan out, even hard work that doesn't pay off in the end. And people — people can be the biggest disappointment of all.

But not mothers.

I'm in my 50s, but I still marvel when I recall my own childhood. My mom's willingness to sacrifice for her children seemed to know no bounds, and with all she had to do, somehow mom always found time for each of her children. She also had this scary knack for always knowing when I had gotten into mischief. It was a gift matched only by an endless supply of forgiveness.

Her presence, alone, was enough to make me feel secure, regardless of the craziness this world can throw at a kid. Even when she wasn't feeling very secure herself, mom never let on that there was anything to worry about.

I've been married for more than 36 years now, but my wife, Deb, also never ceases to amaze me as a mother.

When our kids were young, she was always on top of immunizations and doctor's appointments, parent-teacher conferences, school fundraisers, band concerts (dates, times, places) and trips. Meals were prepared before and after she worked a full-time job, not to mention laundry, grocery shopping, clothes shopping, etc. Seemed like she was also always reminding me of my appointments, and on and on and on.

The kids grew up knowing that, if they had a need — anything from a last-minute sewing repair to a ride to a friend's — mom would be there. What they probably didn't know is how often Deb would do without so their needs (and mine) would be met.

That's the way good moms are, you know? They never hesitate to sacrifice for the good of their children.

By always being there, Deb offered our daughters a wonderful example of how to be good moms, too.

They grew up with a mother who was a master at multitasking — carrying on a conversation while simultaneously watching a movie and settling an argument between two siblings while reading to a third youngster. Funny how moms never appear to seem bored even after reading a child's favorite book to them for the gazillionth time.

Same goes for grandmothers, who also don't seem to mind helping a youngster putting the same giant puzzle together time after time.

Of course, Deb is still the consummate mom. Sure, her days of fixing school lunches and picking out school clothes for the kids are long gone, but she's still always there for them, whether that means forking out a few bucks, helping them look for an apartment or simply being on-call 24/7, phone in hand, when they need a little advice or simply a word of encouragement.

It seems inadequate to set aside just one day to recognize mothers, especially when the moms in our lives deserve to be honored — at least in some small way — just about every day.

And we should, not because of all they do, but because of who they are.

Happy Mother's Day to all the moms out there.

Letters to the Editor

Reproductive rights are under attack in country

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to be true, still does not make it a fact book. People are entitled to believe what is in there, or not. This is their right here in the USA.

The real facts are that women were having abortions long before Roe v. Wade. Women were dying as a result of self-induced abortions, back alley abortions, quack doctors, and other sordid, frightening methods. Women were being denied the right to self-determination of their own lives due to repressive reproductive laws, laws endorsed by powerful organized religious groups.

Ms. Frederick, your letter is mean-spirited and, frankly, vulgar. Your "frighten people to God" approach flies in the face of His desire for those who believe in Him to "love people to Him."

I've never understood why women would actively work against women. Voting rights, civil rights, LGBTQ rights. All of these "liberal" movements find themselves confronted by women seeking to deny greater rights for women.

Roe v. Wade gave women the right to freely choose their own reproductive course. Safely. Legally. And, hopefully, rarely. To think women, and sometimes their partners, make this agonizing choice lightly, is a heartless belief.

So, Mrs. Frederick, don't bring in your vengeful god, belief book quotes, curses, punishments and fear. Get the facts.

And the facts are that women's reproductive rights are under attack in this country. My belief is that it's not fair — and it's not right.

Thanks for reading.

Jack Adams
Deford

Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO (2013)

Mason Erla has been named the Schneeberger's Athlete of the Week award winner. The Cass City freshman was clutch on the bump in game 2 against Millington last Tuesday at home, which helped secure a sweep. Erla showed his dominance on the mound by securing an average of 1 strikeout per inning on his own. The Hawks, along with Erla's help, clinched 2 big wins over Millington with boastful scores of 5-1 and 12-0, something that hasn't been done in the last 6 years. Last Monday, the Hawks battled the All Saints which resulted in 2 hard losses. In his 6 at bats, Erla had one hit and scored one run. The All Saints claimed both wins with scores of 7-5 in game one and 11-10 in game two. Although the Hawks were making a solid comeback in the sixth inning of the second game, the game was canceled due to lack of daylight. Mason is the son of Chuck and Michelle Erla.

Michigan Campus Compact (MCC) recently announced that 25 students from Northwood University were awarded for their dedication and commitment to community service during the 17th annual Outstanding Student Service Awards in East Lansing. Among those honored was Krysta Timko, a senior from Cass City. Each year MCC awards students, from member colleges and universities across the state, for their outstanding commitment to service learning and civic engagement. Three types of awards are given, including the Heart and Soul Award, which was presented to Timko and several other students. The Heart and Soul Award recognizes undergraduate and graduate students for their time, effort and personal commitment to their communities through service.

10 YEARS AGO (2008)

Charlie and Joyce McPhail along with Jim Knowlton announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Knowlton, to Michael Proctor. Michael is the son of Bob and Margie Proctor of Tennessee and Phil and Susan Collins of California. A 2009 summer wedding is being planned in Michigan. Jennifer and Michael are currently residents of Tennessee and plan to make their home there.

Two Cass City residents have been awarded scholarships at Bethel College, Mishawaka, Ind. Kurt Hanby and Megan Woodruff both have received faculty scholarships for the fall of 2007. The awards range from \$2,500 to \$3,500 and are renewable. Hanby plans to study business administration, while Woodruff has not yet decided on a major. The Bethel College academic scholarship program recognizes student academic achievement, leadership, community service and personal accomplishments.

25 YEARS AGO (1993)

Kurt and Rae-Lynn Mika announce the birth of a son, Logan Edward, born May 4 at 10:23 a.m. at Saginaw General Hospital. He weighed 5 pounds, 12 ounces, and was 18 1/2 inches long. Logan joins a sister, Brooke Breanna, at home. Grandparents are Richard and Kathie Mika of Cass City and Paul and Lynda Rocheleau of Gagetown. Great-grandparents are Helen (Mika) Yirak of Webster, Fla., Pearl Kain of Gagetown and Bob and Kitty Ricker of Owendale.

Ronald J. King, Snover, is among the prospective freshmen who have been selected to receive a university scholarship from Western Michigan University this fall. It is for \$12,000 for 4 years. The awards are part of WMU's Medallion Scholarship Program. The recipients were among more than 900 leading high school seniors from 11 states who competed for funds during events this past winter at WMU.

Eric and Denise Inbody of Snover are the parents of a baby boy, Devin James, born May 5 at McKenzie Memorial Hospital, Sandusky.

35 YEARS AGO (1983)

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Kozan went to Ann Arbor Friday to attend commencement exercises at the University of Michigan when their daughter Frances received her bachelor of arts degree. Also attending were her brothers, Andrew L. Kozan and Randy Kozan of Kalamazoo. En route home Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Kozan visited his brother, George Kozan, at New Lothrop.

Suzanne Little of Cass City, is one of 58 Western Michigan University seniors and recent graduates who have received national senior certificates from Alpha Lambda Delta for maintaining 3.5 or better grade point averages. All recipients were freshmen in the fall of 1979 and became new members of the national honorary society open to all freshmen in March or December, 1980. Alpha Lambda Delta is open to all freshmen who attain superior scholastic achievement. To maintain their membership, students must maintain a 3.5 grade point average through college.

Kurt H. Little received a master of urban planning degree at commencement exercises Saturday at the University of Michigan. The 1977 graduate of Cass City High School is the son of Harold and Joan Little of Kelly Road. He received a bachelor of landscape architecture degree from Michigan State University in June, 1981. Little is employed by Green Ridge Nursery at South Lyon and is hoping to find employment in the urban planning field.

Sgt. Gerhardt R. Hansen, son of Gerhardt T. and Marjorie L. Hansen of Sulphur, Okla., has been decorated with the Army Achievement Medal at Fort Lewis, Wash. The medal is awarded to soldiers for achievement or meritorious service and acts of courage. Hansen is a military police specialist with the 9th Infantry Division. His wife, Debra, is the daughter of Mike and Marilyn Stec of Maple Street, Cass City.

40 YEARS AGO (1978)

Miss Dawn Bouverette of Bad Axe, whose marriage to Dallas Englehart will take place May 27, was guest of honor Sunday at a miscellaneous bridal shower held in the Educational unit of the Novesta Church of Christ. Co-hostesses for the shower were Mrs. Elaine Denby of Port Huron, Mrs. Donald Englehart and Mrs. Douglas Englehart.

Diana L. Bryant of Houghton Street earned all A's during the winter term at Michigan State University. A senior majoring in elementary and special education, she transferred to MSU from Delta College.

Manley and Joyce McMillen honored his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard McMillen, on their 26th wedding anniversary Saturday, April 29, by taking them to dinner at the Harbor House Restaurant in Bay City. A friend, Joy Roe of Fairview was also present.

Kathy Clarke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Clarke of Cass City, has been accepted at Harding College in Searcy, Ark., for the 1978 fall semester, according to Fred Alexander, director of admissions. Miss Clarke graduates this month from Michigan Christian Junior College in Rochester. She plans to major in home economics at Harding, a private Christian institution fully accredited by the North Central Association. Alexander expects 825 incoming freshmen for the fall semester, making the Harding student body number about 2,000.

Sharon Hanby was honored at a bridal shower Saturday evening, May 6, at the fellowship hall of First Baptist church. Her attendants, Susan Bond, Maxine Smith and Lori Hanby, were in charge. Around 40 ladies attended. Miss Hanby and Toby Todd are to be married June 3.

50 YEARS AGO (1968)

Mrs. Howard Loomis had her entire family home for Mother's Day. Present were the A. J. Murrys of Williamston, the Irvin Kritzmans of Kawkawlin, Mr. and Mrs. Don DeLong and family, Mr. and Mrs. David Loomis and sons

and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Loomis and family. With her also was her sister, Mrs. Russell Luther, the latter's daughter and family, Mrs. Andrew Wise and three children of Port Huron, and Mrs. Luther's other daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gray, and his mother, Mrs. Martha Gray of Bay City.

Fred Reid and Charles Iseler of Cass City graduated from the University of Michigan April 27. Reid, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Reid, received a bachelor of science degree in School of Engineering - Physics. A 1964 graduate of Cass City High School, Reid is continuing his work at the school in Ann Arbor until fall when he will be employed by Western Electric at Vandenberg Air Force Base, Santa Barbara, Calif. Iseler received a bachelor of music degree with teaching certificate. He will teach instrumental music this fall at Ovid-Elsie Community Schools. A 1964 graduate of Cass City High School, Iseler attends Concord Teachers College in Illinois for one term before transferring to U of M. He was a member of the Kappa Kappa Psi music fraternity and the marching and concert U of M bands. Iseler is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Iseler.

75 YEARS AGO (1943)

Geo. A. Bond, a former resident of Evergreen Township, was honored at the Northeastern Y. M. C. A., Detroit on April 30. The occasion was his honorable retirement by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., after having served as agent and assistant manager for 38 years.

Mrs. Edith Bardwell announces the marriage of her daughter, Barbara Jean, to Sergeant Donald G. Keane, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn B. Keane, of St. Louis, Michigan. Sergeant Keane is with the 15th Troop Carrier Squadron located at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. The marriage took place April 30 at Dillon, South Carolina.

100 YEARS AGO (1918)

Dear Folks: Well, here I am safely across the ocean somewhere in France. Were you surprised to learn that I had left so soon? We had a dandy trip. The water was so smooth and I wasn't sea-sick at all. Not only for a couple of days. How are all the folks back home? It seems quite a ways away but we're going to lick the old Kaiser. Did you get that telegram? Nearly all of our boys in our company sent them. We paid the cablegram to the United States and then they were forwarded C. O. D. They were not to be sent until we reached this side. We also wrote cards and left them in U. S. to be forwarded when we got across. I am writing Guy and Margaret a letter tonight. I can't use the watch much, it doesn't work very well. It doesn't keep time but I am going to take it to a jeweler just as soon as I can. How are dad, Randall, Baileys, Patterson's and all the rest? I wish I had more time to write but we are kept busy. This is sure a great country over here. Everything is so nice and green. I can't tell you very much but when I come back I can tell you a lot. How are Cass City and all the people? Are they all well? There are three other boys from Cass City here. One is the Spencer boy who lived south of town. No. 2 is Don McRae from near Greenleaf. The other is a fellow by the name of Green, who used to paint there. Three of us are all in truck companies while Don McRae is in Co. E. We sure had a time when we all got together to talk over old times. We have a good bunch of fellows in our company; also the best of officers. We also have a good time. The Y. M. C. A. give us all kinds of amusements. It is sure great, I am sending you some papers which were printed on the boat. They I will tell you all about our voyage. When you read them you want to let Guy see them. Be sure and write often I because letters sure seem nice. The people talk here very courteous, it sounds just like music. Will write again soon, so goodbye, From JAMES ELDON LAMB, 23rd Engrs., Truck Co. 7, American Expeditionary Forces.

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“A QUIET PLACE”

Green, Schwarck and Sherman top Kingston High School Class of '18

Kingston Community School officials recently announced the district's honors graduates representing the Class of 2018, including Garrett Green and Daniel Schwarck, who are sharing valedictorian honors, and Caitlyn Sherman, this year's salutatorian.

Green, the son of David and Sarah Green, will graduate with a cumulative grade point average of 4.0.

He is an honor roll student and member of the Kingston High School chapter of the National Honor Society (NHS), serving as secretary this year. Green has also been active in band for three years, Academic Games (math team), is an NCTL Scholar, and has completed dual enrollment college courses.

Green has also been active in athletics as a member of the basketball (four years), football (four years) and baseball (two years) teams, earning academic all-state honors in football and recognition as an NCTL Scholar Athlete.

His future plans include attending Oakland University, where he plans to study medical laboratory science.

Schwarck, the son of Mark and Marcia Schwarck, also finishes his high school career with a perfect 4.0 grade point average.

Schwarck earned the distinction of being named a National Merit Scholarship Finalist. He has also completed 32 college credits via dual enrollment college classes and earning advanced placement credit.

In addition to being an honor roll student, he is a member and current president of the NHS and has served as his class president for two years. In addition, he participated in Academic Games (science team) in each of the past four years.

Schwarck was a member of the Kingston FIRST Robotics team – the Kingston Robo-Cards 4994 (electrical, pneumatic and drive teams), which won this year's competition at Kettering Univer-

sity.

Also a percussionist in the marching band, concert band and pep band throughout high school, he has devoted time over the past three years tutoring elementary students after school.

After graduation, Schwarck plans to pursue a degree in electrical engineering at Saginaw Valley State University.

Sherman, the daughter of Antoinette Sherman, will graduate with a grade point average of 3.963.

An honor roll student, she is a member of the NHS, was named an NCTL Scholar and has completed seven dual enrollment classes through Delta College, earning 23 college credits during her high school career.

Sherman hasn't made a final decision regarding her plans after graduation, but says if she does pursue higher education, she would like to enroll at Delta College and study human resources before transferring to a university.



Garrett Green



Daniel Schwarck



Caitlyn Sherman

Project FRESH benefits Thumb seniors

Tuscola County MSU Extension officials are offering Senior Project FRESH, a program that gives low-income senior citizens \$20 in free coupons to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables at approved farmers markets and roadside stands.

To qualify, seniors must be a resident of Tuscola County, be 60 years of age or older, and have an income level of less than \$22,459 for a household of one person or less than \$30,451 for a household

of two people.

Seniors must attend one of several upcoming classes – including one slated for Wednesday, June 6, at 1 p.m. at Rawson Memorial District Library in Cass City — in order to qualify for the coupons.

The other classes will be held on the following dates: Wednesday, May 30, at 10 a.m. at the Vassar Senior Center; Thursday, May 31, at noon at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Mayville; Friday, June 1, at 1 p.m. at the Caro Senior

Commons; Tuesday, June 5, at 12:30 p.m. at the Millington Community Center; and Thursday, June 21, at 12:30 p.m. at the LeeRoy Clark Dining Center in Caro.

There are a limited number of coupons, and they will be distributed on a first come, first served basis.

More information is available by calling the Tuscola County MSU Extension Office at (989) 672-3870.

News briefs

Drug "take back" success

SANILAC COUNTY — The Sanilac County Drug Task Force and Sanilac County Sheriff's Department, working in conjunction with the Crosswell and Marlette police departments' drug drop-off locations, reported a very successful National Drug Take Back Day April 28.

The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)-sponsored initiative to collect unused and expired medications resulted in collection of 229 pounds of old and/or unwanted prescription drugs. The total amount includes the April 28th date and overall collection by the drug team since the last drug take back day in the fall of 2017.

"For assistance on what types of medications are accepted, please contact the drug task force, your local police department, or check the DEA website for information on the drug take back Initiative," said Sanilac Drug Task Force Director Jim Johnson. "The drug task force will also respond to a county residence to pick up those medications when travel to a drop-off location is not feasible. Please call (810) 648-4580."

4-H garage sale scheduled

HURON COUNTY — The Huron County 4-H Council will be hosting a 4-H garage sale fundraiser this week.

The event is slated for Thursday, May 10, and Friday, May 11, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday, May 12, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the 4-H building, located on the Huron Community Fairgrounds (just off Fair Street) in Bad Axe, according to Patti Errer, 4-H Program coordinator, MSU Extension – Huron County.

"There are numerous items to choose from. All proceeds from this fundraiser will go towards scholarship and programing for Huron County 4-H youth," Errer said.

Construction set on M-24

THUMB – The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is scheduled to start some road construction next week in Tuscola County that is expected to cause some delays for motorists headed south towards the Lapeer County line.

The work will target M-24 from the Lapeer County line north to the southern city limits of Caro. The \$924,000 pavement project will include chip seal and improving the shoulder gravel. During construction, there will be single-lane closures with flag control.

The upgrades are set to get underway Tuesday, May 15, with a projected completion date of Friday, Aug. 31.

Canfield announces hours

THUMB — State Rep. Dr. Edward J. Canfield, D.O. (R-Sebewaing), has set his next in-district office hours for Monday, May 21, at the following times and locations: Millington Arbela District Library, 8530 Depot St. in Millington from 2 to 3 p.m., and Vassar City Hall, 287 E. Huron Ave., Vassar, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

"Holding regular office hours in my district is an important part of my job as state representative," Canfield said. "I encourage residents to attend and share any concerns, issues, or ideas they may have."

No appointment is necessary. Those unable to attend are encouraged to contact Canfield's office at (517) 373-0476 or via email at Edward.Canfield@house.mi.gov.

New MSU worker on staff

THUMB — Michigan State University Extension has named Jerry Johnson its District 10 coordinator, serving Huron, Lapeer, Sanilac, St. Clair and Tuscola counties.

Johnson will work with local governments, non-profit organizations, school systems and neighborhood groups to help identify community challenges and propose and implement successful solutions.

Compiled by Mary Drier and Tom Montgomery

Sunday liquor sales on ballot

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there are 3,436 potential signatures," said Tuscola County Clerk Jodi Fetting, noting then her office had to go through and verify that the signatures belong to valid voters.

"They needed 1,399 signatures on a petition (to put the initiative on the ballot)," added Fetting. "I have not seen the (exact) language on the petition as of yet, so I am not sure how they have it worded."

Fetting noted she will be working with county's legal firm of Braun Kendrick on the ballot wording.

The ballot measure gives residents the choice of maintaining the ban against Sunday package-liquor sales, or repealing the law.

Some retailers, including Kareem Khoury, owner of the Quaker Maid Dairy Store in Cass City, say the local prohibition on packaged liquor sales on Sundays proved to be especially costly last year, when both Christmas Day and New Year's Eve fell on Mondays.

"We really felt the loss of sales this year the way Christmas and New Year's fell. Our sales were cut in half," Khoury commented. "And it is felt especially in the summer when someone wants to buy. We have to turn them away and say that we can't sell on Sundays."

Blue laws, also known as Sunday laws, are laws designed to restrict or ban some or all activities on Sundays for religious reasons, particularly to promote the observance of a day of worship or rest. Blue laws have also been known to restrict shopping or ban the sale of certain items on specific days, usually on Sundays.

Former Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm abolished a blue law that prohibited Sunday hunting in 2003. That was also one of Tuscola County's regulations at that time, and the decision to override local rules didn't sit well with county commissioners.

The debate over packaged liquor sales on Sundays in Tuscola County was reignited back in December when some retailers asked commissioners to make a change. At that meeting, Tim Wingert of Wingert's Food Center, Mayville, said he had spoken with 14 other businesses that sell spirits, and they were all in favor of being allowed to begin offering Sunday liquor sales.

Wingert estimated the loss of sales for just his store – due to the current law — at about \$300,000 a year.

Tuscola's ban impacts businesses that are near the border with other counties, including Huron and Sanilac, which both allow Sunday liquor sales.

Although commissioners have the authority to make the change, they voted 3 to 2 in December not to do so based on liability concerns.

The other option was for a group to collect a minimum number of signatures to force the issue to a vote by county residents.

According to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission, Tuscola and Hillsdale counties are the only counties, along with a few individual municipalities across the state, that prohibit Sunday packaged liquor sales.

In 1994, a similar ballot issue was placed before Tuscola County voters, who defeated the measure on a vote of 9,460 to 7,387.



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CASS CITY OUTDOOR enthusiast and columnist Tom Thomas Lounsbury is documenting a series of canoe trips down the Cass River he's organized to showcase the waterway's beauty as well as the recreational opportunities it offers. About 14 people joined him on his first trip, which launched from the Cass City area April 28.

Lounsbury's river excursions underway

by Mary Drier
Special for the Chronicle

Cass City outdoors enthusiast and columnist Tom Lounsbury has launched what he hopes will be a successful series of canoe trips down the Cass River in an effort to showcase the waterway's beauty and recreational opportunities.

The first part of the trip, from Cass City to Chippewa Landing in Caro, went without a hitch last month.

"About 12 to 14 people went on Saturday's (April 28) trip," said Cass City Village Trustee Nancy Barrios, who was among those who accompanied Lounsbury on the maiden trip.

According to Barrios, Michigan Outdoors is considering covering the waterway expeditions, which were scheduled to continue over the weekend with a trip Saturday

from Caro's Indianfields Park to Frankenmuth, with stops in the Vassar and Tuscola areas.

For those who were not able to make the first two trips, others are being planned. The third leg will cover a section of the river from Frankenmuth to Davis Park in Bridgeport and is scheduled for Saturday June 9, and the final leg — from the M-13 boat launch to Wickes Park, Saginaw — is set for Sunday, June 10.

Those who do not own a kayak can still participate in the river trips. Frankenmuth Kayaks Adventure offers rentals and is working with Lounsbury and will deliver a kayak to the launch site that is selected for the trips down the river for a nominal fee. More information is available by visiting the website kayakfrankenmuth.com or by calling (989) 652-3400.

Lounsbury is encouraging others

to join him on the canoe trips. He can be reached at (989) 872-2398 or via email at lounsburyoutdoors@gmail.com.

The Cass River Water Trail is 37.5 miles long. Along the trail there are boat, canoe and kayak launch sites, as well as rest stops and picnic areas that offer maps and brochures with information on wildlife and plants in the area.

Shining a spotlight on the Cass River as a valuable natural resource in the Thumb has been the focus of the Cass River Greenway (CRG) Committee since it was formed back in 2007 by a group of citizens, assisted with professional resources and by municipal leaders, all working to enhance recreational opportunities and improve water quality to create the Cass River Water Trail.

The CRG Committee received a grant from the U.S. National Park Service to help implement the organization and management practices necessary to qualify for National Water Trail Designation status. A new website about the CRG Committee and the Cass River is expected to be functional by this summer at www.cassriverwatertrail.org.

Since 2008, the CRG Committee has partnered with volunteers to clean up sections of the river. Last year the clean-up effort started at the Cass City Village Wastewater treatment plant and extended downstream towards the city of Caro for about six miles.

So far, about 45 miles of the river has been cleaned up. Volunteers have removed tires, furniture, truck, car and farm parts, cans, bottles and more from the local waterway.

Marijuana legalization for recreational use on ballot

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borders (15 percent), and counties where marijuana businesses are located (15 percent).

*Give local governments the option of whether they want to allow marijuana businesses in their community.

*Set up three classes of marijuana growers: up to 100, 500 and 2,000 plants.

"This November, Michigan voters will finally get the chance to eliminate Michigan's outdated marijuana laws," said Coalition to Regulate Marijuana Like Alcohol spokesperson John Truscott. "Just like with alcohol, it is clear that prohibition doesn't work, and that regulation and taxation is a far better solution."

"When you look at the success of other states that have already legalized and regulated marijuana, it is clear this initiative is the path forward," said Michigan NORML (National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws) official Brad Forrester. "States that have legalized and regulated marijuana have seen decreases in opioid-related deaths while also adding hundreds of millions of dollars in tax revenue each year."

To-date, marijuana has been legalized in nine states, although the federal government still classifies the drug as illegal.

In 2012, Colorado and Washington state became the first states to vote to legalize marijuana for recreational purposes. Since then, seven more states and Washington, D.C., have followed.

Just say "no"

Thumb law enforcement officials sharply disagree with proponents of legalizing recreational marijuana, saying they've already seen criminals increasingly target medical marijuana growing operations in the region.

A home invasion/double homicide involving a residential medical marijuana growing operation in Sanilac County last year underscored a growing problem that the sheriffs in Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac counties say is only going to worsen should voters legalize recreational use of marijuana.

Michigan residents in 2008 approved cannabis for medical use by a margin of 63 percent to 37 percent. The latest figures indicated there are nearly 1.3 million medical marijuana cardholders in the state, with some 43,000 people certified as caregivers who can grow up to 72 plants for up to five cardholders.

Unfortunately, Michigan voters' decision to legalize the drug for medical use alone has created a significant demand, and not just among patients who qualify with legitimate health issues; criminal elements determined to cash in on growing operations by any means necessary — including violence — have made their presence known, according to the region's sheriffs.

Tuscola County Sheriff Glen Skrent indicated individuals' willingness to resort to crime isn't surprising.

A big reason is the fact that marijuana is a lucrative crop, with low grade varieties boasting a street value of \$450 to \$3,500 a pound (an average of \$1,700), while high grade crops are bringing in \$2,000 to \$3,600 a pound, or an average of \$2,800.

"And the potency of marijuana has increased," Skrent pointed out. "Michigan grows a high-quality pot which is now highly desired and being exported. Anything that generates a lot of money, you're going to get bad people involved in it."

Tuscola County Prosecutor Mark E. Reene agreed, saying the THC content in the marijuana produced today "is through the roof. It's a completely different drug than what it used to be."

"We've been anticipating something like what happened (in Sanilac County) for many years," Huron County Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson commented. "This was only two miles from our county line, and we've dealt with the larceny and felony robbery of medical marijuana up here many times."

"We're seeing more and more of this across the state," Sanilac County Sheriff Garry Biniecki said of violent crimes related to medical marijuana growing operations.

"We're all experiencing it," added Biniecki, who believes a number of crimes involving individuals who have more medical marijuana than they are allowed to by law are never investigated. "The scary thing to me is what's not being reported," he said.

Medical pot abuse

You can count Reene among the officials who believe the medical marijuana law is being abused, and who vehemently opposes legalization of the drug for recreational purposes.

Reene took an active role in helping to draft the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan (PAAM) position paper, released last year, opposing recreational marijuana in Michigan.

The 16-page document also addresses the state's medical marijuana law, saying that while it was promoted as necessary for end-of-life situations and grave illnesses such as cancer, AIDS and glaucoma, what Michigan received "was a confusing, contradictory, litigious and poorly written ballot initiative (that) has taken years to understand what it means with considerable negative consequences experienced by those on all sides of the issue."

"The whole medical marijuana scheme was obviously a bill of goods," said Reene, who cited statistics that show, for example, that the bulk of individuals with medical marijuana cards are classified as having "severe and chronic pain". In contrast, the percent of patients with cards and suffering from AIDS in 2015 was .38. Cancer patients made up 4.47 percent of the total number of cardholders, and glaucoma, 1.45 percent.

PAAM officials say they oppose legalization for a number of reasons, many negatively impacting the health and welfare of Michigan residents.

For instance, both Colorado and California experienced 100-percent increases in marijuana-related traffic fatalities after legalizing recreational and medical marijuana, respectively. The percentage of traffic deaths related to marijuana doubled in Washington State the year retail sales were allowed, and in Colorado, marijuana is now involved in more than one of every five deaths on the road. Since Colorado legalized marijuana about four years ago, regular use of the drug among youth ages 12 to 17 has been both above the national average and rising faster than the national average. Comparatively, Colorado teens use marijuana at a rate 50 percent higher than the national average, according to the PAAM position paper. "If marijuana is legalized for recreational use by adults, it will, similar to alcohol and cigarettes, be much more accessible to children."

A "horrendous step"

Reene said the conclusion is obvious: legalization of marijuana in other states has not snuffed out criminal activity related to the drug. "It doesn't reduce illegal activity. Oftentimes it increases it," he added.

"This (proposal to legalize recreational use of marijuana) is a horrendous step in the wrong direction."

"Pretty much anyone can go to a certain doctor and get a medical marijuana card now, and it can be used in front of your children," Skrent said. "When a child tells the teacher — which happened here — that he wants to grow up selling pot, then there is a much bigger issue than what some present."

"I believe marijuana is as dangerous as alcohol, which has led to many broken families and deaths on the road. Marijuana won't be any different."

Deputies seeking hit, run driver

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the unknown lone occupant driver of the pickup (fled) the scene on foot."

The driver of the Town Car, identified only as a 20-year-old man from Caseville, was transported to Scheurer Hospital in Pigeon by the Elkton Ambulance Service and was later transferred out to an out-of-county hospital for specialized treatment.

"Several individuals witnessed the incident, as it was reported that the pickup had previously left another speedway driveway recklessly and began westbound before turning in front of the Town Car," Hanson said. "However, no one could provide who the driver was or any description. "The owner of the pickup told investigating Deputy Eric Hessling that his pickup had been taken without permission and he knew of no suspects," the sheriff noted.

"Our office is asking that anyone with any information about the unknown driver to please call our office at (989) 269-6500 during regular business hours, or Huron Central Dispatch anytime at (989) 269-6421. Confidential callers can also use our TIP Line at (989) 269-2861.

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WINDS TOPPING 60 miles per hour pummeled the Thumb Friday, leaving thousands of residents, including those in Cass City, without power for at least a portion of the weekend. DTE officials, who estimated more than 260,000 customers were affected, reported dispatching some 1,000 workers in the field Saturday in an effort to restore electricity.

Accident claims Tuscola Co. woman's life

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with non-life threatening injuries. "The eastbound vehicle, a blue colored 2008 Dodge Caliber, was being operated by a 59-year-old female from Vassar. The driver was wearing a seatbelt and the

airbag was deployed. Unfortunately, the driver did not survive her injuries and was pronounced deceased at the scene," he said.
"The investigation as to the cause of the crash remains under investigation. Names are withheld

pending notification (of family members)." Troopers from the Michigan State Police post in Caro, the Caro Fire Department and the Tuscola County Road Commission all assisted deputies at the scene, according to Baxter.

School barn tours underway

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on the barn. That will take about six weeks to do. It has been 17 years since the roof was put on the barn. The windows in the barn were replaced last year.
"What has been accomplished there is just amazing," Putnam added. "There was so much preservation work that had to be done back when we first started, it was overwhelming. But as each new challenge came up, someone came forward with the talent to help."
Once the "friends" secured ownership of the property, the volunteers worked tirelessly on preservation, and once that was done, they turned their attentions to other projects.
Today the agricultural museum attractions include a grain elevator, grist mill, live farm animals, Cora Purdy's diaries, folk music and instruments, live honey bees, milking station, chick/egg hatching, farmhouse tours, energy production at the powerhouse, children's activity area, old time music sing-a-longs, one-room school house, school house museum, sugar shack/syrup evaporator, sawmill, vintage cars/trucks and memorabilia, blacksmith shop, cider press, old time medicines and a barn loft museum.
The Thumb Octagon Barn and Agricultural Museum is located in northern Tuscola County, about a mile east of Gagetown and a mile north of Bay City Forestville Road at 6948 Richie Rd.
James Purdy was president of the Gagetown State Savings Bank and a gentleman farmer. He first purchased 40 acres of land on Richie Road in 1907 for \$600. In 1918, he added another 40 acres, which is where the barn and house are located, for \$1,250.
Construction of the house began in 1919 and the family moved to the site three years later. Construction of the Octagon Barn began in 1923 and was completed the following year.
In 2017, more than 1,365 students from eight counties participated in the annual school tours at the barn.
More information is available on the website thumboctagonbarn.org.

Editor Tom Montgomery contributed to this story.

Williams sentenced to prison

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during the trial, Williams struck his 57-year-old wife Christine 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 sat in his vehicle for a period of time and then "went about his day like he would on any other day." He made coffee, showered, dressed and went to his job at The Palace of Auburn Hills. 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.
Cass City attorney Jason Bitzer, who represented Williams' wife, Christine Williams, during divorce proceedings that lasted four days, says he believes Williams actually spent twice that amount of cash on his mistress based on the discovery of \$40,000 in receipts found in the Williams home for "money grams" purchased over a six-month period.
"Money grams is how he gave money to his mistress," said Bitzer, of Biddinger and Bitzer PLLC, Cass City. "While she testified that he gave her approximately \$10,000 over the years, I believe the amount is more likely the \$40,000, given the information we found."
During the divorce proceedings, Bitzer asked Tuscola County Family Court Division Judge Nancy Thane to award all of the couple's assets to Mrs. Williams.
In her ruling dated April 16, the judge did just that, awarding her all bank accounts; retirement plans and IRAs, including the defendant's 401K; savings bonds in either of their names; their residence and its contents; and two vehicles — a Chevrolet Cruze and a Chevrolet Suburban.
In the end, justice was served in the William Williams case, according to Reene, who described the defendant's actions as cold-blooded.
"That's the (phrase) that runs through your mind," he said. "He had a million options (to end his marriage) besides the one that he chose."
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."

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Busy week for Cass City track teams

by Clarke Haire
 Publisher

If competition makes you better, the Cass City track teams should be pretty darn good by the end of the week.

High winds postponed Friday's Reese Invitational and the annual mega meet has been rescheduled for tonight (Wednesday) reports Cass City boys' coach Jon Zdrojewski.

"We will have three meets this week," he said, noting Cass City was slated to compete at the EPBP invite on Tuesday, followed by the Bad Axe invite on Friday.

Although track action was limited last week, at the Ubylly invite, Tuesday, several of the Thumb's top performers enjoyed sunny skies and warm temperatures, both rare occurrences this spring.

Making the most of the weather was the Bad Axe boys and Brown City girls' teams that registered top honors at the 6-school gathering.

On the boys' side, Bad Axe edged Cass City 127.5 to 117, while host Ubylly and Harbor Beach finished in a tie for third place with 85 points each. Rounding out the team scores were EPBP with a tally of 52 and Brown City with 25.5.

"The Cass City men finished runner up to Bad Axe by only 10.5 points," said Zdrojewski, adding, "We are closing in on our league competitor and we had a couple runners not competing due to injury so we are looking stronger for the league meet May 15 in Reese."

David Kanarian and Mick Schember were individual double winners for the champion Hatchets. Kanarian captured the 1,600 meter run in 4:46 and the 3,200 meter run in 10:39, while Schember was best in the shot put and discus with winning distances of 50' 5" and 128' 5", respectively. Bad Axe also had an individual winner in the 110 meter hurdles as Kendall Lutz posted a time of 17.16.

The only other individual double winner on the day was EPBP's Jacob Kretschmer. The Laker sprinter captured the 100 meter dash in 12.11 and the 200 meter dash in 24.10.

Closer to home, Coach Zdrojewski was pleased with the Red Hawks' effort at the mid-point of the campaign.

"We had several personal records (PR) set at the Ubylly Invite. We are improving at the right time now that we have had some time to ac-

tually compete instead of just practicing."

As always, senior CarLee Stimpfel led Cass City. He recorded a new PR in the 800 meter run with a winning time of 1:59.70, just .3 of a second off of the maroon-and-white school record.

Stimpfel wasn't the only Red

Collen Wrubel, Naegele and Hamilton, the 1,600 meter relay team consisted of Brandon Witherspoon, Zane Wright, Wrubel and Stimpfel and the 3,200 meter relay team member were Witherspoon, McArdle, Wright and Gabe Farver.

"The weather was very hot, but it was nice to actually have some

let down in our running events after a strong Hurd Invite showing. Some PR's were achieved in the field events, but that was not enough to break into the top 2. Ubylly does not have pole vault and that hurts our overall team since we score well in the event," said Cass City Coach Adam Dorland.

Blake in the 3,200 meter run (12:20), Brown City's Amethyst Millsap in the 300 meter hurdles (52.13), Brown City's Olivia Bovenschenn in the shot put (33' 6"), Brown City's Lindsey Kaufman in the discus (91' 2"), EPBP's Karly Cunningham in the high jump (4' 6") and Brown City's Allisyn Fortune in the long jump (15' 8").

For Cass City, Hailey Schmotzer was the team's lone individual winner capturing the 100 meter hurdles in 17.90. She also took third in the 300 hurdles with a time of 56.66.

Also for the Lady Red Hawks, Madison Beckrow was third in the 100 meter dash and 4th in the 300 meter hurdles. Other top individual showings for Cass City had Tiara Anthony place second in high jump while Layna Mathewson was third. Both set PR's with Anthony jumping 4' 6" and Mathewson, 4' 4".

Dorland, in his first year as skipper, received solid showing from his relay teams on the day.

"The 400 relay team of Schmotzer, Haven Bouverette, Brittany Stilson and Brittany Hamilton took second, lowering their time to 56.44. The 800 relay team of Beckrow, Anthony, Stilson and Hamilton took second. The 1600 relay of Mathewson, Schmotzer, Marla Muter and Sara Colton was third as was the 3,200 meter relay team of Mathewson, Mary Muter, Marla Muter and Riley Copeland," he said.

Stimpfel shines at elite meet



CarLee Stimpfel traveled to Saline over the weekend to compete in the exclusive Golden Triangle meet. There, the Cass City distance Phenom competed in the 3,200 meter race Friday night and the 1,600 meter race Saturday afternoon.

The races Stimpfel ran were no ordinary races. For Friday's "Mike Smith Elite" race, runners had to qualify to run in the premier heat. There were 30 qualifiers, and 96 boys total for the race.

Stimpfel set a new personal record by bettering the record he set last year, running a 9:15.01.

On Saturday, runners once again needed qualifying times for the "Golden Mile Elite" race. There were 15 qualifiers, and 80 boys total running in the event.

Stimpfel again recorded a personal record, crossing the 1,600 meter finish line in 4:18.67 and grabbing ninth place honors.

Hawk with PR showings on the day. Michael Ziegler turned in PRs in the discus (97') shot put (38' 10.5") and 100 meter dash (12.77) placing 4th in each event, while in the long jump, Cass City finished first and second as both Brendan Hamilton and Justin Schaufele recorded PRs. Hamilton won the event with a leap of 19' 7.5" and Schaufele took second with a distance of 19' 2". Hamilton also set a new PR in the 200 meter dash with a time of 24.65 to finish as the runner up.

Lucas Swiderski set a new PR in the 800 meter run of 2:23.60 to place 5th, as did Drew Markel who took 5th in the 3,200 meter run with a PR of 11:29. Jamison Biskner-Kruse set a new PR in the 110 meter hurdles with a third place time of 17.36.

Other individual winners at Ubylly included the hosts' Nicholas Swanson and Matthew Maikrzek. Swanson turned in a winning time of 54.81 in the 400 meter dash and Maikrzek was fastest in the 300 meter hurdles with a time of 44.50 and Harbor Beach high jumper Daniel Lanfear cleared 6' to top the field.

Turning to the relay events at the Huron County meet, all four Red Hawk relay teams took second place. The Red Hawk 400 meter relay team consisted of Anthony Boscaglia, Jarod Naegele, Ziegler and Hamilton; the 800 meter relay team consisted of Eric Peters,

heat for a change, Zdrojewski said.

On the girls' side, Brown City turned back Ubylly 144.66 to 133.33 for bragging rights and were followed in the team standings by Cass City (82), Bad Axe (61), EPBP (47) and Harbor Beach (17).

"I think we kind of had a mental

Brown City's Alexandra Hanson enjoyed a banner day and posted individual wins in the 100 meter (13.40), 200 meter (27.22) and 400 meter (1:00) races.

Other individual winners included Ubylly's Haili Gusa in the 800 meter run (2:30), Bad Axe's Jelena Prescott in the 1,600 meter run (5:33), Brown City's Whitley



THE 2018 Owen-Gage golf team members are, from the left, Michael Ray, Chase Howard, Clay Evans, Aaron Fahrner, Matthew Fritz, Cord Clarkson and Jameson McKnight. The Bulldogs are coached by Mike Sutherland.

Cass City golfers struggle in jamborees

Home course advantage wasn't enough to lift Cass City from the bottom of the Greater Thumb West golf standings.

Although the Red Hawks turned in a team score of 190 Thursday at Rolling Hills Golf Course to finish 4th in the GTW Jamboree, Coach Jon Ligrow liked what he saw on the day from the hosts.

"We are improving, but our league is very competitive. We have started out slow, but broke 200 for the first time this year," he said.

Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port, paced by medalists Brady Krohn's one-over-par 36, recorded an impressive team score of 161 to win the local jamboree, easily defeating Vassar and Bad Axe with team scores of 174 and 175, respectively.

For Cass City, Matt Roth carded a 45, Reed White 47, Ryan Pisarek 49, and Kaylean Boynton 49.

BAD AXE

Also last week, at the Bad Axe



REED WHITE - CASS CITY



TALKING TURKEY 12-year-old Zack Burnette shot this turkey Sunday morning west of Cass City. The gobbler had a 9.5" beard and was 40 yards away when Burnette took the shot. Zack is the son of Don and Angie Burnette.

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Marlette wins Greater Thumb Conference twin bill with CC

Cass City received a huge break in the opener against host Marlette last week, but still came up short against the Red Raiders.

Leading 2-1 early, Marlette took a demanding lead in the bottom of the second inning when a 3-run homer vaulted the host to an apparent 6-0 edge.

Instead, the final two tallies in the frame were disallowed after the girl that hit the home run passed her teammate on the base path for the third out.

Cass City scored twice in their next at bats to close the gap to 4-3, only to see Marlette score the game's final 10 runs.

Bailee Ross was tagged with the pitching loss for Cass City. She yielded nine hits, eight earned runs, whiffed two and walked six over 4 innings of work.

Lauren Dickinson was 2-for-2, with a walk, to lead the Red Hawks at the plate, while Ross and Konnar Warren each had RBIs. Kacey Haire, Macey White

and Dickinson scored runs in vain.

The late contest was a hitter's dream as Marlette completed the sweep with a 13-11 decision.

The back-and-forth affair saw Cass City take a 6-5 lead after 3-innings, but trailed 7-6 by the end of the fourth.

Cass City then took command with four runs in the 5th, but couldn't hang on as the Red Raiders answered with a pair of runs in the sixth and four more scores in the final inning.

Sophomore Abbey Salcido made her first varsity start and went the distance, despite suffering the defeat. The youngster surrendered 14 hits and had four Ks.

At the plate, Dickinson remained hot with a three hits, while White added four hits. They combined for four RBIs.

Ross had three hits and drove in three runs, and Baylee Murphy chipped in two hits and two RBIs for the Red Hawks.



THE 2018 Cass City junior varsity baseball team members are: (back row, l-r): Asst. Coach Joe Kampo, Mallakii Moore, Ryan DeLong, Landon Schenk, Dale Kaake, Noah Zaleski, Coach Dale McAlpine (front row, l-r) Taylor Marshall, Ryan Pisarek, Bryce Fernald, Tyler Czekai, Matthew House, and Matthew Mihalic.

Owen-Gage sweeps CPS in NCTL baseball action

The Owen-Gage Bulldogs broke into the win column Thursday with a doubleheader sweep of visiting Carsonville-Port Sanilac in North Central Thumb League Stripes action.

Coach Brian Wright's gang recorded a 10-7 victory in the opener and then used an extra inning to register a 9-4 decision in the late game.

"We played a much better game with very few errors. We also had good at bats with only a handful of strike outs. A much needed win to improve our confidence," said Wright.

Luke Retford and Matt Fritz each slugged doubles for the winners, while Andrew Partaka was awarded the win on the mound.

In the nightcap, Owen-Gage rallied late to complete the sweep.

"It took us one extra inning, but the bats finally woke up for a 5-run eighth inning to take the lead for good," said Wright. Adding, "The bottom half of the line-up

batted great and got back to the top of the lineup time after time."

Fritz collected the win on the hill for Owen-Gage and helped his own cause with a 4-for-5 showing at the plate that included a pair of doubles.

Owen-Gage also had Levi Wendland, Clay Evans and Cord Clarkson each add a pair of singles.

DECKERVILLE GAMES

Earlier last week, on Monday, Owen-Gage entertained Deckerville and suffered mercy losses of 22-5 and 18-0.

In game one, Bulldog Aaron Fahrner supplied two doubles in vain, but it wasn't nearly enough support for starter Partaka, who took the loss.

In game two, it was more of the same for the hosts as they were held hitless by the Eagles.

Retford handled the Owen-Gage pitching chores and was tagged with the defeat.

Eighth grader comes up big in Owen-Gage win

The Owen-Gage Lady Bulldogs broke into the win column Thursday with a 21-7 win over guests Carsonville-Port Sanilac.

After dropping the opener 20-15, the hosts rallied late for their maiden win on the season in the nightcap.

"We were up 12-5 going into the 6th inning, but were outscored in the 6th and 7th innings resulting in a loss," said Owen-Gage Coach Bob Haldane.

Carley Haldane fanned 12 and issued four free passes in defeat. She led Owen-Gage at the plate with three safeties.

Although it looked like Owen-Gage was headed for its eighth straight loss in the late game, a 3-run home run by Maddy Haldane helped to prove otherwise.

"The team came alive in game two, sparked by a third inning home run, bringing in two runners, by 8th grader Maddy Haldane and the team progressed from there and came away with a win," Haldane said.

At the plate, Aaliyah Gonzales had three hits for the winners, while Carlee Rievert and Libby Ondrajka split four knocks.


Maddy Haldane struck out three and walked three to collect the pitching decision.

Also last week, Owen-Gage entertained Deckerville Monday and were delivered setbacks of 12-1 and 9-8.

"The girls played hard and kept the second game close. Had a 7-4 lead going into the 6th, took the game into overtime, but came up short in the end," Haldane said. Adding, "Seen girls improve over last couple of games, we have to keep moving forward and strive for a win."

Carley Haldane was the lone Bulldog with multiple hits in both games.

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Cass City continues to roll

Just like a winding lazy river, the Cass City baseball team continues to roll.

Last victims for the undefeated Red Hawks was host Marlette who fell in a Greater Thumb Conference crossover doubleheader last week.

With wins of 8-3 and 12-2 Monday, Cass City improved to 8-0 overall, 2-0 in the Greater Thumb West, entering a key stretch of the season that includes a marquee match-up Thursday at league leading Vassar.

Cass City broke open a scoreless tie against the Red Raiders with

three runs in the fourth inning and then added five tallies in the 6th to earn the game one victory.

Zack Beecher toed the rubber for 5-innings and was the pitcher of record for the visitors. He struck out 10 and didn't allow a walk, throwing 73 pitches - 56 for strikes.

Braden Rosenstangel had two doubles and two RBIs for the winners, who also had Kendall Anthes with two hits and two RBIs. Beecher helped his own cause with an RBI double.

In the night's final game, Cass City actually trailed 2-1 early, be-

fore taking control with four runs in the bottom on the third and never looking back.

Luke Stern enjoyed a big day for the winners.

On the mound, Stern went 4-innings to collect the win. He allowed just two hits, posted eight strike outs and one earned run before handing the ball to Joey Kroll.

At the plate, Stern was equally effective with a triple, home run and pair of RBIs. Anthes chipped in three singles and three runs scored for Cass City.

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BOYS' BASEBALL (VARSITY)

DATE	OPPONENT
4/5	Caro
4/10	Brown City
4/12	Ubly
4/14	Tuscola Tourny @ Millington.....TBA
4/16	Sandusky
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
5/21	Bad Axe
5/29-6/1	Districts @ TBA.....TBA

All games begin at 4 p.m. unless noted

GIRLS' SOFTBALL (VARSITY)

DATE	OPPONENT
4/5	Caro
4/10	Brown City
4/12	Ubly
4/14	Tuscola Tourny @ Millington.....TBA
4/16	Sandusky
4/23	Memphis
4/26	USA
4/30	Marlette
5/3	Reese
5/8	Caseville (Varsity & JV)
5/10	Vassar
5/12	Brown City Tourny.....TBA
5/14	Harbor Beach
5/17	EPBP Lakers
5/21	Bad Axe
5/23	Cros-Lex (Varsity & JV)
5/29-6/1	Districts @ TBA.....TBA

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

GOLF

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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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.
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): 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

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 24, 2018:
Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Connie Sutherland and Tony Sutherland, wife and husband
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Ally Bank
Date of Mortgage: October 31, 2003
Date of Mortgage Recording: January 12, 2004
Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$61,972.38

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Village of Millington, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: Part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 9, Township 10 North, Range 8 East, Millington Township, Tuscola County, Michigan described as beginning at a point on the West line of said Section 9 which is North 796.89 feet from the Southwest corner of said Section 9; thence continuing along said West line North 98.11 feet; thence East, at right angles to said West line, 412.50 feet; thence South, parallel with said West line, 98.11 feet; thence West, 412.50 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 25, 2018
Trott Law, P.C.

1348322

4-25-4

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 31, 2018:
Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Kevin J Dicks, a married man, who acquire title as Kevin Dicks, a single man, joined by his wife Andrea Lynn Dicks, non titled spouse joining to waive marital and/or homestead right only
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
Foreclosing Assignee (if any):

Freedom Mortgage Corporation
Date of Mortgage: April 30, 2016
Date of Mortgage Recording: May 26, 2016
Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$53,330.04

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Almer, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: Parcel 1: Part of the Southwest quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section 30, Town 13 North, Range 9 East, described as beginning at a point on the South line of Section 30 which is 89 degrees 42 minutes 27 seconds East 1066.05 feet from the South quarter corner of Section 30, thence continuing South 89 degrees 42 minutes 27 seconds East 160.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 04 minutes 17 seconds West 240 feet; thence North 89 degrees 42 minutes 27 seconds West 160.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 04 minutes 17 seconds East 240.00 feet to the point of beginning.

Parcel 2: Part of the Southwest quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section 30, Town 13 North, Range 9 East, described as beginning at a point on the South line of Section 30 which is South 89 degrees 42 minutes 27 seconds East 1226.05 feet from the South quarter corner of Section 30, thence South 89 degrees 42 minutes 27 seconds East 100.00 feet; thence along the East line of said Southwest quarter of the Southeast quarter, North 00 degrees 04 minutes 17 seconds West 700.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 42 minutes 27 seconds West 100.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 04 minutes 17 seconds East 700.00 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.

Date of notice: May 2, 2018
Trott Law, P.C.

1349213

5-2-4

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 May 31, 2018. Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Andrew N. Turcotte, a Single Man Original Mortgagee:

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Flagstar Bank, FSB, its successors and assigns Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Planet Home Lending, LLC Date of Mortgage: February 1, 2010 Date of Mortgage Recording: February 2, 2010 Amount claimed due on mortgage on the date of notice: \$60,809.81 Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in the Township of Fairgrove, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Beginning at the Southwest corner of the Northwest quarter of Section 15, Town 13 North, Range 8 East, Thence East 210 feet, Thence North 210 feet, Thence West 210 feet, Thence South 210 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: 05/02/2018 Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 104656

5-2-4

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

MORTGAGE SALE –Robert W. Clinesmith and Donna E. Clinesmith, Husband and Wife, granted a mortgage to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated December 7, 2012, and recorded on January 3, 2013, in Liber 1268, on Page 1338, 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 Seventy-Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-Nine Dollars and Thirteen Cents (\$77,759.13).

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 May 31, 2018 Said premises are located in Tuscola County, Michigan and are described as: Lot 13, Block 7, and the South 3.75 feet of Lot 12, Block 7, Johnson's Addition to the City of Vassar, according to the plat recorded in Liber 29 of Plats, Page 88. 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 1349605

5-2-4

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jason Ron Enos, a single man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated March 31, 2005 and recorded April 25, 2005 in Liber 1035, Page 1349 Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Ditech Financial LLC, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Eight Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-Four and 77/100 Dollars (\$48,454.77), including interest at 4.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mort-

gage 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 JUNE 7, 2018.

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

Parcel 1: Part of the Northeast Quarter of Section 15, Township 12 North, Range 8 East, Juniata Township, Tuscola County, State of Michigan described as: Commencing at the Northeast corner of said Section 15; thence along the North line of said Section 15, West 214.50 feet to the point of beginning; thence South 00 degrees 03 minutes 03 seconds East 577.50 feet; thence East 214.50 feet to the East line of said Section 15; thence along said East line of Section 15, South 00 degrees 03 minutes 03 seconds East, 182.92 feet; thence North 89 degrees 59 minutes 04 seconds West, 430.46 feet; thence North 00 degrees 03 minutes 03 seconds West, 760.30 feet to said North line of Section 15; thence along said North line of Section 15, East 215.96 feet to the point of beginning. Right of way for M-81 over the Northerly side of Fenner Road over the Easterly side thereof.

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

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.
Dated: May 9, 2018
File No. 18-005789

5-9-4

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Paul E. Fent, a single person, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lenders successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated May 19, 2005 and recorded May 25, 2005 in Liber 1040, Page 85 Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Federal National Mortgage Association, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Nine Thousand Two Hundred Seventy-Eight and 12/100 Dollars (\$79,278.12), including interest at 4.25% 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 JUNE 7, 2018.

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

ONE SQUARE ACRE OF LAND IN THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 24, TOWN 14 NORTH, RANGE 10 EAST. PARCEL ID NUMBER: 009-024-000-1000-00

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

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.
Dated: May 9, 2018
File No. 17-007451

5-9-4

Legal Notices

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Teri R. Walker, a single woman, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated September 26, 2003 and recorded October 3, 2003 in Liber 958, Page 41 Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Ditech Financial, LLC, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Four Thousand Two Hundred Forty-Six and 41/100 Dollars (\$44,246.41), including interest at 6.5% 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 JUNE 7, 2018.

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

SITUATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF TUSCOLA, TUSCOLA COUNTY, MICHIGAN. LOTS 1, 8, 9, AND 10 BLOCK 8 OF GREENBERG VILLAGE, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT LIBER 1, PAGES 45 B TO 46 B, 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, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.
Dated: May 9, 2018
File No. 17-016679

5-9-4

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

MORTGAGE SALE –Carolyn A. Hudie, a single woman, granted a mortgage to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated February 28, 2005, and recorded on March 4, 2005, in Liber 1029, on Page 731, 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 One Hundred Ten Thousand Three Hundred Ninety-Four Dollars and Four Cents (\$110,394.04).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, front entrance of the Courthouse Building in the City of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM o'clock, on June 7,

2018 Said premises are located in Tuscola County, Michigan and are described as: The North 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4, Section 31, Town 11 North, Range 9 East, subject to the easement for the ingress and egress over the North 33 feet thereof. 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 1350319

5-9-4

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 June 7, 2018:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Jeff Murray and Laura Murray, husband and wife
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for NovaStar Mortgage, Inc.
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for NovaStar Mortgage Funding Trust, Series 2006-6 NovaStar Home Equity Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-6

Date of Mortgage: November 30, 2006
Date of Mortgage Recording: December 19, 2006

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$61,199.81

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Tuscola, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: Parcel 1: A parcel of land described as: Commencing at the Southwest corner of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 23, Town 11 North, Range 7 East; thence East 130 feet; thence North 207 feet; thence West 130 feet to the North and South 1/4 line; thence South on said line, 207 feet to the Point of Beginning. Parcel 2: part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 23, Town 11 North, Range 7 East, described as: Beginning at a point which is South 89 degrees 40 minutes 03 seconds West, 2361.80 feet along the East-West 1/4 line of said Section 23 from the East 1/4 corner of said Section 23; thence continuing along said East-West 1/4 line, South 89 degrees 40 minutes 03 seconds West, 150.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 40 minutes 40 seconds West, 207.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 40 minutes 03 seconds East, 150.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 40 minutes 40 seconds East, 207.00

feet to the East-West 1/4 line 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; 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: May 9, 2018
Trott Law, P.C.
1349703

5-9-4

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 June 7, 2018:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Stacey Pease, a single woman
Original Mortgagee: Independent Mortgage Co. East MI
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Independent Bank
Date of Mortgage: March 23, 2005
Date of Mortgage Recording: April 1, 2005
Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$60,666.16

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Village of Cass City, Tuscola County, Michigan, and described as: Commencing 3 rods South and 4 rods West of the Northeast corner of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 34, Town 14 North, Range 11 East, Village of Cass City, Elkland Township, Tuscola County, Michigan; thence South 8 rods; thence West 4 rods; thence North 8 rods to the South line of Main Street; thence East 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; 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: May 9, 2018
Trott Law, P.C.
1350212

5-9-4

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Obituaries

Esther Powell

Esther Luisa (Hoffman) Powell, 95 of Owendale, went to be with her Savior, Jesus Christ, Sunday, April 29, 2018.

Esther was born to Paul and Amanda Hoffman on March 1, 1923. She attended St. John Lutheran School in Kilmanagh, and was confirmed at St. John.

Esther married Milton 'Mike' Powell on March 13, 1948. Together, they raised a family of eight children – seven sons and one daughter.

A good portion of her married life was spent as a homemaker. She loved to cook and bake. She also worked at Automotive Industries in Owendale for a number of years as well as General Cable in Cass City. Many a Sunday afternoon was spent at the dining room table playing Uno or Shang Hai with her kids and later her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She loved being surrounded by her family and friends and was very interested in what was going on with everyone. Esther was a faithful member of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Linkville, and drove herself to services even into her 80's. She was an independent spirit and wanted to take care of herself as long as she could. Esther especially enjoyed visits with the pastors of St. Paul when she no longer was able to attend Sunday services.



Esther was preceded in death by her husband, Milton 'Mike' Powell, brothers: Aaron and Albert Hoffman, sister, Marinda Molnar and grandson, Eric Powell.

She is survived by sons: Leonard (Margaret) Powell, Springdale, AR, Daniel (Deborah) Powell, Appomattox, VA, Morris (Pamela) Powell, Cass City, Patrick Powell, Ft. Collins, CO, Roger Powell, Owendale, Richard (Terri) Powell, Centennial, CO, and Michael (Amy) Powell, Owendale; and daughter, Sandra Salcido (Joseph) Salcido, Owendale. Along with a deep love for her children, Esther was a proud grandmother to 28 grandchildren and 39 great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was held Saturday, May 5, at St. Paul Lutheran Church (Linkville) in Pigeon. Burial will be at Grant Township Cemetery in Gagetown.

Memorials may be made to St. Paul Lutheran Church or Heartland Hospice.

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GARAGE SALE - May 9th & 10th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Women's and men's clothing, household items, storage bins and many other miscellaneous items. 6793 Third St., Cass City. 14-5-9-1

ESTATE SALE - 6536 Garfield Ave., Cass City. Wednesday, May 9th from 12 - 5 p.m.; Thursday, May 10th from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Friday, May 11th from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Friday all items are 1/2 off. House is sold and all items must go. House and garage are full of furniture, glassware, kitchenware, bedding, linens, old toys, canning jars, Christmas items, lots and lots of miscellaneous items. Wonder Woman Sales. 14-5-2-2

WALLACE ESTATE SALE - 4748 Schwegler Rd. - Thursday, May 10 & Friday, May 11 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. & Saturday, May 12 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Generator, microwave, handmade shelves, clothing and lots of miscellaneous items. 14-5-9-1

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Great school

Cass City High School earns inaugural award for marks in preparing kids for future

Cass City Junior-Senior High School was recently profiled in a national publication for a story showcasing schools that stand head and shoulders above their peers when it comes to preparing students for additional education as they pursue careers after graduating from high school.

The recognition came in conjunction with Cass City Junior-Senior High School receiving a College Success Award, a first-of-its-kind honor celebrating schools that excel in ensuring students prepare for college, enroll in college and succeed once they get there.

Launched by GreatSchools, which describes itself as the leading non-profit provider of trusted school information, the College Success Award recognizes 814 schools in nine states, including 175 schools in Michigan.

The award-winning schools have a successful track record of graduating students who later enroll in two- or four-year college, are ready for college-level coursework, and persist on to their second year, according to available data from the state.

Cass City Schools was one of only nine schools profiled at length for the award on the website GreatSchools.org.

College- and career-ready graduates are critical to fueling the U.S. economy, as 65 percent of jobs will require a postsecondary degree by 2020.

Cass City Junior-Senior High School prepares students not only to enroll in college but also to succeed once they get there, said Matthew Nelson, president of GreatSchools.

The local school district, he added, "is providing their students with a high-quality public education that equips and empowers them with the skills to forge a path to bright futures. We applaud students, parents, teachers and the entire community at Cass City for their dedication to pursuing college success."

To view the complete GreatSchool profile story, visit the website <https://www.greatschools.org/gk/articles/cass-city-high-school-having-a-plan-is-a-graduation-requirement/>.



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