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## Mediation next in school, union talks

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

The Cass City Board of Education has opted to seek mediation in its negotiations with the Cass City Education Association over a new contract.

The decision was made following a 5 1/2-hour session of talks last Wednesday, according to school Supt. Ron Wilson, who said both sides have met 3 more times in recent days in an effort to come up with a tentative agreement.

"They're (union) just not interested, which is unfortunate," Wilson added, noting school officials will make a formal request that the Michigan Department of Education dispatch a mediator to attend future negotiations. That will probably take another

3 or 4 weeks, and Wilson indicated he isn't optimistic the teachers will have a new contract before next spring.

"We resolved it (contract) last year with the help of a state mediator, but we're so far apart this time. We're a million dollars apart on the money issues," he said.

The teachers' previous contract expired Aug. 15 and was hammered out during a marathon bargaining session a year ago. The union accepted a pay freeze, although staff members did receive "step" pay increases based on years of service, as well as "column" pay hikes for furthering their education. Wilson estimated the contract cost the school district about \$234,000 more than the previous year.

The Cass City School District's pay-

roll for 70 teachers totaled \$6.29 million in 2006-07, and \$6.5 million last year. The figures include salary as well as retirement and insurance costs. The average cost to the district, per teacher, is nearly \$93,000 annually.

In an earlier interview, Wilson outlined several points of contention between school and union officials over on-going contract talks, including a union proposal to return to a 6-period day, which Wilson said would force him to hire an additional 6 teachers.

Also at issue is health insurance. School officials have asked the teachers to switch carriers in an effort to save more than \$270,000. Wilson said the new coverage would reduce allowed chiropractic visits from 36 to 24 and eliminate covered massage sessions. However, he pointed out the teachers would no longer have a prescription co-pay requirement.

Wilson indicated that school officials would be willing to return the insurance plan savings to the union in the form of pay increases.

Both sides are also at odds over several other issues, including a union proposal that would require school officials to hire additional instructors any time class size exceeds the levels agreed upon in the contract. In the past, the district has been required to pay teachers an "overflow" fee when the number of students

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## Little miracle

### Fundraiser planned for Cass City area couple facing hefty medical tab

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Watch Kristie and Aaron Baker with their baby daughter, McKenzie, for a few moments and it's obvious they're a couple who is truly thankful for the "little miracle" they brought home just a month ago.

And for good reason.

The Cass City area couple, both Owendale natives, welcomed McKenzie into the world 4 months ago — 15 weeks premature and weighing only one pound and 4 ounces. The birth came after a heart-breaking first 2 years of their marriage, when they suffered the loss of a son,

stillborn due to complications, and a second pregnancy that ended in miscarriage after 6 weeks.

Today, family, friends and neighbors are rallying around the family, which faced a monstrous medical bill totaling some \$270,000 following McKenzie's birth. The Bakers' insurance covered two-thirds of the tab, and Medicaid is expected to chip in as well because the baby weighed under 2 pounds at birth, but the amount of coverage is still at question.

Family members were able to raise about \$4,000 during a spaghetti sup-

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**KRISTIE AND AARON Baker relax at their Schwegler Road home with baby daughter McKenzie, who was born 15 weeks premature last May, weighing just one pound and 4 ounces. The Owendale Lions Club is planning a fundraiser in October to help the Cass City couple meet their medical expenses.**



### Fall family fun!

**BAY CITY YOUTHS Cade Thompson (right) and Thomas Kayner watch their rope take shape Saturday afternoon during the 13th annual Fall Family Days celebration at the Thumb Octagon Barn.**

## Record crowds at Fall Family Days

Mother Nature may have had, the first snicker, but organizers of the 13th annual Fall Family Days had the last laugh.

In spite of a good drenching Thursday night as volunteers continued to prepare the grounds at the Thumb Octagon Barn near Gagetown - anticipating crowds numbering in the thousands — everything was ready in time for the first day of activities Friday. With the exception of some light rain Sunday morning, the weather cooperated throughout the weekend.

"It (rain Thursday) slowed things up a bit, but it all came together. Everything worked out," commented Bob Hirn of the Friends of the Thumb Octagon Barn. "I give all the (credit)

for that to our 'weather committee'. They said they had that all planned - they called it dust control," he joked, referring to Sunday morning's shower.

The Friends of the Thumb Octagon Barn organization annually sponsors the popular fall festival, which enables folks of all ages to take a trip back in time and experience farm life in the early 1900s.

Fall Family Days has consistently drawn more and more interest from residents across Michigan and beyond, and this year's event was no exception, according to Hirn, who reported Saturday's attendance alone at some 10,000 people.

"That we do know for a fact. We

had 9,000 last year," he said. "Saturday was probably the best Saturday we've ever had. Sunday was down a little bit, but not much."

"I think, overall, we may be right where we were last year in terms of total visitors on the grounds, around 15,000. Last year was a record, and I've got to believe we beat that," Hirn added, noting this year's vendor attendance topped 2007 by 10 rented spaces - 212 in all. "And all of the concessions, they did very well."

This year's dual-themed Fall Family Days featured rural electrification and quilting. Both proved to be popular, with exhibits packed.

"The rural electrification theme, with the powerhouse rebuilt and the equip-

ment inside, that was a real attraction. It was busy all day," Hirn said, adding the Thumb Electric Cooperative's permanent display on the loft in the barn also drew the attention of visitors. "And the quilt feature tent, that was busy, busy, busy."

There was also plenty for even the youngest visitors to do. Hirn said the children's activities area, moved to a different location this year, was overwhelmed by youngsters.

"That's what we try to do. We call it Fall Family Days because it's for the whole family, something for every-

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## Green K-12 Educator of the Year

It shouldn't be a surprise that the students in Jennifer Green's fifth grade classroom at Cass City Middle School get to explore the world of agriculture in their studies. After all, farming remains an important part of the Thumb's economy.

But agriculture has also been an important part of Green's life, having grown up on the family's Pigeon area cash crop farm.

More importantly, Green says, is the excitement in her students' eyes when they are offered an opportunity to tackle a hands-on lesson, and watching them learn.

Green's attention to educating students with more than just books and tests is part of the reason she was recently honored by Tuscola County Farm Bureau officials, who named the veteran Cass City teacher their 2008

K-12 Educator of the Year during the organization's annual meeting.

"The K-12 Educator Award is given to an outstanding teacher who incorporates aspects of agriculture throughout the year into their lesson plans," explained Cathy Healy, chairman of the Tuscola County Farm Bureau Promotion and Education Committee.

"Jennifer is starting her 20th year as a teacher and has always integrated agriculture into her reading, science, math and social studies lessons," she added. "Her students are able to learn first hand about agriculture by growing plants in their classroom and in outdoor garden boxes. They have their own compost bin in their room. Frogs, worms, butterflies and chicks are also part of the classroom."

With the exception of a half-year

teaching stint in the Laker School District after graduating from college, Green has spent her entire career in the Cass City School District. Before taking that first job, she earned her bachelor's degree in education at Central Michigan University, where she majored in science and minored in language arts. Today, she is wrapping up her master's degree in elementary reading and mathematics through Walden University.

"When I was in high school, I knew I wanted to work in something where I could work with other people," Green said of her career choice, adding time spent volunteering at a hospital cemented her desire to teach. "Cass City is just a really great com-

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Mr. and Mrs. Rick Meyers of Indian River, Michigan and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson visited Thelma Jackson on Sunday.

Mrs. Gerald Wills was a Wednesday lunch guest of Mrs. Curtis Cleland.

Ethel Ross had lunch on Tuesday with Thelma Jackson.

Mrs. Ray Depcinski and Mrs. Allen Depcinski were lunch guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Holdwick on Wednesday and visited Ms. Leona Masaulf in the afternoon.

Harold Franzel of Texas, June Rutz of Sterling Heights, and Allen Farrelly were Monday dinner guests of Mrs. Dan Franzel.

14 members of The Traveling Breakfast Club met at Big Boy Thursday morning. They will meet at Coffee Cup Plus next week.

Mrs. Harold Ballagh, Mrs. Gerald Wills and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson visited Thelma Jackson on Thursday.

Brian and Sally Sweeney of Ubyly spent a week camping in Interlochen, Michigan with Sally's sisters and brothers and family. They spent a day at the Buckley Old Engine Steam Show. They had a fish fry with the fresh fish caught on the lake, spent time on the golf course and went to garage sales in the area. They had a nice family gathering.

Mrs. Jim Tyrell and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Brian Sweeney, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson and Mrs. Whitey Pawlosky visited Thelma Jackson.

Students on list

Several area residents have been named to the president's list at Saginaw Valley State University for the 2008 winter semester. The honor recognizes students who achieve a perfect 4.0 grade point average while enrolled in at least 12 credit hours of coursework.

Among those named to the list are: Libby Doerr, Erica Kortman, Leah Sherman, Jenna Timko, Jessie Tuckey and Rachel Whittaker, all of Cass City; Bradley Koch and Katie Swjastyn, both of Gagetown; and Ryan Peruski of Ubyly.

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Tyler Bader earns degree at CMU

Tyler R. Bader recently graduated from Central Michigan University with a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education Degree in language arts and science.

A 2002 graduate of Cass City High School, he is the son of Bill and Celeste Bader.

A. Bitzer earns her certification

Amanda L. Bitzer of Caro recently passed the CMA Certification Examination administered by the Certifying Board of the American Association of Medical Assistants (AAMA). In the process, she earned her certified medical assistant credential.

Bitzer is a graduate of the medical assisting program at Baker College, Cass City, and is employed at Hills and Dales General Hospital, also in Cass City.

The CMA examination tests clinical and administrative knowledge needed for competent medical assisting practice. The test is the only medical assisting exam that requires all of its candidates to be graduates of an accredited postsecondary medical assisting program.

Carl McConnell on his reaching 100th birthday: "Didn't know any better"

Carl McConnell

When asked the reason he has lived so long - 100 years young - Carl Raymond McConnell replied, "I didn't know any better". McConnell was born to Louise and Charles McConnell of Sandusky, Aug. 25, 1908. He was the sixth of 8 children. He attended elementary grades in a one-room schoolhouse, Cass City High School and Central Michigan University in Mt. Pleasant.

He moved to the Detroit area and married Bernice Neitz. They celebrated their 75th anniversary May 13th with a party at Luther Hall of St. Luke Lutheran Church of Harrison.

A birthday luncheon was held in Luther Hall for church members and family Aug. 24. The next day, almost every neighbor on Lone Pine Road walked in to surprise him with another party. They brought cake, ice cream, gifts, cards and all the decorations to decorate his deck. It was a great time for him to see those he had missed.

McConnell has 2 sons: Gerald (Johanna) of South Carolina and Richard of Harrison; 2 grandchildren: Cathie of California and Robert (Peggy) of Rochester Hills; and 2 great-grandchildren: Kevin of Rochester Hills and Stephanie of Royal Oak. Stephanie attended the same college that her great-grandfather did 82 years before her.

The family lauded friends, neighbors and church members for making his 100th birthday a very special occasion.

"It was a great birthday!" he said.

Austin Ryan Hinkle

Josh and Jennifer (Montgomery) Hinkle of Cass City announce the birth of their son, Austin Ryan, Friday, Sept. 5, at 4:20 p.m. at Covenant Harrison, Saginaw. He weighed 7 1/2 pounds and 9 ounces and measured 19 1/2 inches long.

Austin was welcomed home by 24 siblings, Tyler, 4 1/2, and Leah, 3.

Maternal grandparents are Deb and Tom Montgomery of Cass City. Paternal grandparents are Brenda and Chuck Gray of Caro.

Several on dean's list at SVSU

Several area residents were recently named to the dean's list at Saginaw Valley State University for the winter 2008 semester.

They include: Ming Yu Chen, Alyssa Cryderman, Erik Helwig, Aimee Hennessey, Allison Hillaker, Amy Howard, Sean McFarland, Janell Papovich, Jason Speirs, Lindsey Speirs, Rebecca Sweeney, Jeffery Tenbush and Ashley Timon, all of Cass City; Benjamin Boyle, Candy Collins, Brandon Joles and Ryan Phillips, all of Kingston; Ashley Hendrick, Jessica Lange, Brent Shaw and Kimberly Stolzman, all of Decker; Jennifer Molloy and James Spaetzle, both of Snover; Bridget Kreager, Joshua McLaren and Zachri Ruthenberg, all of Owendale; and Tracy Franzel, Ashley Jorges, Jessica Kaweck, Kara Lackowski, Stephanie Peruski, Lisa Romzek, Lauren Ruthko, Carmen Schantz and Mary Tibbetts, all of Ubyly.

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## Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

The note in the coming events column this week lists the nights that the Tom Thumb Singers will practice for its annual concert this year scheduled Dec. 14 and 15. Over the years I have attended 3 of the shows.

My intention was to attend all of them, but when the time came I missed them, sometimes because of schedule conflicts and others because I just forgot.

I'm resolved to do better this year. Each of the 3 that I attended made me regret the ones I missed. They provide a very entertaining evening. Mark the dates on your calendar.

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Speaking about missed opportunities, the summer has ended and so has the season for the Loons, the Midland-based pro baseball team.

After attending a game in the inaugural year, I resolved to get back this year for exciting games played by talented athletes trying their wings for a career in professional baseball.

Again, my intentions were good, but I failed to walk the walk as the season flew by.

Just wait until next year.

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There's a boy in Cass City, 12 years old, that has surprising mechanical ability. He has a bike with a large tire on the rear and a smaller tire on the front. Walking along 7th Street last week the unusual tire arrangement caught my attention and I asked him where he got the tire.

Subsequently, I learned that he bought the tire, the brakes and other assorted parts and assembled them himself.

I thought that was very unusual and worth a feature with pictures. It was Saturday afternoon so I tried, and failed, to have him come to the office on Monday.

The boy confided that he's new in town and lives on a street that starts with an L. He nodded, yes, when I said Leach Street, but don't take that as 100 percent sure.

# Thumb tourism efforts are paying off

Thumb Area Tourism Council, Inc. (TATC), officials say they enjoyed a successful first year of attracting visitors to the Thumb area and supporting economic growth through its interactive website.

"They are doing a great job of promoting the Thumb area and all it has to offer," commented Lisa Valentine of Lindy's Sales and Lindy's Landing Marina. "We have seen an in-

crease in visitors to our website through the link at the Thumb Area Tourism Council's website."

The interactive website for TATC was launched in June 2007 with the support of county government, municipalities and businesses across the Thumb region, including Tuscola County, the village of Cass City, the Thumb Octagon Barn, village of Caro, Caro Chamber of Commerce, village of Reese and the Michigan State

University Extension offices in Huron and Tuscola counties.

"The website averages over 1,200 unique visitors each month," said Kris McArdle, marketing director for the TATC. "And, from that we have fulfilled hundreds of requests for Thumb area information from accommodations and area attractions to florists and funeral homes."

Requests for information have come from across the country, including a national bridal magazine in New York looking for a listing of area bed and breakfasts; a mom in Wisconsin was in need of a dialysis center for her child near Uby because she was relocated to the area for work; a company in Tennessee was looking for clarification on the Thumb area to help establish the sales territory for a new franchise in Caro; and, of course, there have been many requests for basic tourist information, according to McArdle. She said the TATC has also provided the Great Lakes Loons with pictures and information about the Thumb area for one of its community spotlights at a Sunday game.

"Tourism is one of Michigan's strongest industries and it supports our local and state economy in so many ways," said Chuck Frost, TATC executive director. "You never know who might be on vacation and decide that the Thumb area is a great place to move their business and/or family."

According to a recent Michigan

Business Report published by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, the state has realized the impact tourism has on its economy, so much so that officials have directed \$45 million to support the marketing efforts of the state's "Pure Michigan" tourism campaign.

"We, as a community, need to do a better job of attracting tourism dollars to the Thumb area," said Pat Cutler, owner of the Captain's Quarters, in Lexington. "I commend the Thumb Area Tourism Council for reaching out to area business owners and organizations to support a regional effort that puts a positive, inviting spotlight on the area."

"The past year has not been easy, but we've seen much progress, including being recognized by Travel Michigan as the "Destination Marketing Organization" for the Thumb area, and being added to the official state map," said Frost. "This will only add to our support of attracting visitors, residents and businesses to the area, which will contribute to our overall economic growth and development."

"The Thumb area is a travel destination rich in natural scenic beauty, strong cultural heritage and plenty of all-season activities," he added. "With more than 150 miles of shoreline, 2,100 miles of rivers and streams, 49,000 acres of state game/wildlife areas and plenty of hometown festivals and events, there's definitely something for everyone."

## Brown completes 49th bridge trek

Dagmar "Walker" Brown of Cass City completed trek number 49 across the Mackinac Bridge on Labor Day in one hour and 13 minutes.

Labor Day is the only day pedestrians are allowed on the bridge. The walk started at the traditional 7 a.m. time at St. Ignace, with Gov. Jennifer Granholm and her entourage from Lansing leading the crowd that was estimated at 65,000.

It was a beautiful day - almost too

warm, but there was a gentle breeze on the bridge, said Brown, who dropped 2 new pennies into the water for herself and dear friends, wishing for good health, happiness and peace.

Brown is a retired dental technician chief who served with the U.S. Navy. She is a retired licensed practical nurse who now works at McDonald's in Caro.

## The Haire Net

Political ads --  
no turning back



A couple of items of no particular significance that I pass on because they may be of interest to you as they were to me.

In days gone by, there was a noticeable difference in the office and the home after Labor Day.

After Labor Day most of us mentally rolled up our sleeves and prepared to attack the problems that we had temporarily shelved when summer vacation took our attention, our money and our time.

Gradually over the years, paced by the computer of course, the fast changing lifestyle doesn't leave much time to do anything with our sleeves except change long sleeves for short ones. The end of summer becomes just that-the end of summer. The switch to the hustle, bustle of fall isn't helped by 85-90-degree weather.

The traditional summer lassitude slipped away, if it ever really happened, helped, of course, by the primary and upcoming general election. It's a rare day that the mail doesn't include one or more appeal for help by both the Republican and Democratic supporters.

It's more rare still to turn on the boob

tube and not be subjected to a pitch for one of the candidates.

It would be much less irritating if the commercials listed the reasons why we should vote for John McCain or Barack Obama, not why we should not vote for them.

In less turbulent times, the intense political advertising and campaigning didn't really start until after Labor Day. Now it seemingly never stops.

But there's no going back, like it or not just make the best of it; switch stations or try the ultimate answer - turn off the TV.

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Chronicle syndicated columnist Roger Pond, who is recovering from his fall in early May, feels he will be back (page 3 in the Chronicle) at the end of the year. He can't recall anything that happened in May and June and "not very good in July". He also says, "I'm still seeing doctors on a regular basis and visit a new one every once in a while. It's O.K. to feel sorry for them, they probably deserve it."

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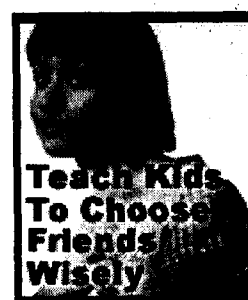
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## Everyday Stories

Cass City Public Schools  
"Assignment America"  
By Emily Martin

I love the national morning and evening news on television. For no apparent reason, I am content after watching whether the stock market is up or down, the latest on the race to the White House and the baseball scores from the previous day or night.

On that note, what really overflows my cup is the human-interest stories; the stories about people just like you and me.

Steve Hartman, a CBS News correspondent since 1998, is my personal favorite. I first started watching his segments when he featured the series, "Everybody Has a Story." Hartman would throw a dart at a map of America, and then randomly pick an individual from a local phone book to interview. He showed there is a story in all of us.

Nowadays, you will find me in front of a TV watching the CBS Evening News on Friday nights, waiting to see what Hartman has in store this week. Currently his piece is entitled, "Assignment America". Hartman pitches 3 story ideas the week before one is to air, and the viewers vote online for their favorite. The favorite segment broadcasts the following week, telling the accounts of people, places and things that may surprise us, cause us to tear up, or inspire us. True character is uncovered and real stories are shared.

With that being said, I firmly believe that education and schooling is not about the updated computers, the simple grammar lessons, or calculating the circumference of a circle. It is not about any of that.

The wonder of school exists in the people. It is about the students, parents, teachers, support staff, coaches and administrators. The profound joy of an exam score well studied for, a photograph at eighth grade graduation, or the face of a child swinging on the playground is exactly what school is all about.

Hi, my name is Emily Martin and I hope to be Cass City's Steve Hartman. I hope to write the stories honoring the people, places, moments and things in the school system of this community. I hope to bring "Assignment America" home to Cass City Public Schools. However, I cannot do it alone. I want to hear your stories, so I challenge you to share them.

I recently read a book with an interesting introduction. The author stressed that the following words were no longer his words; that they were our words. He explained that this story was one that he, the author, and I, the reader, would construct together in my memory. It was not something that he created, but rather something that we would make together.

I first thought nothing of the meaning he was expressing in this introduction, but I now relate to the significance. In this case, I am the writer sharing my words with you, and praying to construct something of good in your memory. You are contributing to these words because these are your *Everyday Stories*.

# School daycare program seeking growth

The Campbell Day Care Center won't be celebrating its first year in operation until January, but Cass City School officials say parents in the community are embracing the program.

"There were many concerns/opportunities that we (faced initially) in trying to better serve our community -

lengthening of the day, from somewhere like 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., and being open year-round. Other areas of concern included accepting children from birth through pre-teen, plus including an hourly 'latchkey,'" said Ed Pasant, special projects coordinator for the Cass City Schools.

"Our new year at the daycare center

began Aug. 25. We are fulfilling our goals of a longer day - 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., and have added infants/toddlers to the program," Pasant added. "And now we hope to be a year-round program, if needed."

The daycare currently has 8 infants/toddlers and 29 preschoolers/latchkey students, mostly part-timers, according to Pasant, who noted the staff includes lead caregivers Lisa Weaver and Marnie Hacker. "We also have added 2 part-time caregivers, JoEllen Bukoski and Katie Pine," he added.

Rates for the center are \$5 per hour, \$17 per half-day for infants and toddlers (\$15 per half-day for preschoolers/school aged children), and \$30 per day for infants and toddlers (\$25 for preschoolers/school aged children).

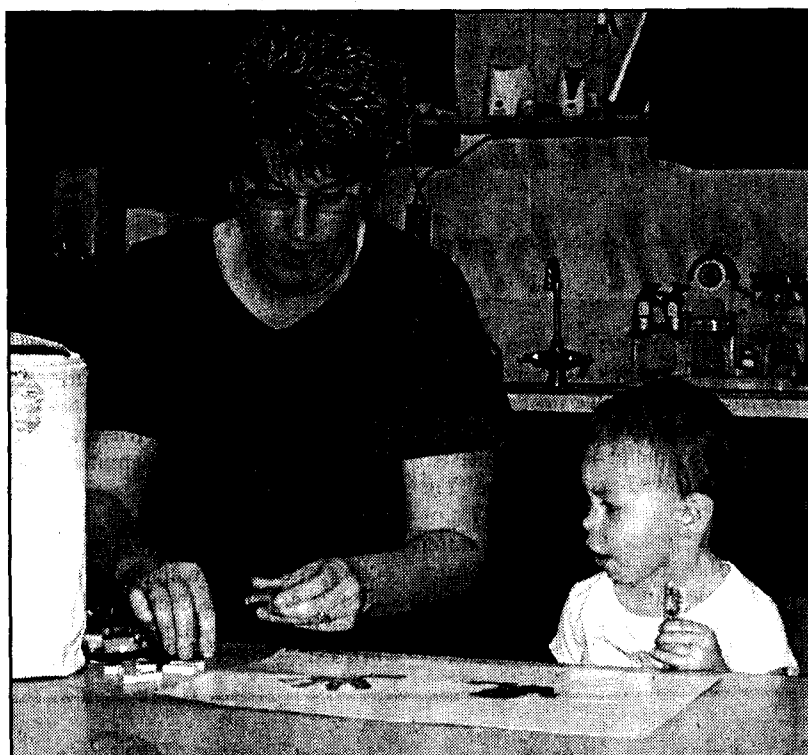
The program, which is licensed by the state, opened for business Jan. 7 at Campbell Elementary School after some parents contacted School Supt. Ron Wilson with requests for school

officials to consider offering daycare. Pasant said contacts were first made with similar programs in the Kingston and USA school districts, "and they were very helpful in many ways. We were (also) very fortunate to have a very helpful licensing consultant walk us through each step."

Cass City's program started out with 3 full-time children and one part-time child. "We finished the 2007-08 school year with 12 full/part-time children," he said. Even with the enrollment growth seen since then, Pasant added, officials haven't yet met their financial goals.

"The intent is to be self-supporting - not to be a profit-maker, but at least to manage," he said. "With the numbers we have, it will take awhile."

At the same time, Pasant indicated he believes the program will continue to inch towards financial self-sufficiency. "It is growing and I think long-term...even with a lot of good daycare centers in our area...I really think there's a need for it."



**MARNIE HACKER** pulls out some plastic letters to entertain and educate 2-year-old Sydney Schefka at the Campbell Day Care Center.

## Fall workshops set for Thumb childcare providers

Fall workshops for childcare providers are being offered through MSU Extension's Better Kid Care (BKC) Program in Huron and Sanilac counties.

Better Kid Care workshops are part of a statewide childcare provider training series presented by MSU Extension, Penn State University and the Department of Human Services. The free workshops are designed to enhance the skills of childcare providers by giving them the knowledge they need about appropriate childcare practices.

The fall BKC schedule in Huron County is: Wednesday, Oct. 8, 6 to 8 p.m., "Science for Young Thinkers"; Thursday, Oct. 30, 6 to 8 p.m., "Improving Transition Times"; and Thursday, Dec. 4, 6 to 8 p.m., "Ready to Learn".

Registration is required for all Huron County workshops, which will be held at the Huron Expo Center, 170 W. Soper Rd., Suite B, Bad Axe. Call (989) 269-9949 (ext. 602 or 611) to register.

Two-hour workshops are also scheduled at the Sanilac County MSU Extension Office, 37 Austin St., Sandusky. They will be held Tuesday, Oct. 7, ("Improving Transition Times" at 5 p.m. and "Ready to Learn" at 7 p.m.), and Tuesday, Nov. 18, from 6 to 8 p.m. ("What Does Time Mean to Children").

All questions and mandatory registration for the Sanilac County offerings should be directed to Gail at (810) 648-2515.

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**JOELLEN BUKOSKI** (above) is one of 2 part-time caregivers who assist lead caregivers Lisa Weaver and Marnie Hacker at the Campbell Day Care Center, which opened for business last January.

## VILLAGE OF CASS CITY NOTICE OF INTENT

It is the intent of the Council of the Village of Cass City to consider adopting a resolution authorizing the sale of the below described Village-owned real property, consisting of approximately 40 acres, more or less, situated in the Village of Cass City Industrial Park.

Said resolution will be considered at a meeting of the Village Council on October 13, 2008, to be held in the Village Council Chambers.

This notice of intent and the proposed resolution will be on file with the Village of Cass City Clerk until the date of the meeting.

### Parcel A:

A parcel of land in the Southwest 1/4 of Section 33, T.14 N.- R.11 E., Elkland Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as follows: Beginning at a point on the South line of said Section which is 394.96 feet, N.88°-50'-29"W., of the South 1/4 corner of said Section; thence continuing N.88°-50'-29"W., on said South Section line, 1249.80 feet; thence N.01°-57'-18"E., 1324.71 feet to the South 1/8 line of said Section; thence S.88°-37'-11"E., on said South 1/8 line, 986.07 feet; thence S.01°-55'-20"W., 660.51 feet; thence S.88°-43'-44"E., 262.80 feet; thence S.01°-54'-39"W., 659.86 feet to the point of beginning, containing 33.94 acres of land and subject to highway use of the South 33.00 feet thereof and also subject to any easements of record.

### Parcel B:

A parcel of land in the Southwest 1/4 of Section 33, T.14 N.- R.11 E., Elkland Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as follows: To fix the point of beginning, commence at the South 1/4 corner of said Section; thence N.01°-53'-22"E., on the North and South 1/4 line of said Section, 1318.33 feet; thence N.88°-37'-11"W., on the South 1/8 line of said Section, 866.97 feet to the point of beginning of this description; thence continuing N.88°-37'-11"W., on said South 1/8 line, 447.57 feet to the West 1/8 line of said Section; thence N.01°-56'-38"E., on said West 1/8 line, 589.70 feet; thence S.88°-37'-11"E., parallel with said South 1/8 line, 447.77 feet; thence S.01°-57'-47"W., 589.70 feet to the point of beginning, containing 6.06 acres of land and subject to any easements of record.

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MEMBERS OF THE Loyal Conviction, (from left) Drew Howard, Steve Roemer, Carl Nicol, Tyler Ruiz and Lucas Powell perform Saturday night at the Gagetown Church of the Nazarene.

The Loyal Conviction

Area band hoping for big things in its musical future

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

You might be tempted to refer to The Loyal Conviction as just another garage band.

But while the Owendale-Gagetown-based quintet rehearses in a garage, which has been nicely transformed into a custom rehearsal facility, members of the group have no intention of staying there.

In fact, they've spent the past year appearing at a host of shows throughout the Thumb that feature 2-3 or more fledgling groups working to earn more name recognition as well as fans. They have an impressive webpage on the Internet, complete with samples of their original music, photos and upcoming show dates. And, they cut their first CD last spring.

"I don't really consider us a garage band," commented Steve Roemer, an Owen-Gage High School senior who, as a freshman, formed the group along with Lucas Powell and Tyler Ruiz — also both seniors at Owen-Gage now. Roemer is the group's songwriter, lead vocalist and guitarist, while Powell provides back-up vocals and plays lead guitar. Ruiz is the group's drummer.

Later, Drew Howard, another Owen-Gage senior, brought his skills as a keyboard player to the band, and Cass City High School senior Carl Nicol became the group's bassist over the summer.

We weren't really getting anywhere with just us 3," Ruiz said of the additions of Howard and Nicol.

Roemer agreed. "We really needed a bass player."

Roemer describes the formation of the band as a journey of sorts, an ongoing process over the past 3 years, during which he and the other musicians have incorporated several genres into their repertoire, ranging from pop to popular alternative/indie (independent) rock.

Our music is considerably softer than other (local) bands. It's kind of like a 'heavy pop'," Roemer said. "It's kind of an alternative Christian rock, but it's more indie. I wouldn't say we're a Christian band, but our lyrics tend to drift that way."

We're a band (whose members are all Christians," added Nicol.

Most of the group's tunes are original, with Roemer writing the music. Each of the other members plays a role in writing the lyrics. "Everyone

contributes their own part," Nicol said.

A number of their tunes focus on everyday life, such as times when things aren't going very well, according to Roemer.

"Some of the best music is written in dark time," Nicol pointed out.

The Loyal Conviction has appeared at 10 or so shows in Marlette, Caseville, Sebewaing and other towns in the area over the past few months. They hope to expand their range a bit further — Saginaw and Bay City — in the near future.

The band performed at the "Opposite Way Event" hosted by the Gagetown Church of the Nazarene Saturday evening, and they are scheduled to appear with Frandy and Building 7 at an upcoming show Oct. 11 at 8 p.m. at CC's Cyber Cafe in Marlette.

Last May, the pastor of the Gagetown Church of the Nazarene, the Rev. Ben Walls, hooked the area musicians up with his brother-in-law, David Mouatt, at Front Street Sound Studio, a recording company in Grand Rapids, where the band made its first professional recordings. They named the CD, featuring 5 tunes, "As Fast As Your Heart's Beating."

"He (Mouatt) gave us an incredible deal," Roemer said. "It was about 30 hours of studio time. We did it all in about 2 1/2 days."

All of the band members indicated it was an enjoyable, if tiring experience, although they're all quick to say live performances are what drive their enthusiasm.

"I just enjoy playing music. I look forward to going to practice. I love playing in front of live audiences," commented Nicol. "If I could make a living doing it, I would. I definitely would."

"Meeting new people, new bands," Ruiz added.

"Just the excitement of being on stage and playing for the people," said Roemer. "And it's always more exciting when you're playing your own music."

Members of the group are promoting themselves on their own webpage at: [myspace.com/theloyalconviction](http://myspace.com/theloyalconviction). They also sell merchandise, including copies of their CD and bumper stickers, and they've managed to secure one sponsor so far — Black Sea Apparel, a Maryland clothing company.

As for the future, Roemer said mem-

bers of the band plan to continue their work together after graduation, with each of them planning to move to the Grand Rapids area. Roemer, Ruiz and Powell all plan to attend Grand Rapids Community College. While undecided, Nicol is considering enrolling at Grand Valley State University, and Howard is also thinking about attending Grand Rapids Community College.

All of the guys would like to make music a career, but they're not taking themselves too seriously. Still, that isn't stopping them from reaching for their own piece of fame.

"If it works, it works," said Roemer, who noted he and his fellow bandmates enjoy listening to a variety of groups. They know earning a living as musicians presents a serious challenge. "It takes a lot of work — even right now it takes a lot of work," he said.

"We're out here doing this for fun," commented Nicol.

"But we're hoping to get signed by some big record company some day. We hope to make a living at it," Ruiz said.

Added Howard, "We want to turn a nice hobby into a really great career."

Down Memory Lane

By Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO

The Hawks rolled over the Chargers, scoring the first time they got the ball and the domination continued throughout the game. The first score came at 8:20 in the first quarter after an 80-yard march. Key to the drive was a 43-yard dash by Nathan Laming. Six plays later Brice Stine punched over from the 3. A pass from quarterback Chris Landrith to Laming was good for the extra points. After that it was all Cass City until late in the game and the issue had been decided.

Cass City youths, Ryan Biddinger and Cameron Lautner bagged 22 ducks over the weekend near Rose Island during the early youth duck season opener.

The Cass City Red Hawks started the Greater Thumb West league competition on a positive note with an easy win at Saginaw Valley Lutheran Tuesday, 60-45. Coach John Maharg was able to give his entire squad valuable playing experience as the bench players were used liberally throughout the game.

10 YEARS AGO

Cass City High School debaters enjoyed a record season last year, winning more competitions and bringing home more trophies than any of their predecessors. That was just the beginning, according to third year debate Coach Chad Daniels, who isn't one to mince words when it comes to his teams. "We should have the top teams in all divisions in our league," Daniels commented Monday. "The problem isn't going to be earning them (trophies), it's finding a place for them in the school," he joked. Daniels has reason to be confident; aside from new talent, the coach has 3 experienced debaters back on varsity this year in seniors Rose Hoelzle and Becky Oesch and junior Kristy Ryan. The trio played a major role in the local debate program's successes in 1997-98.

Richard J. Parrott, son of Richard and Deborah Parrot of Cass City, recently earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in mechanical engineering at Kettering University (formerly GMI Engineering and Management Institute), Flint. A 1993 graduate of Cass City High School, he is employed as a manufacturing engineer at Lear-Donnelly Overhead Systems, LLC, Marlette.

Joel Bolzman. Those were 2 of the most common words spoken in Owendale and Gagetown homes this weekend following the team's win over visiting Hale. Coach Joe Candela's Bulldogs recorded their first win of the season Friday, 35-34, during a thrilling double-overtime victory with the Eagles. "That was a

night that he'll (Bolzman) never forget," says Candela of Bolzman's antics, adding, "It was a great game, the best I've ever been involved with." Bolzman, 6'1" and 200 lbs., rushed for 215 yards on 30 carries to lead the winners. The senior running back also hauled in 3 Bulldog passes which netted another 98 yards of offense. He capped his night off by scoring all 5 Bulldog touchdowns.

25 YEARS AGO

Cass City Livestock Club members who received trophies or grand and reserve champion ribbons at the Tuscola County Fair were: Steve Tuckey, Shannon Roach, JoLynn Schoch, Bill Little, Paul Tuckey, Tammy Roach, Deanna Hutchinson, Steve Cooklin, and John Schoch.

Seven persons living in a mobile home can get rather cramped, but that is all they have now, plus whatever persons have donated. Harold and Lois James lost their home on Hoadley Road, Lamotte Township, in a fire Sept. 2 caused by an electrical malfunction because of a pickup truck striking a utility pole more than a mile away. Living in the home were Mr. and Mrs. James, plus children Phil, 21, Harold Jr. 20, Paul, 17, Daniel, 15, and Cheryl, 13.

Jeff Jeung of Cass City recently returned from Interlochen, where he was a junior boys' division camper in the 56th season of the National Music Camp. He participated in beginning winds, junior chorus, and piano ensembles. He also studied piano with Paul Kerbyson of Cass City and was a participant in various recitals of the junior division during the eight-week season. Jeff, the son of Dr. and Mrs. Hoon K. Jeung, was selected as the junior boy second honorable mention of the Alumni Board Scholarship for the 1984 season.

Robert Tuckey announced this week that the accounting firm in which he is a partner will open an office in the

Erla shopping mall in Cass City Oct. 1. The company, Anderson, Tuckey and Bernhardt, currently has an office in Caro and plans now are to conduct business in both the Caro and Cass City offices Tuckey reports. Tuckey is a native of Cass City and a graduate of Cass City High School. He makes his home in the community. He served as president of the Cass City Boosters' Club.

35 YEARS AGO

An ad placed in the Chronicle usually gets results, whether it involves buying, selling, trading or communicating any kind of message. The Chronicle brings many persons together, but probably no two are more happy this week than Glen Wixom and his new wife, the former Mary Fehrenbach. They met, fell in love and were married, thanks to a liner placed in the Chronicle June 28. And while we can't really call ourselves matchmakers, we take special pride in having helped the couple find each other. The liner, published three weeks, read: Would like to hear from elderly lady that is born-again Christian who desires marriage. Please write to Glen Wixom. Wixom, 76, said he received six responses to the ad and checked into three of them before he came to Ms. Fehrenbach's, one of the last ones. Once he'd seen her, he added, his search was over. "You might call it love at first sight," he said.

Charles Tuckey, 17, 1681 Schwegler Rd., escaped injury late Saturday afternoon when he was forced to make an emergency landing in a stubble field after the engine on his Piper Cub airplane quit three miles southeast of Port Austin. Huron County Sheriff's Department said Tuckey landed the plane on the John Baranski farm. Tuckey was unhurt and the aircraft was not damaged in the landing which took place around 6:30 p.m.

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## Calendar of Events

Deadline for submitting items in the calendar is the Friday noon before publication.

### Wednesday, September 10

Pork Chop Dinner, Noon, Cass City United Methodist Church, 5100 N. Cemetery Rd. Cost \$6. For takeouts, call 872-4604 and pick up between 11 a.m. and noon, or after 12:30 p.m.

### Thursday, September 11

AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 872-4816.

### Friday, September 12

Closed Al-anon meeting for family and friends of alcoholics, 7 p.m., United Methodist Church, Elkton. For more information, call (989) 872-4042.

### Sunday, September 14

Gagetown AA meeting, 8-9 p.m., Gagetown fire hall. For more information, call (989) 665-2361.

### Monday, September 15

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

Tom Thumb Singers practice, 7-9 p.m., Cass City High School band room.

Cass City Red Hawk PTO meeting, 7 p.m., Rawson Memorial District Library.

### Tuesday, September 16

Library Board meeting, 9 a.m., Rawson Memorial District Library.

Thumb Area Parkinson's Support Group meeting, 1 p.m., Northwood Meadows.

Heartland Hospice Grief Group Lunch, 1 p.m., Gilligan's. For more information, contact Laura Johannes at 1-877-486-6671.

## Ag rescue training scheduled

Sanilac Medical Services and the Huron-Sanilac EMS Network are offering a Michigan Agricultural Accident Rescue System (MAARS) Operations Level Course in Sandusky Sept. 27 and 28.

The Sandusky Fire Department will host the course. Individuals are encouraged to register early, as class size is limited.

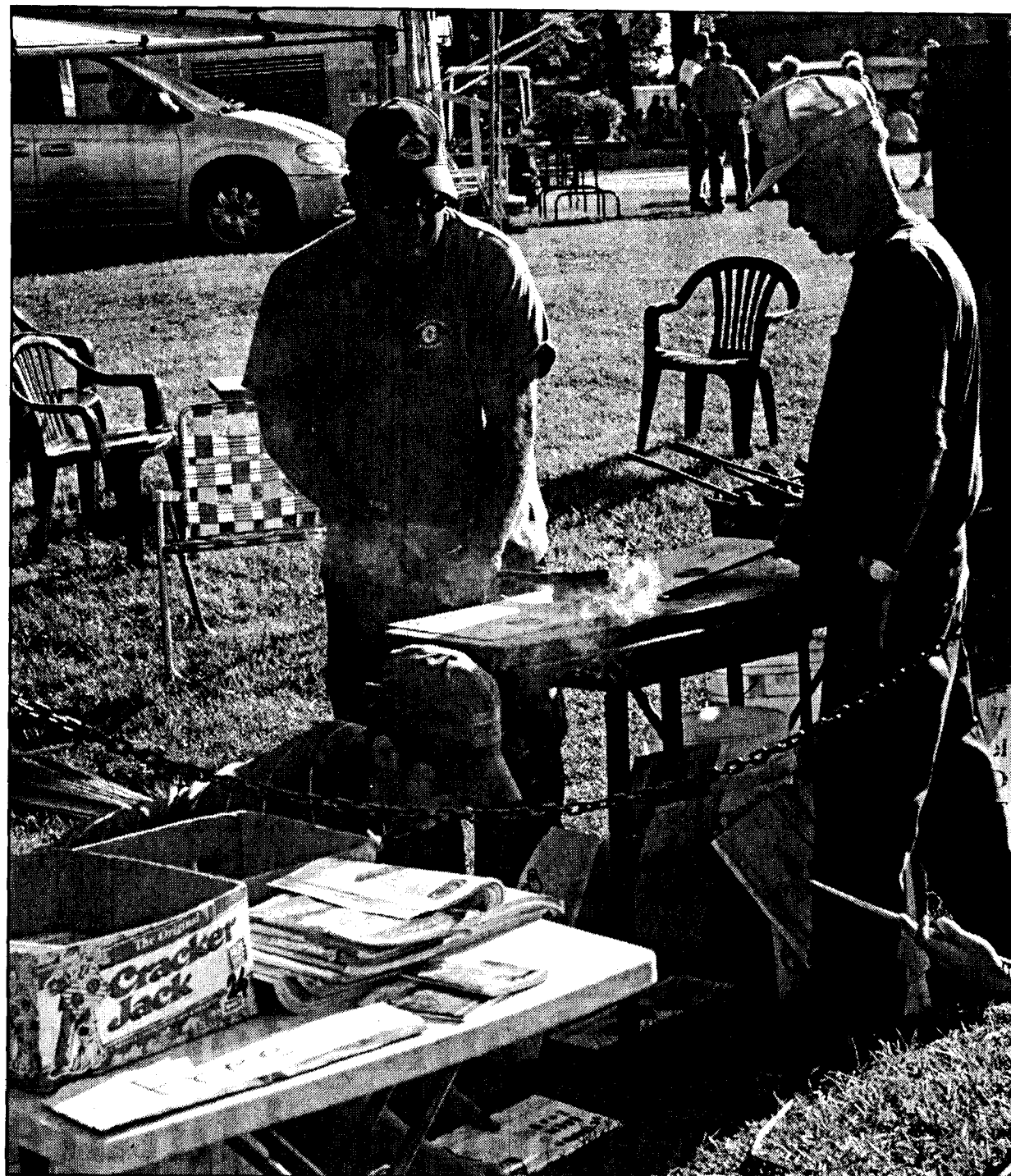
The Operations Level Course is a 2-day, hands-on practical course for rescuers. Activities include an agricultural hazards farm tour, tabletop exercises, and extensive scenario-based practical sessions. The scenarios are recreations of actual farm accidents in Michigan.

The MAARS course is designed for professional and volunteer rescuers, firefighters, EMS and law enforcement. Typically rescuers are called upon to assist an agricultural accident victim, but may have no previous experience with farm machinery or common agricultural practices.

Agriculture is one of the largest and most dangerous industries in Michigan. A response to a farm accident requires awareness of many unique hazards. The MAARS training program was designed to improve the awareness of agricultural hazards and rescue techniques.

The program includes a self-study, Internet based Awareness Course that must be completed prior to the Awareness Course, which begins Saturday, Sept. 27, and runs through Sunday, Sept. 28.

Total cost for the course is regularly \$200. However, the Huron-Sanilac EMS Network has grant funds available to cover one half of the tuition, bringing the cost of the course to \$100. The cost includes the online Awareness Course and the Operations Course. Individuals who are unable to attend the Operations Course may complete just the Awareness Course. Cost for the Awareness Course is \$30. Those who complete both courses will be eligible for 20 EMS continuing education credits. For more information, contact John Cristini, MAARS instructor, at (810) 648-9775. The registration deadline is Monday, Sept. 15.



**MAKING HOMEMADE** shingles at the Thumb Octagon Barn's Fall Family Days celebration over the weekend are the father and son team of Jerry (left) and Lawrence Stine. The Pigeon residents have been mainstay exhibitors at the event since its beginning.

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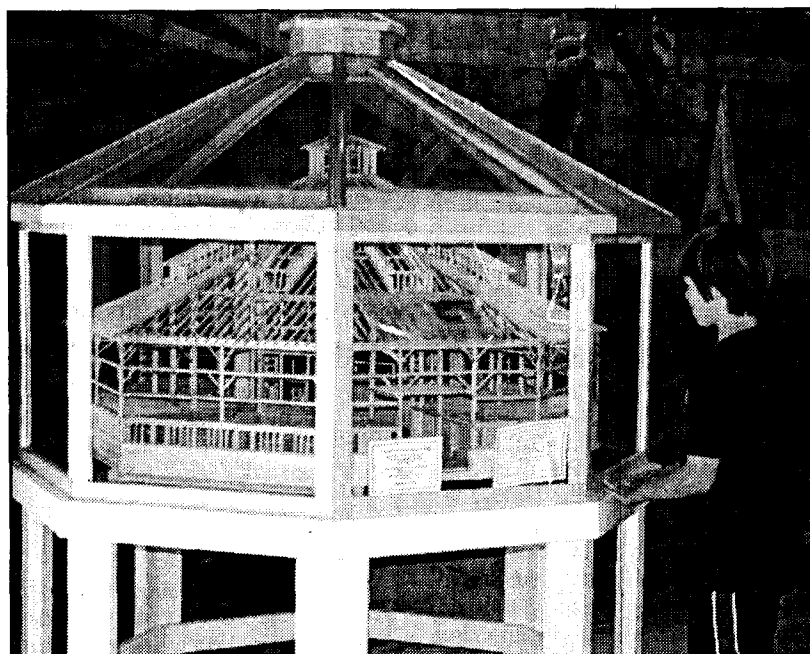
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one," he added.

As always, Hirn was quick to credit the army of volunteers that traveled from near and far to lend a hand. Some of them spent all of last week helping out and were still on hand Monday morning.

"I would say the (volunteer) numbers were pretty close to what we had last year, somewhere between 300 and 350," Hirn estimated. "We had them from all over - the Traverse City area, down by Marshall, Elsie. We had one couple come from Ontario. It was their second year and they helped us set up."

"They come from Mount Pleasant, they come from Auburn, they come from Standish, they come from Cheboygan. So, yeah, we're getting quite the recognition, which is a real battery charger," Hirn said.



**PARKER HAIRE**, Cass City 5th grader, views a wooden replica of the massive Thumb Octagon Barn on display at this year's Fall Family Days gala.

## Fundraiser slated for area family

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per fundraiser held in August to help the Bakers cover their expenses, and the Owendale Lions Club has organized a pancake breakfast slated for Sunday, Oct. 12, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Owen-Gage High School.

McKenzie was born May 9 at Covenant Harrison in Saginaw, according to Kristie Baker, a 1999 Owen-Gage High School graduate who is currently on family medical leave from her job at TI Automotive in Cass City. She recalled the pregnancy was progressing normally until doctors diagnosed her with HELLP Syndrome, a life-threatening obstetric complication usually considered to be a variant of pre-eclampsia (toxemia).

"It has to do with your blood pressure and your platelets and your liver enzymes. I had really bad stomach pains and they thought it was my gall bladder, and they ran all kinds of tests," Baker explained. "My liver could have ruptured. Pregnancy causes this syndrome, and the only way to make it better is to take the baby. I was back to normal 12 hours after she was delivered."

Baker had only 2 days to digest the news that surgeons would have to deliver McKenzie early. "They had to tell us everything that could go wrong with her, but thank goodness we didn't have any of that," she said. Baker smiled and added, "She had us scared for awhile — all that time in the hospital — but here she is. They said she's a little short, and I said, 'So am I.'"

While Baker spent a week in the hospital following her daughter's birth, McKenzie remained in the neonatal unit for 3 months. "We brought her home Aug. 2. She was up to 3 pounds and 13 ounces," she said.

"She's gained 2 pounds in just the month that she's been home. This Tuesday she will be 4 months and she's still not 6 pounds."

However, McKenzie is healthy, and her parents couldn't be happier.

"So far, so good," commented Aaron Baker, a 1998 Owen-Gage High School graduate who is employed at an Elkton area farm. He said the sup-

port and compassion demonstrated by family members, friends — even strangers — "has just been unbelievable."

"It's been a long road, but it's all come out good in the end. It was happy at times. It was sad at times — an emotional roller coaster," he said. "We just appreciate what we have and take care of her."

## Party announces new website

Furthering its commitment to engage voters in new and creative ways, the Tuscola County Republican Party recently unveiled its new website at [www.tuscolagop.org](http://www.tuscolagop.org).

This new website is a collaboration of the time and talents of several party members, with overall layout and graphic design by Anna Kabot, Juli Forsyth and Lisa Valentine.



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**MEMBERS OF THE Uby Cub Scouts** recently gathered for an evening of fun and "glow" bowling. Pictured above are (front row, from left) Adam Weber, Isaac Booms, Nicholas Wright, Travis Stilson, Anthony Warchuck, Grant Geiger, Ryche Roggenbuck, (back row, left) Ethan Hund, Joshua Bowman, Aaron Klama, Aaron Hund, Jonathan Wright, Dylan Crickon and David Bowman. Missing are Daniel Rutkowski, James Weber and Zacharey Tabaczynski.

## Farmers welcoming hunters Sept. 18-22

A number of farmers plan to lay out the welcome mat and open their property to hunters - as well as youth and disabled veterans hunting alongside experienced sportsmen - during a special private land antlerless deer hunt Sept. 18-22.

Scheduled in advance of the traditional bow and firearm seasons, the Michigan Natural Resources Commission approved the 5-day hunt for licensed sportsmen on private-only land located in the southern half of the Lower Peninsula and in Iosco, Alcona, Alpena, Oscoda, Otsego, Montmorency and Presque Isle counties.

The Michigan Farm Bureau (MFB), which has long been concerned about wild deer damaging crops and transmitting animal diseases to domestic livestock, is encouraging MFB members in the approved hunt areas to make their land accessible to hunters, and through unique partnerships with hunting organizations such as the Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC), is linking interested hunters with willing farmers.

"The fact that different groups from the hunting and farming communities have recognized that there are too many deer in some parts of the state shows the extent of the problem," said MFB associate legislative counsel Rebecca Park. "The special private land antlerless deer hunt is an exciting new tool that can benefit all stakeholders by minimizing deer damage on the farm and helping manage the state's overall deer population." Park added that by allowing hunters on their farmland, farmers become part of the solution. "Not only does this create more goodwill between hunters and farmers, it'll help control the deer population where it needs to be controlled," she said.

The partnership with hunting organizations provides an added benefit of making hunting opportunities available to individuals who might not otherwise have an opportunity to participate in the sport, said Park.

"In cases where Farm Bureau mem-

bers are making their land accessible to hunters, outreach efforts are under way to identify youth and disabled veterans who are interested in hunting and to pair these individuals with experienced sportsmen. The volunteer hunters would agree to train the individuals on safety and hunting protocols and serve as 'sponsor hunters' alongside the individuals in the field," said Park.

While MFB is encouraging its members to make their land accessible to hunters, all hunters need to consult the farm owner beforehand and be granted permission to hunt on private property. In addition, farmers may require hunters to follow certain on-farm stipulations.

"We want this to be a safe hunt and a win-win for everyone involved, and we believe this can be achieved," said Park.

Licenses for the special season go on sale Sept. 8 and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Advance permission from the landowner or leaseholder, as well as the landowner's phone number, is required to obtain a license.

In light of the discovery of chronic wasting disease in a privately-owned white-tailed deer in Kent County, hunters are also advised to abide by newly implemented Department of Natural Resources (DNR) rules. Hunters who take deer from Tyrone, Seldon, Nelson, Sparta, Algoma, Courtland, Alpine, Plainfield, and Cannon townships are required to bring their deer to a DNR check station for testing. The DNR asks that hunters who participate in the special Sept. 18-22 hunt in other parts of Kent County also visit DNR check stations in the county so that additional biological samples can be taken. In addition, the DNR has implemented a ban on all baiting and feeding of deer and elk in the Lower Peninsula.

Farmers interested in making their land available to hunters should call Park at (800) 292-2680, ext. 2049. Hunters interested in being linked with a farmer should call the MUCC office at (517) 371-1041. For more details on the special hunt or CWD-related

rules, hunters should consult the DNR.

## ACT test deadline approaching this month

The ACT test will be administered Saturday, Oct. 25. Students who wish to take the college admission and placement exam must register by Friday, Sept. 19.

Late registrations, with an additional fee, will be accepted until the final postmark deadline of Friday, Oct. 3. Students can register online at: [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org), or pick up registration packets from high school counseling offices.

The cost is \$31 for the traditional ACT and \$46 for the ACT Plus Writing. Some colleges require or recommend ACT's option writing test score, so students should find out the requirements of prospective colleges before registering for the exam. ACT scores are accepted by all 4-year colleges and universities in the United States.

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# DEFINING VICTORY

*Cass City rallies to hand Harbor Beach first regular season loss since 2006*

There is a sign hanging from the outside wall of the equipment shed at the Cass City football practice field that reads: 'The Will To Win Is Worthless Without The Desire To Prepare'.

After each practice, Coach Scott Cuthrell and his staff want each member on their Red Hawk gridiron team to touch that sign and remember its meaning before heading to the locker room.

It's that mindset, drilled into the players' brains since the beginning of summer practices in August, that Cuthrell believes helped his troops register a last-minute victory Friday over Harbor Beach in an important non-conference meeting.

Cuthrell said his Red Hawks played a little harder and used smash mouth football to post the 21-20 thriller over the guest, Pirates which hadn't lost in the regular season since the first week of October 2006.

The signature victory ups Cass City's mark to 2-0 heading into Greater Thumb West (GTW) play this Friday against winless Bad Axe. The Hatchets, who were defeated 35-6 in week one by the Pirates, have been outscored to this point of the season 97-6 and should provide the hosts with their third win of the season barring a major letdown. If successful, Cass City would be halfway to the required 6 wins needed to enter the state playoff race, a goal the team missed for the first time in 4 years in 2007.

"It's a group of seniors on this team that want to keep their season going," Cuthrell said, referring to the

difference in their final tune-up game before GTW play.

As was the case in the Red Hawks' opening week victory over Sandusky, the hosts took the opening kickoff and marched down the field for a quick score.

Running back Blake Messing, who gained 70 yards on 16 carries, accounted for the winner's first points when he cruised into the end zone from 2-yards out, capping an 8-play, 62-yard drive with 8:49 still to play in the initial quarter.

The Red Hawk score, which benefited from a rare 30-yard pass play from quarterback Austin Babich to Lukas Varney, would end the scoring in the opening quarter as each squad was guilty of a turnover on their next possession.

Still, the Pirates were provided with an excellent scoring opportunity to open the second quarter after Gabe Martinez's fumble recovery spotted the visitors with their best field position on the night. But after driving to Cass City's 11-yard line, the Hawk defense, which hasn't allowed a first half point on the season, rose to the test and preserved the host's slim margin at the break.

Cass City's advantage didn't hold up long in the final half as the Pirates evened the score at 6-6 on a one-yard dive by Eric Wilson with 1:29 left in the third. The guests drove 60 yards on 7 plays for the possible go ahead marker, but came away deadlocked as Babich was able to come around the end and block the ensuing point after kick.

The Pirates wasted little time in grabbing its first led of the night moments later when they recovered the ensuing kick-off that set-up Maxx Alent's 35-yard pass reception from quarterback Shane Ginther as time expired entering the final quarter. Ginther added the 2-point conversion and the hosts trailed, 14-6, for the first time on the season.

Cass City answered, however, on their first drive in the final 12 minutes when Lukas Varney finished off an impressive 58-yard march with a one-yard plunge. Babich then accounted for the 2-point conversion when he race untouched around his own left end.

The Pirates broke the 14-14 tie with 5:48 remaining in regulation when Ginther broke free and sprinted 68-yards to pay dirt. However, their 2-point conversion attempt was denied.

That provided Cass City with just over 5 minutes remaining to mount a 73-yard drive to remain undefeated.

The Hawks, who accumulated 246 rushing yards, use the clock to perfection as Messing scored his second touchdown on the night from 9-yards out with just 42 second left to once again even the score at 20-20.

Cass City then took advantage of a clutch Varney point-after kick, that would have been good from over 25-yards, to steal the victory.

Defensively, Babich had 10 tackles, with Messing and Tyler Tomlinson each recording 8 stops to pace Cass City's effort, which also included an interception from Clark Walsh.



## FULL SPEED AHEAD!

CASS CITY'S Clark Walsh finds room to run Friday against Harbor Beach. The Red Hawks improved to 2-0 on the season with an exciting 21-20 comeback victory. Walsh had 12 carries for a team high 87 yards on the night.

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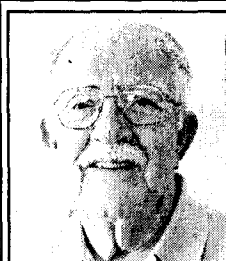
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#### VARSITY FOOTBALL

Friday, September 12

Bad Axe at Cass City  
USA at Lakers  
Vassar at BCAS  
Harbor Beach at Brown City  
Sandusky at Deckerville  
Mayville at Ubly  
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Last Week's Results  
Season's Results



John Haire

Cass City  
USA  
Vassar  
Harbor Beach  
Deckerville  
Ubly  
Peck  
CPS  
Dryden  
Memphis  
Reese

8-3  
15-8 (65%)



Clarke Haire

Cass City  
USA  
Vassar  
Harbor Beach  
Deckerville  
Ubly  
Peck  
CPS  
Dryden  
North Huron  
Reese

9-2  
20-3 (87%)



Tom Montgomery

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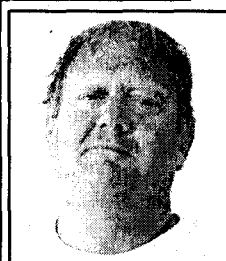
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18-5 (78%)



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8-3  
15-8 (65%)



Doug Hyatt

Cass City  
USA  
Vassar  
Harbor Beach  
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9-2  
17-6 (74%)

## SCHNEEBERGER'S Athletes of the Week



THE 2008 Cass City junior varsity football team members include: (front, l-r) Morgan Erla, Cameron Dunnuck, Alex Zaleski, Michael Potrykus, Trenton Loomis, Ethan Nicol, Josh Jensen, Alex Varney, Mitch O'Dell, Brandon Stine, Daniel Deering, Zac Potrykus, Nick Adkins; (back) Coach Ed Stoutenburg, Justin Ketterer, Austin Osentoski, Derek Guigar, Zack Weiss, Nick Kappen, Jimmy Merchant, Adam McFadzean, Geoffory Fearson, Tyler Samons, Jeff Leslie and Coach Travis Osentoski. Missing is Kurt Reif.

Schneeberger's honors the entire Cass City football team as their choice for Athletes of the Week. The Red Hawks used a team effort to come from behind to nip visiting Harbor Beach 21-20 in a non-conference thriller. The hosts rushed for 246 yards, intercepted a pass and recovered an onside kick, while supplying several bone-crushing hits. With the victory, Coach Scott Cuthrell's squad ups its season record to 2-0.

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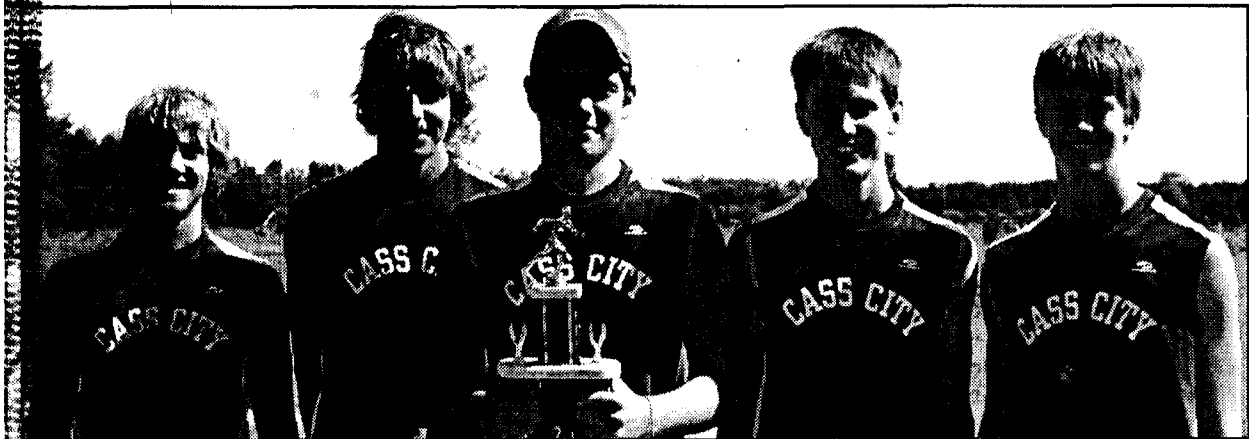
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**THE LADY Red Hawk cross country team added the Hatchet Invitational championship to its 2008 résumé over the weekend. They are, from left, Jordyn Heredia, Ashley Potts, Jennica Richards, Haley Wynn, Brittany Loomis and Jessa Prieskorn.**



**THE CASS CITY boys' cross country squad finished as the runner-up at the Bad Axe invite Saturday. They are, from left, Lukas Varney, Travis Mozden, Alex Hoyt, Dewey Mabe and Alex Varney.**

## Red Hawks running wild

At this rate, Cass City may have to expand the school's trophy case.

The Lady Red Hawk cross country team collected its second championship trophy of the early season Saturday at Bad Axe, turning back the 11-school field competing at the Hatchet Invitational.

A pair of Red Hawk freshmen finished among the day's top 10 times, helping the winners edge Unionville-Sebewaing 40-46. Bad Axe, with 59 points, finished third, while Armada tallied 96, Brown City, 127, and Birch Run, 132, to complete the team standings.

Jennica Richards turned in a time of 21:33, crossing the end line after Patriot medalist Sara Turschak (20:58) and Uby's Jennifer Messing (21:15), for the Red Hawks' best showing at the meet.

Also with top 10 performances for

the Red Hawks were rookie classmates Jessa Prieskorn and Ashley Potts. Prieskorn placed 5th with a time of 22:05 and Potts placed 7th with a time of 22:34, showcasing the team's potential for the next 4 years.

The Red Hawks' depth also had senior Brittany Loomis with a time of 22:37, to finish 8th, while Haley Wynn placed 27th at 25:47.

On the boys' side, Armada took top honors with 70 points to prevent Cass City from recording dual championships. The Hawks, who were without the services of Bryan Burk, finished as the runner-up with 81 points, while Birch Run, with 86 points, Bad Axe, 115, Uby, 119, Brown City, 131, Marlette, 139, Unionville-Sebewaing, 163, and Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port, 230, rounded out the team standings.

"Burk had the flu and didn't run or I think we might have won both sides,"

Coach Amy Cuthrell said.

The Red Hawks did have Lukas Varney, however, and the 2-sport star finished with a time of 17:26, better only by medalist Matt Proctor (17:23) of Brown City.

"I only get Lukas for the weekend meets," said Cuthrell. "During the week he attends football practices."

Dewey Mabe's time of 18:02 landed him in the 5th overall position for Cass City, while Alex Varney placed 19th with a time of 19:31, Travis Mozden 24th at 19:50 and Thomas LeValley 35th at 20:35 to complete Cass City's scoring.

Cuthrell's squads travel to compete at the Holly Invitational this weekend where she's eager to see how the Red Hawks stack up against some of the best runners in the state.

"The Holly meet is like the state meet," she said.



**THE 2008 Cass City tennis team members include: (front, l-r) Andrea Boyd, Maria Diaz, Angie Simpson, Kelsey Russell, Sarah Burk; (middle) Chelsea Green, Sarah Reed, Morgan Potter, Lindsay Jamieson, Amanda Kaake, Nicole Kelley; (back) Drew Rohlf, Travis Mozden, Aaron Bardwell, Derek Mozden, Tommy Brinkman, Matthew Goniwicha and Kyle Hanby.**

## Tennis team grabs win

The Cass City tennis team evened its season record at 1-1 last week with a 6-2 victory over Harbor Beach.

Coach Bill Potter reports that the Red Hawks captured the #1 singles match with Travis Mozden winning in straight sets 7-6 and 6-2. Potter also had Brandon Hartwick take the #2 singles match 6-3 and 6-2, while Derek Mozden won the #4 singles match 2-6, 6-4 and 6-4.

In doubles action, Cass City's Sarah Reed and Aaron Bardwell won the #1 match 6-1 and 6-3, Kyle Hanby and Amanda Kaake won the #2 match 6-0 and 6-4, and the team of Andrew Rolfs and Chelsea Green won the #4 match 6-1 and 6-4.

"The most exciting match was Derek Mozden coming back from a bad first set loss to tie it up and pull off a win in the 3rd set," Potter said. Adding,

"We had a nice strong attendance with many kids from the school and a lot of parents attending."

Earlier this year, the Hawks dropped their season opener to Caro by the

score of 6-0. "They were just a stronger team and

had more game experience," Potter said.



### Chip Shots

#### Fall 2-Man Golf League As of Sept. 2

**Division A**  
Zdrojewski/Robinson 20  
Caister/Hendrick 14  
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Craig/Knight 2

**Division B**  
Davis/Tate 17  
Hempton/Patnaude 16  
LaMarr/Warner 15  
Henn/Twankovitsch 7  
Young/Veggian 5

Individual Medallist: Warner 38.  
Team Medallists: Hempton/  
Patnaude 84.

**Division C**  
Hobbs/Meck 16  
Berwick/Herron 13  
Pobanz/Smithson 13  
Wallace/Peters 9  
Cotton/Israelson 9  
LeValley/Keller 6

Individual Medallist: Hobbs 43.  
Team Medallists: Hobbs/Meck 92.

### Dryden next gridiron test

## Peck overpowers host Owen-Gage in North Central Thumb League play

It was just a matter of time before visiting Peck, with over 40 players dressed, overpowered host Owen-Gage that was playing with a squad of 15 that included 2 players nursing injuries. The final score was 43-6.

Before the lack of depth took its toll the Bulldogs and the Pirates battled on even terms.

At the end of the first quarter the teams were tied, 0-0, and Owen-Gage mounted a mild threat by moving to the Peck 35 yard line before turning the ball over on downs.

The Pirates scored the first TD of the game at the 11:20 mark in the second quarter. Donnell Hamilton ran for

20 yards and Kelin York went off tackle for the TD. The drive covered 65 yards. The extra point run was good.

The Bulldogs' final drive when the game's outcome was still in doubt came on the next series. Brent Reil ran 26 yards and a combination of penalties and runs moved the ball to the Peck 10 when the drive was stopped.

The Pirates quickly staged a drive using long runs with Hamilton scoring another touchdown and the extra points converted with a completed pass to move the visitors in front, 16-0, with 4:47 left in the second quarter.

Peck removed most of the doubt about the outcome of the game scoring on a 35-yard pass to Billy Burns with 25 second left in the half. The extra points try was good again and Peck was in front, 24-0, at the intermission.

Peck continued to add to its margin in the second half and was in front, 43-0, when the Bulldogs scored in the dying seconds of the game. Mike Zaleski scored the TD. Zaleski netted 104 yards to lead the Bulldogs.

The Bulldogs are on the road Friday and meet undefeated Dryden, who will be favored.

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Aug. 28	Cass City 26, Sandusky 14	
Sept. 5	Cass City 21, Harbor Beach 20	
Sept. 12	Bad Axe	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 19	USA	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 26	Reese (HC)	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 3	BCAS	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 10	Vassar	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 17	Lakers	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 24	Almont	7:00 p.m.

## 2008 JV Football

Aug. 27	Sandusky	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 4	Harbor Beach	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 11	Bad Axe	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 18	USA	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 25	Reese (HC)	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 2	BCAS	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 9	Vassar	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 16	Lakers	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 23	Almont	7:00 p.m.

## 2008 Boys' Soccer

Aug. 18	Almont	4:00 p.m.
Aug. 19	Sandusky	5:00 p.m.
Aug. 21	Brown City	5:00 p.m.
Aug. 25	Marlette	5:00 p.m.
Aug. 27	Caseville	5:00 p.m.
Sept. 2	Caro	5:00 p.m.
Sept. 4	Harbor Beach	5:00 p.m.
Sept. 6	Bad Axe Invite	9:00 a.m.
Sept. 9	Bad Axe	5:00 p.m.
Sept. 16	USA	
Sept. 18	Lakers	5:00 p.m.
Sept. 23	Bad Axe	5:00 p.m.
Sept. 30	USA	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 7	Lakers	
Oct. 13-18	Districts	
Oct. 21-25	Regionals	

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**September 12 -**  
**Cass City vs. Bad Axe**

**VOLLEYBALL**  
**September 16 -**  
**Cass City vs. USA**

**SOCCER**  
**September 16 -**  
**Cass City vs. USA**

**September 18**  
**Cass City vs. Lakers**

**TENNIS**  
**September 22 -**

**Cass City vs. Harbor Beach**

**CROSS COUNTRY**

**October 4 -**  
**Cass City Invitational**

## 2008 Volleyball

Aug. 22	Bad Axe Invite (JV)	9:00 a.m.
Aug. 23	Bad Axe Invite (V)	9:00 a.m.
Aug. 28	New Lothrop Invite	9:00 a.m.
Sept. 9	Bad Axe	6:00 p.m.
Sept. 11	Reese	6:00 p.m.
Sept. 13	Birch Run Invite (V)	8:30 a.m.
Sept. 16	USA	6:00 p.m.
Sept. 20	Caro Invite (V)	8:30 a.m.
Sept. 23	BCAS	6:00 p.m.
Sept. 25	Lakers	6:00 p.m.
Sept. 27	Birch Run (JV)	8:30 a.m.
Sept. 30	Vassar	6:00 p.m.
Oct. 2	Bad Axe	6:00 p.m.
Oct. 4	Northwood Invite (V)	
Oct. 4	Lakers Invite (F)	
Oct. 7	Reese	6:00 p.m.
Oct. 9	USA	6:00 p.m.
Oct. 11	Freeland Invite (V)	9:00 a.m.
Oct. 16	BCAS	6:00 p.m.
Oct. 23	Lakers	6:00 p.m.
Oct. 30	Vassar	6:00 p.m.
Nov. 4-8	Districts	

## 2008 Cross Country

Aug. 27	Akron-Fairgrove	4:00 p.m.
Sept. 3	USA Invite	4:00 p.m.
Sept. 10	Ubyly	4:00 p.m.
Sept. 13	Holly Invite	7:30 a.m.
Sept. 18	Frankenmuth	4:00 p.m.
Sept. 25	Mayville Invite	4:00 p.m.
Sept. 27	Harbor Beach	9:00 a.m.
Oct. 4	CC Invite	9:00 a.m.
Oct. 11	Reese Invite	
Oct. 18	Caro Invite	10:00 a.m.
Oct. 21	League Meet (Bad Axe)	
Oct. 26	Regionals	

## 2008 Tennis

Aug. 25	Sandusky	4:00 p.m.
Aug. 28	Caro	4:00 p.m.
Sept. 3	Harbor Beach	4:00 p.m.
Sept. 8	BCAS	4:00 p.m.
Sept. 15	Sandusky	4:00 p.m.
Sept. 22	Harbor Beach	4:00 p.m.
Sept. 24	BCAS	4:00 p.m.
Sept. 29	Caro	4:00 p.m.
Oct. 4	League Tourney	4:00 p.m.

## FOOTBALL STANDINGS AND RESULTS

### GREATER THUMB WEST

Team	W	L	W	L
Reese	1	0	2	0
Vassar	1	0	2	0
USA	1	0	2	0
Cass City	0	0	2	0
BCAS	0	1	1	0
Bad Axe	0	1	0	2
Lakers	0	1	0	2

### GREATER THUMB EAST

Team	W	L	W	L
Deckerville	1	0	2	0
Ubyly	1	0	2	0
Sandusky	1	0	1	0
Harbor Beach	0	0	1	0
Marlette	0	1	1	0
Brown City	0	1	0	2
Mayville	0	1	0	2

### NCTLNORTH

Team	W	L	W	L
Dryden	1	0	2	0
Memphis	1	0	2	0
Peck	1	0	2	0
North Huron	1	0	1	0
Akron-Fairgrove	0	1	0	2
CPS	0	1	0	2
Kingston	0	1	0	2
Owen-Gage	0	1	0	2

### FRIDAY'S RESULTS

Reese 62, Bad Axe 0  
Vassar 35, Lakers 14  
USA 36, BCAS 16  
Deckerville 50, Brown City 8  
Ubyly 49, Marlette 14  
Sandusky 34, Mayville 7  
North Huron 36, Akron-Fairgrove 18  
Memphis 51, CPS 6  
Dryden 52, Kingston 6  
Peck 43, Owen-Gage 6  
Cass City 21, Harbor Beach 20

## VOLLEYBALL STANDINGS

### GREATER THUMB WEST

Team	W	L	W	L
Lakers	10	0	16	0
Reese	8	2	13	0
USA	5	5	9	11
BCAS	4	6	8	14
Cass City	2	8	4	15
Bad Axe	0	10	1	18

### GREATER THUMB EAST

Team	W	L	W	L
Marlette	10	2	15	0
Sandusky	9	3	16	0
Harbor Beach	8	4	13	0
Ubyly	8	4	13	0
Brown City	5	7	11	9
Deckerville	2	10	6	14
Mayville	0	12	2	17

### NCTLNORTH

Team	W	L	W	L
Port Hope	11	7	13	0
North Huron	9	8	9	0
Caseville	8	9	10	0
Owen-Gage	5	13	5	10
Akron-Fairgrove	3	14	3	14

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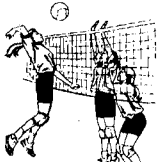
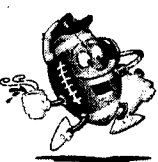
Team	W	L	W	L
Kingston	15	2	15	0
Dryden	14	4	14	0
Memphis	13	4	13	0
CPS	6	11	7	10
Peck	3	15	4	16

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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on October 9, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Fremont, 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 an easement for ingress and egress over the North 33 feet thereof.

The redemption period shall be 12 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.

Dated: September 10, 2008

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC C (248) 593-1301  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys for Servicer  
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200  
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525  
File #219568F01

**9-10-4**

SCHNEIDERMAN & SHERMAN, P.C., IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT (248) 539-7400 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by KREG WOODS, AN UNMARRIED MAN, and KELLIE WALKER, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated October 11, 2007 and recorded on October 17, 2007 in Liber 1132 on Page 898, and assigned by said mortgage to US BANK, N.A. as assigned, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Ninety-Four Thousand Seven Hundred Eleven Dollars and Ninety-Cent Cents (\$194,711.91), including interest at 7.000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, front entrance of the Courthouse Building in the Village of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM o'clock, on September 18, 2008.

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

COMMENCING AT THE SOUTH QUARTER CORNER OF SECTION 17, TOWN 11 NORTH, RANGE 11 EAST; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 52 MINUTES 10 SECONDS WEST 330.58 FEET ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 17 TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; RUNNING THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 52 MINUTES 10 SECONDS WEST 330.58 FEET ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 17; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST 1326.32 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 53 MINUTES 16 SECONDS EAST 330.58 FEET ALONG THE SOUTH 1/8 LINE OF SAID SECTION 17; THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST 1326.33 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: August 15, 2008

US BANK, NA  
Mortgagee/Assignee

Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C.  
23100 Providence Drive, Suite 450  
Southfield, MI 48075

**8-20-4**

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Diane Zalewski, a single woman, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated May 16, 2003 and recorded on May 28, 2003 in Liber 932 on Page 1467, and modified by agreement dated October 1, 2007 and recorded on May 5, 2008 in Liber 1148 on Page 679, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Chase Home Finance LLC as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Fifty-Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Four and 06/100 Dollars (\$159,904.06), 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 venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on September 18, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Millington, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Parcel F: A parcel of land in the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Fractional Section 30, Township 10 North, Range 8 East, Millington Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as follows: Beginning at a point on the North line of said Section which is 1145.98 feet, South 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West of the Northeast corner of said Section; thence South 00 degrees 22 minutes 47 seconds West parallel with the East 1/8 line of said Section 375.00 feet; thence South 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West parallel with said North Section line, 188.98 feet to said East 1/8 line; thence North 00 degrees 22 minutes 47 seconds East on said East 1/8 line 375.00 feet; thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East on said North Section line, 188.98 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, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: August 20, 2008

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC S (248) 593-1304  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys for Servicer  
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200  
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525  
File #216796F01

**8-20-4**

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a mortgage made by THOMAS H. WADE and NANCY J. WADE, husband and wife, of 4118 S. KIRK RD., VASSAR, MI 48768, Mortgagors to DETROIT EDISON CREDIT UNION of 660 PLAZA DRIVE, SUITE 2155, DETROIT, MI 48226, Mortgagee, dated May 19, 2004, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Tuscola County, and State of Michigan on October 8, 2004, in INSTRUMENT NO. 200400857007 or in Liber 1011 on Page 842 of Tuscola County Records on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of SIXTEEN THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FIFTY AND 98/100THS (\$16,950.98) DOLLARS at 4.75% percent per annum and attorney fees as provided for in said Mortgage, and no suit or proceedings at law or in equity have been instituted to recover the moneys secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof;

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on OCTOBER 16, 2008, AT 10:00 A.M. local time, said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder in the main lobby of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Tuscola is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, aforesaid, on said mortgage with interest thereon and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises.

Which said premises are described as follows: TOWNSHIP OF VASSAR, COUNTY OF TUSCOLA AND STATE OF MICHIGAN

THAT PART OF SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTH FRACTION 1/4 OF SECTION 6, TOWN 11 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST, LYING NORTH AND WEST OF MICHIGAN CENTRAL RAILROAD RIGHT OF WAY, BUT EXCEPTING THEREFROM A PARCEL DESCRIBED AS COMMENCING AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE NORTH BOUNDARY OF CARO BRANCH OF MICHIGAN CENTRAL RAILROAD AND THE EAST LINE OF SECTION 6, TOWN 11 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST, THENCE NORTH 136 FEET; THENCE WEST AT RIGHT ANGLES TO SECTION LINE 200 FEET; THENCE SOUTH AND PARALLEL TO SECTION LINE 290 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE NORTH BOUNDARY OF SAID RAILROAD TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING. COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 4118 S KIRK RD.

TAX ID: 020-006-000-0200-00

During the 12 MONTHS immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241 a, the property may be redeemed during the thirty (30) days immediately following the sale.

Dated: September 2, 2008

KENNETH C. BUTLER II (P 28477)  
ATTORNEY FOR MORTGAGEE  
24525 Harper Avenue, Ste. 2  
St. Clair Shores, MI 48080  
(586) 777-0770

**9-10-5**

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Roy Smith, an unmarried man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated August 15, 2007 and recorded October 10, 2007 in Liber 1131, Page 1449, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by GMAC Mortgage, LLC by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Four Thousand One Hundred Sixty and 52/100 Dollars (\$64,160.52), including interest at 8.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on SEPTEMBER 18, 2008.

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

Commencing at the East quarter corner of Section 22 Town 14 North, Range 7 East; thence South 03 degrees 44 minutes East 454.3 feet along the East Section line to the point of beginning, running thence South 56 degrees 39 minutes West, 288.0 feet; thence South 03 degrees 44 minutes East 90.0 feet; thence North 71 degrees 12 minutes 55 seconds East 259.27 feet; thence North 03 degrees 44 minutes West, 165.0 feet along the East Section line to point of beginning.

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

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

Dated: August 20, 2008

Orlans Associates, P.C.  
Attorneys for Servicer  
P.O. Box 5041  
Troy, MI 48007-5041  
248-502-1400  
File No. 280.5647

**8-20-4**

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Scott M. Donovan, a single man, original mortgagor, to Icon Financial Group, Inc., Mortgagee, dated March 25, 2002 and recorded on March 27, 2002 in Liber 871 on Page 1171, and assigned by mesne assignments to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Five Thousand Five Hundred Ninety-One and 31/100 Dollars (\$95,591.31), including interest at 7.5% 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 venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on September 18, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Fairgrove, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Beginning at a point on the South Section line 140 feet West of the Southeast corner of the Southwest quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section 27, Town 13 North, Range 8 East; thence North 175 feet; thence West 125 feet; thence South 175 feet; thence East 125 feet to the beginning.

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

Dated: August 20, 2008

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC X (248) 593-1302  
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31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200  
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525  
File #216598F01

**8-20-4**

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Clark C. Dowling, a single man, original mortgagor, to Bank One, N.A., Mortgagee, dated August 14, 2004 and recorded on October 27, 2004 in Liber 1014 on Page 67 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-Eight and 00/100 Dollars (\$53,868.00), including interest at 6.9% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on September 18, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Section 03, Town 12 North Range 9 East Lot 2 Block 26 plat of the Village of Centerville, now known as Caro, according to the recorded plat thereof as recorded in Liber 11 page 362-363 now being Liber 1 of plats, page 56 now being 59A, 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.

Dated: August 20, 2008

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC S (248) 593-1304  
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31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200  
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525  
File #215739F01

**8-20-4**

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Helen M. St. Louis, an unmarried woman, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for EquiFirst Corporation, Mortgagee, dated October 7, 2004 and recorded October 27, 2004 in Liber 1014, Page 194, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was subsequently assigned to Household Finance Corporation III, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-One Thousand One Hundred Ninety-Nine Dollars and Thirty-Four Cents (\$71,199.34), including interest 11.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, Circuit Court of Tuscola County at 10:00 AM on September 25, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Village of Cass City, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 2, Block 8 of Pinney's Addition to the Village of Cass City, Tuscola County, Michigan, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 60, now being Page 6. B. Commonly known as 4336 Woodland Avenue, Cass City, MI 48726.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later.

Dated: AUGUST 21, 2008

Household Finance Corporation III  
Assignee of Mortgagee

Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C.  
811 South Blvd., Suite 100  
Rochester Hills, MI 48307  
(248) 844-5123  
Our File No: 08-97065  
ASAP# 2861415

**8-27-4**

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Eleanor Coats Maynard, an unmarried woman, as her sole & separate property, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated April 2, 2004 and recorded on April 19, 2004 in Liber 988 on Page 599 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Chase Home Finance LLC as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Five Thousand Three Hundred Five and 88/100 Dollars (\$55,305.88), including interest at 6.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on September 25, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Indianfields, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

As to the Southwest fractional 1/4 of Section 31, Township 12 North, Range 9 East, described as: beginning at a point on the West line of said Section 31, which is North 00 degrees 33 minutes 05 seconds West 212.13 feet from the Southwest corner of said Section 31; thence continuing along said West line, North 00 degrees 33 minutes 05 seconds West 123.31 feet; thence North 88 degrees 30 minutes 55 seconds East 216.34 feet; thence South 01 degrees 30 minutes 40 seconds East 257.39 feet to a point of the Northerly 75.00 foot right of way line of state Highway M-46; thence along said 75.00 foot right of way line, along a curve that is concave to the North and has a radius 7564.44 feet and a chord bearing and distance of North 89 degrees 48 minutes 45 seconds West, 31.16 feet to the clear vision right of way line of said Highway M-46; thence along said clear vision right of way, North 56 degrees 04 minutes 23 seconds West 299.84 feet to the West line of said Section 31 and the point of beginning.

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

Dated: August 27, 2008

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC S (248) 593-1304  
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Attorneys for Servicer  
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200  
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525  
File #218389F01

**8-27-4**

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Heather Lynne Sheridan and Lucas Sheridan, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to CitiCorp Trust Bank, FSB, Mortgagee, dated September 26, 2003 and recorded on October 2, 2003 in Liber 957 on Page 1181 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Fifty-Nine Thousand Four Hundred Ninety-Six and 98/100 Dollars (\$259,496.98), including interest at 7.3% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on September 25, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Kingston, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Parcel C: Commencing at the North Quarter corner of Section 31, Town 12 North, Range 11 East and the point of beginning; running thence South 0 degrees 05 minutes 37 seconds West 1301.96 feet along the North and South Quarter line of said Section 31; thence South 89 degrees 42 minutes 27 seconds West 553.23 feet along the North 1/8 line of said Section 31; thence North 0 degrees 14 minutes 57 seconds 1304.80 feet; thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes East 549.68 feet along the North line of said Section 31 to the point of beginning. Being a part of the Northwest quarter of Section 31, Town 12 North, Range 11 East.

The redemption period shall be 12 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.

Dated: August 27, 2008

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC C (248) 593-1301  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys for Servicer  
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200  
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525  
File #217587F01

**8-27-4**

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by John C. Pappenfuss, a single person, and Kathy A. Bush, a single person, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated May 14, 2004 and recorded May 27, 2004 in Liber 994, Page 385, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by The Bank of New York Trust Company, NKA The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, National Association SBM JPMorgan Chase Bank N.A. by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Six Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-One and 22/100 Dollars (\$76,761.22), including interest at 11.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on OCTOBER 2, 2008.

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

The South 82.5 feet of the North 165 feet of the North one-half of the East four-fifths of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 29, Town 10 North, Range 7 East.

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

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

Dated: September 3, 2008

Orlans Associates, P.C.  
Attorneys for Servicer  
P.O. Box 5041  
Troy, MI 48007-5041  
248-502-1400  
File No. 530.0974

**9-3-4**

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Michael K. Mattson and Candy M. Mattson, a/k/a Candy Mattson, husband and wife of Tuscola County, Michigan, Mortgagor to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for MILLA, Inc., D/B/A Mortgage Investment Lending Associates, Inc., dated the 28th day of October, A.D. 2003, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 23rd day of December, A.D. 2003, Liber 970, Page 508, of Tuscola Records, which said mortgage was assigned to US Bank National Association ND, thru mesne assignments, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal of \$117,249.21 (one hundred seventeen thousand two hundred forty-nine and 21/100) plus accrued interest at 13.00% (thirteen point zero) percent per annum.

And no suit proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on, the 2nd day of October, A.D., 2008, at 10:00:00 AM o'clock said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI, Tuscola County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage.

Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the City of Vassar, in the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan and described as follows to wit: City of Vassar, County of Tuscola, Michigan:

Commencing at the Southeast corner of Block 6, NORTH'S ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE (now CITY) OF VASSAR, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 21, Tuscola County Records, thence Northerly along the East line of said Block 6, 345 feet to Michigan Central Railroad right of way; thence Westerly to a point on the North line of said Block 6, 132 feet West of East line at right angles; thence Southerly to a point on Maple Street, 186 feet Westerly from point of beginning; thence Easterly along the North line of Maple Street to point of beginning, and being the East 8 rods of said Block 6. Commonly known as: 142 West Maple Street.

PPN 051-500-506-0100-00

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.



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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Vern Reinbold, a married man, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated August 25, 2004 and recorded on August 30, 2004 in Liber 1006 on Page 777 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Seventy-Nine Thousand Five Hundred Fifteen and 95/100 Dollars (\$179,515.95), including interest at 6.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on September 18, 2008.

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

Parcel C: Commencing at the West quarter corner of Section 34, Town 12 North, Range 8 East, Juniata Township, Tuscola County, Michigan; thence North 00 degrees 00 minutes East 830.95 feet along the West line of said Section to the point of beginning; running thence North 00 degrees 00 minutes East 166.20 feet along the West Section line; thence South 89 degrees 42 minutes 24 seconds East 2623.93 feet; thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes 06 seconds East 166.20 feet along the East-West quarter line; thence North 89 degrees 42 minutes 24 seconds West 2623.94 feet to the point of beginning. Being a part of the Northwest quarter, Section 34, Town 12 North, Range 8 East.

Parcel D: Commencing at the West quarter corner of Section 34, Town 12 North, Range 8 East; thence North 00 degrees 00 minutes East, 691.75 feet along the West line of said Section to the point of beginning; running thence North 00 degrees 00 minutes East, 166.20 feet along the West Section line; thence South 89 degrees 42 minutes 24 seconds East, 2623.94 feet; thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes 06 seconds East, 166.20 feet along the East-West quarter line; thence North 89 degrees 42 minutes 24 seconds West, 2623.94 feet to the point of beginning. Being a part of the Northwest quarter, Section 34, Town 12 North, Range 8 East.

The redemption period shall be 12 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.

Dated: August 20, 2008

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Trott & Trott, P.C.  
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31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200  
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525  
File #16620F01

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by JAMES G. HILL, a married man, and DEBORAH F. HILL, HIS WIFE, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated November 7, 2006 and recorded on November 9, 2006 in Liber 1101 on Page 1184, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Nine Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-Three Dollars and Eighty-Five Cents (\$109,583.85), including interest at 7.500% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, front entrance of the Courthouse Building in the Village of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM o'clock, on September 18, 2008.

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

PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER, SECTION 10, TOWN 11 NORTH, RANGE 10 EAST, DESCRIBED AS BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 10, WHICH IS WEST, 1047.20 FEET FROM THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 10; THENCE CONTINUING ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 10, WEST 217.80 FEET; THENCE NORTH 200.00 FEET; THENCE EAST, 217.80 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 200.00 FEET; TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: August 15, 2008

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns  
Mortgagee/Assignee

Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C.  
23100 Providence Drive, Suite 450  
Southfield, MI 48075

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by David C. Taylor, a married man, and Pam Taylor, his wife, original mortgagors, to Community Mortgage Services, Inc., DBA a Michigan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated July 6, 1999 and recorded on August 5, 1999 in Liber 778 on Page 902, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Countrywide Home Loans, Inc. as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Two Thousand Four Hundred Twenty-One and 52/100 Dollars (\$102,421.52), including interest at 8.5% 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 venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on September 25, 2008.

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

Commencing at the Southeast corner of Lot 5, Block 16 Village of Millington, Tuscola County, running thence West 5 1/3 rods; thence North 8 rods; thence East 5 1/3 rods; thence South 8 rods to point of beginning, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in plat Liber 1, Page 42A, 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.

Dated: August 27, 2008

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MORTGAGE SALE—Default has been made in the conditions of a Mortgage made by KEVIN MOSHIER and VELMA MOSHIER, husband and wife, Mortgagors, to FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF AMERICA, Mortgagee, dated June 10, 2005 and recorded June 30, 2005 in Liber 1044, Pages 54-63, of Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due as of the date of this notice the sum of Thirty Six Thousand Four Hundred Sixty Four and 55/100 Dollars (\$36,464.55), including interest at 12.19% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public auction to the highest bidder, on Thursday, September 18, 2008, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI.

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

Commencing at the Southwest corner of Section 22, Town 11 North, Range 11 East, Township of Koylton, County of Tuscola, Michigan; thence North 20 rods; thence East 300 feet; thence South 20 rods; thence West 300 feet to point of beginning, including all improvements attached thereto. Commonly known as 6501 Harris Rd., Kingston, MI 48741.

Tax ID: 016-022-000-1400-04

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of the sale, unless the premises are determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days.

Dated: August 20, 2008

First National Bank of America  
Mortgagee

By: Randall T. LeVasseur P41712  
LeVasseur Dyer & Associates, PC  
Attorneys for Mortgagee  
P.O. Box 721400  
Berkley, MI 48072  
(248) 586-1200

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Dwain A. Fyan Jr. and Kellie A. Fyan, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Fifth Third Mortgage - MI, LLC, Mortgagee, dated October 10, 2003 and recorded on December 22, 2003 in Liber 969 on Page 1457, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Fifth Third Mortgage Company as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Eight Thousand Six Hundred Twelve and 44/100 Dollars (\$128,612.44), 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 mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on October 9, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Arbelia, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

The Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 22, Town 10 North, Range 7 East and the West 2 rods of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 22, Town 10 North, Range 7 East, Arbelia Township, Tuscola County, Michigan.

The redemption period shall be 12 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.

Dated: September 10, 2008

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC J (248) 593-1311  
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31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200  
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525  
File #2027336F02

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Phillip L. Buffington an unmarried man, as his sole and separate property, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated June 17, 2005 and recorded on June 20, 2005 in Liber 1042 on Page 1001 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to CitiMortgage, Inc. as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty Thousand Five Hundred Thirty-Nine and 46/100 Dollars (\$80,539.46), including interest at 6.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on October 2, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Almer, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Commencing at a point that is 679.4 feet West along the East and West quarter line and 262.5 feet Northwest at right angles to State Highway (M-81) from the Southeast corner of the Southwest quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 35, Town 13 North, Range 9 East; thence Northwest 184 feet at right angles to M-81 to the Southerly right of way line of said M-81; thence Southwesterly along the Southerly right of way line of said M-81, 80 feet; thence Southeast at right angles to M-81, 168.9 feet; thence Northeasterly 81.7 feet to the point of beginning. Being a part of the Southwest quarter of the North-east quarter.

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.

Dated: September 3, 2008

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Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525  
File #219175F01

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by JAMES W. TRAMMEL and TRACY SMITH, JOINT TENANCY WITH RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP, HUSBAND AND WIFE, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated September 11, 2003 and recorded on August 13, 2004 in Liber 1004 on Page 614, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Four Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty-Eight Dollars and Seventy-Nine Cents (\$74,988.79), including interest at 5.625% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, front entrance of the Courthouse Building in the Village of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM o'clock, on September 18, 2008.

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

COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 11 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST, FREMONT TOWNSHIP, TUSCOLA COUNTY, MICHIGAN; THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 23 MINUTES 19 SECONDS WEST, 240.00 FEET ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 29 TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; RUNNING THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 50 MINUTES 50 SECONDS EAST, 165.0 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 23 MINUTES 19 SECONDS WEST 357.12 FEET; THENCE NORTH 75 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 20 SECONDS WEST 170.44 FEET ALONG THE NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF C & O RAILROAD; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 23 MINUTES 19 SECONDS EAST 313.70 FEET ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 29 TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. BEING A PART OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 11 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST, FREMONT TOWNSHIP, TUSCOLA COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: August 15, 2008

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns  
Mortgagee/Assignee

Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C.  
23100 Providence Drive, Suite 450  
Southfield, MI 48075

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Noah Lee Martin and Jennifer L. Martin, a/k/a Jennifer L. Spencer, Husband and Wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated September 19, 2006 and recorded on October 26, 2006 in Liber 1100 on Page 662 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Seven Thousand One Hundred Sixty-Four and 06/100 Dollars (\$77,164.06), including interest at 7.5% 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 fore-

closed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on September 25, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lots 3 and 4, Block 5, Montague and Wilmot's Addition to the Village of Caro, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1, page 18A of plats, Village of Caro.

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.

Dated: August 27, 2008

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC X (248) 593-1302  
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Attorneys for Servicer  
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Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525  
File #200868F03

8-27-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Melvin James Cunningham and Mary Christine Cunningham, Husband and Wife as Tenants by the Entirety, to TMS Mortgage Inc., d/b/a The Money Store, Mortgagee, dated December 15, 1999 and recorded December 27, 1999 in Liber 791, Page 308, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was subsequently assigned to Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota, a National Association, as Trustee under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of February 28, 2001, Series 2001-A, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Twenty-Nine Thousand Seventy-Four Dollars and Eighty-Five Cents (\$29,074.85), including interest 10.25% 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 venue, Circuit Court of Tuscola County at 10:00AM on September 25, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Vassar, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

All that parcel of land in Township of Vassar, Tuscola County, State of Michigan, as found in Deed Liber 738, Page 1465, ID# 020-019-000-2310-00, being known and designated as part of the Southwest fractional quarter of Section 19, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, described as: Beginning East (assumed bearing) 1124.75 feet along the South section line from the Southwest corner of said section; thence East 120.00 feet continuing along said section line, thence North 300.00 feet, thence West 120.00 feet, thence South 300.00 feet to the place of beginning. Commonly known as 5882 Hanes Street, Vassar MI 48768.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later.

Dated: AUGUST 22, 2008

Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota, National Association, as Trustee under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of February 28, 2001, Series 2001-A, Assignee of Mortgagee

Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C.  
811 South Blvd., Suite 100  
Rochester Hills, MI 48307  
(248) 844-5123  
Our File No: 08-97516

8-27-4

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Charles L. Maynard and Michelle L. Maynard, husband and wife, on May 30, 2003, to Tri County Bank, a Michigan Banking Corporation of 4222 Main Street, Brown City, Michigan 48416 and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Tuscola County, Michigan on July 9, 2003 in Liber 941, Page 5, and upon which mortgage there is claimed to be due as of the date of this notice for principal and interest the sum of Ninety-One Thousand Six Hundred Forty-Three and 10/100 (\$91,643.10) Dollars and said default having continued for more than thirty (30) days and no suit or proceedings having been instituted to recover the debt secured by the mortgage;

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That on Thursday, October 16, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. Local Time, the said mortgage will be foreclosed by sale at public venue to the highest bidder at the front entrance of the Courthouse, 440 N. State Street, Caro, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court for said County, of the premises described in said mortgage or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due on said mortgage as aforesaid with interest thereon and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fee provided by law and any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned at or before said sale for taxes, assessments and insurance premiums on said premises.

Which said premises are situated in the Township of Koylton, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as follows:

Land in the Township of Koylton, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as follows: Part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 6, Town 11 North, Range 11 East, described as: Commencing at the Northwest corner of said Section 6; thence South 01 degree 30 minutes 11 seconds East 468.17 feet along the West line of said Section 6 to the point of beginning; running thence North 87 degrees 58 minutes 09 seconds East 301.04 feet; thence South 02 degrees 01 minute 51 seconds East 350.41 feet; thence North 87 degrees 50 minutes 56 seconds West 304.88 feet; thence North 01 degree 30 minutes 11 seconds West 328.19 feet along the West line of said Section 6 to the point of beginning.

Tax ID# 016-006-000-1125-02

The length of the period of redemption from such sale will be six (6) months immediately following said sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of such sale.

Dated at Caro, Michigan, this 10th day of September, 2008.

Touma, Watson, Whaling, Coury & Castello, P.C.

Attorneys for Tri County Bank  
By: Douglas S. Touma  
316 McMoran Boulevard  
Port Huron, MI 48060

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Scott Anderson, unmarried man, original mortgagor, to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Mortgagee, dated April 6, 2007 and recorded on April 17, 2007 in Liber 1116 on Page 924 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Six Thousand Five Hundred Fifty-Four and 83/100 Dollars (\$136,554.83), 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 venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on September 18, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Watertown, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 13, Town 10 North, Range 9 East, described as: beginning at the South 1/4 corner of Section 13; thence due West 288.08 feet along the South Section line; thence North 00 degrees 16 minutes 06 seconds East, 462.00 feet; thence due East 287.38 feet parallel with said Section line to the North-South 1/4 line of Section 13; thence South 00 degrees 11 minutes 40 seconds West, 462.00 feet along said North-South 1/4 line to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 12 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.

Dated: August 20, 2008

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC D (248) 593-1309  
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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by William N. Phillipson and Laurie A. Phillipson, husband and wife, as joint tenants, original mortgagors, to Olympus Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated August 9, 2004 and recorded on December 16, 2004 in Liber 1021 on Page 124 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. as Trustee as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-One Thousand Two Hundred Eleven and 31/100 Dollars (\$121,211.31), including interest at 9.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on October 2, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Millington, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lots 15 and 16 of Cardwell Acre's, Millington Township, Tuscola County, Michigan according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Liber 1, Page 90, Now being 4008, Tuscola County.

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.

Dated: September 3, 2008

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Michael L. Cryderman, a single person, original mortgagor, to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc., Mortgagee, dated April 11, 2001 and recorded on April 27, 2001 in Liber 829 on Page 1322 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Four Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-Six and 07/100 Dollars (\$74,296.07), including interest at 6.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on September 25, 2008.

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

Parcel G: Part of the South 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 18, Township 11 North, Range 9 East, described as: Beginning at a point on the East-West 1/4 of said Section 18, North 89 degrees 50 minutes 23 seconds East, 331.09 feet from the center corner of said Section 18; thence continuing along said East-West 1/4 line, North 89 degrees 50 minutes 23 seconds East, 331.09 feet; thence North 00 degrees 06 minutes 05 seconds West 1321.62 feet to the North line of said South 1/2; thence along said North line, South 89 degrees 49 minutes 37 seconds West, 330.76 feet; thence South 00 degrees 05 minutes 13 seconds East, 1321.54 feet to the Point of Beginning.

The redemption period shall be 12 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.

Dated: August 27, 2008

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File #173592F02

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Mark A. Greenwald and Ann Marie L. Greenwald, husband and wife by Ann Marie L. Greenwald his attorney in fact, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated August 13, 2002 and recorded on October 14, 2002 in Liber 897 on Page 1480 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Wells Fargo Bank, NA as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Two Thousand One Hundred One and 01/100 Dollars (\$72,101.01), including interest at 7.625% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on October 9, 2008.

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

Beginning at a point on the North section line that is North 89 degrees 30 minutes 20 seconds East 444.66 feet from the North Quarter corner of said section 35, Town 11 North, Range 11 East, thence continuing North 89 degrees 30 minutes 20 seconds East 222.34 feet; thence South 0 degrees 29 minutes 40 seconds East 391.85 feet; thence South 89 degrees 30 minutes 20 seconds West 222.34 feet; thence North 0 degrees 29 minutes 40 seconds West 391.85 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, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: September 10, 2008

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jana L. Hall, a single woman, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated August 15, 2003 and recorded on August 18, 2003 in Liber 949 on Page 735 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-Six and 89/100 Dollars (\$78,836.89), including interest at 6.625% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on September 25, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Watervorn, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 1, Block 35 of the Plat of the Village of Fostoria, according to the Plat Recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 45A.

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.

Dated: August 27, 2008

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by James Francis Yax by Hazel Yax, his attorney in fact, and Hazel Yax, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated December 21, 2005 and recorded on January 23, 2006 in Liber 1069 on Page 700 in instrument 200600876749, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to HSBC Bank USA, NA, as Trustee for NHHL Home Equity Loan Trust, Series 2006-WF1 as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-One Thousand Two Hundred Seventy-One and 48/100 Dollars (\$91,271.48), including interest at 12% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on September 25, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Indianapolis, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

The West 1/2 of the South 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Southeast 1/4 of Section 28, Town 12 North, Range 9 East.

The redemption period shall be 12 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.

Dated: August 27, 2008

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jason E. Alburts and Samantha C. Alburts, Husband and Wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated June 17, 2004 and recorded on July 1, 2004 in Liber 998 on Page 1211 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-One Thousand Three Hundred Nine and 61/100 Dollars (\$91,309.61), including interest at 6.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on September 25, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Watervorn, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Commencing at the Northwest corner of the East 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 22, Town 10 North, Range 9 East, thence East 200 feet to the point of beginning; thence East 100 feet; thence South 313.50 feet; thence West 100 feet; thence North 313.50 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, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: August 27, 2008

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by John W. Buchinger and Joanne B. Buchinger, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to National City Mortgage a division of National City Bank, Mortgagee, dated February 19, 2007 and recorded on March 21, 2007 in Liber 1113 on Page 1398 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Two Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-Two and 27/100 Dollars (\$52,942.27), 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 venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on September 18, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Denmark, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Commencing 690 feet South of the Northwest corner of Section 28; thence West 235.5 feet; thence North 185 feet; thence East 235.5 feet; thence South 185 feet to the Point of Beginning, Township of Denmark, Tuscola County.

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.

Dated: August 20, 2008

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by TAMELA L. SPREDER and ERIC T. SPREDER, WIFE AND HUSBAND, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns., Mortgagee, dated November 20, 2006, and recorded on December 13, 2006, in Liber 1105, on Page 585, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Seventy-Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty-Seven Dollars and Eighty-Seven Cents (\$177,937.87), including interest at 6.500% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, front entrance of the Courthouse Building in the Village of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM o'clock, on October 2, 2008.

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

COMMENCING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 16, TOWN 11 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST, FREMONT TOWNSHIP, TUSCOLA COUNTY, MICHIGAN; THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 20 MINUTES 55 SECONDS WEST 663.49 FEET ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 16 TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 20 MINUTES 55 SECONDS WEST 330.00 FEET ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 16; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 40 SECONDS WEST 1322.08 FEET; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 17 MINUTES 53 SECONDS EAST 329.99 FEET ALONG THE EAST 1/8 LINE OF SAID SECTION 16; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 40 SECONDS EAST 1322.37 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING BEING PART OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 16, TOWN 11 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST, FREMONT TOWNSHIP, TUSCOLA COUNTY, MICHIGAN RIGHT OF WAY FOR CONRAD ROAD OVER THE EAST-ERLY SIDE THEREOF.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: August 28, 2008

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns  
Mortgagee/Assignee

Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C.  
23100 Providence Drive, Suite 450  
Southfield, MI 48075

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Shawn E. Brecht, a married man, and Deanna M. Brecht, his wife, joint tenants with rights of survivorship, original mortgagors, to Brechtwood Mortgage Mortgage Co., LLC, Mortgagee, dated August 17, 2005 and recorded on September 12, 2005 in Liber 1053 on Page 985 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by mesne assignments to Fifth Third Mortgage Company as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Two Thousand One Hundred Nineteen and 78/100 Dollars (\$72,119.78), including interest at 5.625% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on October 9, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Watervorn, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Parcel 1: Commencing at the Southeast corner of the West half of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 23, Town 10 North, Range 9 East, thence North 10 rods; thence West 8 rods; thence South 10 rods; thence East 8 rods to the place of beginning excepting the East 110 feet thereof.

Parcel 2: Commencing at a point on the South line of Section 23, Town 10 North, Range 9 East, that is 452 feet East of the Southwest corner of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 23; thence East 71.4 feet; thence North 165 feet; thence West 71.4 feet; thence South 165 feet to the place of beginning.

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

Dated: September 10, 2008

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File #219848F01

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Bradley Binder, a/k/a Bradley B. Binder, a married man, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated October 22, 2007 and recorded on November 15, 2007 in Liber 1134 on Page 1307 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Wells Fargo Bank, NA as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Four Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-One and 74/100 Dollars (\$54,451.74), including interest at 7% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on October 9, 2008.

Said premises are situated in City of Vassar, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 26 and the East 1/2 of Lot 25, Block 6, of Harrington's Addition to the Village (now City) of Vassar, Tuscola County, Michigan, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 3, 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.

Dated: September 10, 2008

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jennifer L. Warren, a single woman, to Union Federal Bank of Indianapolis, Mortgagee, dated October 22, 2004 and recorded November 4, 2004 in Liber 1015, Page 1318, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for BSABS 2005-AC3 by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty Thousand One Hundred Seventy-One and 38/100 Dollars (\$120,171.38), including interest at 6% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on OCTOBER 9, 2008.

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

Parcel 1: Lot 11, of Mayville Manor Subdivision as recorded in Liber 2, Page 13 of Plats, Tuscola County Records.

Parcel 2: Lot 12, of Mayville Manor Subdivision as recorded in Liber 2, Page 13 of Plats, 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.

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

Dated: September 10, 2008

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File No. 306.1763

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Edward Urbanski, a single man, original mortgagor, to Financial Freedom Senior Funding Corporation, A Subsidiary of IndyMac Bank, F.S.B., Mortgagee, dated July 6, 2006 and recorded on September 5, 2006 in Liber 1093 on Page 1020 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thousand Ninety and 78/100 Dollars (\$100,090.78), including interest at 3.96% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on October 2, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Millington, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot No. 11 and 12 of Carol Acres, a part of the Southwest Quarter (Southwest 1/4) of Section 16, Town 10 North, Range 8 East.

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

Dated: September 3, 2008

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Scott R. Lindow, an unmarried man, original mortgagor, to National City Mortgage Services Co, Mortgagee, dated July 10, 2003 and recorded on January 16, 2004 in Liber 974 on Page 396, and assigned by said Mortgagee to National City Mortgage Co as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Two Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy and 37/100 Dollars (\$92,770.37), including interest at 6.55% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on October 9, 2008.

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

A certain piece of land in the Southeast corner of Section 31 Town 11 North, Range 7 East, being 12 rods and square said land being formerly deeded to the Officers of School District No. 2, Arbela Township and Tuscola Township for the purpose of a school lot being in the Township of Tuscola, Tuscola County, Michigan.

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

Dated: September 10, 2008

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Christopher Peplinski, a single man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated April 6, 2006 and recorded April 28, 2006 in Liber 1079, Page 306, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by HSBC Bank USA, National Association, as Trustee, under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated August 1, 2006, ACE Securities Corp. Home Equity Loan Trust, Series 2006-FM1, Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Fifteen and 88/100 Dollars (\$69,715.88), including interest at 9.975% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on OCT





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# Obituaries

## Reta Alston

Reta Louise Alston, 106, of Cass City, died Wednesday, Sept. 3, 2008 Tuscola County Medical Care Facility, Caro.

She was born Jan. 23, 1902 in Lone Elm, AR, the daughter of Thomas Jefferson and Elba Alice (Shaver) Wisdom.

She married Dewey Curtis Alston Dec. 21, 1919 in Lone Elm, AR. He died Aug. 24, 1979.

Reta worked at the Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, retiring after over 20 years. She ran a boarding house in Arkansas and picked cotton in her younger years. Reta loved to garden, can fruits and vegetables and to crochet, making many beautiful afghans. She was an extraordinary, caring, loving person, always smiling. She had many stories to tell about growing

up in Arkansas with her big family. She loved to walk and was always looking to be helpful and productive. Reta was the matriarch of her family, who she loved and cared for throughout her whole life.



Reta is survived by her grandchildren: Janna (Dave) Otto, Ed Fleming, Tammy (Scott Schimmelmann) Lawrence, Sandy (Don) Bitner, Debbie Beckham, Carolyn Lawrence; 13 great grandchildren; 9 great great grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by all 4 of her children: Patsy Lawrence, DC (Dewey Curtis) Alston, Zella Mae Alston, and Imogene Fleming; a grandson, Jeffrey David Fleming; and all 18 of her brothers and sisters.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m., Sunday, Sept. 14, at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with Debra L. Kranz, Funeral Service Celebrant, officiating.

Interment will be in the Novesta Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

## Seth Thayer

Seth Nathaniel Thayer went to be with the Lord prior to birth Friday, Aug. 29, 2008.

He is survived by his parents, Pete and Lindi Thayer of Spokane, Wash.; 3 sisters: Grace, Rachel and Evangelina, all of Spokane, Wash.; his grandparents: Richard and Deborah Parrott of Cass City, and Don and Carol Thayer of Clare; great-grandmothers: Dorothy Wentworth of Deford, and Louella Parrott of Cass City; uncles and aunts: Rick and Sara Parrott of Cass City, and Dave and Traci Thayer of Rosebush; and 4 cousins.

Private graveside services were held Wednesday, Sept. 3, at Fairmount Memorial Park, Spokane, Wash.

Arrangements were made by Hazen & Jaeger Funeral Home, Spokane, Wash.

# Green named K-12 Educator of the Year

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munity to work with," she noted. "We have a great K-12 staff, and every day is new and exciting."

Green acknowledged that incorporating farming topics into her classroom lessons has been a natural, both in terms of the region in which her students live, and in her approach to teaching.

"I don't know if it was intentional, but it's always intentional to incorporate hands-on learning experiences

for the kids," she said.

Among the major projects for her students is growing Wisconsin "fast plants", genetically altered plants that enable the kids to plant the seeds and harvest the seed pods all in a mere 28 days. Along with that project Green introduces Brassica butterfly eggs to the plants to demonstrate the symbiotic and competitive relationships between the plants and butterflies.

Her students are also surrounded by living examples of the outdoors,

including frogs, fish, an iguana and hamster. They care for the animals and, in the spring, help to hatch chicken eggs.

Green, who team-teaches with Deb Peruski (Green teaches math and science and Peruski, language arts and social studies), said the various projects that are part of their lesson plans are enjoyable as well as educational.

"I think the value is that they get to touch and feel and experience the different types of hands-on experiences - they're not just reading it in a book," she added. "It's fun for us because the kids are really excited about learning, and they're asking more questions and deeper questions."

In addition to the K-12 Educator of the Year Award, county farm bureau officials honored several other individuals, including Alma Bennett of Mayville, for their contributions.

"Alma was named 2008 Tuscola County Ag Promoter of the Year. This award is designed to recognize outstanding successful volunteers that both promote and educate throughout our community," Healy said.

"Alma has been involved with 4-H and the Tuscola County Fair for over 30 years, working in many areas such as dairy superintendent, livestock judging contest, kids' day, 4-H food auction. She has also been involved with Farm Bureau events such as reading to classrooms, library displays, Ag in the Classroom lessons and Project RED.

Michigan Farm Bureau recently developed an award dedicated to recognizing outstanding commitment

from a 4-H club leader, according to Healy, who said the Tuscola County organization awarded its first-ever Tuscola County 4-H Excellence in Agriculture Award to Viola Bierlein of Richville.

"She has been a 4-H leader for 41 years," Healy added. "She is the leader of both the Tuscola Beetniks and Granny's Kids clubs and has helped hundreds of kids through the years with their projects."

Also receiving awards at the annual meeting was Matt Sattelburg, named Outstanding Young Farm Employee, and Jacob Hecht, who was honored as this year's Outstanding Young Agricultural Leader.

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## GREG ACKERMAN, Tuscola County Farm Bureau president, presents Green with the organization's K-12 Educator of the Year Award.



CASS CITY MIDDLE School teacher Jenifer Green gives some of her students a close look at the iguana in her fifth grade classroom. Green was recently named the Tuscola County Farm Bureau's K-12 Educator of the Year.

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their classrooms exceeded minimum levels.

The union is also asking for a 3-year contract with base pay increases of 5.5 percent per year plus inflation increases annually, plus pay hikes for teachers already at the top of the salary scale, ranging from 1.1 percent for 12 to 14 years of service to 4.1 percent for 25 years or more of service to the district.

Wilson indicated those proposals are out of the question, particularly in light of a projected loss of another 64 students this school year, which translates into the loss of \$460,000 in state revenue. And a board directive to build the schools' general fund balance to an amount equal to 10 percent of the budget, or roughly \$1 million.

If worst comes to worst, Wilson said, school officials will take negotiations a step further if mediation and fact-finding yield no results.

"If there's no movement, then the board, probably in the spring, will impose its last best offer," he added. "I think the real issue here is the board is not going to pay for raises out of fund equity, and they're sticking to that."

"Basically, it's a frustration. They (teachers) already get their steps and columns, so they already got a 5 1/2-percent increase this year" based on last year's contract, Wilson continued. "But at this point, we have to move on. We've got a school to run and kids to teach."

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