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Reed '09 "junior citizen"

VanAuken named "citizen of year"

The chamber of commerce Saturday honored 2 of Cass City's top citizens at Northwood Meadows, where Kate VanAuken and Red Hawk senior Sarah Reed walked away with arguably the village's most prestigious annual awards.

Presenting VanAuken with the coveted 2009 "Citizen of the Year" plaque, signifying her devotion to Cass City, was last year's co-recipient, David Osentoski.

"Our citizen of the year that we are all here to honor is a true blessing to our vibrant community. Showing a true spirit of persistence and of self-

giving," Osentoski told the audience, which included 84th District State Rep. Terry Brown (D-Pigeon).

Indeed, While VanAuken has excelled in service to the community, as have all the former winners since the inception of the award in 1963, her selection at such a young age, 46 — and looking closer to 36 — plus living in the community for only 12 years, bucks the trend from previous winners who often were older, life-long residents. Her rapid acknowledgment as a tireless community public servant speaks volumes about her character.

As director of Rawson Memorial Library since 2002, VanAuken has earned several honors, highlighted by the 2007 State Librarian's Award of Excellence in recognition of outstanding community service by providing new, innovative and superior services.

VanAuken has also spearheaded 3 successful millage campaigns during her tenure at the library that now generate nearly \$200,000 annually. A 1985 Clemson University graduate, VanAuken also has sought and obtained grant funding for various projects that have increased the usefulness of the library.

Away from her job, VanAuken has volunteered in the Cass City Public School District as a technology Committee board member, Athletic Scholarship Selection Committee member and as the Cooperative Preschool Health and Membership director.

Perhaps her most gratifying civic endeavor began in 2000, when VanAuken, along with husband Joe, created the Red Hawk's Reference Project. The undertaking provides free dictionaries to all third grade students in the Cass City School District. Besides funding the program, the VanAukens go into the classroom and teach each child how to use the dictionary.

VanAuken's endless list of community endeavors includes time spent on the Cass City Arts Council Board of Directors and the Elkland Township Cemetery Historical Sign Fundraising Committee, as well as serving on the Core Services Committee for the village of Cass City.

She was one of the driving forces and co-general coordinator behind the Build Some Fun in the Thumb Playground Project. VanAuken was involved in all aspects of the Seeger Street showpiece, including securing

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KATE VanAUKEN highlighted Saturday's Cass City Chamber of Commerce Annual Community Dinner when she accepted the Citizen of the Year plaque from 2008 winners Dave, pictured above, and Marty Osentoski. Inset, senior Sarah Reed addresses the crowd after receiving the Junior Citizen of the Year award.



Decker couple killed in crash

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

A Sanilac County husband and wife lost their lives in a 2-vehicle collision Saturday afternoon in Tuscola County.

Tuscola County Sheriff's Department investigators said the crash occurred at about 3:54 p.m. at the intersection of Deckerville and Hurds Corner roads in Ellington Township.

According to reports, a pickup truck driven by Harold Parker, 78, of Owendale, was northbound on Hurds Corner Road when the vehicle failed to stop for the stop sign at Deckerville Road and struck a westbound car driven by Lynda Galloway, 49, of Decker.

"After impact, Lynda Galloway was ejected from the vehicle and died at the scene," said Tuscola County Undersheriff Glen Skrent. "Her husband, Joel Galloway, 48, was the lone passenger in her vehicle and he, too, passed away at the scene.

"No drugs or alcohol (are) suspected at this time," Skrent said, noting autopsies for the Galloways were scheduled to take place Monday.

Skrent said Tuscola County Sheriff's deputies were assisted at the scene by troopers from the Michigan State Police, MMR ambulance personnel and the Caro Fire Department.

"After the officers complete their reports, the investigation will be turned over to the prosecutor's office for review," Skrent said.

Cass City seniors set for national DECA event

Two Cass City High School seniors will represent the area at a national-level DECA competition.

DECA is an association of students who are planning careers in marketing, management and entrepreneurship.

According to Cindy Olson, the marketing instructor at the Tuscola Technology Center in Caro, 11 DECA members from Tuscola County recently participated in a rigorous, 3-day state competition at the Dearborn Hyatt.

"The team delivered several interesting projects, including the submission of numerous business plans and various promotional projects which focused on marketing research, advertising and financial awareness," Olson explained.

"It was an honor for all of the students who made it to this level, with the competition really beginning back in December at the district level," she said. "Four of the students, however, received very special recognition for their accomplishments; Chelsea Paladi and Riki Badgley, 2 Cass City seniors, took first place for their public

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CASS CITY High School seniors (from left) Chelsea Paladi and Riki Badgley recently took first place for their public relations campaign in a Michigan DECA competition and were invited to compete at the national level.

Hearing set for tax abatement

Marlette firm eyes village

The strong likelihood of 25 more new jobs highlighted Monday's regular meeting of the Cass City Village Council.

Village Manager Peter Cristiano gleamed with optimism when he announced that L & L Poultry has been negotiating terms and conditions to build and operate facilities in the Cass City Renaissance Zone.

The firm has requested approximately 12 acres at the north east corner of the village's industrial park

property bordering Doerr Road to construct 2 separate buildings.

"One building will house the poultry processing, and the other will be a factory for the production of soybean based noodles and a tofu-like product," Cristiano explained.

It is currently projected that the company will have capital expenditures in excess of \$1 million, in addition to the 25 new jobs, much needed in Michigan's struggling economy.

Initially, negotiations centered

around receiving a time extension on the Renaissance Zone, which offers a 100-percent tax abatement for 15 years, that originally attracted the Marlette company to Cass City after looking at locations in Mayville, Marlette and at least 2 other states.

However, problems arose when the principals of the company learned that the state may not grant the extension, and that it could be as late as October before a decision was reached.

That was unacceptable to company officials, who want to be ready to build this spring and be operating by August.

"Consequently, we have been negotiating for an Industrial Facilities Tax (IFT) Exemption of 50 percent for 12 years," Cristiano said.

Cristiano explained that the IFT Exemption is actually more advantageous for the village than extending the time limit of the Renaissance Zone. "We (the village) would immer

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O-G board extends Compton's contract

The Owen-Gage Board of Education last week unanimously offered school Supt. Dana Compton a 2-year contract extension following a review of his performance.

Compton's evaluation took place during a 90-minute executive session.

"We did this in a really different fashion. There are no (number) ratings," said Compton, who explained the board reviewed his performance in the areas of board/superintendent relations, working with the community and media, operations (finance), working with the faculty, general administration, and additional personal traits and qualities.

Rather than assign a number to each category, the board discussed Compton's performance on the basis of "satisfactory", "in need of improvement" and "not satisfactory". In the end, the board gave Compton satisfactory ratings in each area.

"This (evaluation) is going to be kind of a living document, if you will," Compton noted, adding he and the board plan to revisit the evaluation periodically throughout the school year.

As for his contract, Compton indicated he's pleased with the board's confidence in his work. He also pointed out that he is not requesting, nor will he accept a pay increase at this time, given the district's financial situation.

IN OTHER BUSINESS

In other business during the regular monthly meeting, the board:

- Approved pay amounts for 2 employees who handle the district's transportation-related duties.

- Scott Kelly, who serves as transportation supervisor and handles bus maintenance, will continue to work for the district via a contract that will pay him a stipend of \$2,000 this year based on hours worked.

- In addition, Judy Winchester, who arranges for substitute bus drivers, special event transportation and schedules Thumb Area Transit rides for students, will receive a \$500 stipend.

- Continued discussion of its ongoing board/superintendent strategic planning initiative designed to set and prioritize goals.

Compton reported that the board came to an agreement on several areas it wants to focus on in the coming year, including building/facilities, student needs and recognition of achievement, evaluation of annual yearly progress (AYP), and enhancing and maintaining communications among the board, administration and staff.

- Approved overnight trips for the senior class to northern Michigan April 3-6, and for Sandy Parks' students to travel to the Howell Conference and Nature Center May 12-13.

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Calendar of Events

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

Wednesday, April 1
 "Try Education Not Medication: Your Kitchen Turned into a Mini Greenhouse," 6-8 p.m., Rawson Memorial District Library. Presenter: Barb Burns.

Thursday, April 2
 AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 872-4816.
 Friends of the Library meeting, 1:30 p.m., Rawson Memorial District Library.

Saturday, April 4
 Kingston Lions Craft Show, 9-4 p.m., Kingston Elementary School Cafeteria, 3644 Ross St. (south parking lot entrance). No admission fee. For more information, contact Sandy Balzer, (989) 674-2643, or Ellen Romosier, (989) 683-2758.

Sunday, April 5
 Gagetown AA meeting, 8-9 p.m., Gagetown fire hall. For more information, call (989) 663-2361.
 Gagetown United Methodist Brunch, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. All you can eat. \$6 donation.

Monday, April 6
 Alcoholics Anonymous, "Monday at a Time," 8 p.m., Parkside Cafe, 2031 Main St., Ubyly. For more information, call Angela R. at (989) 658-2319.
 Novesta Township Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.
 Holocaust Trip Ticket Sales begin, Rawson Memorial District Library. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.
 Preschool Story Time, 10-11 a.m., ages 3-5 years old, Rawson Memorial District Library.

Tuesday, April 7
 Heartland Hospice Grief Group meeting, 6:30 p.m., Thabet Funeral Home, Cass City. For more information, contact Laura Johannes at 1-877-486-6671.
 Toddler Story Time, 10-10:30 a.m., 18-36 months old, Rawson Memorial District Library.

Wednesday, April 8
 Swiss Steak 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.
 "Try Education Not Medication: Healthy Body with Less Vitamins and Drugs," 6-8 p.m., Rawson Memorial District Library. Presenter: Barb Burns.



PFC Brandy Cooper

B. Cooper continuing training in the service

Private First Class Brandy Cooper recently graduated from basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C., and is now undergoing advanced individual training (AIT) as a health care specialist/medic.

Cooper, a 2003 Cass City High School graduate, is currently a CNA (certified nursing assistant) and is on the waiting list for the registered nurse program. She is the daughter of Joe and Holly Cooper of Owendale.

Easter egg hunt set in village

The Cass City Chamber of Commerce will once again host its popular Easter Egg Hunt this weekend. The event, funded in part by the Piney Foundation, is scheduled to begin promptly at 1 p.m. Saturday at the playscape located adjacent to the Cass City Early Childhood Education Center. The activity is geared for children up to the age of 11.

Last year, some 300 children participated in the event, and organizers say they are prepared for another record crowd.

Bushong gearing up for tour in Europe

A musician from Cass City is a member of one of 6 performing groups that Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp will be sending to Europe this summer.

The groups will be touring 8 countries, from the Mediterranean Sea to the North Sea.

Evan Bushong, a 2008 Cass City High School graduate, will be touring with the 70-member Southern Wind Ensemble, directed by Dennis Zeisler, currently director of bands at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Va.

Bushong, who plays the trumpet, is the son of Rosie and George Bushong of Cass City. This will be the fifth summer of participation in Blue Lake Fine Arts programs for the 19-year-old, who is currently majoring in international relations at Grand Valley State University, where he is a freshman.

More than 350 talented participants and staff are slated to participate in the west Michigan summer arts school's 38th annual European tour. Blue



Evan Bushong

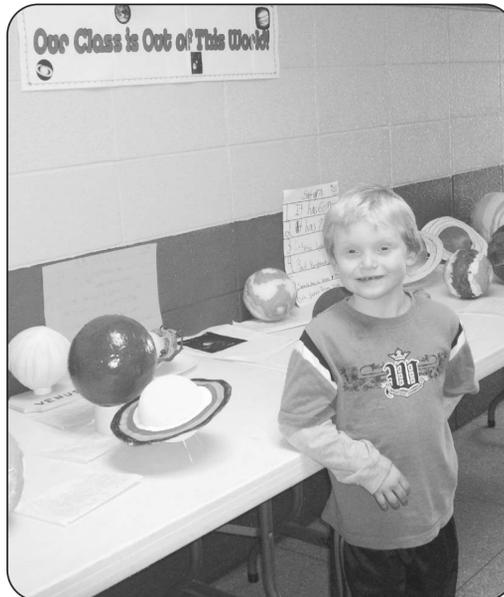
Lake's International Exchange Program began in 1969.

The countries where one or more Blue Lake groups will visit and present concerts during June and July include Austria, Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany and Italy. Each group will visit 7 communities while in Europe and will tour separately.

In return, Blue Lake and nearly 50 Michigan and Midwest communities will host 6 European groups that will visit Michigan in March through August.

Prior to departing, the six Blue Lake groups will have intensive rehearsals at Blue Lake, and several of them, including the Southern Wind Ensemble, will present concerts in Michigan and Illinois before leaving for Europe.

In each European community they visit, Blue Lake's Arts Ambassadors will stay in local homes, as will members of the groups that visit Michigan. Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp is one of America's largest summer arts schools. Since it opened in 1966, nearly 250,000 children and youth have benefited from the camp's programs. In addition to music, Blue Lake offers programs in dance, art and theater. The camp is located on a 1,400-acre campus in the Manistee National Forest, 12 miles north of Muskegon.



OWEN-GAGE teacher Amy Maurer recently encouraged her first and second grade students, including Thomas Harp, 8, (above), to look to the skies and explore the solar system. The students constructed their own 3-D planets and included 5 facts they learned about their planets.

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Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

The Mar. 30 issue of "Time" has a pair of 3-D glasses inserted. The insert is part of a section that is designed to show how 3 dimensional the copy is when viewed with the aid of the glasses.

Try as I might, I couldn't detect a particle of difference between the special copy section with or without the glasses. Anybody out there that has a more rewarding result, give us a buzz and tell what I'm doing wrong.

How could I let this golden item go unnoticed? If you are a college basketball fan, GO GREEN. Need I say more?

For years now, the disease that has been killing honeybees has been a plague for producers and the crops that they pollinate.

Michigan State scientists now feel that they have the answer with a strain of new wild bees that live solitary lives in the soil. They have been studied for 3 years and experts say that they visit more flowers per minute than honeybees. One thing that the story didn't reveal is how toxic is their sting?

Delivering the mail has been a costly process for taxpayers. The agency recorded a \$2.8 billion loss last year and is looking at a much bigger loss this year.

Postmaster General John Potter appeared before Congress and urged the adoption of a 5-day delivery. There will be substantial reductions in staff no matter if the elimination of delivery one day a week is authorized or not. Plans now call for early retirement for 150,000 workers and elimination of 1,400 management positions and the closing of 6 of its 80 district offices.

This hasn't anything directly to do with the planned cuts, but I've noticed how employees at the Cass City Post Office seem to be taking special measures to make it easy for customers to do business.

Babysitter training slated

Hills and Dales General Hospital in Cass City will host an American Red Cross Babysitter Training Course Thursday, April 9 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The class is designed to teach boys and girls, ages 11 to 15 years, the information and skills necessary to provide safe and responsible care for

young children. Topics covered include leadership, basic care, safety and safe play.

The fee for the class is \$25 and can be paid on the day of the class. To register, or for more information, call Kathy in Community Education at (989) 912-6365.



SANILAC COUNTY Sheriff Garry Biniiecki (left) and Sandusky Officer Matt Gezequel display safety seats that will be distributed in the coming months, thanks to a \$4,000 Child Safety Seat Grant awarded to the sheriff's department.

\$4,000 grant targets child safety seats

Sanilac County Sheriff Garry Biniiecki recently announced a \$4,000 Child Safety Seat Grant award after submitting a grant application in cooperation with Safe Kids Greater Thumb & Saginaw Coalition and the Office of Highway Safety Planning Secondary Road Program.

The competitive grant was submitted in September, with the assistance of Sandusky Officer Matt Gezequel, who has been instrumental in the Safe Kids Greater Thumb & Saginaw Coalition.

The child safety seat initiative involves conducting safety seat inspections on the second Monday of every month at the Sandusky Fire Hall on South Elk Street in Sandusky. The

\$4,000 dollar grant allows the partnership to purchase 80 new child safety seats to be handed out at inspection stations to replace old seats that are found to be unsafe. The program will also include a mobile child safety checking station in different communities throughout Sanilac County on an appointment basis. These appointments will be scheduled through the Sanilac County Kids Connection, with times being available in the near future.

Biniiecki said that, through this cooperative effort, continued emphasis is being put on children's safety and encourages parents to make sure their children are secured in an approved child safety seat.



The back forty

by Roger Pond

It's almost springtime. The calves are lively, the grass is green, and the haystack is getting short.

Spring is a busy time for folks who own livestock. They have to shear the sheep, dehorn calves, and fix the fence so the critters don't spend the summer at the neighbor's.

That's why Robert Frost penned the lines, "Something there is that does not love a wall." He learned early on that writing poems is a lot easier than fixing fence.

Spring is a time for decisions. One of the hardest of these is determining when to turn the animals out on pasture.

The proper turnout date has been scientifically determined, of course. If we go by the book, we release the animals after the pasture grass has sufficient growth to maintain photosynthesis at an adequate rate for optimum vegetative growth, while retaining enough nutritive value to meet the requirements of the animal species in question.

In other words, you turn them out when you run out of hay. "When the grass is taller than the haystack," as the old saying goes.

Of course, a good manager would never turn his livestock out before the grass is ready; but then, a good manager wouldn't run out of hay, either.

The animals aren't as dumb as they look. As soon as they think you are about out of hay, they start bellowing at the top of their lungs.

For many years we kept a few sheep penned close to the house. If you ever

want to see some fat sheep, look at those penned close to the house. Their owner will give them anything to shut them up.

Our pasture was on a steep hillside, so we never had to worry about a sheep getting on its back and dying. If they lie down, they roll. That keeps them alert and active.

We weaned our lambs according to the same scientific principles applied to feeding the ewes. When they started running through the fences, I figured it was time to pen them up and wean them.

One of my county agent friends tried feeding his sheep on scientific principles, but they got so skinny, he had to give them some hay.

A similar thing happened to a hog farmer on the coast who asked his county agent to formulate a hog ration for him. The farmer had a bunch of pigs and wanted to feed them cull cranberries and fish heads.

My friend, Andy, checked his Morrison's Feeds and Feeding and found nothing about fish heads or cranberries for pigs. Then he called the university, but no one knew anything about fish heads and cranberries for pigs, or anything else for that matter. (Except for the possible health requirements.)

Finally, the university swine specialist came up with a solution. "Just call the fellow back and tell him to feed those pigs all the fish heads and cranberries they will eat," he said.

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 Popular destinations in U.S. ring a bell

At first glance, I mentally paused to pat myself on the back for having visited over the years 9 of the 10 most popular spring driving destinations for Midwest residents as reported by AAA travel.

Then I started to think again. If a driving destination is identified as the end site of a planned trip and not just one that was visited during a vacation period, I don't do nearly as well.

No matter how narrow the interpretation, one of the locations can safely be eliminated. It is Memphis, the only location listed that I have not at least passed through.

As destination points, Las Vegas leads the list. I can't tell you the number of times I've been there, but 3 of the hotels on the strip where I stayed are no more. One of them was built a year or so after I first visited and was torn down when I visited later to make room for bigger, better?, units that followed.

Also definitely qualifying as destination points that were on the AAA list were Nashville, Branson, Yellowstone National Park, Grand Canyon National Park and Denver.

Denver? Yeah, and it qualifies for an almost unbelievable reason. The family decided to take a vacation, packed our bags and took off for the airport.

Undecided on where to go, but determined to go, we decided to take the first plane leaving. It was nip and tuck, but a trip to Denver was leaving in minutes and we hustled to get on. (The only trouble was I forgot the car was parked in front of the airport, unlocked with keys in the ignition.) This had a happier ending than it deserved. The car was picked up and stored for the week we were gone. Getting it out cost merely \$25 so it's apparent

that this was many years ago.

A couple of vacation visits we were in the Orlando area, and I guess it qualifies as a destination even though all the men just played golf and the women visited Disney World.

That leaves St. Louis and Atlanta, cities that we waltzed through without stopping to sample the well-known parks and tourist attractions.

This has been a record year for us, as we didn't do anything but stay home.

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Everyday Stories
Cass City Public Schools
"Assignment America"
By Emily Martin

The simple joys of living in a small town are seen in the crowds at football games, volunteers building the playscape, and the resounding applause at the all-school play. I was privileged to experience the very latter along with a close-to-full cafeteria audience.

On a Friday night at Cass City High School, students provided the community with entertainment unlike any other. The 2009 All-School Play, under the direction of Mrs. Connie Iwankovitsch, was "When In Rome." High school students, freshmen to seniors, joined as one cast to put on this musical. They came. They saw. They conquered.

Led by Gladius (senior Drew Rohlf), a peasant who becomes a gladiator, and Princess (senior Chelsea Israelson), the daughter of the Emperor of Rome, the cast of "When In Rome" is full of true characters. Each individual played their role to perfection, right down to the sarcastic messenger of the princess (freshman Michael Adams) and the mighty gladiator Brudis (junior Kyle Walitalo).

A plain plot summary is just not possible for this year's CCHS production.

Gladius (Rohlf) is a meager peasant who is a thief along with his friends Minimus (senior Joram Tyson) and Julia (senior Chelsea Depner). One day he sees the land's princess and immediately wants to be closer to her. To do so, Gladius and Minimus dress up as women servants, figuring that is the only way to see the princess. The audience was not by any means short on laughs. The play goes on to describe the empire's senators, their obscure wives, Rome's Gladiator Games, and the battle for Princess's hand in marriage.

Throughout the 2 acts of the play, the audience views a once lowly peasant become a brave gladiator for the princess. A real David versus Goliath match up, physically weak Gladius fights the almighty Brudis. With help from the princess, Gladius prevails.

From the philanthropist senators' wives to the muse singers, "When In Rome" was another Cass City High School All-School Play hit.

With contributions from an entertainer ironically named DeeJay (senior Joe Yax) and the real DJs of the production, Sarah Reed and Jacob Ballard, this musical was made possible by the help of a crew of people.

Senior Ariel Veneziano ran the spotlight, junior Breeanna Burns gathered props, and sophomore Zac Deering was the light technician. Numerous other individuals, among them teachers and staff members of Cass City High School, are credited for producing a show that claimed on the front cover of the program to "knock your togas off."

The cheers at football games are loud. The hammering of volunteers at work is thunderous. However, there is nothing like the firm applause following the all-school play each year.

Just as the cast opened and closed the show with this musical number, you know what they say, "When in Rome, do as the Romans do..."

Commissioners in Washington, D.C. for '09 conference

Tuscola County Commissioners recently returned from the nation's capital with a new sense of optimism about restoring the partnership between counties and the federal government, but remained concerned about the tough economic times and difficult decisions that await county officials in the months ahead.

Commissioners Amanda Roggenbuck, Gerald Peterson, and Tom Bardwell participated in the National Association of Counties (NACo) 2009 Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C., which featured remarks from 4 U.S. cabinet secretaries. One of the main objectives of the Legislative Conference is to bring county and federal government officials together to discuss key priorities and specific legislation, regulations and funding levels affecting local government services and programs.

"Like many counties, we are struggling to maintain the level of services and programs our residents have come to expect," Roggenbuck said. "I believe strongly that in these tough economic times we need to communicate our needs and challenges directly to the administration and Congress. The NACo Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C. afforded me that opportunity supported through the strength of 2,000 county officials speaking with one voice."

Each of the commissioners had a very different role in the conference and each brought back different pieces of information for the county and the residents.

Roggenbuck has joined the Women of NACo Leadership Network, women commissioners who focus on issues of concern to our districts and collaborate to share ideas about problems and alternatives to solve them in our counties.

"One of the ideas I am most excited

to bring back to the county is the prescription drug discount program. We are gathering information to put a discount program in place to address the rising costs of prescription drugs for our residents," Roggenbuck said, noting, the program would have no cost to the county or the resident and would save the average consumer 20 percent on their prescription costs. "This is one way as a county we can help our citizens through these tough economic times."

Peterson is a member of the Environment, Energy and Land Use Steering Committee, at NACo. "Our affiliation with NACo provides valuable resources and access to levels of government we would normally struggle to access. Our affiliation allows us to stay ahead of the curve and provides us with cutting edge information for our residents and the county," he said.

Bardwell is a member of the Rural Action Caucus and NACo General Membership committees. The growing demand for health care and the inability to pay are 2 major issues within our county, Bardwell said.

"Unemployment rates are exceeding 16 percent and the affordability of healthcare is declining. Children and the elderly are strongly impacted and being associated with NACo allows us to leverage the voice of thousands of counties with similar healthcare issues."

Regarding NACo's membership impact, Bardwell said "We (NACo) continue to grow as a result of our ability to influence Congress on mainstream issues affecting state and local government. Without this collective legislative front, counties would find it more than difficult to influence legislation affecting common issues across the country."



Federal dollars for 911

SANILAC County Sheriff Garry Biniecki (center) accepts a letter from Congressman Candice Miller authorizing a \$200,000 federal grant that will be used for law enforcement technology upgrades to the 911 call system in Sanilac County. Also pictured are Sanilac County commissioners Donald Hunt, District 6 (far left) and Gary Russell, District 2.

Sanilac sheriff secures \$200,000

Congresswoman Candice Miller recently attended a briefing by Sanilac County Sheriff Garry Biniecki after helping the sheriff's office secure a \$200,000 federal grant.

The Sheriff updated Miller on needed law enforcement technology his office will use the money to purchase.

"Sheriff Biniecki and his department are on the front lines keeping our community safe," said Miller. "It is vital that he has the equipment needed to fulfill the role not only of policing and keeping our communities safe, but also that of a first responder in the event of an emergency."

Miller, a member of the House Committee on Homeland Security, helped secure the grant through the congressional appropriations process that funds the government for the current

fiscal year. The Sanilac County Sheriff's Department will use the funding for law enforcement technology upgrades to the 9-1-1 call system.

Biniecki explained that the technology that supports the current 9-1-1 command center is so outdated and overloaded they are running the risk of having the entire system shut down. He also explained that the system was in such need of upgrading that they were going to go ahead with improvements and run a deficit. Because of Miller's efforts, however, they can use the funding and stay within budget.

"This funding was absolutely critical to us," said Biniecki. "We were at a most important juncture. Thanks to Rep. Miller we can now go forward with a sound 9-1-1 system that won't shut down and won't run up an unaffordable deficit."

Several charged

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

- Laquandra Renina-Quashawn Houston, 20, Flint, pleaded guilty to assaulting a police officer, driving without insurance and driving while her license was suspended or revoked Jan. 17 in Tuscola Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case and bond was continued at \$2,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

- Michael S. Sutherland II, 19, Vassar, pleaded guilty to delivery/manufacture of marijuana July 3 in Vassar Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$7,500. Sentencing is to be set.

- Robert W. Johnson, 38, Caro, was sentenced to 180 days in the county jail (90 days deferred) for his pleas of guilty to possession of marijuana and operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of a controlled substance - with an occupant under the age of 16 years May 7 in Indianfields Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

In addition to jail time, he was ordered to complete 100 hours of community service and pay court costs and fines totaling \$4,490 plus restitution of \$95.

- Shelly K. Cobb, 48, Millington, pleaded guilty to interfering with electronic communications and operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, and no contest to domestic violence Jan. 18 in Millington/Millington Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$2,500. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

- Kenneth E. Murray, 41, Clinton Township, pleaded guilty to possession of a controlled substance and operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of a controlled substance July 8 in Caro.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$100. Sentencing is to be set.

- Jeffrey C. McCrandall, 33, Millington, was sentenced to 270 days in jail, with work release and worksite privileges, for his pleas of guilty to delivery/manufacture of marijuana and possession of a firearm by a felon Aug. 18-Sept. 4 in Millington Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

In addition to jail time, he was placed on 24 months probation and ordered to pay \$1,800 in costs and fines.

- Lisa M. Long, 38, Mayville, pleaded no contest to uttering and publishing involving a \$3,250 check drawn on Sun Trust Bank March 24, 2008, in Mayville.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

- Karen A. Mayer, 55, Cass City, received a 6-month delayed sentence for her plea of no contest to abandoning/cruelty to 4 to 10 animals June 8 in Caro.

She was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$200.

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DECA event

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relations campaign and were invited to compete at the national level, an award given to only a very select few.

"The DECA team is certainly very proud of this prestigious award and the effort that went into the project that promoted healthier lifestyle habits to our target customer - Tuscola Technology Center students and staff," added Olson, who noted that Travis Blunt and Evan Richardson, both seniors at USA High School, were also successful in their efforts during the competition, with both being recognized as DECA state finalists. "Both students competed in the auto services event where they participated in industry-based testing and role-play events."

It was a great experience for the Tuscola County students, who were able to test their skills against their peers from across Michigan, Olson said.

"A lot of hard work and preparation went into the weekend, and the results really paid off. It was a winning experience for all of the students."



CASS CITY FIFTH grade students were treated to a luau last week in honor of "March is Reading Month". To qualify for the event, students were required to reach all of their reading goals during the marking period.



THE RED HAWK Award of Excellence was recently presented to (from left) **Shane Hoppe**, second grade; **Libby Venema**, sixth grade; and **Krista Guinther**, a sophomore at Cass City High School who previously received the honor as an eighth grade student.

Hoppe, Venema, Guinther earn award of excellence

The Cass City Board of Education recently honored the latest recipients of the school district's coveted "Red Hawk Award of Excellence".

Four times each year, the staff in each building is asked to nominate students for the award based on leadership, service, outstanding behavior, excellent academic performance, being the most improved, or other accomplishments in or outside of school.

The nominees and their families are then invited to attend a board meeting, during which they are presented with a maroon ribbon and certificate along with the personal congratulations of each board member.

The latest recipients include Shane Hoppe, a second grade student at Campbell Elementary School and the son of Jeffrey and Michelle Hoppe. "Shane Hoppe has been in 'multiage 1-2' for the past 2 school years. During that time he has continuously demonstrated exemplary character traits," commented teacher Jeanine McGee, who nominated him.

"Shane easily earns his SOAR rewards. He is respectful to teachers, kind to fellow students, and willing to help others," she added. "Shane takes

his lessons seriously and always tries to do his personal best work. He has had the most 'Reading Counts' points in his class in both first and second grade. We know we can always depend on Shane."

Representing the middle school in the latest award presentation was Libby Venema, a sixth grade student and the daughter of Martin and Lisa Venema.

"Libby is an excellent student - an all-A student in every class that she has had this school year," the staff wrote in its nomination letter. "Libby is dedicated to being the best student she can be, and it shows in the quality of her work and accuracy in her answers."

"Libby is a leader. (She) is the president of the fifth and sixth grade student council, (which) has been very busy this year under (her) leadership," the letter states. "Libby is a good person. Perhaps more important than anything else, Libby is a great friend to a lot of sixth grade students. (We) trust Libby completely, as she has earned that trust through her continued works in school."

"Libby is a role model for other students. She is well behaved in the

school and is willing to help others in any way she can. She never complains about who she may be partnered with for a project and does her best to make sure that her partners fully understand the learning objectives."

Teacher Nichole Maurer nominated the high school award recipient - Krista Guinther, daughter of Ron and Trina Guinther.

"As the sophomore class advisor, I have had the opportunity to work with Krista Guinther and observe her strong leadership skills over the past few months," Maurer wrote in her nomination letter. "Not only does Krista demonstrate academic achievement, being on the all-A honor roll, she is also an active member of Cass City High School and her church youth group. Her extra-curricular activities include being a member of the Cass City High School girls' volleyball and softball teams, student council, sophomore class treasurer, and a member of the public relations group."

"Krista displays her leadership by being involved in the planning and implementation of homecoming and snowmowing activities. She has also been actively involved in the planning and organization of the boys' and girls' basketball concessions," Maurer continued.

"Regardless of the situation, Krista always has a positive attitude and a smile. Her academic success in conjunction with her strong leadership skills and community involvement make her an exemplary student and a strong candidate for this award."

Down Memory Lane

By Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO

Kingston's Brittini Hill, Ashley Harneck and Sara Rayl have been named, according to league coaches, among the North Central Thumb League - South best volleyball players. Joining the trio on the NCTL-S all-conference first team are Alex Kaiser - Carsonville-Port Sanilac, Sabrina Tocco - Dryden and Jacci Wessel - Memphis. Hill, a junior, is the only first team player who will not graduate this spring.

Jane Hittler was named the 2003 Cass City Citizen of the Year, while Jessica Nicol was honored as the Junior Citizen of the Year.

The Cass City Village Council authorized Village President Les Karr to declare the week of May 2-8 as Municipal Clerks Week in Cass City and to sign proclamations honoring Clerk-Treasurer Joyce Bemus as well as Elkland Township Clerk Norma Wallace.

25 YEARS AGO

The Sensational Six won the fifth-sixth grade division of the Battle of the Books Friday evening at Rawson Memorial Library. The members are: Steve Bills, Charlene Mellendorf, Mike Bills, Daniel Barriger, Ken Micklash and Jason Jezewski. They defeated the Sophisticated Smarties: Bobbi Fischer, Traci Haas, Wendy Hercliff, Laura Turner, Janel Sweeney and Michelle Kelly. Steven, Mike, Ken and Daniel were on the championship team four years in a row.

The Bookworms won the third-fourth grade division of the Battle of the Books Friday. The members are: Kristy Gnagey, Tina Pallas, Angie Rhodes, Heather Kelly and Jennifer Freundt. They defeated the Care Bears: Keri Santos, Tonna Willis, Rachel Kessler, Tanya Dillon and Heather Lindauer. The Bookworms are all members of Shirley Tuckey's third grade class at Campbell Elementary School.

When Frank and Beatrice Abfalter and their family go fishing, they don't go to Saginaw Bay and it isn't for fun. The Abfalters spend their summers on an Alaskan island almost 4,000 miles from their Gagetown area home, netting salmon for pay. Abfalter and his sons, William Frank, 17, and Robert, 16, do the fishing. They first lived the non-fishing months in Alaska, but for the last seven have lived near Gagetown. In addition to their two sons, Mr. and Mrs. Abfalter have four daughters, Marilyn, 10, Janet, 8, and

twins Darlene and Melody, 6. The children attend the Owen-Gage schools.

35 YEARS AGO

Cass City's first team in 30 years to make it to the quarterfinals of the Michigan High School basketball tournament bowed out Thursday. Bowed out with honor in a 71-63 loss to Bay City All-Saints at Frankmunth High School. It was the closest any team had been to the top rated Cougars in the tournaments and the game was even closer than the final score indicated. What pleased Cass City fans is that throughout the game the talented All-Saints had opportunities to blow the Hawks off the floor and each time Coach Fred Hurlburt's charges came storming back to keep the final outcome in doubt. Cass City scored on a bucket by Jerry Toner to start the scoring and it was the only time that Cass City was in front all night.

Mrs. Alan Finkbeiner, a former Cass City resident, has made the winter term Dean's List at Michigan State University. Mrs. Finkbeiner is a senior at MSU majoring in special education and is currently student-teaching special ed. and third grade at Hughes Elementary in Essexville, where she lives. She is the former Jan Glaspie. To be named to the Dean's List, a student must carry at least 12 credits and have a grade point average of 3.5 or better.

10 YEARS AGO

Cass City Cub Scouts gathered in the Cass City Middle School cafeteria for their annual Pinewood Derby Saturday morning. Kyle Swanson claimed the grand prize. Other winners were: Wolf - Travis Mozden (first), Tyler Warner (second) and Lukas Varney (third); Bear - Chris Childs (first), Andrew Bock (second) and Joseph Rule (third), and Webelos - Kyle Swanson (first), Ryan Biddinger (second) and Jeff Willis (third).

The Bulldog junior varsity basketball team won the Tom Thumb Tourney and finished with a 19-1 record during the 1998-99 season. Team members coached by Joe Candela are: Allen Roe, Don Perdue, Lee Strickland, Zachary Fritz, Corbin Swiastyn, Ryan Fritz, Earl McKee, Jeremy Story, Cory Fritz and Nathan Kain. Kain was moved to the Bulldog varsity in mid-season.

The Cass City Red Hawk track teams opened the season with a girls' meet Thursday and a boys' meet Friday at Saginaw Valley State University. The girls finished 7th with 22 teams competing. The meet was won by Hemlock with 76 points. Cass City's total was 24 points. The 3200-meter relay team with Lindsay Mills, Sarah Homakie, Ashley Ouvre and Holli Cooper was fourth. Jamie Fluegge was 3rd in the 55-meter dash and Lindsay Mills was 4th in the 1600-meter run. The 1600-meter relay team was first with Sarah and Melissa Homakie, Ouvre and Cooper. The boys finished 8th with 24 teams entered. Craig Emmert was 4th in the high jump with a leap of 6 feet. Adam Dorland won the pole vault with a vault of 12 feet 3 inches.

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Amanda Faist	Owen-Gage	Senior
Jodie Pettit	North Huron	Senior
Abby Knoblock	North Huron	Senior
Megan Heffner	North Huron	Junior
Sara Clancy	North Huron	Sophomore

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Honorable Mention		
NAME	SCHOOL	GRADE
Alyssa Mrozek	Caseville	Senior
Christy Schmidt	Owen-Gage	Junior
Sarah Dryden	A-Fairgrove	Senior
Caitlin Homrick	North Huron	Junior

**ALL-NORTH CENTRAL THUMB LEAGUE
SOUTH DIVISION GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM 2008-09**

First Team		
NAME	SCHOOL	GRADE
Megan James	Kingston	Junior
Nicole Pries	Peck	Junior
Kiara King	Memphis	Senior
Michelle Fowler	Memphis	Junior
Sarah DeCueninck	Dryden	Senior
Lynsey Marchwinski	Dryden	Senior
Hillary Mason	Dryden	Senior
Cortney Lowney	Dryden	Senior
Dawn Albrecht	CPS	Senior
Caroline Thoms	CPS	Senior

Second Team		
NAME	SCHOOL	GRADE
Kaitlyn LaFleur	Peck	Senior
Jessica Kain	Memphis	Sophomore
Angie Kopas	Dryden	Senior
Nichole Storm	CPS	Senior
Abby Brzezinski	Kingston	Junior

Honorable Mention		
NAME	SCHOOL	GRADE
Kelsey Schell	Peck	Junior
Desiree Gillespie	Memphis	Sophomore
Maddy Couch	Dryden	Sophomore
Melissa Fraser	CPS	Junior

**ALL-NORTH CENTRAL THUMB LEAGUE
NORTH DIVISION BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM 2008-09**

First Team		
NAME	SCHOOL	GRADE
Brent Reil	Owen-Gage	Senior
Nick Zaleski	Owen-Gage	Junior
Ryan Cavey	Caseville	Junior
Josh Repkie	A-Fairgrove	Junior
Sean Clancy	North Huron	Junior
John Iseler	North Huron	Senior
Anthony Irvine	North Huron	Senior
Justin Ventline	North Huron	Senior

Second Team		
NAME	SCHOOL	GRADE
Erik Dhyse	North Huron	Sophomore
Devin Prich	Owen-Gage	Junior
Charlie Karafa	Caseville	Sophomore
Brandon Smith	Port Hope	Senior

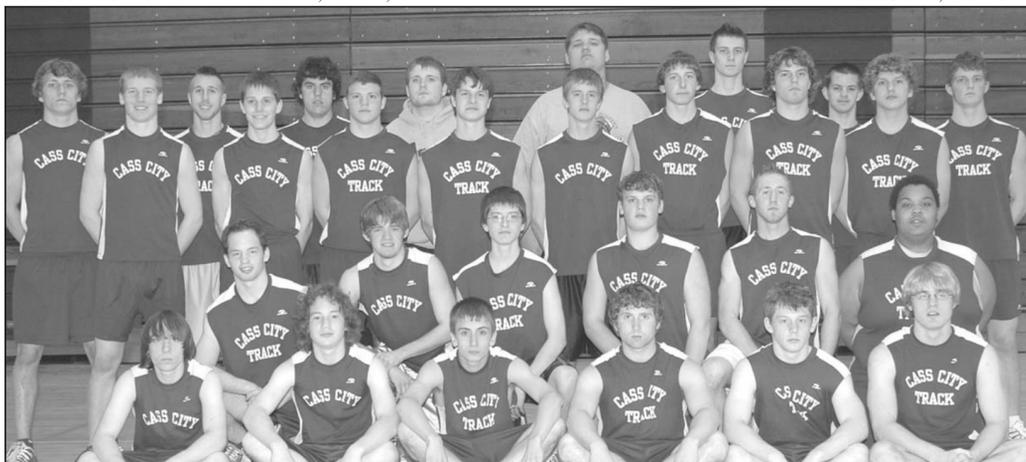
Honorable Mention		
NAME	SCHOOL	GRADE
Adam Heldt	Port Hope	Senior
Kevin Rice	North Huron	Sophomore
Ryan Francis	Owen-Gage	Junior
Josh Cleaver	Caseville	Senior
Trevor Winnie	A-Fairgrove	Senior

**ALL-NORTH CENTRAL THUMB LEAGUE
SOUTH DIVISION BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM 2008-09**

First Team		
NAME	SCHOOL	GRADE
James Lusher	CPS	Senior
Todd Albrecht	CPS	Senior
Billy Burns	Peck	Senior
Zac Overstreet	Peck	Senior
Jordan Alexander	Peck	Senior
Tim Zacharias	Peck	Senior
Jordan Pennington	Kingston	Senior
Lee Davenport	Memphis	Senior
Alex Franz	Memphis	Senior
Chad Butler	Dryden	Senior

Second Team		
NAME	SCHOOL	GRADE
Jordan Pattee	CPS	Senior
Brandon Mann	Peck	Junior
Brent VanHorn	Kingston	Senior
David Odziana	Memphis	Senior
Evan Hazen	Dryden	Junior

Honorable Mention		
NAME	SCHOOL	GRADE
Eric Taylor	CPS	Junior
Josh Williams	Peck	Senior
Jake Germain	Kingston	Senior
Matt Arnold	Memphis	Junior
Joe Battisti	Dryden	Senior



THE 2009 Cass City boys' track team members include: (front, l-r) Adam McFadzean, Tommy Brinkman, Justin Ketterer, Cody Nye, Marius Weilbach, Josh Jensen (second row) Jacques Weilbach, Bryon Burk, Nick Potrykus, Jack Swinson, Lukas Varney, JC Knight (third row) Clark Walsh, Dewey Mabe, Eric Reif, Jack Slabari, Alex Varney, Travis Mozden, Tyler Tomlinson, Trenton Loomis (back) Luke Newton, Austin Babich, Nick Shantz, Josh Inbody, Lyle Hutchinson, Chris Summersett, Mike Potrykus and Dean Radeau.



THE 2009 Cass City girls' track team members include: (front, l-r) Brittany Loomis, Jordyn Heredia, Ashley Stilson, Haley Wynn, Stephanie Leeson (back) Jennica Richards, Katelyn Walter, Ashley Weiss, Ashley Potts, Jessa Prieskorn and Megan School.



THE 2009 Cass City soccer team members include: (front, l-r) Krysta Timko, Taryn Vatter (second row) Kaitlyn Messing, Maria Diaz, Alyse Timko, Sarah Green, Nicole Kelley, Kelli Lautner (third row) Chelsea Paladi, Vanessa Scasny, Riki Badgley, Abby Ellis, Brooke Hartwick, Tessa Kus, Jessica Bootz (back) Coach Chuck Reed, Katie Nizzola, Caitlin Reed, Becca Leslie, Angela Braun, Kristen Kaweck and Amanda Clifton.

Cass City opens soccer season on sour note against Birch Run

Cass City opened its 2009 soccer season Thursday against guest Birch Run and played a strong, physical game for 80 minutes before bowing 2-1. The non-conference meeting's first goal came just a minute and a half into the game, when a Red Hawk defender headed a Birch Run corner kick into her own goal.

Birch Run then got their second score midway through the half, before Caitlin Reed put one over the keeper's head to make it 2-1 at the half. Brooke Hartwick assisted on the score.

The second half was physical with strong defense from both teams that limited scoring opportunities. The Red Hawks' best chance to send the contest into overtime was recorded by Kelli Lautner, but her kick rolled just wide as time expired.

Becca Leslie started in net for the Red Hawks and recorded 6 saves. Senior captains Krysta Timko and Taryn Vatter showed good leadership for a team that is mainly freshmen and sophomores, according to Coach Chuck Reed.

Cass City exchange student, Maria Diaz, played a strong game at mid-field, along with Jessica Bootz, while Reed, Lautner and Nicole Kelley handled the forward positions.

handing Birch Run an early goal and came back to play extremely well in the first game ever for several of the starters. Their enthusiasm and aggressiveness should make for a good season," Reed said.

CASS CITY RED HAWKS 2009 GIRLS' SOCCER

3/26	Birch Run
4/1	Bad Axe
4/15	Harbor Beach
4/17	Brown City
4/20	Marlette
4/27	Bad Axe
4/29	Sandusky
5/4	Lakers
5/6	Harbor Beach
5/8	Brown City
5/11	Marlette
5/18	Sandusky
5/20	Lakers
5/26-30	Districts

HOME GAMES ARE BOLD

Get ready, get set, GO!

Cass City High School kicked off its 2009 track campaign displaying a wealth of talent last week in the Recreational Park.

The Red Hawk boys' team took top honors at a quad meet that included visiting Bad Axe, Brown City and Lapeer West, while the Lady Red Hawks finished as runner-up on Tuesday's chilly start to what should be a promising season for coaches Amy and Scott Cuthrell.

The Red Hawk boys' team won 8 events en route to 94 points to turn back Bad Axe with 74 points, Brown City with 61 and Lapeer West, 27.

Sophomore Alex Varney was the lone individual double winner for the hosts, breaking the tape in both hurdle events. Varney won the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 17.31 and topped the 300-meter hurdle field with a time of 43.55.

"He's ahead of the game," Coach Amy Cuthrell said. "He just got out of a pretty physical sport (basketball) and he's not playing baseball this year, so we get him all the time. That's really nice."

The Red Hawks have very few weaknesses up and down their line-up and should be a title contender in the Greater Thumb Conference. The team's depth was highlighted in their opening meet by winners Chris Summersett, with a time of 54.22 in the 400-meter, Tyler Burk, 2:18 in the 800-meter, and Luke Newton, 23.90 in the 200-meter.

In the field events, Eric Reif won the discus with a distance of 100' 7".

In addition to the several fine individual showings, Cass City received winning efforts from the 3200-meter and 800-meter relay teams. Tyler Burk, Clark Walsh, Summersett and Dewey Mabe recorded a time of 9:17 to pace the 3200-meter relay field, while Newton, Tyler Tomlinson, Josh Jensen and Cody Nye finished in 1:41 to grab the 800-meter relay crown.

The Red Hawks finished first or second in each event except the pole vault where Trenton Loomis earned 4th place with a height of 9' for the winners' best showing.

"The pole vault is our weakest event. I've looked over the wrestling roster to see if anyone might be able to help us out. Those guys are crazy and a little crazy can help in pole vaulting," Coach Cuthrell said.

LADY RED HAWKS

One senior and one freshman led the Lady Red Hawks in their home opener, but it wouldn't be enough to catch winner Bad Axe. The Hatchets racked up 111 points to easily defeat the Red Hawks with 63 points, Brown City, 50 and Lapeer West, 24.

Senior Jennica Richards appeared in mid-season form and won the 400-meter and 800-meter events in 1:07 and 2:43, respectively.

Freshman Jessa Prieskorn also had a banner day in her first varsity track meet, running a winning time of 13:34 in the 3200-meter.

Richards and Prieskorn also teamed with Ashley Potts and Brittany Loomis to win the 3200-meter relay.

CASS CITY RED HAWKS 2009 TRACK

3/24	Bad Axe/Brown City
3/31	USA/Reese
4/14	Ubyl Invite
4/17	Brown City Invite
4/21	Marlette Invite
4/22	USA JV Invite
4/24	Harbor Beach Invite
4/28	Harbor Beach/Marlette
5/1	Reese Invite
5/5	Vassar
5/7	Reese JV Invite
5/8	Deckerville Invite
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5/19	Tribune Meet of Champs
5/26	Thumb Area Meet of Champs
5/30	State Finals

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THE 2009 Cass City varsity baseball team members include: (front, l-r) Brent Doerr, Lukas Varney, Austin Babich, Zack Abell, Cole Miller, Brad Haag (back) Coach Nathan Haag, Kyle Pine, Steffin Bader, Robby Simpson, Dylan Murphy, Steven Schotter, Trevor Phillips, Steven Rychlewski and Asst. Coach Bob Sweeney.

Cass City looks to improve in '09

With only a few outdoor practices under their belts, the Cass City baseball team swung into action last week with a pair of non-conference home twin bills.

Entering his second year at the helm, Coach Nathan Haag will have 7 returning letter winners to build around as the Red Hawks look to improve on last year's mark of 9-21.

In Thursday's doubleheader with visiting Yale, it was the Red Hawks' tested players that led the way to a split in non-conference play.

Handling the pitching chores for the Red Hawks against the Bulldogs, were returnees Trevor Phillips and Austin Babich.

Phillips, a junior, was tagged for 7 runs in the opening frame en route to suffering a 9-3 defeat.

Trailing 8-0, the Red Hawks got on the score board when senior Austin Babich doubled home a pair of tallies in the bottom of the 4th inning and then scored moments later to slice the deficit in half.

But that would prove to be as close as Cass City would get, as their bats remained cold and their offensive

firepower was limited to a single by returning senior Steven Schotter.

In the nightcap, Babich tossed 5 scoreless innings, scattering just 3 hits, to record the 2-0 victory. He fanned 4 and walked 2.

Babich helped his own cause at the plate with a 2-2 showing that included a double and RBI, while returning junior Zack Abell belted 2 doubles, and returning seniors Alex Hoyt and Lukas Varney each chipped in singles.

Despite the graduation losses of utility players Trent Vatter, Chris Childs and Chris Zawilinski, Coach Haag should field an improved overall defense.

Returning 6' 4" senior Brent Doerr will give the Red Hawks a huge target at first base and an imposing figure on the mound, while newcomer Kyle Pine is pegged to call the signals from behind the plate and rookie Steven Rychlewski will help patrol the Red Hawk outfield.

The Red Hawks, who opened their campaign Wednesday with a loss to Sandusky, will take a 1-2 record into tonight's game at Capac, followed by Thursday's contest at Ubly.



THE 2009 Cass City varsity softball team members include: (front, l-r) McKensie Parrish, Emily Martin, Amanda Langenburg, Megan VanVliet, Carly Rabideau, Aleigh Kappen (back) Asst. Coach Ken Martin, Amanda Kaake, Dana Woodward, Elise Nicol, Megan Parrish, Nikki Guigar, Lindsay Jamieson and Coach Josh Stern.

CASS CITY RED HAWKS 2009 GIRLS' SOFTBALL		CASS CITY RED HAWKS 2009 BOYS' BASEBALL	
3/24 Sandusky	3/24 Sandusky	3/26 Yale	3/26 Sandusky
3/26 Yale	4/1 Capac	4/1 Capac	4/1 Capac
4/1 Capac	4/2 Ubly	4/2 Ubly	4/2 Ubly
4/2 Ubly	4/15 Brown City	4/15 Brown City	4/15 Brown City
4/15 Brown City	4/16 Harbor Beach	4/16 Harbor Beach	4/16 Harbor Beach
4/16 Harbor Beach	4/20 Mayville	4/20 Mayville	4/20 Mayville
4/20 Mayville	4/23 Reese	4/23 Reese	4/23 Reese
4/23 Reese	4/25 County Tournament @ Vassar	4/25 County Tournament @ Vassar	4/25 County Tournament @ Vassar
4/25 County Tournament @ Vassar	4/27 Bad Axe	4/27 Bad Axe	4/27 Bad Axe
4/27 Bad Axe	4/30 Vassar	4/30 Vassar	4/30 Vassar
4/30 Vassar	5/4 BCAS	5/4 BCAS	5/4 BCAS
5/4 BCAS	5/7 North Branch	5/7 North Branch	5/7 North Branch
5/7 North Branch	5/11 USA	5/11 USA	5/11 USA
5/11 USA	5/14 EPB Lakers	5/14 EPB Lakers	5/14 EPB Lakers
5/14 EPB Lakers	5/16 Imlay City Invite	5/16 Imlay City Invite	5/16 Imlay City Invite
5/16 Imlay City Invite	5/18 Marlette	5/18 Marlette	5/18 Marlette
5/18 Marlette	5/21 Deckerville	5/21 Deckerville	5/21 Deckerville
5/21 Deckerville	5/26-30 Districts	5/26-30 Districts	5/26-30 Districts
5/26-30 Districts			

BOWLING POOL

Merchanettes as of March 26		Men's Midwest Pool League end of second half	
All or Nothing	46	Hitching Post	58
Thumb Octagon Barn	40	Mulligan's	54
Just One More	29	Pigeon Inn	50
Northstar Allstars	25	Kick-n-Back	40
Individual High Games & Series:		Blue Moon	38
Krista Maurer 191 (517); Elaine Roman 180 (486); Dee Sines 172.			
Team High Game & Series: All or Nothing 605 (1735).			
Splits: Joan Montgomery 3-10; Dee Sines 4-7-9; Denise Guinter 5-10.			

Lady Red Hawks off to fast start

The Cass City Red Hawks got off to a flying start last week, defeating Sandusky and Yale in a pair of softball doubleheaders at Cass City Recreational Park.

The Hawks used good pitching and timely hitting to win all 4 games comfortably.

Coach Josh Stern may have trouble finding the best from a cadre of hurlers at his disposal.

In the first game of the season Amanda Langenburg started on the mound against Sandusky and was credited with the 11-4 victory. She allowed an unearned run in the first and a pair in the fourth when the Bulldogs collected 3 singles in a row.

McKensie Parrish took over and allowed just a single run in the last inning on a pair of hits.

Eight of the 9 players on the squad garnered at least one hit, paced by Carly Rabideau and Dana Woodward

with 3 hits each.

McKensie Parrish started the nightcap game and hurled 2 scoreless innings before Rabideau took over and pitched the rest of the way as the Hawks took a shutout win, 5-0.

Megan Parrish lashed a home run with a pair of Hawks on base to put the Hawks in front in the fourth inning.

Megan VanVliet scored a run, collected 2 hits and drove in a run. She was hit by a pitch and reached base every time she went to the plate.

YALE DEFEATED

Cass City coasted to a win Thursday in the first game of the double bill with visiting Yale, scoring early and often to take a 15-4 decision. The Hawks made things easy for Langenburg, who pitched the first 3 innings and allowed a pair of runs in the first

and third.

Dana Woodward took over on the mound and hurled 2 scoreless innings.

The game was virtually decided at the end of the second inning when the Hawks scored 6 times to propel Cass City to an 8-4 lead. Cass City added 2 runs in the third and 5 more in the fourth to claim the mercy victory.

Aleigh Kappen was 4 for 4 with a triple, double and 5 runs batted in. Langenburg collected 3 hits in 3 trips, including a pair of doubles. Emily Martin collected 2 hits in 4 trips.

The Hawks wrapped up a great opening week with a 9-5 decision in the second game. Rabideau got credit for the win, blanking Yale with one hit over 3 innings. Lindsey Jamison was touched for 5 runs in the final 3 innings. Cass City collected 10 hits, with Rabideau, McKensie Parish and Kappen with 2 each.

After opening with 2 games at home,

the Hawks will be on the road for 3 straight encounters. It starts at Capac Wednesday and continues the next day at Ubly. In a schedule quirk where Cass City plays 2 games in 2 days, the next game will be April 15 at Brown City.

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Weidman joins the ranks of Eagle Scouts

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

A Kingston High School sophomore recently joined an elite group of Boy Scouts who have attained scouting's highest rank - the Eagle.

Members of Boy Scout Troop 552, Millington, welcomed their newest Eagle Scout, Adam Weidman, 16, with an Eagle Scout ceremony held at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Caro. Weidman is the son of John and Pam Weidman of Kingston.

"Kingston's Boy Scout Troop dissolved a few years ago and that's why Adam and 5 other boys came to the Millington Troop," explained Cathy Lenda, committee chairman for Troop 552.

"We have a very active and successful troop, with 25 boys and 15 leaders. Our troop does many community service projects throughout the year, including a large food drive in the fall

that services 2 food pantries in Millington," Lenda said. "Last year our troop went to the Gettysburg Military Park. This year they are planning a 50-mile hike to Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore in Michigan's Upper Peninsula."

Weidman, who has been active in scouting since the third grade, has amassed a collection of 31 badges over the years. He said a friend, fellow Eagle Scout Tony Lux, also of Kingston, inspired him to pursue the Eagle rank.

"It seemed like a good achievement, so I tried for it," said Weidman, who focused on landscaping improvements at his church - St. Paul Lutheran - for his Eagle project, one of the final steps in earning the rank. He estimated he and other volunteers put some 150 hours into the effort.

For Weidman, demonstrating his leadership abilities was an important task in proving himself worthy of the Eagle rank. He indicated he would

encourage any other youths to give scouting a try. "I would tell them there are a lot of opportunities, like earning merit badges and going camping, and it's a lot of fun," he said.

Weidman's mother, Pam, said her son's Eagle ceremony offered some special moments for his great-uncle, Howard Weidman, a Pigeon native now living in Bay City, who is turning 90 next month and has been involved in scouting for some 50 years. He was instrumental in establishing the Paul Bunyan Scout Reservation in Clare, where Adam will be spending his summer working as a nature staff counselor, she noted.

"John and I are very proud of Adam's success in scouting," Pam said. "He will carry on the tradition started by Uncle Howard and work at

Paul Bunyan Scout Reservation. It is a wonderful opportunity for him to put his leadership abilities to work."

As an Eagle Scout, Weidman joins some impressive company, including Eagle alumni Apollo Astronaut James A. Lovell Jr., former Senator Sam Nunn, businessman H. Ross Perot, and former U.S. President Gerald R. Ford. Earning the Eagle rank takes a great deal of dedication.

To become an Eagle Scout, a scout must fulfill a set list of requirements in the areas of leadership, service and outdoor skills. Although many options are available to demonstrate proficiency in those areas, a number of specific skills are required to advance through the ranks - Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, Life and Eagle.

Of the 120 available badges, a Boy

Scout must earn a minimum of 21 to qualify for Eagle Scout. Of those, 12 are required, including first aid, citi-

zenship in the community, communications, environmental science, personal fitness, camping and family life.



ADAM WEIDMAN, a sophomore at Kingston High School, recently earned the coveted Eagle rank. He is a member of Boy Scout Troop 552, Millington.



WEIDMAN (far left) is pictured above with fellow Eagle Scout Tony Lux and Weidman's great uncle, veteran scouting leader Howard Weidman of Bay City.

Obituaries

Marjorie Gage

Marjorie I. Gage, 82, of Deford, passed away Thursday, March 26, 2009 at Hills and Dales General Hospital, Cass City.

She was born May 4, 1926 in Cass City, the daughter of the late John Glenn and Cleo Wright.

She married C. Grant Pringle April 12, 1944. He passed away Dec. 20, 1973. She then married Chuck Gage Jan. 17, 1975. He passed away Dec. 18, 1990.

Marjorie worked as a bus driver for Cass City Schools for 35 years. She enjoyed attending the senior meals in Cass City, and loved time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

Marjorie is survived by her children: Gary Pringle of Deford, and Kathy (Ed) Champagne of Owendale; 6 grandchildren: Ryan, Robin, Rhonda, Grant, Cody and Hunter; and a great-granddaughter, Ryllyn.

She was preceded in death by a son, Ron (Roberta) Pringle; and a sister, Mary Lou Pintar.

Funeral services were held Saturday, March 28, at Novesta Church of Christ, Cass City, with Chuck Emert officiating.

Burial was in the Novesta Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Arrangements were made by Thabet Funeral Home, Cass City.

Donna McAlpine

Donna S. McAlpine, 77, of Tampa, Fla., passed away March 23, 2009. She was born Aug. 28, 1931 in Detroit, and was 1 of 7 children.

Donna loved the outdoors, nature and all of God's creatures. She will be dearly missed.

Donna is survived by a brother, Pat Kendall; a sister, Gaynell Dykes; a son, William McCool; daughters:

Carol Smith and Diane Bennett; 8 grandchildren: Michael, Kyle, Kurt, Stephanie, Sarah, Katie, Jerry and Derek; and 2 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by 2 brothers: Clayton and Lester; 2 sisters: Lillian and Audrey; a son: Edwin McCool; grandsons: Brian Gust, Justin McCool and Lonnie Walter.

A memorial service will be held at a later date this summer in Tuscola County.

Memorials may be made to the Humane Society.

Arrangements were made by Abbey Affordable Cremation & Funeral Services, Inc.

Harry Picklo

Harry H. Picklo, 90, of Cass City, passed away Thursday, March 26, 2009 at Covenant Healthcare - Harrison, Saginaw.

He was born Dec. 22, 1918 in Detroit, the son of the late Albert and Mary (Kurtz) Picklo.

He married Irene Temple on July 27, 1940 in Elkton.

Harry farmed in the Elkton area. He worked for Active Industries in Elkton for 20 years and at Carmet in Bad Axe for 20 years.

Harry is survived by his wife of 68 years, Irene; children: Pamela (Edward) LaBelle and Michael Picklo, both of Cass City; 4 grandchildren; and 9 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Peggy Jeanne Picklo; a brother, Ray (Theatta) Picklo; and 2 sisters: Helen Arnoldi and Jean Irwin.

Cremation has taken place. Burial was in the Colfax Township Cemetery.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

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Ubyly FFAers shine in Lansing

by Darcy Lipskey
Ubyly FFA

Five a.m. sounds early for most students, but the Ubyly FFA Chapter loaded up a school bus and drove down to Michigan State University, East Lansing, recently for a 3-day adventure that would be filled with leadership skills, team building activities, contests, sessions, awards, fun and more, at the Michigan FFA Convention.

As we drove down I-69 many of the members competing in the semi-final round crammed in last minute practice, reviewing questions, motions, speeches and answering questions. Arriving on the campus, the yellow school bus dropped off contestants and spectators at their designated locations.

Contestants participated in the semi-final round as soon as we got there. Brandon Dorsch participated in Jr. High Public Speaking, Alyssa Briolat

in Creed, Camay Messing in Extemporaneous Public Speaking, and the Greenhand Conduct of Meetings Team #2 consisting of Nathan Schumacher, Melissa Vogel, Rachael Messing, Jesse Franzel, Ashley Deachin, Bart Dekker, Merisa Weber and Evan Grifka.

Members from our chapter received many awards. Jordan Hieber received a full Washington Leadership Conference scholarship. The Washington Leadership Conference takes place in the summer during various weeks. The conference is held in Washington, D.C.

Katie Jo Gentner, Jordan Hieber, Lauren Messing, Camay Messing, Sheila Pichla and Chelsey Pionk received Academic Excellence Awards. Camay Messing, Jordan Hieber, Katie Jo Gentner, Chelsey Morell, Jeremy Ruthko and Chelsey Pionk received Outstanding Junior Awards. Ricky Bredow, Kayla Bredow, Sheila Pichla, Lauren Messing and Jamie

Vogel received their State FFA Degrees. Camay Messing, Jordan Hieber, Katie Jo Gentner, Chelsey Morell, Jeremy Ruthko and Chelsey Pionk all received their Outstanding Junior Awards.

The chapter had three delegates that were able to participate in capital events and legislative events. Katie Jo Gentner, Chelsey Pionk and Jeremy Ruthko represented the chapter during these events.

Members then took part in the next several convention sessions. Jordan Hieber was named state winner in the proficiency award of sheep production. He was also awarded swine, beef and diversified livestock proficiency awards. Katie Jo Gentner was awarded the state winner in Beef Production Placement proficiency area. Gentner was also awarded diversified agricultural production as well as diversified crop production awards. Ricky Bredow was named state winner in diversified agricultural production.

Camay Messing and Nicole Pionk were awarded Dairy Production Proficiency Awards during the state convention. The hard work of Jordan Hieber, Katie Jo Gentner, Ricky Bredow, Camay Messing and Nicole Pionk in each of their specified areas earned them each a cash prize from the National FFA Organization.

In addition, Brandon Dorsch participated in Jr. High Public Speaking and did very well overall. He received third place and a gold award. Alyssa Briolat participated in the creed contest. She received fourth place and a silver award.

Andrea Kumaus participated in the Prepared Public Speaking Contest. She had the opportunity to present her speech on the stage of the auditorium in front of 2,000 members and guests. The awards were then presented and Kumaus was crowned as the state runner-up with a gold award in the prepared public speaking contest.

Friday was the last day at the convention but was lived to the fullest. The Ubyly FFA Greenhand Conduct of Meetings Team #2 consisting of Nathan Schumacher, Melissa Vogel, Rachael Messing, Jesse Franzel, Ashley Deachin, Bart Dekker, Merisa Weber and Evan Grifka placed sixth with a silver rating.

The Ubyly FFA Greenhand Conduct of Meetings Team #1 consisting of Nicole Kubacki, Brittany Forman, Jennifer Booms, Tommy Selleke, Brooke Vogel, Cody Romzek, Laken Rich and Sherie Messing placed second, state runner-up with a gold rating.

Greenhand Prepared Public Speaking awards were then presented. Darcy Lipskey was named State Winner in the Greenhand Prepared Public Speaking Contest. Camay Messing was awarded as well during this convention session for the hard work that she put into extemporaneous public speaking. She received a silver award.



THE BATTEL FAMILY recently held their first-ever "Maple Syrup Saturday" open house. Some 350 people took advantage of the opportunity to visit the Cass City area sugar bush. Above, Mark Battel kept the wood fire going under his evaporator pan while explaining to visitors how he boils the water from the sap until only pure maple syrup remains.

VanAuken named "citizen of year"

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\$125,000 through donations and gathering the names of more than 1,000 people to help build the 12,000-square-foot playscape.

Oh, and in her spare time, the mother of 2 has coached AYSO soccer.

JUNIOR CITIZEN

This year's "Junior Citizen of the Year" award recipient Sarah Reed claims her greatest achievement is following in her mother's footsteps to valedictorian honors at Cass City High School.

Others, however, could easily disagree based on the Red Hawk senior's long list of service, leadership and honors.

Reed, the daughter of local veterinarians Charles Reed and Susan Hoppe, also plans to follow her parents' career path into the medical field as she will enter Michigan State University with the ultimate goal of becoming a neurosurgeon.

During her tenure at Cass City High School, Reed's service to the community includes volunteering time at the Lutheran Church's annual turkey dinner, Tendercare, and at the Thumb Octagon Barn. Reed has also assisted with highway clean up efforts, blood drives, and vacation Bible school.

She is a tireless worker for the Cass City Chamber of Commerce, helping with its Summer Mania and Christmas in the Village celebrations.

Academically, Reed has been honored with the Red Hawk Award of Excellence, while earning pins in English, Spanish, algebra, geometry, biology, chemistry, economics and psychology.

Her leadership roles included 2 years as president of the National Honor Society, and band section leader, which resulted in numerous distinctions.

In addition to participating in basketball, track and tennis, Reed was also active in the all school play.

Also recognized for their achievements were Junior citizen of the Year candidates Amanda Langenburg, daughter of Joe and Colleen Langenburg; Carly Rabideau, daughter of Rick and Teresa Rabideau; Jennica Richards, daughter of Scott and Janet Richards; and Lukas Varney, son of Ben and Kathy Varney.

"I've been doing this for about 10 years now, I think," said chamber Director Jim Luth, who presented Reed with her award. "Every year it's really hard to pick just one winner. It was no different this year as no one really stood out above the other candidates."

PAST CITIZENS OF THE YEAR

Willis Campbell	1963
Herb Ludlow	1964
M.B. Auten	1965
Lucille Bauer	1966
E.B. Schwaderer	1967
Dr. H.T. Donahue	1968
James Bauer	1969
Audley Rawson	1970
Curtis Hunt	1971
W.E. Walpole	1972
H.M. Bulen	1973
Harry Little	1974
Cliff Croft	1975
Evelyn MacRae	1976
Helen Baker	1977
Lambert Althaver	1978
William Kritzman	1979
Dr. D.E. Rawson	1980
Esther McCullough	1980
James Ware	1981
Holly Althaver	1982
Arthur Holmberg	1983
Thomas Herron	1984

1984	Marie Hobart	1975
1985	Ann Hobart	1976
1986	Sue Pobanz	1976
1987	Cathy Hobart	1977
1988	Ross Ridenour	1978
1989	David Heins	1979
1989	Frances Kozan	1979
1990	Ken Martin Jr.	1980
1991	Tammy Tibbits	1981
1991	Scott Hobart	1982
1992	Carrie Lautner	1983
1993	Suzy Scollon	1984
1994	Julie Smith	1985
1995	Tammy Iseler	1986
1996	Clayton Hobart	1987
1997	David Burnette	1988
1997	Jane Dickinson	1988
1998	Amy Francis	1989
1999	Jeff Bader	1990
2000	Jane Marker	1991
2001	Steve Tuckey	1991
2002	Jodi Erla	1992
2003	Melissa Micklash	1993
2004	Amy Osantoski	1993
2004	Ryan King	1994
2005	Stacey Klinkman	1994
2005	Michelle Brown	1995
2006	Mandy Nizzola	1995
2007	Andrea Cooper	1996
2008	Whitney Osentoski	1996
2008	Elizabeth Bashur	1997
	Lori Brown	1998
	Ryan Hutchinson	1998
	Becky Oesch	1999
	Jim Dale	1999
1965	Alyssa Glaspie	2000
1966	Melissa Homakie	2000
1967	Randy Diebel	2001
1968	Katie Hacker	2001
1969	Sara Homakie	2002
1970	Jessica Nicol	2003
1971	Leslie Hacker	2004
1971	Krista Homakie	2005
1972	Nicole Froede	2006
1973	Courtney Rabideau	2007
1974	Rebecca Doerr	2008

PAST JUNIOR CITIZENS OF THE YEAR

Betty Kennedy	1965
Robert Rabideau	1966
Tim Knight	1967
Joan Maleck	1968
Lynn Haire	1969
Sally Geiger	1970
Cindy Strickland	1971
Anne Bulen	1971
Ron Crandell	1972
Kim Glaspie	1973
Melody Bacon	1974



THE 2009 Cass City Junior Citizen of the Year candidates included, from left, Carly Rabideau, Amanda Langenburg, Jennica Richards and Sarah Reed. Missing is Lukas Varney.

ORV legislation passes

The Michigan House passed a plan last week designed to increase tourism and make it easier for residents to get around.

The plan, introduced earlier this month by state rep. John Espinoza (D-Crosswell), will add Huron, Tuscola, Sanilac and St. Clair to the counties that are allowed to have ORVs travel on the shoulders or sides of the road. "Exploring the outdoors has always been a key component of life in the Thumb," Espinoza said. "Opening up county roads to off-road vehicles will attract more tourists to the area and allow them to pump valuable dollars in to the economy. Encouraging folks

to come hit the trails will keep our residents employed and benefit our local economy."

Espinoza's plan changes a law enacted last year that allowed certain counties to open their roads to off-road vehicle traffic if they chose to. It currently applies only to Mason, Lake, Osceola, Clare, Gladwin, Arenac and Bay counties, and all counties lying north, including all of the counties of the Upper Peninsula. That left Thumb counties under the old restrictions of allowing ORVs only on private property, the state's designated trail system or at one of several public "scramble areas."

Firm eyes Cass City

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diately begin receiving taxes on the property and full taxes sooner," he said.

Assuming a taxable value of \$500,000, L & L Poultry would pay taxes of roughly \$13,700 per year, or about \$164,000 over the life of the partial exemption.

Further, according to Cristiano, the village would be eligible to receive MEDC job creation grants of up to \$10,000 per new job to use for infrastructure improvements related to the project.

As required by law, village officials approved a motion by Councilman Don Richards for a public hearing on the proposed IFT Exemption, Monday, April 27.

Turning to other business, Parks and Recreation Committee member Dwight Thabet announced that Samuel Moore has been named Cass City's new Parks and Recreation director.

"Sam grew up in this area and graduated from Cass City Public Schools, so he has knowledge of what Cass City has to offer," Thabet said.

Moore is a recent Michigan State University graduate with a Bachelors of Science Degree in parks and recreation management. His starting wage for the part-time job is \$12 per hour. Among his duties will be supervising the pool and day camp staffs, devel-

oping new recreational programs, planning and implementing field trips, and promoting Cass City's recreational programs.

Also during the half-hour meeting, the council received authorization to receive bids on a 2008 John Deere 1600 wide area front mower or its equivalent, and approved nearly \$12,000 for reconstruction of the village's walking trail and the gazebo over the Cass River.

The mower is expected to cost in the neighborhood of \$40,000. However, the new mower would have a cut of 128 inches versus the present mower's cut width of 60 inches.

"It (the cut width) will reduce our costs by 50 percent," Cristiano stated, adding, "Our current equipment is more than 10 years old and needs extensive repairs."

Robert Bliss Builders, 6785 Main St., Cass City, was selected as the contractor to rebuild the walking trail gazebo, which was destroyed by fire last year. His low bid of \$11,900 will include a new Gazebo with fire-resistant wood and steel pillars to reduce possible vandalism.

Continuing with money matters, the village is expecting to spend \$25,000 to replace the roof on the control building at the wastewater treatment plant. The building is more than 27 years old. Bids on the project will be accepted until April 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 front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on APRIL 9, 2009.

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

Commencing at the Northeast corner of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 34, Town 14 North, Range 8 East, and running thence West 17 rods; thence South 8 rods; thence East 17 rods; thence North 8 rods to the place of beginning. Also, known as the North 8 rods of Lot 1, Block 4 of the Assessors Plat of Akron.

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: March 11, 2009

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Paul David Richey and Dawn M. Richey, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgage, dated December 8, 2005 and recorded on December 20, 2005 in Liber 1005 on Page 872 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Nationstar Mortgage LLC as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Nine Thousand One Hundred Ninety and 21/100 Dollars (\$109,190.21), including interest at 7.95% 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 April 9, 2009.

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

Part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 34, Township 11 North, Range 8 East, described as: Beginning at the South 1/4 corner of said Section 34; thence along the South line of said Section, South 89 Degrees 10 Minutes 25 Seconds West, 263.00 feet; thence North 91 Degrees 02 Minutes 00 Seconds West, 139.76 feet; thence along the North line of said Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 North 89 Degrees 21 Minutes 55 Seconds East, 242.55 feet; thence along the North-South 1/4 line, South 02 Degrees 54 Minutes 30 Seconds East 1339.18 feet to the South 1/4 corner of Section 34 and the Point of Beginning. Except an undivided 1/2 interest in and to all the oil, gas and other minerals deed; as recorded in Liber 211 of Deeds, at Pages 83 and 84 (according to the survey recorded in Liber 608, Pages 1145 and 1146, Tuscola County Records.

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: March 11, 2009

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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, Michigan, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., on Thursday, April 16, 2009.

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

Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 11, 12, 13 and 14 in Block 88, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 11, 12, 13 and 14 in Block 87, and Lot 1, 2, 3, 4, in Block 86, PLAT OF THE VILLAGE OF FORTORIA, according to the recorded plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 on Page 45A of Plats, Tuscola County Records, Except the South half of Lot 4 and 11 in Block 88, Also except the South half of Lot 4 and 11 in Block 87, also except the South half of Lot 4 in Block 86.

Tax ID Number: 021-500-186-0100-00

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

Dated: February 13, 2009

HSBC Bank USA National Association, As Trustee For The Benefit Of People's Financial Realty Mortgage Securities Trust, Series 2006-1
Assignee of Mortgagee

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Timothy R. Bergman, a married man and Sarah L. Bergman, his wife, original mortgagors, to Independent Mortgage Company, Mortgage, dated October 3, 2007 and recorded on October 9, 2007 in Liber 1131 on Page 1293, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Michigan State Housing Development Authority, a public body corporate and politic of the State of Michigan 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 Five Thousand Two Hundred Sixteen and 64/100 Dollars (\$105,216.64), 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 place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on April 16, 2009.

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

Parcel A: Part of the Northwest quarter of Section 16, Town 11 North, Range 9 East, described as: Commencing at the West quarter corner of said Section 16; thence along the East-West quarter line of said Section 16, North 88 degrees 54 minutes 55 seconds East 986.15 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence North 00 degrees 24 minutes 13 seconds West 358.52 feet; thence parallel with said East-West quarter line of Section 16, North 88 degrees 54 minutes East 243.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 24 minutes 13 seconds East, 358.52 feet to said East-West quarter line of Section 16, South 88 degrees 54 minutes 55 West, 243.00 feet to the Point of Beginning.

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

Dated: March 18, 2009

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by William J. Dempsey, III and Marge A. Dempsey, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Washington Mutual Bank, FA, a federal association, Mortgagee, dated May 12, 2004 and recorded on August 23, 2004 in Liber 1005 on Page 818 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 Sixty-Six Thousand Five Hundred Thirty-Two and 67/100 Dollars (\$66,532.67), including interest at 4.875% 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 April 16, 2009.

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

Beginning at a point on the North Section line that is North 89 degrees 23 minutes 9 seconds East 396.00 feet from the Northwest corner of Section 23, Town 11 North, Range 11 East; thence continuing North 89 degrees 23 minutes 9 seconds East 925.87 feet; thence along the East line of said Northwest quarter of the Northwest quarter, South 0 degrees 6 minutes 24 seconds East 661.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 23 minutes 9 seconds West 1321.53 feet; thence along the West Section line, North 0 degrees 8 minutes 11 seconds West 331.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 23 minutes 9 seconds East 396.0 feet; thence North 0 degrees 8 minutes 11 seconds West 530.00 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: March 18, 2009

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Gary Bonesteel, a married man, to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corp, Mortgage, dated October 31, 2002 and recorded February 27, 2003 in Liber 917, Page 1231, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Citibank, N.A. as Trustee for Chase 2003-1 by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Three Thousand One Hundred Eighty-Three and 51/100 Dollars (\$53,183.51), including interest at 8.75% 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 front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on APRIL 16, 2009.

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

Part of the Southwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 10, Town 13 North, Range 11 East, described as beginning at a point on the West line of Section 10 which is North 00 degrees 38 minutes 00 seconds West 498.00 feet from the West quarter corner of said Section 10; thence continuing along said West Section line, North 00 degrees 38 minutes 00 seconds West 390.53 feet; thence parallel to the North line of said Southwest quarter of the Northwest quarter, South 89 degrees 48 minutes 14 seconds East 1311.45 feet; thence parallel to the East line of said Southwest quarter of the Northwest quarter, South 00 degrees 35 minutes 52 seconds East 387.89 feet; thence parallel to the East-West quarter line of said Section 10, North 89 degrees 55 minutes 07 seconds West 1311.17 feet to the West line of Section 10 and 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.

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Dated: March 18, 2009

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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 front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on APRIL 16, 2009.

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

PART OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 23, TOWN 13 NORTH RANGE 7 EAST, DESCRIBED AS: BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION WHICH IS SOUTH 02 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST 46 FEET FROM THE WEST 1/4 CORNER OF SAID SECTION; THENCE CONTINUING ALONG SAID WEST LINE, SOUTH 02 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST 211 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST 221 FEET; THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST 221 FEET TO SAID WEST LINE OF SECTION 23 AND 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.

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Dated: March 18, 2009

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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 Sharon B. Swindell, unmarried woman, original mortgagor, to Independent Mortgage Co. East MI, Mortgagee, dated January 28, 2005 and recorded on February 3, 2005 in Liber 1026 on Page 120 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Three Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty and 21/100 Dollars (\$63,780.21), including interest at 5.875% 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 April 16, 2009.

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

Lot 3 and 4, Block 5 of A.P. Cooper's Addition to the Village of Centerville (now Caro), according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 13A.

The structure residing on the above described premises, consisting of a 2004 Sterling 56338, is considered real estate and is also collateral for this loan.

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: March 18, 2009

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Kevin W. Rabideau and Lisa R. Rabideau, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corp., Mortgagee, dated November 12, 2004, and recorded on November 29, 2004 in Liber 1018 on Page 1363 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Seventy-Four Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty-Six and 18/100 Dollars (\$174,936.18), including interest at 8.375% 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 April 16, 2009.

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

Commencing 18 rods West of the Southwest corner of the East 40 acres of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 8, Town 10 North, Range 8 East; thence North 160 rods; thence East 10 rods 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: March 18, 2009

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Joshua P. Ewald, a single man, original mortgagor, to Independent Mortgage Co. East MI, Mortgagee, dated September 17, 2007 and recorded on October 15, 2007 in Liber 1132 on Page 569, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Michigan State Housing Development Authority, a public body corporate and politic of the State of Michigan 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 Fifty-Nine Thousand Six Hundred Seventy-Seven and 47/100 Dollars (\$59,677.47), including interest at 6.25% 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, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on April 23, 2009.

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

Lots 2 and 3, Block 1, Tubb's Addition to the Village of Mayville, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1, Page 50 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.

Dated: March 25, 2009

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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 Angela D. Gibbs, an unmarried person, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgage, dated May 23, 2006 and recorded on June 7, 2006 in Liber 1084 on Page 274 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to HSBC Mortgage Services Inc as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Six Hundred Seventy-Seven and 24/100 Dollars (\$125,677.24), 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 April 23, 2009.

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

Lots 11 and 12, Block 7 of Charles Montague Subdivision, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 1 of plats, Page 10, now being Page 11A.

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: March 25, 2009

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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 Darrell Avery, a single man, original mortgagor, to Draper and Kramer Mortgage Corp, Mortgagee, dated July 17, 2006 and recorded on July 27, 2006 in Liber 1089 on Page 81, 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

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Robert D. Field and Debra D. Field, husband and wife, Mortgagees, to GreenTree Financial Servicing Corporation, Mortgagee, dated the 20th day of September, 1999 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 29th day of October, 1999 in Liber 786 of Tuscola County Records, page 412, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Eighty Three Thousand Thirty and 60/100 (\$83,030.60), and no suit or proceeding 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 statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 23rd day of April, 2009 at 10:00 o'clock AM Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, front entrance of the Courthouse in Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI (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, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 10.160% per annum 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: All that certain piece or parcel of land, including any and all structures, and homes, manufactured or otherwise, located thereon, situated in the Village of Fostoria, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit:

Part of Lots 9, 10, 11 of Block 27 of the Village of Fostoria, Watertown Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1, Pages 44 and 45, Tuscola County Records, described as beginning at the Northwest corner of Block 27, North 88 degrees 47 minutes 00 seconds East, 131.84 feet along the North line of Block 27; thence South 01 degrees 09 minutes 25 seconds East, 165.00 feet; thence South 88 degrees 47 minutes 00 seconds West 131.81 feet to the West line of Block 27, thence along the West line North 01 degrees 10 minutes 00 seconds West 165.00 feet to the point of beginning. Said property also includes a 2000 28x40 Fairpoint mobile home, Serial No. 12478.

During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during 30 days immediately following the sale.

Dated: 3/25/2009

GreenTree Financial Servicing Corporation
Mortgagee

FABRIZIO & BROOK, P.C.
Attorney for GreenTree Financial Servicing Corporation
888 W. Big Beaver, Suite 800
Troy, MI 48064
248-362-2600

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 April 23, 2009.

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

Lot 6, Block 2 of Leonard Fox's Third Addition to the Village of Mayville, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page(s) 32 now 33A of Tuscola County Records.

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

Dated: March 25, 2009

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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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 Timothy J. Barnes and Linda M. Barnes, 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 14, 2007 and recorded on October 4, 2007 in Liber 1131 on Page 595 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Seven Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-Seven and 43/100 Dollars (\$97,367.43), 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 April 30, 2009.

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

Lot 8 and the North half of Lot 9, Block 2 of Charles Monague's Subdivision in the Village of Caro, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 10, now being page 11A, also all of the vacated alley running North and South of the East side of Lot 19, Block 2 of said Subdivision except the East half of said vacated alley which abuts the West side of Lot 7, Block 2 of said Subdivision except that portion commencing at the Northwest corner of said Lot 19; thence East along the North line 89.65 feet thence South 0 degrees 17 minutes East 92.28 feet; thence South 89 degrees 33 minutes West 33.5 feet to the Northerly line of alley traversing said block on the Southwesterly side of Lot 19; thence Northwesterly on the line of the alley 105.47 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: April 1, 2009

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Brandon Coleman and Cynthia Coleman, F/K/A Cynthia Crump, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated July 2, 2007 and recorded on July 25, 2007 in Liber 1125 on Page 1329 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said mortgagee to IndyMac Federal Bank FSB as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Seventy-One Thousand Three-Hundred and 78/100 Dollars (\$171,033.78), 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 April 30, 2009.

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

Parcel E: Commencing at the South 1/4 corner Section 26, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, Vassar Township, Tuscola County, Michigan; thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East 928.16 feet along the South line of said Section 26; thence North 00 degrees 22 minutes 11 seconds West 293.00 feet to the point of beginning. Running thence North 00 degrees 22 minutes 11 seconds West 260.00 feet; thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East 366.05 feet; thence South 00 degrees 29 minutes 4 seconds East 260.00 feet; thence South 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West 366.57 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: April 1, 2009

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Steve Densen, a/k/a Stephen A. Densen, and Stephanie Densen, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated July 25, 2007 and recorded on August 8, 2007 in Liber 1127 on Page 108 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Taylor, Bean & Whitaker Mortgage Corp. as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Three Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-Six and 08/100 Dollars (\$103,846.08), 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 April 30, 2009.

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

Commencing at the Southeast corner of Lot 1, Block 16 Plat of Village of Millington; thence West 12 rods; thence South 4 rods; thence East 12 rods; thence North 4 rods to the point of beginning. Being a part of Lot 4, Block 16 of the Plat of Village of Millington, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 42, now being Page 42A.

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: April 1, 2009

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by William Brent Hanger, unmarried, original mortgagor, to Saxco Mortgage, Inc., Mortgagee, dated February 16, 2007 and recorded on March 12, 2007 in Liber 1113 on Page 169 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Saxon Asset Securities Trust 2007-2, as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirteen Thousand One Hundred Two and 51/100 Dollars (\$13,102.51), including interest at 8.99% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on April 30, 2009.

Said premises are situated in Village of Mayville, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 3 and North 1/2 of Lot 4 of Blackmore and Tubbs Subdivisions, according to the plat recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 7.

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: April 1, 2009

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Wendy A. MacDonald, a single woman, and Glenn G. McCrorey, a single woman, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated August 7, 2003 and recorded on October 9, 2003 in Liber 958 on Page 1007 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Five Thousand Thirty-Nine and 24/100 Dollars (\$75,039.24), including interest at 5.375% 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 April 30, 2009.

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

Lot 20 and the West 1/2 of Lot 19, Eno Subdivision, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Liber 2, Page 39, 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: April 1, 2009

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by James G. Dolan and Sandra M. Dolan husband and wife, original mortgagors, to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc., Mortgagee, dated February 2, 2005 and recorded on March 9, 2005 in Liber 1030 on Page 520 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Eight Thousand Five Hundred Sixty-One and 36/100 Dollars (\$108,561.36), 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 April 30, 2009.

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

A parcel of land in the North 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 29, Township 10 North, Range 7 East, described as follows: Beginning at a point on the West line of Section which is South 661.23 feet from the West 1/4 corner of Section 29, to a point on the South line of the North 40 acres of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 29; thence East 660 feet or less along said South line of the North 40 acres of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 29; thence South 140 feet; thence West 319.72 feet; thence South 80 degrees West 345.53 feet to the West line of Section 29; thence North 200 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: April 1, 2009

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Darren Hilborn and Kimberly Hilborn, Husband and Wife, original mortgagors, to America's Moneyline, Inc., Mortgagee, dated August 22, 2005 and recorded on September 2, 2005 in Liber 1052 on Page 1233 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by mesne assignments to Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as Indenture Trustee for Saxon Asset Securities Trust 2005-3 as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Four and 53/100 Dollars (\$129,904.53), including interest at 7.99% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on April 30, 2009.

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

Lot 22 and 23, Block 5 of Montague and Wilmo's Addition to the Village of Caro, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 1 of plats, page 17, now being page 18A of Tuscola County Records.

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

Dated: April 1, 2009

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Christopher A. Graves, an unmarried man, original mortgagor, to New Century Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee,

dated January 24, 2005 and recorded on March 1, 2005 in Liber 1029 on Page 4, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company on behalf of the Certificate Holders GSAMP Trust 2005-HE3, Mortgagee pass through certificates, series 2005-HE3 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 Seventy-Four Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-Nine and 45/100 Dollars (\$174,629.45), including interest at 9.4% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on April 30, 2009.

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

Beginning at the Southwest corner of West 1/2 of East 1/2 of Southwest Fractional 1/4 of Section 7, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, Millington Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, running thence North 1244.5 feet; thence East 175 feet; thence South 1244.5 feet to the South line of Section 7; thence West 175 feet to the point of beginning, except: part of the East 1/2 of the Southwest fractional 1/4 of Section 7, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, Millington Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as beginning at a point that is South 88 degrees 13 minutes 66 seconds West 1162.58 feet along the South Section line and North 0 degrees 0 minutes 26 seconds West 580.53 feet from the South 1/4 corner of said Section 7; thence South 88 degrees 9 minutes 34 seconds West 50.00 feet; thence North 0 degrees 0 minutes 26 seconds West 300.00 feet; thence North 88 degrees 9 minutes 34 seconds East 50.00 feet; thence South 0 degrees 0 minutes 26 seconds East 300.00 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: April 1, 2009

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
FC X (248) 593-1302
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #066841F03

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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 Linda Bernice Fick, an unmarried woman, original mortgagor, to Cendant Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated August 12, 2004 and recorded on October 11, 2004 in Liber 1011 on Page 1224, and modified by Affidavit or Order executed on March 27, 2009 and received by and recorded in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by mesne assignments to CitMortgage, Inc. as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-Nine and 32/100 Dollars (\$88,999.32), including interest at 6.3% 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 April 30, 2009.

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

Commencing at a point that is South 89 degrees 53 minutes 44 seconds West 33.80 feet and North 89 degrees 55 minutes 58 seconds West 2376.35 feet from the Northeast corner of Section; thence continuing North 89 degrees 55 minutes 58 seconds West 244.81 feet; thence South 00 degrees 20 minutes 01 seconds West 802.70 feet; thence North 89 degrees 15 minutes 30 seconds East 339.43 feet; thence North 01 degrees 53 minutes 29 seconds East 630.41 feet; thence North 89 degrees 54 minutes 46 seconds West 110.89 feet; thence North 00 degrees 03 minutes 30 seconds East 168.77 feet to 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: April 1, 2009

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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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 James A. Wiley and Regina Y. Harris, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated July 28, 2006 and recorded on September 5, 2006 in Liber 1093 on Page 1038 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-Three and 03/100 Dollars (\$60,763.03), 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 April 30, 2009.

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

Lots 71 and 72 of Shay Lake Resorts Subdivision No. 2 as recorded in Liber 4, Page 4 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.

Dated: April 1, 2009

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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 George S Bunick, a single man, original mortgagor, to MBS Mortgage Company, LLC, Mortgagee, dated June 18, 2004 and recorded on June 25, 2004 in Liber 998 on Page 5, and assigned by said Mortgagee 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 Two Hundred Eighteen Thousand and 16/100 Dollars (\$218,000.16), 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 April 9, 2009.

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

The Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 5, Town 12 North, Range 10 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: March 11, 2009

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3-11-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by John P. Pugh, a single man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated June 22, 2006 and recorded September 21, 2006 in Liber 1096, Page 454, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by HSBC Bank USA, National Association, as Trustee For The Benefit Of People's Financial Realty Mortgage Securities Trust, Series 2006-1 by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Nine Thousand Two Hundred Thirty-One and 37/100 Dollars (\$69,231.37), including interest at 10.625% 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 front entrance of the Court-house in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on APRIL 9, 2009.

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

Lots 15 and 16, Block 11, Plat of Village of Wilmot, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 43A.

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: March 11, 2009

Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 280.7922 ASAP #3044836

3-11-4

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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 John J. Miller and Deborah A. Miller, Husband and Wife, by John J. Miller her attorney in fact, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated July 18, 2003, and recorded on August 6, 2003 in Liber 947 on Page 795, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is

claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Nine Thousand One Hundred Ninety-Eight and 04/100 Dollars (\$139,198.04), 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 April 23, 2009.

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

Part of the Northwest quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 9, Town 12 North, Range 11 East, Kingston Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as beginning at the West quarter corner of Section 9; thence along the West line of Section 9, South 00 degrees 17 minutes 55 seconds East, 328.56 feet; thence North 89 degrees 56 minutes 28 seconds East 1325.19 feet to the West North and South one-eighth line; thence along said North and South one-eighth line North 00 degrees 23 minutes 29 seconds West, 328.45 feet to the East and West quarter line of Section 9; thence along said East and West quarter line South 89 degrees 56 minutes 44 seconds West, 1324.65 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: March 25, 2009

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC X (248) 593-1302 Troit & Troit, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #191465F02

3-25-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jeremy Ross and Courtney Ross, joint tenants, a married man and his wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated January 13, 2006 and recorded January 27, 2006 in Liber 1070, Page 41, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by The Bank of New York Trust Company, NA, N/A The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, National Association successor by merger to JPMorgan Chase Bank N.A., by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Two Thousand Five Hundred Ninety-Four and 47/100 Dollars (\$122,594.47), including interest at 8.45% 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 Court-house in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on APRIL 30, 2009.

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

Lot 7, Block 7 of Blackman's Plat, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 29 of Plats, Page 188 of Tuscola County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, 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: April 1, 2009

Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 280.7922 ASAP #3044836

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Daniel N. Kilmer and Lori R. Kilmer, Husband and Wife, to Option One Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated March 10, 2005 and recorded April 11, 2005 in Liber 1034, Page 551, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was subsequently assigned to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Citigroup Mortgage Loan Trust, Series 2005-0PT3, Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Forty-Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Dollars and Thirty-One Cents (\$149,990.31), including interest 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, Circuit Court of Tuscola County

at 10:00AM on April 30, 2009.

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

Lot(s) 8 and 9, Carol Acres, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 33, Commonly known as 4854 Barnes Rd., Millington, MI 48746.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 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.

Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Citigroup Mortgage Loan Trust, Series 2005-0PT3, Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates Assignee of Mortgagee

Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd., Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 09-07917

4-1-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Timm E. Ames and Kelly Ames, F/K/A Kelley Pappenfuss, Husband and Wife, to Option One Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated November 11, 2004 and recorded December 13, 2004 in Liber 1020, Page 619, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned to: Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Citigroup Mortgage Loan Trust, Series 2005-0PT1, Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates, by assignment dated April 11, 2006 and recorded April 28, 2006 in Liber 1079, Page 541, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Four Thousand Eight Hundred Six Dollars and Seventy-One Cents (\$94,806.71), including interest 9.625% 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, Circuit Court of Tuscola County at 10:00AM on April 30, 2009.

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

Part of the Northwest quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 22, Town 10 North, Range 7 East, described as beginning at a point on the West line of said section 22 that is South 475.00 feet from the Northwest corner of said Northwest quarter of the Southwest quarter (West quarter corner); thence East 250 feet; thence South 200 feet; thence West 250.00 feet; thence along said West section line North 200 feet to the point of beginning. Commonly known as 9315 Barkley Rd., Millington, MI 48746.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 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: MARCH 30, 2009

Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Citigroup Mortgage Loan Trust, Series 2005-0PT1, Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates Assignee of Mortgagee

Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd., Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 09-07853

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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 ROXANN L. COLBURN, A MARRIED WOMAN, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated January 2, 2007, and recorded on January 11, 2007, in Liber 1108, on Page 149, and assigned by said mortgagee to US BANK, NA, as assigned, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Eight thousand Eighty-Four Dollars and Seventy-Four Cents (\$98,084.74), 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, front entrance of the Court-house Building in the Village of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM o'clock, on April 30, 2009.

Said premises are located in Tuscola County, Michigan and are described as: COMMENCING 30 RODS EAST AND 20 RODS SOUTH OF THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE EAST 1/2 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 18, TOWN 11 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST, THENCE SOUTH 4 RODS; THENCE EAST 8 RODS; THENCE SOUTH 4 RODS; THENCE EAST TO THE LINE OF THE MICHIGAN CEN-

TRAL RAILROAD; THENCE NORTHWESTERLY ALONG THE LINE OF SAID RAILROAD A DISTANCE OF 8 RODS; THENCE WEST TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 19ARCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 30, 2009

US BANK, NA Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C. 23100 Providence Drive, Suite 450 Southfield, MI 48075

4-1-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Nicole M. Germain, a single woman, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated February 23, 2007 and recorded March 2, 2007 in Liber 1112, Page 427, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Citimortgage, Inc. by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty and 56/100 Dollars (\$123,860.56), 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 Court-house in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on APRIL 30, 2009.

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

Part of the South half of the Northwest quarter of Section 29, Town 12 North, Range 7 East described as beginning at a point on the West line of Section 29 which is North 480.00 feet from the West quarter corner of said Section, thence continuing along said West line, North 185.00 feet; thence at right angles to said West line, East 248.00; thence parallel to said West line, South 185.00 feet; thence West 248 feet to the West line of Section 29 and the point of beginning.

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

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

Dated: April 1, 2009

Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 241.6729 ASAP #3044853

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Sandra M. Winnie, a single woman, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated April 20, 2007 and recorded on May 7, 2007 in Liber 1118 on Page 1065 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Three Thousand Forty-Seven and 99/100 Dollars (\$93,047.99), 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 April 30, 2009.

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

Commencing at the Southwest corner of Section 26, Town 14 North, Range 7 East; thence North along the West line of said Section 26, 775.00 feet to the point of beginning; thence South 89 degrees 05 minutes 40 seconds East, 198.0 feet; thence North parallel with the West Section line, 323.0 feet; thence North 89 degrees 05 minutes 40 seconds West, 198.0 feet thence South along the West Section line, 323.0 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: April 1, 2009

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE

CALL: FC X (248) 593-1302 Troit & Troit, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #167735F03

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Martin N. Miller and Amanda D. Miller, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee Oak Street Mortgage, LLC, Mortgagee, dated November 6, 2006 and recorded December 1, 2006 in Liber 1104, Page 385, and recorded on February 2, 2009 in Liber 1166, Page 659, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was subsequently assigned to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee under NovaStar Mortgage Funding Trust, Series 2007-2, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Nineteen Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-Two Dollars and Forty-Nine Cents (\$119,862.49), including interest 8.625% 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, Circuit Court of Tuscola County at 10:00AM on April 30, 2009.

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

Commencing at a point 9 rods South and 11 rods East of the Northwest corner of the Southwest one quarter of Southwest one quarter of Section 33, Town 12 North, Range 11 East, thence 10 one third rods East thence 6 rods South thence 10 one third rods West, thence 6 rods North to the point of beginning except a piece of land commencing at a point 9 rods South and 11 rods East of the Northwest corner of the Southwest one quarter of Section 33, thence 10 one third rods East; thence 3 rods South thence 10 one third rods West; thence 3 rods North to the point of beginning. Commonly known as 3382 Pine St., Kingston, MI 48741.

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: MARCH 26, 2009

Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee under NovaStar Mortgage Funding Trust, Series 2007-2, Assignee of Mortgagee

Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd., Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 09-07841

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NICHOLE MAURER (second from right in back row) poses with students in her Algebra 1 class at Cass City High School.

Engineer turned educator

Maurer enjoying career as a Cass City teacher

by Gary Erwin
Kettering University
for the Chronicle

By her own account, Nichole Maurer used the opportunities presented to her through Kettering University's cooperative education program to their fullest extent.

She began at the university in Flint in 2000, studying mechanical engineering and working her co-op terms with Tenneco Automotive in Grass Lake. Following graduation, she took a full-time position with Tenneco as a GM cold end development engineer, performing admirably for the organization.

However, she felt an itch for teaching, and in August 2006 began taking courses at Olivet College full-time.

"Fortunately, I was able to coordinate it well with Tenneco to work full-time in my engineering position and go to school full-time for 3 semesters until I completed my certification," she said. "Tenneco was great in working with me. But eventually I had to quit my engineering position in January of last year to start my student-teaching. In May 2008 I graduated with my teaching certificate and I am currently certified to teach grades 6-12 in mathematics and chemistry."

Today, she teaches Algebra 1 classes and an algebra support class at Cass City High School in Cass City. Some, like Maurer, view a burgeoning engineering career as the ultimate career, but for her, the chance to shape young minds in their study of math and science offered more appeal.

"Because engineering is my background and I enjoyed what I did as an engineer, I encourage my students to consider engineering, math or science-related careers," she explained. "I talk about the abundance of opportunities that are out there for math and science fields, as well as the number of doors that are opened up with an engineering, math or science degree."

From time to time, students convey to her that they don't believe they will ever need to use algebra or math once they finish high school. But Maurer

always has a good response to this issue.

"I remind them that everything they use and do has been touched by math and engineers in some way or another. My personal favorite examples to use are the iPod/MP3 players and cell phones, as well as their dream cars and trucks. Even their Nike tennis shoes and Under Armor athletic clothing," she said.

To drive home this idea, she has discussed with her students the amount of computer simulations companies perform before they manufacture parts, particularly for such vehicles as the Corvette, T-Bird and Viper. In addition, as a former team member of the SAE Clean Snowmobile Team at Kettering, she brings in photographs from the competitions and from a trip the team took to Graz, Austria, which helps reinforce the importance of engineering and need for extracurricular activities.

"I also bring in to class engineering articles and other examples to help

students see that what they are doing in terms of math and algebra is not meaningless. The earlier students are exposed to science, technology, engineering and math, the more comfortable they become and less intimidated they feel," she said.

During her time on campus as a student, Maurer participated on the SAE Clean Snowmobile Team, the Society of Women Engineers and played intramural sports with many of her lifelong friends. She stopped by campus during the spring of 2008 on her way past town and visited with Dr. Greg Davis, Clint Lee and Ray Rust of the ME Department, and was pleased when Davis and Lee were able to attend her wedding in August.

Originally from Charlotte, Maurer and her husband, Jake, who also graduated with an ME degree from Kettering in 2004, live on a centennial farm in Ruth. In her spare time she enjoys running, showing horses at competitions and spending time with Jake outdoors.

Letters to the Editor

Public health services in jeopardy

I have been privileged to serve as the health officer for the Tuscola County Health Department for the past 11 years. During that time, I have been working with a group of local public health department staff who are dedicated, committed and care passionately about providing quality public health services for all of the residents of our community.

Each day, we work to prevent disease, promote healthy living and respond to public health threats to the well-being of our citizens. We work to make sure that tap water is safe to drink, that restaurant food is safe to eat and that septic waste does not cause harm.

Your local public health department yearly checks the vision or hearing of all school children, helping to assure they are ready to learn. These workers monitor immunization levels of the entire community to guard against deadly diseases. The public health department monitors serious communicable diseases like Shigellosis and Salmonella, which, when out of control, can cause pain, harm and even death.

The infrastructure to prevent, promote and protect the public's health is dangerously breaking down.

This year, the delivery of those crit-

ical services by local public health departments is at risk. We need your help.

The Michigan Legislature is beginning another round of difficult decision-making as they attempt to craft a new state budget for the upcoming 09-10 fiscal year. Once again, with a continued downturn in the Michigan economy and increasing demands for services that are a critical part of our social safety net, legislators will be faced with painful choices.

Recently, local public health departments had the opportunity to testify before a Michigan House of Representatives subcommittee about the dire state of Michigan's local public health system.

Our message was clear - the burden of providing even the most basic services in this economic climate with so many more of our citizens in need is becoming impossible for local public health departments to meet. Revenue reductions to local public health departments will spell the death for many departments that are barely keeping their heads above water now. Loss of critical programming in even one Michigan local public health department can have grim consequences for all citizens.

Further budget cuts would force

local public health departments, like ours, to make difficult choices:

* Allocate staff to inspect restaurants for practices that cause food borne outbreaks, or screen children for hearing and vision problems.

* Continue immunization clinic access, or run the risk of children being exposed to a vaccine preventable disease.

* Send the public health nurse to follow-up on cases of tuberculosis, or work with new mothers to help their children get a healthy start in life.

* Maintain the capacity to deal with new emerging threats such as MRSA, Norovirus, Shigellosis, Bird Flu or Salmonella outbreaks, or close one of our WIC nutrition clinics.

In these difficult economic times, services to our most vulnerable residents are in demand as never before. Your local public health department's ability to provide those services is in jeopardy. Please contact your legislators today and let them know that local public health services are important to you and urge them to not cut funds for Michigan's local public health departments.

Gretchen Tenbusch, R.N., M.S.A.
Health Officer
Tuscola County Health Department

Letters to the Editor

The Chronicle welcomes letters to the editor.

Letters must include the writer's name, address and telephone number. The letter is in case it is necessary to call for verification, but won't be used in the newspaper.

Names will be withheld from publication upon request, for an adequate reason.

The Chronicle reserves the right to edit letters for length and clarity.

We will not publish thank you letters of a specific nature, for instance, from a club thanking merchants who donated prizes for a raffle.

Response to car stalling incident was interesting

Dear Sir,

The response to my "car stalling" incident was interesting, but I think perhaps the gentleman should consider the following: Read! Better yet, "talk" to people with a book in your hand.

Very wisely he stated the obvious: the water was high, but like I said, that car had been through there a dozen times before. People have lived 3 years in the past 3 months - weather wise. A diabetic-heart patient, low on gas because his portfolio was in bad shape, might find it propitious to press on and not chance getting stuck by going the long way.

I am awed at the knowledge accumulated by our elders. They have so much to give to their families and to mankind. They should be revered and treated like gold. Surely as well as the family dog.

Mr. Maddox is said to have absconded with \$65 billion. All but \$1 billion has been returned to the taxpayers.

Man's flight through life is sustained by the power of his knowledge.

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Cass City Campbell Elementary Kindergarten Round-Up 2009



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Tuscola, Huron to share in road funding

State Rep. Terry Brown (D-Pigeon) last week announced that a plan to create jobs for more than 23,800 Michigan workers, stimulate the economy and bring much-needed improvement to Michigan's ailing roads and bridges has passed the Senate and is one step closer to being signed into law.

The economic stimulus plan, which previously passed the House and is expected to pump more than \$635 million into Michigan's economy, now heads to the governor's desk.

"We need to keep Michigan moving in the right direction," Brown said. "This plan will bring more jobs and a much-needed boost to our local economy, as well as improvements to our local roads. In these tough economic times, this is great news for both our workers here in the Thumb, as well as everyone who drives on our rocky roads."

The \$635 million federal stimulus package will provide funding for more than 130 road and bridge improvement projects around the state, and create jobs for Michigan workers. Some of the local projects include: * \$975,000 in shoulder improvements on M-25 in Huron County * \$468,000 in shoulder improvements on M-15 in Tuscola County