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THE SUMMER music series kicked off Thursday at the Cass City Rotary Park. A few dozen people showed up on the warm evening to watch as a group from the Tri-Cities called "Muzyka!" performed. The Cass City Parks and Recreation Department, Cass City Rotary Club and Thumb National Bank are sponsoring the free concerts.

Recalling teachers

Stimulus dollars will fund positions for one year

In spite of a continuing battle to keep their financial heads above water, Cass City School officials plan to recall 4 teachers laid off earlier this year, as well as hire 4 additional aides.

The good news is their salaries will be covered by federal stimulus funds generated by the American Recovering and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). The bad news is that those dollars will be exhausted after just one year.

Addressing the board of education during a regular monthly meeting last week, school Supt. Ron Wilson explained the dollars earmarked for those positions are federally restricted and must be used directly for areas such as classroom instruction, in accordance with No Child Left Behind regulations.

According to Wilson, Cass City Schools is slated to receive a combined \$441,000 in stimulus funds, and the school board's finance committee decided to divide that money equally among the district's 3 buildings.

At Campbell Elementary, the money will be used to hire a kindergarten teacher in order to add a fourth section of kindergarten, which will be expected to reduce student numbers from 30 to 22 or 23 kids per classroom.

At the middle and high schools, the money will be used to hire a combined 4 aides.

Wilson said Cass City Schools was also expected to receive more than \$800,000 in general stimulus dollars.

However, state officials have steadily pared that figure down over the past several weeks in an attempt to plug a raging deficit in Lansing. The bottom line, he explained, is that the state is now taking away \$110 per student this year in categorical funding (early childhood programs, declining enrollment monies, etc.), which will cost Cass City Schools nearly \$140,000.

Wilson said that development is what prompted the school board to privatize custodial services last week, saving some \$180,000.

State officials are projecting a reduction in per-pupil revenue for schools of \$500 to \$600 in the 2010-11 school year (translating into roughly \$1 million for Cass City), he continued, and the board opted to privatize in hopes

that the existing fund balance of nearly \$670,000 will be enough to tide the district over for one year should Lansing make good on its projection.

IN OTHER BUSINESS

In other business last week, the board:

- Learned that both Campbell Elementary School and the middle school received "A" grades on the latest state report cards, and that both schools have again earned AYP (adequate yearly progress) status based on year-to-year student achievement on the Michigan Education Assessment Program (MEAP) test. The high Please turn to back page.

Former O-G coach charged with CSC

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

from our perspective, really, since December of last year," he said.

border of Elmwood Township. Investigators are continuing a search

An Owen-Gage graduate and former varsity softball coach stands accused of multiple sexual encounters with an Owen-Gage sophomore in 2005 and 2006.

Michigan State Police detectives are investigating the sex crimes along with a possible missing infant allegedly fathered by the suspect, Cory Douglas Fritz, 26, of Sebawaing.

Fritz, a 2001 Owen-Gage High School graduate, was arrested last week Tuesday and arraigned a day later on 20 counts of third degree criminal sexual conduct, a felony punishable by up to 15 years in prison.

"The conduct at issue (allegedly) occurred between October 2005 and March 2006 in the village of Gagetown," said Tuscola County Prosecutor Mark Reese. "The victim was a tenth grade student at Owen-Gage" at the time.

Reese noted Detective Sgt. Mark Krebs, Detective Sgt. Brian Ferguson and Detective Trooper Robert Dunham are the lead investigators in the case. "This (investigation) has been on-going for some time - months -

Bond for the 2001 O-G graduate has been set at \$100,000 cash. Preliminary examination is scheduled for Monday afternoon.

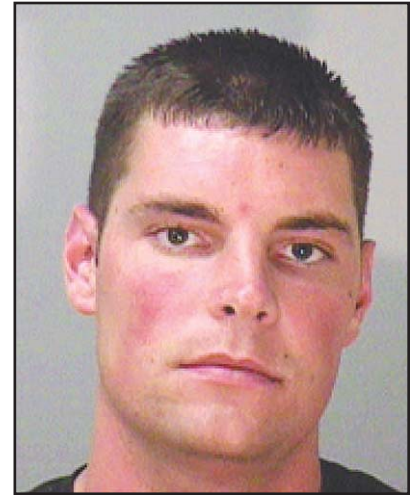
Bond for Fritz was set at \$100,000 cash/surety. He remains lodged in the Tuscola County Jail. A preliminary examination is scheduled for Monday at 1:30 p.m.

"Based upon additional circumstances related to this case and a continuing investigation, a term of the defendant's bond/pretrial release order (prevents) him from entering into the village Gagetown and/or Elmwood Township," he said.

Reese declined to provide additional details related to the case. However, during Fritz' arraignment, Reese stated that there is an on-going probe into the death of a baby in conjunction with the case. He alleged the 14-year-old victim and Fritz had the child together in 2006, and that baby subsequently disappeared.

Reese said he believes the child is buried in the Gagetown area near the

of the area for the alleged infant's remains, however, none have been found.



Cory Fritz

Council faces \$4.5 million upgrades at aging wastewater treatment plant

Following a pair of public hearing presentations Monday, Cass City village officials adopted a 20-year maintenance plan for the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) and approved the 2008 audit report during the regular meeting of the village council.

URS Corporation spokesperson Terry Woodward, whose firm was

hired in May by the council to develop a capital improvement plan for the WWTP, outlined a cost-effectiveness analysis that addressed water quality and public health problems.

Among his \$4.5 million upgrade and improvement plans were modifications to the screening and grit removal system, replacement of the biological treatment system, repairing leaking

seals on the secondary clarifier drive units, replacement of the digester covers, replacement of the disinfection system and rehabilitation of the sanitary sewer system - all proposed to reduce future maintenance and operations costs.

Woodward also suggested the addition of a new maintenance building.

Cass City Village Manager Peter Cristiano said the plan is necessary for future budget considerations and to meet State of Michigan requirements for future low interest funding needs.

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Elderly, kids mix at Generations

by Patricia Emepour
Staff Writer

Sean Smith said his life's passion is to work with kids, help them learn life skills, and provide them with meaningful opportunities. And he does just that.

As the intergenerational services manager for the Generations Youth Enrichment Program through the Human Development Commission in Caro, Smith gets to spend every day working, teaching and playing with kids in grades K-5.

This full day summer program is of-

fered to participants from mid-June to mid-August, according to Smith.

"Kids are usually left at home alone when their parents are out at work. They are bored and are more apt to get in trouble, the primary feature of our program is aimed at kids, to help them and give them something to do in the summer," he said.

The program also offers a before and after school program for children during the school year.

"It is statistically proven that youth who do not participate in an after-school program are at greater risk of violent crime. The juvenile crime triples after 3 p.m.," Smith explained.

The Generations program is located at The Mary Ann Vandemark Center at 430 Montague Avenue and is set up into 2 sides-one side for the Adult Day Services and the other Please turn to back page.

\$100,000 grant awarded to Generations youth program

by Patricia Emepour
Staff Writer

Area school children will benefit from \$100,000 set aside for a Tuscola County project.

This money will go towards the Human Development Commission Generations Youth Enrichment Program in Caro, which is a before/after school and summer program for students in grades K-5. It is targeted for economically disadvantaged children, or those at-risk of failure in school. The program also offers a "Fun Day" for students when school is not in session.

The \$100,000 is part of a \$780,000 budget secured for projects in Saginaw, Tuscola and Bay counties. The funding came from a request by Con-

gressman Dale E. Kildee (D-MI), which passed on June 18.

The Generations Youth Enrichment Program brings together kids, seniors and teens for activities, including drug and crime prevention and awareness, educational instruction, community service, 21st century technology school success. Priority is given to students with a family history of low educational achievement and/or low income.

Created in 2007, the program's mission is to provide high quality youth development programming for young people in the area by using all possible resources in the community. Each program is theme-based and includes academic, guest speakers, field trip, and life skills components.



SEAN SMITH helps children get ready for their snack time. Smith, the intergenerational services manager at the Generations Youth Enrichment Program in Caro, said the program provides children with opportunities and experiences that they wouldn't have if they stayed at home while their parents worked. The program, part of the Human Development Commission, is offered for kids grades K-5 and provides a summer day program, along with a before/after school program during the academic year.

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Calendar of Events

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

Thursday, July 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.
Music in the Park, "Victory Stories," 6:30-8:30 p.m., Rotary Park. This group is part of the worship team at Colwood United Brethren Church.

Friday, July 3

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

Saturday, July 4

Rawson Memorial District Library will be closed in observance of the 4th of July holiday. See you at the parade!

Sunday, July 5

Gagetown AA meeting, 8-9 p.m., Gagetown fire hall. For more information, call (989) 665-2361.
Gagetown United Methodist Brunch, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. All you can eat. \$6 donation.

Monday, July 6

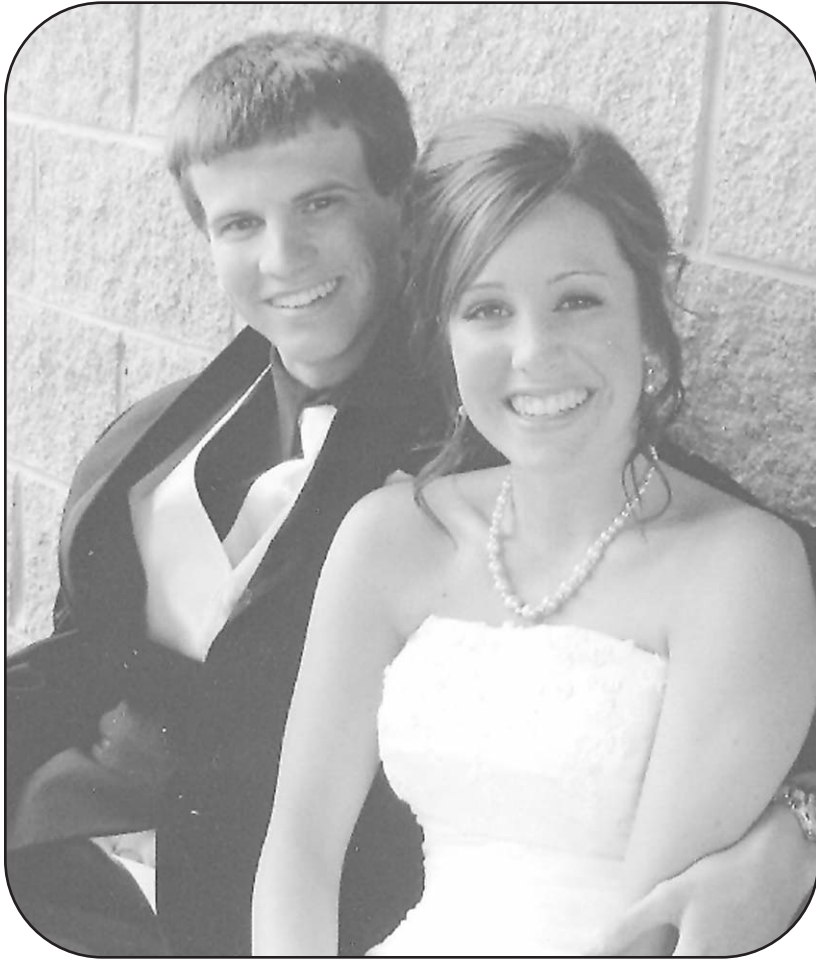
Alcoholics Anonymous, "Monday at a Time," 8 p.m., Parkside Cafe, 2031 Main St., Ubly. For more information, call Angela R. at (989) 658-2319.
Novesta Township Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.
Summer Reading Program Movie, "Meet the Robinsons," 1:30 p.m., Rawson Memorial District Library.

Tuesday, July 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.
Ceramics with Antoinette, 10-11 a.m., Rawson Memorial District Library. Ages: 6-14 years old.

Wednesday, July 8

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



Craig and Sarah Heckman

Heckman and Langmaid exchange vows in Caro

Craig Heckman and Sarah Langmaid were united in marriage Saturday, June 6, 2009, at the First Baptist Church of Caro. Pastor Ron Wigand, pastor of the bride, and Pastor Paul Langmaid, brother of the bride, officiated the ceremony.
Craig is the son of Wayne and Cindy Heckman. Sarah is the daughter of Jerry and Marlene Langmaid.
Katie Manwell, cousins of the bride. Best man was Tyler Edmiston, friend of the groom. Groomsmen were Jacob Hawbaker and Gabriel Ramirez, friends of the groom; and Ryan Heckman, brother of the groom. The usher was Dan Manwell, uncle of the bride. Hostess was Joy Langmaid, sister-in-law of the bride. The soloist was Elizabeth Manwell, aunt of the bride.
A reception was held at Colwood United Brethren Church, where the bride and groom greeted their guests. After a weeklong honeymoon in San Diego, Calif., the couple will reside in Fairfax, Va.
Maid of honor was Jessica Pickering, friend of the bride. Matron of honor was Brandi Jacobs, friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Andrea Erla and Laura Suttle, friends of the bride; and Jennifer Manwell and



MADILYN TSCHIRHART, 7, of Cass City, recently donated several inches of her hair to Locks of Love, a non-profit organization that provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children who suffer from long-term medical hair loss. "She got the idea after seeing another little girl in the paper that had done the same thing. A little over a year ago, she lost her uncle and a very close friend of her dad's to cancer. After watching both of them battle cancer and then learning of the Locks of Love organization, it took her about 3 seconds to decide," said her parents, Sonya and Scott Tschirhart.

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O-G announces honor roll

Officials at Owendale-Gagetown Area Schools announce the third marking period honor roll.

Grade 4

Falicia Fackler, Isaac Fahrner, Joshua Gamet, Abigail Jeffery, Cara Morrish and Jacob Warack*.

Grade 5

Keegan Alior, Daniel Good*, Nicholas Hill, Austyn Liebeskind, Devon Lorenz, Larissa Miller, Andrew Muntz, Tyler Roemer and Jacob Wright.

Grade 6

Andrea McCreedy*, Rachel Mroz and Adam Retford*.

Grade 7

Benjamin Good, Amaris Janos, Brett Morrish and Richelle Scharf.

Grade 8

Andrew Fahrner, Katherine Green, Donna Hopper, Jeremy Jamieson*, Tiffany Jamieson*, Megan Lester*, Michael Mandich, Courtney McCreedy*, Justin Miller*, Kayla Montreuil*, Eric Riever, Shiloh Starks, Sarah Volk and Sydney Winchester*.

Grade 9

Mariah Blackmer*, Kendra Bucholtz, Hunter Champagne, Christin Harris, Alexis Morrish, Erika Mroz*, Amanda Muntz*, Lacie Prich* and Carli Warack*.

Grade 10

Bryan Buschlen, Holly Error*, Mitchel LaPratt, Lauren Mandich, Megan McLaren*, Eric Montreuil, Dylan Powell* and Clyde Rhodes*.

Grade 11

Ryan Francis, Zach Mroz*, Devin Prich, Kelsey Quick*, Ashley Rockefeller, Christine Schmidt*, Carin Seibel, Erin Seibel and Amanda Woodruff.

Grade 12

Stacie Dorsch*, Amanda Faist, Mariah Francis, James Harris, Drew Howard*, Nicole LaPratt, Cole Mroz*, April Neal, Brandalyn Plowman, Lucas Powell, Samantha Radabaugh, Katie Rhodes*, Steve Roemer, Stephanie Scharf* and Robert Teske*.

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Several weeks ago I received a call from Bill Kritzman, 77 years old, providing details of a golf tournament. After he finished I asked if he won also. Nah, he said, I can't play with the big boys anymore.

Now a little background. When I was playing, I played with and against Bill for years and if he gave me enough strokes I sometimes broke even. Win or lose, playing with Bill was fun.

A couple of weeks ago the results at Cass City Golf Course came rolling in and there it was, can't-play-anymore-Bill carded a 36. He did it, I later learned, despite going out of bounds on the second hole and carding an 8.

Good news! The results of 2 surveys released in the last week or so indicate that contrary to previous belief a little extra heft is not all bad. Both tests indicate that individuals overweight (not obese) live longer than those that are slim or average.

Deciding if you are just a little fat or obese will, I'm sure, be influenced by how far over your recommended weight the scales reveal as you reluctantly watch the needle go up and seemingly never stop.

The political parties have us covered. On the same day last week the Republican Party sent my wife a direct mail solicitation to "stand against President Obama's leftist agenda to remake America."

I was asked to contribute to the Democratic National Committee to help create change in America.

Because the Fourth of July is on Saturday, the Chronicle will be published as usual - on the newstands Tuesday and to subscribers on Wednesday. It will be full of pictures and details of the annual celebration.

Suspects arraigned in recent Sanilac break-ins and thefts

One of 2 suspects in a spree of break-ins and thefts across Sanilac County has been formally arraigned on charges in Sanilac County District Court.

Mark A. Bomia, 23, Monroe, was charged in connection with the recent crimes, which ended with his arrest and the arrest of his girlfriend, Nicole M. Fischer, 36, of Trenton.

Bomia faces 12 separate counts, including 2 felony counts of breaking and entering, 2 counts of unlawfully driving away a motor vehicle, fleeing a police officer, and resisting and obstructing a police officer.

He stood mute to the charges. Bond was set at \$50,000 and a preliminary examination was to have been held Monday.

"We're not done yet; the investigation is continuing as we are attempting to recover more of the property that was stolen," said Sanilac County

Sheriff Garry Biniecki. "Solid police work solved this case, and we believe he is involved with some other larcenies that occurred in the area."

Deputies arrested the pair last month while investigating the theft of a 4-wheel ATV at a residence located northeast of Sandusky.

While at the scene, deputies were alerted to a suspicious black Ford Tempo circling the crime scene. Officers attempted to stop the vehicle, but Bomia refused to pull over, instead fleeing and then stopping abruptly near an intersection and attempting to escape on foot. Deputies apprehended him in a field a short time later after a foot chase.

"The investigation led deputies to the location of some stolen property, and after obtaining a search warrant, they were able to recover stolen ATVs and other stolen property," Biniecki said.

Prescription discount cards now available

Tuscola County officials last week launched a discount card program to help area residents cope with the high price of prescription drugs.

The county is making free prescription drug discount cards available under a program sponsored by the National Association of Counties (NACo) that offers average savings of 22 percent off the retail price of commonly prescribed drugs.

The cards may be used by all county residents, regardless of age, income or existing health coverage, and are accepted at 9 county pharmacies. A national network of more than 59,000 participating retail pharmacies also will honor the NACo prescription discount card.

The NACo prescription discount card offers significant savings for both uninsured and underinsured residents of the county, and residents do not have to be Medicare beneficiaries to use the card, according to District One Tuscola County Commissioner Amanda Roggenbuck, whose district includes Elkland Township. "Even residents who have insurance coverage can use the card when their plan does not cover a particular drug," she said.

Best of all, Roggenbuck noted, is there is no cost to county taxpayers for NACo and the county to make the money-saving cards available to residents. The cards are available at pharmacies, libraries, hospitals and various county buildings. Residents can call toll-free, 1-877-321-2652, or visit www.caremark.com/naco for assistance with the program.

"Cardholders and their family members can use the card when their prescription drug is not covered by insurance," said Commission Tom Bardwell. "It is easy to use because there is no enrollment fee, no restrictions or use limits, and no fees. You simply present the card at a participating pharmacy."

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Races set in Ubyl

Israelson eyes election to council

Barring a write-in candidate, there will be no races for council seats in the village of Cass City in the fall. But there will be one new face.

Kevin L. Israelson filed for one of 3 available 4-year trustee terms on the village council. Also meeting the Tuesday, June 23 deadline to file nominating petitions and affidavits of identity were incumbents Marilyn Biefer and Donald B. Richards, and village President Carl Palmateer, who is seeking his second term.

Biefer was appointed to the council in October 2007 following the resignation of former Trustee Jeff Gillig. Also serving on the council are Jim Heiser, Mick Kim and Jenny Zawilinski, whose terms won't expire until Sept. 30, 2011.

Village elections are scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 15.

In other area villages:

KINGSTON

In the village of Kingston, only the incumbents filed by last week's deadline.

They are village President Robin LaFond, who is seeking another 2-year term, and trustees Cory Skinner and Roger Warrington. Both are seeking 4-year terms.

OWENDALE

Four candidates are vying for a trio

of 4-year terms on the Owendale Village Council.

They are incumbents Bryan Baker, Jerry Radabaugh and Steve Story, and newcomer Richard Glidden.

Running unopposed for 4-year terms are village President Walter Howard and Treasurer Tina M. Smith.

UBLY

Races are set for both the clerk and treasurer positions in the village of Ubyl.

Running for clerk are newcomers Mary Jo Cleary and Alger Lemke. Incumbent Judy Messing opted not to seek another 2-year term.

For treasurer, also a 2-year term, the candidates are incumbent Florence E. Schrader and challenger Laura Kramer.

Seeking election unopposed is village President Mark A. Brown. Also unopposed are 2 candidates for 4-year trustee terms — incumbent Jeremy J. Melnik and newcomer Jeff Maikrzek. Incumbents Steve Romzek and Jean Grifka opted not to seek reelection.

The village has no candidate for a lone, 2-year trustee term.

Residents will also fill 2 Sleeper Public Library Board seats. The candidates are Paul J. Kneffel and Doreen Zulauf.

In addition, voters are being asked to approve or reject a plan to make the office of clerk an appointed position.

The Haire Net

Every job lost hard to accept

If you accept a position on any school board, and especially now the Cass City School Board, be prepared to make grueling decisions about the operation of the district.

About the only touchy subject that the board has had to wrestle with in the past 2 decades or more has been the rhubarb in the music department and concerns about curriculum and students' activities. That's expected.

The major problem that ignited the community in the past and the present is the money shortage. In 1976 the teachers went out on strike. It was the start of controversial settlements whenever current pacts expired.

There were strikes and threats of strikes in 1980, 1986 and 1989. In only one of them were school days lost for a short period. After one of

them Board President Geraldine Priesskorn remarked, I was disappointed that none of the board supporters spoke out in support.

That's not unusual, not too many want to go on record and risk upsetting friendships. Recent electors haven't faced a problem like we have today and a 4-3 board split on the record is a rarity.

Money has been a secondary problem until the last 3 or 4 years. With the switch to state taxes for the majority of the financial support, suddenly the district was rolling in money.

Cass City has always operated among the best (lowest) cost per pupil in Michigan and suddenly the money came rolling in like a wave at high tide. Operating money went for the parking lots, athletic field and Early Childhood Education building and establishing a healthy fund balance.

A series of setbacks pushed these lush days into oblivion. Cass City's previously steady, consistent enrollment started its downward trend and it continues. The state's promised aid was shaved by the current economic conditions.

These are the conditions and I ask myself how I would decide if I voted on the issue. The answer is that I'm not close enough to have a definite opinion. I would need to know just what other action could be taken to make up the savings promised if custodial work went private and how privatizing has been accepted in other districts.

I do know that every job lost by people who live in the community is very hard to accept and a cause for deep regret.

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I am a firm believer in the old theory that people tend to resemble their pets. Or, to put it another way, pets sometimes look like their people.

This is especially true for dogs, I think. Nobody resembles a cat. There's something about the big, round head and flattened face of a cat that humans have trouble imitating.

Dogs are easy, though, as I learned in chemistry class many years ago. This was one of those huge college lectures where students sit in an elevated semicircle with stairs leading down to the stage where the professor holds sway.

Class was about to convene when the girl next to me said, "Have you heard about the theory that people look like their pets. It's true, and I'll bet you anything our professor has a German shepherd."

"That's absurd," I thought. "Who ever heard of people looking like their dogs?"

I kept my mouth shut, though, and glanced down at the stage where our instructor was adjusting her microphone. Sure enough, the chemistry professor's short black hair, with a tinge of gray near her muzzle, gave a definite likeness to a German shepherd!

A veterinarian might have guessed the professor to be around five years old. No longer a pup, but still strong in the jaws and alert of eye. I would think twice before turning my back on her.

Then, I glanced at the co-ed who

made this outrageous connection. With her rounded face and long, fluffy hair this girl was a dead ringer for a cocker spaniel!

I could imagine her romping through the fields, chasing meadowlarks, sniffing the wind and rolling in the cockleburs. I worried about her temperament and wondered if she might snap at a person who said the wrong thing.

Then I remembered my old beagle Smokey, with his short, stubby legs and wry, little grin. I always felt sorry for Smokey. Some days even the rabbits laughed at him.

Soon I had forgotten all about chemistry, and was wondering if people might have similarities to other livestock, as well as their dogs.

Are horse owners generally strong and athletic? Beef producers, tough and determined?

What about folks who raise rabbits? (I don't even want to know.)

I'm sure this theory could be carried too far. There must be some very nice folks raising alligators. And hog producers I've known are generally rather skinny.

Sheep ranchers are the most independent people in the world, and some fish farmers are afraid of the water. Even the dog and people theory is far from foolproof.

I know a few folks might be offended at being compared to a dumb animal, such as their dog. But let's face it, some of the dogs probably aren't real thrilled about it, either.

Deputies stepping up enforcement with state grant funding

Tuscola County Sheriff's deputies are gunning for motorists who fail to buckle up, or who get behind the wheel after drinking.

Sheriff Lee Teschendorf recently announced that the department has already set up seatbelt enforcement zones in the county, funded by a "Safe Communities" grant awarded by the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning.

The local project director is Lt. James Giroux, lieutenant of the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department Road Patrol Division, who noted that another portion of the traffic safety grant provides for additional patrols for nighttime seatbelt and impaired driving enforcement as well as additional patrols to combat underage drinking.

"This time of year, with several graduation parties and other summer events attended by young adults where alcohol may be available, has caused concern for the safety of the motoring public," Giroux said.

"We would like people to have a good time and be responsible," added Teschendorf, who noted a blood alcohol content of .08 percent or more is cause to arrest the offending driver.

Giroux said deputies are being sent out on patrol with a "zero tolerance" mandate for any observed seatbelt or alcohol-related violations.

"Seatbelt enforcement zones will be out in the Millington area on M-15 on July 2 as well as M-24 and East Dayton Road in Caro on Friday, July 3," he added. "Mobile patrols will also be initiated during the evening hours of July 3 in an effort to seek a decline in alcohol-related deaths throughout the state."

During the July 4 holiday period last year, 14 people were killed in traffic crashes throughout Michigan. Five of those deaths were alcohol related, and 3 deaths involved a victim who was not buckled up.

"The 'Safe Communities' patrols will be in addition to the Tuscola County Sheriff's Office involvement with another enforcement crackdown entitled 'Over the Limit Under Arrest' which includes patrols from the Michigan State Police and law enforcement agencies in 55 of Michigan's counties," Teschendorf said.

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Dr. Mary Krause joins staff at Hills and Dales

Mary Krause, M.D., will be joining Hills and Dales General Hospital as a full-time family medicine physician and will begin seeing patients Monday, July 13, at the Cass City Family Practice Office.

Dr. Krause is a board-certified family medicine physician who graduated from the University of Michigan Medical School in 1995 and completed her residency at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit in 1998. Since then, she has



practiced medicine in the Detroit metropolitan area, Frankenmuth, Davison, Flint and Swartz Creek.

She is known as a thorough and dedicated physician and strives to take the best possible care of her patients. Hospital officials said Dr. Krause has earned the respect of her peers and is looking forward to practicing in Cass City.

Dr. Krause and her husband, Michael, have been married 29 years and currently live in Rochester Hills. Both were born and raised in the Detroit metropolitan area and have been residents of Michigan all of their lives. He worked for Chrysler for 36 years and is recently retired.

They have 2 college-age sons. Their oldest, David, is a student in El Paso, Texas, in a physical therapy graduate

school program. Their youngest son, Stephen, is attending the University of Michigan, where he is pursuing a degree in German.

Dr. Krause's interests include computers, reading, sightseeing and camping. She enjoys tackling home repairs and, together, she and her husband are in the process of updating a cabin they own in northern Michigan.

Dr. Krause said she is very impressed by the warm and welcoming atmosphere that she has experienced during her visits to Cass City, and that she and her husband are considering several churches to attend and are working on plans for a new home in the village.

To schedule an appointment with Dr. Krause at the Cass City Family Practice, 6190 Hospital Dr., Suite 106, call (989) 872-8303.

HDC program now giving back to Teen Ranch founder

Story written by Carol Arman
Photo supplied by Clendenan family

It was the early 1950s, and Ray Clendenan had a vision to help care for at-risk teenage boys: a vision that he dedicated more than 60 years of his life to fulfilling, eventually establishing Teen Ranch in Kingston and Marlette.

It was a vision that changed the lives of many boys, helping them to become successful, valuable members of society.

Fifty years later, the tables started to turn. Clendenan, the rock-solid pillar of the community on which so many depended, started to forget to do simple things. His wife, Hilda, remembers, "Ray would lead a song in church and tell the choir to sing verses one and 2, but then sing verses one and 3." A short time later, he was diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease.

It was the mid-1990s by then, and even though Clendenan knew he had Alzheimer's, he was still active. As years went by, however, the disease progressed.

ADS. I don't know what I would do without them," said Hilda.

HDC's Adult Day Services program operates in Sanilac, Huron and Tuscola counties. More information is available by calling HDC's central toll-free number at 1-800-843-6394 or Sanilac (810) 648-9452, Huron (989) 550-4922, or Tuscola County (989) 672-2273.

"The hardest part of (Alzheimer's)," said Hilda, "is missing the communication. You can't tell your spouse the things you have for 60 years." She recalled when she and Ray were first married and started working with youth within their church. Later, the couple got involved with Youth for Christ, a non-denominational organization that focused on working with teenaged boys and girls. The couple shared in the joy of their work and traveled internationally to expand the organization, including trips to Africa, France and Barbados.

Eventually, Clendenan, with the help

of Hilda, founded Teen Ranch. The purpose of Teen Ranch was to place at-risk and delinquent boys on a working farm, to teach them life skills and values, work ethics and faith. Teen Ranch started with a 100-acre farm just north of Clifford and one house. Clendenan found a way to add a housing building almost every year for 10 years, mostly through private funding.

Teen Ranch helped hundreds of boys over the years. Shortly after Clendenan's retirement in the early 1990s, both the Teen Ranch and local Youth for Christ organizations folded.

Ray Clendenan has definitely left his mark in this world. He took care of America's youth, and now the favor is being returned through family and Adult Day Services. He is now 81 years old and was very recently diagnosed with terminal rectal cancer. The impact that Clendenan has left on this world is great, and it will be felt for many years to come.

Holiday to close offices

"Ray's Alzheimer's has been like a growing child," said Hilda. "It started off small and has progressed so slowly that you don't realize how it's changed until you look back."

Hilda continued to care for her husband herself until August 2006, when her daughter talked her into trying the Adult Day Services (ADS) program provided by Human Development Commission (HDC). Not only did Hilda need help with physically caring for Ray, she also needed the emotional time off to re-group.

"It was so difficult to leave him that first day," she recalled. "But he enjoys and looks forward to going to ADS each day." Hilda explained that at ADS, Clendenan and others take part in activities that help with his memory. They also participate in armchair exercises as well as social activities.

"I encourage those who need help (caring for a loved one) to contact

Secretary of State branch offices and the Office of the Great Seal will close in observance of Independence Day. The closures include a mandatory state employee furlough day.

All Secretary of State offices will close Friday, July 3, Saturday, July 4, and Monday, July 6.

The Department of State mails notices to motorists 45 days before their driver's license or license plates expire to give them ample time to renew. Licenses and plates that expire on a day when state offices are closed, such as a holiday or weekend, can be renewed the following day without penalty. To expedite their visit, customers are encouraged to renew in advance as the branches will be busier before and after the scheduled closing.

Motorists renewing license plates can "skip the trip" to the branch office and do business by mail, or if eligible,

by Internet or touch-tone telephone. Easy to follow instructions can be found with the renewal notice. License plate tabs will arrive by mail within seven business days.

License plate tabs can also be renewed at Self-Service Stations, many of which are available 24/7. Visit the Branch Office Locator at www.michigan.gov/sos to find a Self-Service Station near you.



RAY CLENDENAN, pictured above with his wife, Hilda, dedicated more than 60 years of his life to Teen Ranch in Kingston and Marlette.

Down Memory Lane

By Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO

Alyssa Nicol and Tommy Parrish were both honored with the 2003-04 Cass City Outstanding Middle School Student of the Year Award. Their names will be inscribed on a plaque.

Greater Thumb Academic Conference, west division, honored 5 students from each high school in the league recently at a ceremony hosted by Sandusky High School. Selected from Cass City were: Kristi Fluegge, Sarah Hobbs, Amy Howard, Mallory Powell and Erik Helwig.

The Yankees captured the Cass City Minor League playoff championship. Members of the team are: Coach Steve Ross, assistant coach John Hacker and assistant coach Kevin Mulligan, Zack Deitering, Lucas Schenk, Michael Mulligan, Cody Ross, Andy Kaake, Austin Westerby, Dalton Prieskorn, David Pitcher, Tommy Lang, Jeff Bliss, Jacob Hacker, Jamie Wangler and Kyle Ross.

Christopher Dubay has earned dean's list honors for the winter semester with a grade point average of 3.67 at Henry Ford Community College, Dearborn. He is currently working towards an associate's degree in automotive technology. A 2000 graduate of Cass City High School, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Dubay, Cass City.

10 YEARS AGO

The barn survey project, conducted by roadside observance, in-depth surveys with farmstead owners and barn tours, is all part of an effort to preserve these American Icons - pre-50 barns - through a collection of interviews and photographs. It is all part of supplemental programming for the Smithsonian Institution "Barn Again! Celebrating an American Icon" exhibition, which is traveling the nation, including 6 Michigan cities. Cass City's Rawson Memorial Library has been selected to be the host of the exhibition March 6-April 15. The barn survey project will take place July through October, and a display, previewing the Les and Kay Severance barn in Evergreen Township and the Wayne and Sherryll Dillon barn at Colwood, will be featured at a booth by the Cass City Historical Society during the July 4 festival.

It's not that easy. Designing a place mat doesn't consist of a few hours of spontaneous cutting and pasting. Just ask Sonya Regnerus, 16, and Christina Kababik, 17. Both are CCHS students who dedicated an entire month to the production of the 1999 Cass City July 4 Festival place mat.

Independent Bank East Michigan offices recently raised over \$215 for the Huron County Special Olympics.

This was the third year that Independent Bank East Michigan participated in the Special Olympics program. All the donations will be used in Huron County.

25 YEARS AGO

The Thumb Area Commodity Cooperative Inc. grain terminal south of Cass City has closed and is in the process of being foreclosed on by its main creditor. The facility, according to its attorney, William Drillock of Marlette, owes about \$600,000 to Community Bank of Bad Axe, plus \$100,000 to Waters Trading Inc. on a bean sale deal that went sour, plus about \$100,000 to other creditors who obtained judgements against the cooperative.

Two Cass City Intermediate students have received music scholarships to study at Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp near Muskegon. Paul Asher, son of David and Sharon Asher, and Jennifer Baker, daughter of Tom and Sue Baker, will attend the camp this summer.

Brian Watros, 10, and his English Angora rabbit won the best of show trophy at the Tuscola County 4-H Fun Show June 16 at the Caro fairgrounds. There were 153 rabbits competing. Brian is the son of Charles and Sarah Watros of Dale Road, Cass City.

Margaret Battel retired this month after 16 years as a bus driver for the Cass City school system. She drove children from kindergarten to high school, traveling about 67 miles a day.

Greg Downing of Walsh Road, Gagetown, has received a doctorate of osteopathy degree from Michigan State University. Downing will start a one-year internship at Grand Rapids Osteopathic Hospital this week. A 1975 Owendale-Gagetown High School graduate, he has a bachelor of science degree in pharmacy from Ferris State College. He is the son of Jack and Harriet Downing.

35 YEARS AGO

For Dave Ackerman, 65, the time is now. After 44 years the time is now. Retirement. It's hard to quit after that much time on a job you really like, especially hard when you feel and look much younger than the calendar says you are. The veteran Cass City teacher isn't in mourning because he completed his last lesson as a regular teacher, but he acknowledges that the parting will come with a wrench and create a change in lifestyle. "I know that come September it will be strange not to be preparing for school as the kids come strolling by," he says. That's why he's not completely divorcing himself from the school and its activities. That's the reason he has agreed to take tickets again at high school sporting events, a job that he's

handled for several years. And that's the reason he's contemplating doing a little substitute teaching when his retirement schedule permits.

When Elmwood Township voters go to the polls in the year's primary election, one familiar name won't be on the ballot. It will be the first ballot he's missed since 1937. Clerk Harlan Hobart is calling it quits after nearly four decades on the township board - an era that has seen American involvement in three wars, economic highs and lows and a multitude of changes in the way we live. The soft-spoken Hobart, who never faced opposition in his long career as clerk, will turn his records over to the new clerk at the end of the year and will take life easy on the family farm where he was born 72 years ago.

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Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Pray/Bible Study & Youth Group 7:00 p.m.
Pastor - Chuck Carr
Transportation available

Cass City Church of Christ
6743 E. Main St., Cass City, MI 48726
Contacts 872-2367 or 872-3136
Worship Service Sunday 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Bible Study Sunday 10:00 a.m. & Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

Cass City Church of the Nazarene
6538 Third St., Cass City, MI 48726
872-2604 or (989) 912-2077
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study
& Children's Activities 6:00 p.m.
Rev. Judy A. Esckilsen

Cass City Missionary Church
4449 Koepfgen Rd., Cass City, MI 48726
989-872-2729
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service & Youth Group 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday Family Night 6:30 p.m.
Pastor - Bob Sweeney
www.casscitymc.org

Cass City United Methodist Church
5100 N. Cemetery Rd.,
P.O. Box 125, Cass City, MI 48726
872-3422
Worship: 11:00 a.m.
(Summer 9:30 a.m.)
Sunday School - Sept.-May 9:30 a.m.
Community Dinner - Monthly (2nd Wed. at noon)
Pastor: Rev. Paul G. Donelson

Evangelical Free Church of Cass City
6430 Chestnut Blvd., Cass City, MI 48726
Phone: 872-5060
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.
Midweek Bible Studies
Biblical Counseling
Pastor: Rev. Todd R. Gould

First Baptist Church
(Independent, Fundamental)
Barrier Free
6420 Houghton St., Cass City, MI 48726
989-872-3155
Sunday School All Ages 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday
Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
AWANA Clubs 6:45 p.m. During School Year
Pastor: David G. Hill
Website: www.fbccc.us

First Presbyterian Church
Barrier Free
6505 Church St., Cass City, MI 48726
872-5400
Sunday School - Sept.-May 10:45 a.m.
Worship Service 10:45 a.m.
Pastor: Dave Blackburn

Fraser Presbyterian Church
3006 Huron Line Rd., Cass City, MI 48726
872-5400
Sunday School - Sept.-May 10:30 a.m.
Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
Pastor: Dave Blackburn

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
6820 E. Main St., Cass City, MI 48726
872-2770
Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
Bible Class & Sunday School 10:45 a.m.
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872-4637
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Worship 11:00 a.m.
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Pastor: Steve Totten

Novesta Church of Christ
2896 N. Cemetery Rd., Cass City, MI 48726
872-3658 or 872-1195
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Worship Service 9:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.
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Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.
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THE STAFF at Cass City’s Helen Stevens Memorial Pool gets ready for another day in the sun. The pool is always staffed with lifeguards during its operating hours in order to insure safety for all its swimmers. With the high temperatures, the pool has seen a lot of visitors. The pool opened on Memorial Day weekend. Single day admission is \$2.00. There are also family daily admission and other seasonal deals.

Roggenbuck planning more “roundtable” gatherings

Tuscola County Commissioner Amanda Roggenbuck says she wants to make sure the residents of District One, which she represents, have many opportunities to interact with their local government.

Residents may contact Roggenbuck through her website, www.voteroggenbuck.com; via e-mail at aroggenbuck@tuscolacounty.org; or by phone at (989) 872-8881. She is also working with townships and villages in her district in an effort to offer a forum where residents can meet with her at a convenient location and time.

Roggenbuck has contacted each of her local units of government and requested they allow her to host a Roundtable prior to an upcoming meeting.

“These roundtables offer direct access to local leaders and promote transparency in local government.”

“These roundtables offer direct access to local leaders and promote transparency in government, and cooperation amongst the various units of government in our county,” said Roggenbuck, whose district includes Elkland Township.

Roggenbuck indicated that scheduling can be tricky sometimes because she has a lot of commitments to meetings and groups, coupled with family and work obligations. However, she is passionate about being available to address residents’ concerns, comments and questions.

“I want to be known as a public servant who listens to the concerns of the residents I represent. Communication is the key to any successful relationship, and this is one way that I can promote open communication, and make myself available to the residents in a location and forum that is close to their home,” she said.

Obituaries

Daryl Codling

Daryl O. Codling, 62, of Bristol, Ind., formerly of Cass City, passed away Sunday, June 21, 2009 at Elkhart General Hospital, Ind.

He was born July 11, 1946 in Detroit, the son of Oran and Anna (Jones) Codling.

He married Karen A. Smith Oct. 5, 1968 in Newport, R.I.

Daryl was a designer for C.T.S. Corporation. He was a U.S. Navy veteran during the Vietnam War. He attended Lawrence Tech College in Southfield. Daryl was a member of the Bristol Lions Club and the Masonic Lodge in Detroit. He enjoyed photography, woodworking and model railroading.

Memorials may be made to the Bristol Lions Club.

Arrangements were made by Stemm-Lawson-Peterson Funeral Home, Elkhart, Ind.



AREA CHILDREN play together during the day at the Generations Youth Enrichment Program at the Mary Ann Vandemark Center in Caro. The program is aimed at keeping children out of trouble, while their parents are away at work. Instead of staying home alone, these children are able to learn invaluable life lessons as they go on activities and trips and mingle with senior adults.

Several appear on charges last week

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

- Michael A. Acre, 24, Mayville, pleaded guilty to charges of assaulting a police officer and assault or assault and battery May 29 in Dayton Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).
- A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case and bond was continued at \$10,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.
- David B. Simpson, 48, Mayville, pleaded no contest to interfering with electronic communications and domestic violence June 3 in Fremont Township.
- A pre-sentence investigation was ordered. Sentencing is to be set.
- Dennis L. Lund, 44, Midland, was sentenced to 180 days in the county jail (90 days deferred) and 60 months probation for his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Nov. 28 in Denmark Township.
- He was also ordered to complete 360 hours of community service and pay court costs and fines totaling \$1,628.
- Jason A. Love, 31, Bay City, was sentenced to 18 months to 15 years in prison for his plea of guilty to receiving and concealing stolen property valued at more than \$1,000 Oct. 25 in Juniata Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convictions).
- In addition to prison time, he was ordered to pay \$128 in costs and fines.
- Marcos G. Castillo, 28, Caro, was sentenced to 3 to 15 years in prison for his pleas of guilty to one count each of second degree and fourth degree criminal sexual conduct involving a victim under the age of 13 years between November 2006 and March 2008 in Ellington Township.
- He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$128.
- Aleasha R. Edwards, 24, Caro, pleaded guilty to falsely reporting a felony (larceny from a motor vehicle) Oct. 31 in Caro.
- A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$250. Sentencing is to be scheduled.
- Keith E. Acre Jr., 49, Caro, was sentenced to 365 days in jail (215 days deferred) for his plea of guilty to domestic violence, third offense, Aug. 14 in Caro. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convictions).
- In addition to jail time, he was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$3,128.
- Matthew P. Byczek, 52, Detroit, was sentenced to 270 days in jail (90 days deferred) and 60 months probation for his pleas of guilty to failure to pay child support from July 2004 through June 2008 in Caro, and to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Oct. 27 in Caro.
- In addition to jail time, he was ordered to complete 800 hours of community service and pay \$5,456 in costs and fines.
- Edward M. Palmer, 31, Caro, was sentenced to 365 days in jail and 60 months probation for his plea of guilty to attempting to obtain a controlled substance by fraud Oct. 28 in Caro.
- He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$328. Attorneys fees are to be determined in the case.
- Edith D. Turner, 47, Plymouth, was sentenced to 8 to 20 years in prison for her plea of no contest to conducting a criminal enterprise involving forgery and counterfeiting between June 25 and July 11 in the villages of Mayville, Cass City and Caro, and Fremont Township. She was also convicted of being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convictions).
- In addition to prison time, she was ordered to pay \$1,128 in costs and fines plus restitution of \$2,187.95.



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Bliss/Krol	16
Corey/Paul - Ulfig	14
Laurie/Lautner	14
Osentoski/D. Wallace	8
Martin/Robinson	8
Hartel/Brown	6
Hool/Toner	5
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Biddinger/Smith	4
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Said premises are situated in the Township of Millington, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

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Dated: June 17, 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 Terry Randall, a married man, and Connie Randall, his wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated October 24, 2007 and recorded on October 31, 2007 in Liber 1133 on Page 1228 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to First Horizon Home Loans, A Division of First Tennessee Bank, National Association as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Fifteen Thousand One Hundred Threes and 77/100 Dollars (\$115,103.77), including interest at 8.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on July 16, 2009.

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

That portion of Section 24, Town 12 North, Range 10 East, commencing at the Northwest corner of the Northwest 1/4; thence South 754 feet; East 300 feet; North 754 feet; West 300 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: June 17, 2009

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
FC R (248) 593-1305
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #269732F01

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Robert G. Blogg, a single man, original mortgagor, to Independent Mortgage Co. East MI, Mortgagee, dated November 16, 2004 and recorded on November 24, 2004 in Liber 1018 on Page 1115, and assigned by mesne assignments to Wells Fargo Bank, NA 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 Four Thousand Two Hundred Seventy-Eight and 16/100 Dollars (\$104,278.16), 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 July 16, 2009.

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

Commencing at Northwest corner of Section 31, Township 10 North, Range 8 East, thence East along the North line of said Section, 300 feet to the point of beginning, thence continuing East along said North line 200 feet, thence South at right angle to said North line 400 feet, thence West parallel with said North line

200 feet, thence North 400 feet to said North line and the point of beginning. Part of the West 1/2 of the Northeast fractional 1/4, Section 31, Township 10 North, Range 8 East, Millington Township, Tuscola County, Michigan.

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

Dated: June 17, 2009

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #269814F01

6-17-4

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by BETTY A. ZIETZ, A SINGLE WOMAN, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated November 7, 2005 and recorded on November 22, 2005 in Liber 1062 on Page 279, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-Seven Dollars and Twelve Cents (\$70,997.12), including interest at 8.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, front entrance of the Courthouse Building in the Village of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM o'clock, on July 16, 2009.

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

LOTS 7, 8, AND 9, BLOCK 15, BLACKMANS PLAT OF THE REESE, VILLAGE OF REESE, DENMARK TOWNSHIP, TUSCOLA COUNTY, MICHIGAN, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN LIBER 29 OF PLATS, PAGE 115, TUSCOLA COUNTY RECORDS.

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

Dated: June 12, 2009

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

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

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MORTGAGE SALE—Default has been made in the conditions of a Mortgage made by DAVID MICHAEL CRAWFORD, a single man, Mortgagor, to FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF AMERICA, Mortgagee, dated April 12, 2000 and recorded May 2, 2000 in Liber 800, Page 59, of Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due as of the date of this notice \$19,303.49, including interest at 13.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public auction to the highest bidder, on Thursday, July 23, 2009, at 10 o'clock, in the forenoon, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI.

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

Lot 23 Oak Grove Subdivision, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, on Page 40, Tuscola County Records; c/o/a 10284 Baker Dr., Clio, MI 48420.

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

Dated: June 24, 2009

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

6-24-4

FORECLOSURE NOTICE RANDALL S. MILLER & ASSOCIATES, P.C. IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Mortgage Sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Patricia E. Gordon and Michael J. Gordon, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as a nominee for Fidelity Mortgage of NY, a division of Delta Funding Corporation, Mortgagee, dated June 13, 2006 and recorded on July 20, 2006 in Liber 1088, Page 854, Tuscola County Records, said mortgage was assigned to HSBC Bank USA, N.A., as Indenture Trustee for the registered Note Holders of Renaissance Home Equity Loan Trust 2006-2 by an Assignment of Mortgage which was submitted to Tuscola County for recording, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of EIGHTY SIX THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FORTY SIX AND 06/100 DOLLARS (\$86,946.06), including interest at the rate of 11.940% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the Circuit Court in said Tuscola County, where the premises to be sold or some part of them are situated, at 10:00 AM on July 23, 2009.

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

Section 22, Township 10 North, Range 7 East, commencing 130 Feet West of Southeast corner of Southwest 1/4 of Southeast 1/4; thence West 52 feet, thence

North 1320 feet; thence East 182 feet; thence South 995 feet; thence West 130 feet; thence South 325 feet to point of beginning. 8188 Birch Road.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days after statutory notice, whichever is later.

Dated: June 24, 2009

Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Assignee
43252 Woodward Ave., Suite 180
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302
(248) 335-9200
Our File No. 256.00490
ASAP #3155654

6-24-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Gary L. Koelzer and Judith R. Koelzer, husband and wife, to Loan Financial Group, Inc., Mortgagee, dated April 10, 2003 and recorded March 29, 2004 in Liber 986, Page 179, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP, F/K/A Countrywide Home Loans Servicing LP by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Nine Thousand One Hundred Eighty-Seven and 64/100 Dollars (\$89,187.64), including interest at 3.75% 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 July 23, 2009.

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

Lot 6 and The East half of Lot 5, Block 3 of Charles Platteau Subdivision. Also all the right title and interest of the part of the North half of the Alley running East and West through Said Block 3 lying directly South of and adjacent to Said Lot 6 and the East half of Lot 5, Block 3, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 10, now being 11 A, 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. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights.

Dated: June 24, 2009

Orlans Associates, PC
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
248-502-1400
File No. 285.9182
ASAP #3155984

6-24-4

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Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Gregory S. Frant and Kimberly Frant, husband and wife, of 4193 Seeger Street, Cass City, MI 48726, as Mortgagors, to Northstar Bank, f/k/a Community Bank, a Michigan Banking Corporation, whose principal office is in Bad Axe, Michigan, as Mortgagee, dated February 15, 1999 and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on February 16, 1999 in Liber 763, Page 269, et. seq. and a Modification of Mortgage dated May 2, 2008 and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on May 19, 2008 in Liber 149, Page 1158, et. seq. on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of Sixty One Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty Six and 61/100 (\$61,826.61) Dollars and no proceedings having been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative;

NOW THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage, and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, the said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described or so much thereof as may be necessary, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the main entrance of the Tuscola County Building in the Village of Caro, and County of Tuscola, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on Thursday, July 23, 2009 at 10:00 o'clock a.m., local time, in the forenoon of said day, and the premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said Mortgage, together with interest, legal costs, attorney's fees and any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee does pay on or prior to the date of said sale; which said premises are described in said Mortgage as follows, to-wit:

Land situated in the Village of Cass City, Tuscola County, Michigan

Lot 16, Bock 3 of Garden Center Subdivision, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats Page 92, as re-plated in Liber 1 of Plats Page 42 B. Commonly known as: 4189 S. Sherman Street Cass City, MI 48726.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the period of redemption shall be six (6) months from the date of sale pursuant to MCL 600.3240.

Dated: June 24, 2009

NORTHSTAR BANK, Mortgagee

RICHARD L. TROWHILL
Attorney at Law
175 Thompson Rd.
Bad Axe, MI 48413
(989) 269-6272

6-24-5

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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 Ryan J. Caldwell and Laura L. Caldwell, Husband and Wife, original mortgagors, to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc., Mortgagee, dated November 25, 2005 and recorded on January 9, 2006 in Liber 1068 on Page 99 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Four Thousand Fifty-Five and 71/100 Dollars (\$84,055.71), 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 July 23, 2009.

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

Parcel 1: Commencing at the intersection of the South line of River Street and the West line of State Street in the Village of Tuscola; thence Westerly along the South line of River Street 90 feet; thence Southerly and parallel to State Street 120 feet; thence Easterly and parallel to River Street 90 feet; thence North along the West line of State Street 120 feet to the place of beginning. Being a part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest fractional 1/4 of Section 28, Town 11 North, Range 7 East.

Parcel 2: Commencing at the Southwest corner of Section 28, Town 11 North, Range 7 East, thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, 1587.25 feet; along the South Section line to the intersection of said Section line with the centerline of Bray Road (formerly Lapeer Road); thence North 03 degrees 47 minutes 42 seconds West, 788.56 feet, along said centerline to the intersection of said centerline with the South line of Loren Road (formerly River Street); thence North 78 degrees 10 minutes 40 seconds East, 169.14 feet along said South line to the point of beginning; thence continue North 78 degrees 10 minutes 40 seconds East, 3.15 feet; thence South 05 degrees 48 minutes 20 seconds East, 120.00 feet; thence South 80 degrees 59 minutes 29 seconds West, 5.24 feet; thence North 04 degrees 48 minutes 01 seconds West, 120.00 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: June 24, 2009

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
FC C (248) 593-1301
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #270495F01

6-24-4

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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 Steven M. Crooks, a married man, original mortgagor, to Fairway Independent Mfg. Corp - Madison, Mortgagee, dated May 9, 2003 and recorded on May 19, 2003 in Liber 931 on Page 777, and assigned by said Mortgagee to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc. as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Five Thousand Seventy-Seven and 36/100 Dollars (\$85,077.36), 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 July 23, 2009.

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

Part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 33, Town 14 North, Range 11 East, described as: Commencing 80 rods South and 11 rods West of the Northeast corner of Section 33, Town 14 North, Range 11 East, running thence South 4 rods; thence West 8 rods; thence North 4 rods; thence East 8 rods to the place of beginning.

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

Dated: June 24, 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, and assigned by mesne assignments to Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as Indenture Trustee for Saxon Asset Securities Trust 2005-3 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 Thirty-Eight Thousand Six Hundred Thirty-Eight and 24/100 Dollars (\$138,638.24), 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 July 23, 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 Wilmot'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: June 24, 2009

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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Attorneys for Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #255097F02

6-24-4

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF TUSCOLA

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 08-32748-DE

Estate of WILLIAM CLIFFORD
Date of Birth: 06/30/1925

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, WILLIAM CLIFFORD, who lived at 9087 Fostoria Road, MI 48435, died 02/10/08.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to JUDY COTTON, named personal representative, or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 440 N. STATE ROAD, DEPT. 4, CARO, MI 48723-1555, and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Dated: June 25, 2009

JUDY COTTON
432 BURT AVENUE
JACKSON, MI 49201
(517) 782-2497

DENISE R. KETCHMARK (P-42291)
611 W. COURT STREET, STE 203
FLINT, MI 48503
(810) 232-6096

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by James D. Denton and Nancy K. Denton, Husband and Wife, to Bank of America, N.A., Mortgagee, dated December 22, 2005 and recorded December 29, 2005 in Liber 1066, Page 958 and re-recorded on October 20, 2006 in Liber 1099, Page 1184, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Seven Thousand One Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars and Seventy Cents (\$87,175.70), including interest 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, Circuit Court of Tuscola County at 10:00AM on July 30, 2009.

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

A Parcel of Land located in the northwest quarter of fractional section 31, town 11 north, range 10 east described as commencing at the north quarter corner of said section 31, thence along the north line of said section 31, south 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds west, 900.00 feet to the point of beginning, thence south 01 degrees 56 minutes 30 seconds west 400.00 feet, thence parallel with said north line of section

Legal Notices

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Mickey T. McKinney, a married man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated December 17, 2004 and recorded December 27, 2004 in Liber 1021, Page 1401, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, National Association FKA The Bank of New York Trust Company, NA as successor to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., successor by merger to Bank One National Association as Trustee for RAMP 2005-RS2 by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Fifty-Four Thousand Six Hundred Forty-Two and 56/100 Dollars (\$154,642.56), 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 front entrance of the Court-house in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on JULY 9, 2009.

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

Lot 5, Iva's Acres, according to the Plat thereof recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 37, 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 mortgage can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights.

Dated: June 10, 2009

Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
248-502-1400
File No. 280,7643
ASAP #3140499

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Daniel Opperman, a married man, and Jean Opperman, His Wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated April 12, 2007 and recorded on April 27, 2007 in Liber 1117 on Page 1348 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to MidFirst Bank as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-One Thousand Forty-Six and 66/100 Dollars (\$71,046.66), including interest at 7% per annum.

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

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

The North 95 Feet of: Commencing 40 RODS North of the Southwest corner of Section 9, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, thence North 20 RODS, thence East 25 RODS, thence South 20 RODS, thence West 25 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: July 1, 2009

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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Attorneys for Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
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File #271998F01

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School to recall 4 teachers

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school's grade has not been released yet.

•Heard from high school Principal Chad Daniels, who recommended some high school policy changes.

They include the addition of a penalty for a third and subsequent violations of the student cell phone policy, in which cell phones will be confiscated and must be picked up by a parent; the elimination of in-school

suspensions due to the elimination of the position charged with monitoring that program; and an addition to the dress code policy prohibiting low-cut clothing that is revealing.

•Learned about a \$2,000 grant awarded by the Pinney Foundation for a summer children's fair the school district will host Friday, Aug. 7, from one to 5 p.m. The event will involve a host of agencies, including the Tuscola County Health Depart-

ment, Tuscola County Sheriff's Department, Elkland Township Fire Department, Hills and Dales General Hospital and MSU Extension.

•Acknowledged a \$500 donation for special education programs from Knights of Columbus Council 8892, Cass City and Gagetown.

•Accepted letters of resignation from Karen Mozden, a para-professional at Campbell Elementary School, and Amy Emmert, a para-professional at the middle school.



A HOST OF FUN activities were recently included in this year's Summer Reading Program sign-up at Rawson Memorial District Library in Cass City. Above, Nicholas (left) and Andrew Clarent hold balloons created for them by Daniel Suttkus, a magician and balloon creations expert.

Elderly, kids mix in program

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for the youth.

According to Smith, the Adult Day Services is a type of family care mainly for the elderly with physical disabilities. They are looked after while their family is at work.

"We get our name 'Generations' from combining the 2 age groups. The little ones learn from the older ones...they kinda look up to them like grandparents, and the older ones enjoy the company. It is inspirational for them," Smith said. James Lewis, director for the Adult Day Services, said the adults enjoy having the kids around.

"We have our little summer Olympics. The seniors beat the kids in horse, but got beat in shuffle standing. They want a rematch," Lewis said. "The seniors will just talk about it for days...I can't really think of any negative reason why this program isn't beneficial."

He said the cost for an adult to stay there depends on the individual person, but averages to about \$50 a day. The Adult Day Services are open from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Monday through Friday.

Similarly, the youth enrichment program is open from Monday through Friday, but from 6:45 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. They charge \$25 a day or \$12.50 for half a day. However they provide scholarships for some children, based upon availability and program guidelines.

Smith said the program gives everyone \$500 free when they first start, despite their income, and then after that they can apply for scholarships. He said they also give discounts for multiple kids coming from the same household, or "family discounts."

"This is our second summer running, and last year we only had around 7 kids, now just a year later we have about tripled in our roster," he said.

The program is licensed for up to 38 children. Smith said they are required to only have one adult supervising for every 18 kids, but they always have at least 2 on staff.

"We always want to be prepared, so we never have just one adult here," he said.

Although some may call the program just a "day-care provider," Smith said he doesn't like to look at it that way.

"On our worse days, we are just babysitting the kids. But on our best days, we provide them with invaluable experiences and lessons. We go bowling, go on picnics, make pancakes for the seniors, we garden, play outside, and most importantly these kids are able to learn life skills," he said.

Too many children grow up not knowing how to do the essentials, Smith explained. He said because the parents are so busy, children don't know anything about energy efficiency or about check book balancing or about spending on a budget.

"Here we have what we call a 'mini-society.' It's like we have our own little economy, where the kids get paid to do things and then they can spend it on 'market day.' They even learn how to make their own things," he said. The children also do academic work like reading and journal writing.

"I'm not the type to gloat, but we've had a lot of these children write about how much they love it here. It's nice to read that," Smith confided.

Smith said a young girl from the Cass City area will soon be joining the program.

"Her mother said she heard our ad on the radio and it sounded perfect for her. They are from Cass City, but her mother works in Caro, so her daughter will come here for the day," he said. "We are open to everyone."

Recently, Congressman Dale E. Kildee secured a \$100,000 grant aimed for youth and juvenile justice in Tuscola County that will be used for the Generations Youth Enrichment Program.

Smith said the money will be used for supplies, programs, transportation for the kids and more scholarships for those with low income.

Although the money is not for the Adult Day Services portion of the program, Lewis said they will benefit from the help, too.

"What the kids get, we will utilize too. We all use the playground and we all use the same resources," he said.

Lori Offenbecher, deputy director of HCD, said they are excited to get the money for the kids.

"This program was started from a team effort between me, Mary Ann and Sean, but mostly Sean. It has always been his lifelong passion to do something like this," she said.

Smith said that altogether he just loves helping the kids.

"It seems to me that a lot of these kids had real discipline issues, and now they are being more receptive and seem to really enjoy coming here," he said.

Village council

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"Don't look for these (recommendations) to be on our next agenda," Cristiano said. "We simply don't have the money right now, but it will get us in line for any state or federal grants."

Cristiano also said that Rick Mohr, WWTP supt., has maintained the facility in a superior fashion, but all equipment has a limited life expectancy.

"Most of the equipment in the 27-year-old plant has a less than 15-year life."

Turning to the 2008 audit report, Yeo & Yeo Certified Public Accountant Angela Burnette reported the Village of Cass City's financial statements received an Unqualified Opinion, Yeo & Yeo's highest rating, and that there were no material weaknesses in the village's internal controls and no material instances of noncompliance.

The 2008 audit report, which included a year-end fund balance increase to the general fund, can be reviewed in detailed at the municipal building.

Also during the hour-long gathering, the council adopted an Industrial Facilities Abatement Procedure and approved the purchase of computer hardware from Abadata Computer Corporation, Sebawaing, in the amount of \$5,498.

The village's new Industrial Facilities Tax (IFT) Abatement procedure will serve as a guideline when approached with future IFT Abatement requests.

Three key steps for approval and monitoring future IFT requests were approved. They include establishment of an IFT Abatement review committee. The IFT Abatement review committee will then be required to hold meetings with the requesting party to understand their request and negotiating specifics to be included in public hearings. The IFT Abatement recipient will also be required to provide yearly updates on their business to the village council and Economic Development Corporation.

The village's new computer hardware purchases will allow village hall staff, the Department of Public Works, and the WWTP to be directly connected, and provide effective information sharing between the departments.

The new hardware includes a Dell Poweredge T300 Quad Core server (\$2,816) and a "Virtual Private Network" (\$2,682). The virtual private network "boxes" are the hardware that will connect the departments into the server that will also shorten the billings process of the village's new automated water salesmen.

In other business during the hour-long meeting, the council:

*Authorized to advertise and receive bids for the sale of a 2000 John Deere model 911 lawn mower with attachments and a 1986 F-700 Ford dump truck.

*Authorized to receive sealed bids for a Supervisory Control and Data Application System. The SCADA will use computer operation and radio signals to communicate between buildings and the lift stations at the WWTP. The estimated total cost of SCADA and its installation is \$100,000. The system will be purchased and installed over 5 years.

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increase the staff, while not costing the district any more money.

Compton said the district could save thousands if they cut the JV coaches. However, he also explained how JV teams are necessary to keep the student numbers from decreasing.

"Although we will possibly save a lot of money, we can't wait to see what we want to do. Especially for those playing football, they are already doing conditioning and weightlifting and they need their coaches," Compton said. "We need these JV teams for the younger students—it is a chance for them to condition and stick around to prepare for when they are up against a senior 300 pound lineman."


The board decided to vote on the coaching recommendations for the 2009-2010 year, with an exception of varsity girls' basketball as the only sport with multiple applicants.

The board unanimously agreed to hire Jason Pierce as varsity football coach, Karen Gaeth as varsity volleyball coach, Derrick Howard for varsity boys' basketball coach, Joe Tkacz as varsity baseball coach, and Doug Hyatt as varsity softball coach.


In his report, Compton noted school funding is a serious concern, although he stressed that Owen-Gage is not the only district suffering.

"People aren't spending money and are leaving the state," he said. "It is going to be really tough for us over the next couple years. We will have to dig further into the stimulus money, but we don't know how long it will take."

He said the district has already started the preliminary application process to receive the federal money. "We are on top of the long submission process."



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