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ERIK SVEN RURIKSON, along with his wife, Carol, returned to Cass City High School last week to share their interest and knowledge of Viking history and traditions with various classes. The Ruriks, of Unionville, are founders of Earldom of New Northumbria, a living history community that provides an authentic venue "for living history warriors, artisans and merchants that share an enthusiasm for the cultures of pre-feudal England."

Stabbing victims testify in murder of 2 men inside Sanilac County home

Two of the stabbing victims in the July 22 double murder and assault with intent to commit murder case in Sanilac County offered testimony last week in Sanilac County District Court before Judge Gregory S. Ross.



Gary Gould

County Prosecutor James V. Young said the victims included Doreen Wurminger, 64, mother of the defendant in the case, 47-year-old Gary Lee Gould of Crosswell. Wurminger's husband, Jacob P. Wurminger, 70, - Gould's stepfather - died in the attacks.

The other victim to testify, Young noted, was Cynthia Reynolds, 67. Her husband, Harry "Ted" Reynolds, 68, of Lexington, also died in the attacks.

"Together, the 2 women indicated that the defendant...had attacked each of them and that they suffered multiple knife wounds and numerous other injuries as a result," Young said, adding the testimony marked the beginning of Gould's preliminary examination in district court.

"Mrs. Reynolds also testified that she had seen the defendant repeatedly hitting her husband in the upper chest in the laundry room area. Mrs. Wurminger further testified that she had seen the defendant repeatedly striking her husband in the living room area. She later saw her husband lying outside and non-responsive," Young continued.

Gould is currently awaiting a psychiatric evaluation - at his own request - at the Center for Forensic Psychiatry in Ypsilanti.

Young said his preliminary examination will be continued in the future, although a date has not been set yet, with both parties agreeing to put the proceedings on hold until the results of Gould's evaluation have been filed with the court.

Gould was formally arraigned in July on 2 counts of open murder, a felony punishable by up to life in prison, and 2 counts of assault with intent to murder, which carries a sentence of life or any term of years.

The charges stem from the brutal attacks on both couples in the Wurminger's Crosswell home Gould had shared with them since being released

from prison last fall after serving a 12-year term on a conviction of assault with intent to commit great bodily harm less than murder.

The investigation began when one of the injured women sought help after the attacks, and ended with Gould's arrest less than 3 hours later, several miles to the north in Huron County's Meade Township.

After responding to the scene, Sanilac County Sheriff's deputies broadcast a description of the suspect and a 2008 Jeep Compass that was missing from the residence.

Later that morning, Huron County

deputies were dispatched to investigate a reported suspicious, highly intoxicated subject who had approached a homeowner for assistance, saying he had been involved in a car accident. Deputies arrived and spotted Gould, who fled. They later found the suspect hiding under a large bush and arrested him without incident.

A short time later, the Huron County officers learned that Gould, who had no driver's license and was wanted in Florida on a probation violation charge, was also wanted in connection with the homicides earlier the same day in Sanilac County.

Ballard a semifinalist in National Merit competition

Jacob Ballard isn't in a class by himself, but his test scores have certainly put him into some very elite company.

Ballard, 17, a senior at Cass City High School, was recently named one of roughly 16,000 semifinalists in the 55th annual National Merit Scholarship Program.

Ballard, the son of Anne and Steve Ballard of Cass City, and the grandson of Jack Esau, Cass City, and the late Ruth Esau, was among more than 1.5 million juniors in about 22,000 high schools that entered the 2010 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2008 preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT), which served as an initial screening of program entrants.

The nationwide pool of semifinalists represents less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors and includes the highest scoring entrants in each state.

"These academically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 8,200 National Merit scholarships worth more than \$36 million that will be offered next spring," said Eileen Artemakis, spokeswoman for the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC).

To be considered for a Merit Scholarship award, semifinalists must fulfill several requirements to advance to the finalist level of the competition, according to Artemakis, who said about 90 percent of the semifinalists are expected to attain finalist standing, and roughly half of the finalists will win a National Merit Scholarship, earning the Merit Scholar title.

Scholarships would come in handy for Ballard, an honor roll student who says he's looking at 3 different universities - the University of Michigan, Dartmouth College in New Hampshire and Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, Terre Haute, Ind.

"I'm looking at engineering schools and looking into being an engineer," he said. "I'm interested in mechanical engineering and chemical engineering."

NMSC, a not-for-profit organization that operates without government assistance, was established in 1955 specifically to conduct the annual National Merit Scholarship Program. Scholarships are underwritten by NMSC with its own funds and by some 500 business organizations and higher education institutions that share NMSC's goals of honoring the nation's scholastic champions and encouraging the pursuit of academic excellence.

To become a National Merit finalist, a semifinalist must have an outstanding academic record throughout high school, be endorsed and recommended by the high school principal, and earn SAT scores that confirm the student's earlier performance on the qualifying test. The semifinalist and high school officials must submit a detailed scholarship application, which includes the student's essay and information about the semifinalist's participation and leadership in school and community activities.

Ballard should have no problem there. He's a member of the local National Honor Society (NHS) chapter and student council (he serves as senior class treasurer). He's also active in Academic Games, is a "lunch buddy" and is a member of the golf team and the concert and marching bands.

Ballard indicated the secret to high academic achievement is really no secret

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High school fails to earn "AYP"

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Cass City High School Principal Chad Daniels wasn't thrilled about reporting his building's Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) report, recently announced by state education officials, during Monday night's regular monthly meeting of the Cass City Board of Education.

However, Daniels made it clear that the results were heavily impacted by factors largely beyond school officials' control, although the administration and staff are continuing to work on improving the end results.

While the high school made AYP and just missed earning an "A" grade

a year ago, the school failed to make AYP this year, even though state officials gave the school a solid "B" grade.

Cass City's elementary and middle school buildings both earned AYP status this year.

The grades and AYP are part of the state's EducationYES! Report Cards as required by the federal No Child Left Behind Act. To make AYP, a school must test 95 percent of its stu-

dents in total and in each required student "subgroup" defined by federal law. They must attain the target achievement in English/language arts and math, or reduce the percentage of students in the non-proficient category of achievement by 10 percent. In addition, the school must meet or exceed the other academic indicators set by the state, including graduation rates for high schools and attendance

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Hills and Dales responds

Editor's note: The following response to on-going litigation was issued Monday morning by the administration at Hills and Dales General Hospital. The litigation in question involves a lawsuit brought by the hospital against 2 of its former physicians and Huron Medical Center in Bad Axe.

Dear Editor,

Hills and Dales recognizes that the public has an interest in a response from us regarding the legal case you have mentioned in your editorials.

Hills and Dales has indicated to the Chronicle that it will respond to the public when this matter has been resolved in the courts. Since, at this point, we do not even know which court will be deciding this case, we believe it is premature and would be inappropriate for us to comment until such time as these proceedings are complete. At that time we will have a response.

We appreciate the community's continued support as we work through this process.

Michael J. Falatko
President & CEO

Groundbreaking scheduled for poultry plant

by Clarke Haire
Publisher

Cass City Village Manager Peter Cristiano announced Monday during the regular meeting of the village council that a poultry processing firm plans to begin construction of an 8,000-square-foot building in the Industrial Park later this week.

Accordingly, members of the village council, the local downtown development authority (DDA), and the economic development corporation (EDC) have scheduled a groundbreaking ceremony for Thursday with officials from Liang's Farm & Processing, LLC, beginning at 10:30 a.m. near the corner of Doerr Road and Schell Street.

As previously reported in the Chronicle, the facility is expected to handle approximately 100,000 birds annually, including chickens, ducks, geese and quail for specialty markets in New York City, Chicago and Atlanta and will hire 8 to 10 employees initially. However, Cristiano says a second phase is planned to open in 2012 that will produce soybean noodles as well as tofu-like products that could lead to the construction of 3 new buildings and creation of as many as 50 jobs.

In more good news concerning the local economy, Cristiano told the council that Millennium Industries officials have informed the village that 60 new employees will be added to its

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O-G discusses bus, Deckerville requests

Owen-Gage School officials recently discussed a request to keep school buses off side streets in the village of Owendale, and an application from the Deckerville School District to join the North Central Thumb League (NCTL).

Both items were on the Owen-Gage Board of Education's rescheduled monthly meeting agenda last week.

Owendale village officials have asked the Owen-Gage School District to put an end to the practice of picking up and dropping off students on village side streets, but school officials are hoping to change the village's mind.

Owen-Gage School Supt. Dana Compton said he received a letter from the village asking that school buses stay off of side streets due to concerns regarding the weight of the vehicles and wear and tear on the as-

phalt.

"We really don't think our buses are (causing damage)," Compton said, adding other trucks using those streets, such as garbage trucks, weigh more than school buses. And, he noted, the school district picks up and drops off just a handful of students - all young children - in the village of Owendale.

"That's where our concern is - we only pick up about a half-dozen kids in town, but they're between 6 and 8 years old," Compton said. "We really don't want to put up a bus stop on the main road going through town."

Compton said he plans to attend the village council's next regular meeting in October and request a waiver from village officials.

Turning to the Deckerville request, the board formally approved a resolu-

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SOUTH EAST MICHIGAN Paranormal Society members (from left) Diane Emerson, Director Scott Morgan and Jason Emerson set up a camcorder with night vision capability in the basement of the Gilligan's building in Cass City late last Tuesday night. (See story, page 5)

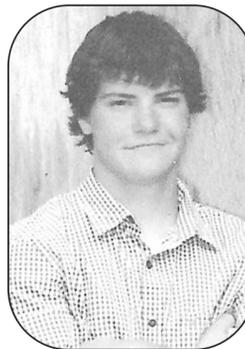


FIVE GENERATIONS of the same family are pictured above: (in front, from left) mother Kayla DeLong, daughter Breslyn DeLong, great-great-grandmother Jean Boyd, (in back, left) grandmother Sandy Wolny and great-grandmother Norajean Little.



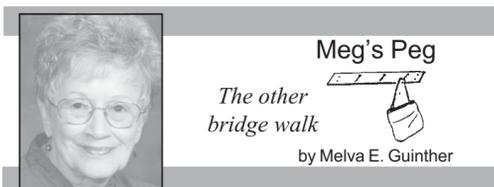
JEAN BOYL'S MULTIPLE 5-generation family includes (front row, from left) great-granddaughter Kayla DeLong, great-great-granddaughter Sydney Koslakiewicz, great-great-granddaughter Breslyn DeLong, Jean Boyd, great-great-grandson Oliver Jensen-Craig, great-great-granddaughter Rylee Koslakiewicz, great-granddaughter Kimberly Koslakiewicz, (back row, left) granddaughter Sandy Wolny, daughter Norajean Little, granddaughter Lori Jensen and great-granddaughter Jessie Jensen.

Prich named O-G "student of month"



Devin Prich

Devin Prich has been named Owendale-Gagetown School's "Senior Student of the Month" for September. Each year during high school, he has been a member of the basketball and baseball teams and has won several awards. Prich has consistently been on the honor roll and has been a member of the 3.0 Honors Club each year. He also has been a member of the National Honor Society the past 2 years. Prich served as treasurer of his junior class last year. He was a member of the homecoming court his freshman and junior years and has been nominated by the student body to vie for the 2009 homecoming king. He has been attending the Huron Area Technical Center the past 2 years in the Information Management Systems Program. Prich, the son of Larry and Annette Prich of Sebawaing, plans to attend Saginaw Valley State University in the fall to become a certified public accountant.



Meg's Peg
The other bridge walk
by Melva E. Guinther

We can't begin to compete with Dagmar Brown, who has faithfully participated in the Mackinac Bridge walk for the 50th time. The Mackinac Bridge is 5 miles long. The Dodge Road bridge over the Cass River is a tad shorter, but we did receive certificates for completing the 5th annual Labor Day walk across that span south and west of Cass City. I've mentioned this less well-known bridge walk before. It's less well known but seems to be gaining popularity. I understand that one of the 66 walkers this year came all the way from Alaska, and another from North Carolina. Residents and friends of "Speirsville" along Akron Rd. just around the corner from the Dodge Rd. bridge started the tradition. The neighborhood has been unofficially named Speirsville because my sister, Norma Speirs, two of her sons and two Speirs grandsons live along the road in close proximity. The Walk began rather inauspiciously 5 years ago and has grown each year since. This year there were 66 participants. The Speirs family and their friends are just plain good people who know how to create fun. A printed banner on the bridge announced the walk and certificates were issued to all who completed it. To assure that the walkers could make the arduous trek, an ice water station was placed halfway across. A potluck dinner at the senior Speirs' house served to restore their energy afterward. We didn't know the people who sat next to us at the table, so I introduced myself. The gentleman told me his name and his wife's and said, "We're Eric's parents." So I asked, "Who's Eric?" and told him, "I'm Norma's sister," to which he replied, "Who's Norma?" Then Eric said they were just passing by, smelled the food and decided to stop in. Had that been true, they would still have been welcome. That's always been the Speirs way of life. I was told later that Eric actually did have a connection with the family through their church. At another Speirs home one day, we were in the living room visiting when a young woman walked in and stood in the doorway. Nobody acknowledged her presence, but she began to enter into the conversation. I finally asked who she was. Turned out she was just a friend who felt very much at home there. Back to Dagmar, she's obviously kept herself in very good physical condition. She certainly does a lot of walking. Too many older folks stick to the exercise routine I read about a while back:

MONDAY: Beat around the bush, jump to conclusions, climb the walls, wade through paper work.
TUESDAY: Drag your heels, push your luck, make mountains out of molehills, hit the ceiling.
WEDNESDAY: Bend over backwards, jump on the bandwagon, balance the books, run around in circles.
THURSDAY: Shake a leg, climb the ladder of success, pull out the stops, add fuel to the fire.
FRIDAY: Open a can of worms, put your foot in your mouth, start the ball rolling, go over the edge.
SATURDAY: Pick up the pieces.
I guess Sunday remains a day of rest.

Sand Valley Country School reunion scheduled

The Sand Valley Country School Reunion will be held Saturday, Oct. 17 at the Charmont restaurant in Cass City at 12:30 p.m. Anyone who attended Sand Valley, and their spouses, are encouraged to attend. Sand Valley was located "in a little valley of sand" in Elkland Township on Elmwood Road, about one quarter mile west of the corner of Krapf and Elmwood roads. Mrs. Agnes (Jack) Howell was the last teacher there before the school was discontinued in 1951. The school, which was established in 1874, was annexed to the Cass City School District in 1957.

Calendar of Events

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

- Thursday, October 1**
AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 872-4816.
Preschool Story Time, 10-11 a.m., children 3-5 years old, Rawson Memorial District Library.
- Friday, October 2**
Al-anon meeting for family and friends of alcoholics, 7 p.m., United Methodist Church, Elkton. For more information, call (989) 872-4042.
HCI Fundraising Jewelry Sale, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., Hills & Dales General Hospital West Wing Hallway. Sponsored by the Hills & Dales Hospital Auxiliary.
- Saturday, October 3**
Whitetails Unlimited Fundraising Banquet, starting at 5:30 p.m., Cass City VFW Hall. For more information, call Jason Maraskin at (989) 859-9489, Dale Terbush at (989) 673-1189 or visit the website at www.whitetailsunlimited.com.
Corn Maze (not haunted), 4-9 p.m., Heritage United Methodist Church, 3329 Washington St., Snover (1/4 mile east of Snover on Snover Rd.). Admission: \$3, children 5 and under: free. For more information, call (810) 672-9101 or (810) 672-9610.
- Sunday, October 4**
Gagetown AA meeting, 8-9 p.m., Gagetown fire hall. For more information, call (989) 665-2361.
Gagetown United Methodist Church Brunch, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. All you can eat. \$6 donation.
- Monday, October 5**
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.
- Tuesday, October 6**
Toddler Story Time, 10-10:30 a.m., children 18-36 months, Rawson Memorial District Library.

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In Our OPINION...

Clarke Haire
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Sense of community is alive and well here

There is no way to explain the reasons behind the recent tragic death of 18-year-old Corey Sanders, a young man who, by all accounts, was more than likeable; he loved music, wanted to be a minister and was always looking for ways to help others.

The Cass City junior collapsed after suffering a seizure in the high school cafeteria, and in spite of heroic attempts by school officials and emergency responders to revive him, he passed away, leaving a family without answers following their senseless loss.

However, the family didn't face this tragedy alone. Cass City residents immediately rallied behind the family, joined by those in neighboring Thumb towns, and many of them offered much more than lip service.

School officials set up an account at Thumb National Bank to collect donations for the family, which didn't have insurance and was facing monstrous medical and funeral bills. As of last week, that account totaled some \$11,600 in donations. The Cass City High School staff pitched in another \$2,000, and contractors hired to complete the school district's recent major renovation/construction project pledged some \$3,600.

Neighboring communities got involved as well, starting with school officials in Harbor Beach, donating roughly \$1,600 from a 50-50 raffle, concessions and the gate following a Cass City-Harbor Beach football game the day after Corey died. USA school officials offered \$180, representing that district's 50-50 raffle proceeds from a varsity volleyball game.

That so many people extended their sympathy as well as their cash isn't the story here.

The real story is that the same scenario has played out many times before. Benefit dinners for cancer victims, fundraisers for a family facing the loss of someone involved in a traffic crash, etc. — residents in Cass City, and in small towns throughout the Thumb, don't hesitate to do their part. And often, those who can least afford to donate are the first ones in line.

That sort of compassion in action makes it easy to brush off snide comments from city dwellers about the "excitement" of living in the country. How many of us, especially those who have tasted life in the city, have laughed off remarks from our friends and family when they refer to our hometown as "Mayberry" or "Green Acres".

If they only knew. Of course, even here, it's easy to lose sight of our sense of community when issues of contention divide local residents. But, those issues, whether they involve education or health care or a proposed tax increase, will always come and go. They are temporary.

Our sense of community will always be there. Sure, times aren't what they used to be. The days of literally knowing everyone in town — when a stranger walking downtown sparked curiosity, even suspicion among the locals — are long gone. But you can still count on a friend, neighbor, even a stranger offering to lend a hand, even if it's just use of a cell phone after your car has broken down along M-81.

And Cass City is in good company. Residents of the Owendale-Gagetown, Ubyly, Kingston and many other communities in the Thumb are just as quick to respond to their neighbors.

It's a reassuring thought — proven time and time again; when folks find themselves in need of help, they won't be alone.

Which continues to make life in a small town one of the best kept secrets anywhere.

Letters to the Editor Hills and Dales behavior embarrassing, ridiculous

Dear Mr. Montgomery and our community, We have been watching the melodrama around the building on the hill and 2 physicians.

There is a gross misprint on the Hills and Dales General Hospital website. As of this date, 9/21/09, Their "Our Community" page states their name as Hills and Dales Community Hospital. If that were so, they would be listening to what our "community" is saying.

How foolish it is to pursue this lawsuit. Is this hospital so desperate for money that they go against the theme of the Hippocratic Oath to do no harm? It is our opinion that forcing doctors not to practice in certain areas against their free will, and patients to potentially get upset emotionally and possibly leading to new or aggravated physical problems is doing harm.

Some of Cass City communicants now hold off seeing a doctor because of confusion as to who will be free to see them with their existing problems; of fear about starting with a new doctor that might not be there next week.

We started going to Dr. Pantig when another good doctor left Hills and Dales. Since she began, we have been proud to be her patients. Clearly this is a vocation for her and not just an occupation as Hills and Dales wants of its doctors. Dr. Pantig has earned our trust, confidence and respect. She has always looked out for

our health and overall well-being. She provides not only medicine, but also medical advice, concerns, recommendations, support and encouragement.

Dr. Pantig and her staff have never suggested, recommended, threatened, scared or pressured us to follow her. We have followed her because of self-ish practical reasons...we want the best. As a matter of fact, for our convenience, she said we should use Hills and Dales for lab work. Because of this lawsuit, we go out of our way to not use Hills and Dales, even for labs. We hope this will change.

Will someone please clearly detail in print why Hills and Dales General Hospital is doing this? The loss of Hills and Dales General Hospital's home care agency appears to be an indication of their financial management inadequacies. Suing physicians will not increase their revenue.

On the contrary, communicants shy away from being associated with a facility that shows such embarrassing, ridiculous behavior. Bad Axe, Pigeon, Caro and Marlette are not that far away.

Listening to the needs of the community and the people who make up our community should have a more important place in the decisions being made by Hills and Dales.

Roy and Margaret Shaft
Members of the Cass City community



Red Hawk News & Views

Cass City Public Schools
by Paige Lester

A famous icon once said, "My goal in life is to give the world what I was lucky to receive...divine union through my music and my dance."

Though this icon has passed, it seems his goal has been achieved, and the legacy of his work has extended even to our small school community.

You may know him for his eccentric life or recent death, but the Red Hawk marching band has chosen to know Michael Jackson for his catchy pop songs such as "Beat It", "Thriller", "I'll Be There", and "Bilby Jean" as they learned his music and performed it before football fans last Friday.

Band director Mrs. Lull (formerly Miss Tichnell) commented that Jacob Ballard, percussion section leader, suggested the theme to her during the summer after Jackson's death. Though they had previously decided on a rock theme, by the end of the summer, they felt that the Michael Jackson theme was solid. "It's not about the man," Mrs. Lull remarked. "It's all about his music."

With the new marching band season, there is also a new drum major, Sara Venema. Sara, a senior, who expressed plans of going on to study music in college and getting a teaching degree, said of the band season, "I really think it will be a great year. We've been working hard and we had a lot of time to prepare before our first show."

And prepare the students have. They have been practicing since early August and have continued practicing outside of school every Monday night. Sara has also been aided by the efforts of Katie Nizzola, the junior drum major.

Not only are the band students playing Michael Jackson's songs, they are also going all out performing them. The norm of wearing 2 white gloves with their uniform has been put aside to emulate the one glove style of Michael Jackson, and as the season goes on, students will even add decorations to them.

Sarah Zmierski, a sophomore and trombone player, mentioned that in addition to wearing one glove, band members will also dance to the iconic song Thriller. In fact, students have been learning the "moonwalk", which according to Sarah is somewhat of a

challenge. As she put it, "We have been learning the moonwalk...or trying to."

Middle school band students also have reason for excitement this season as they get to practice the songs the marching band is playing. Kayla Zmierski, an eighth grader, said, "Although I don't really like the Michael Jackson songs, playing them makes me excited to play in the marching band when I get to high school."

Other students in high school are also happy about the Michael Jackson theme this year. TJ Marker, a senior, added, "I love Michael Jackson's music. I'm excited because his music is so influential. We always dance to "Thriller" at the school dances."

Michael Jackson's goal was to spread his legacy, his music and his dance. The Red Hawk marching band has done just this; they have focused on his music, not on him.

As Mrs. Lull said, "It's all about the music."

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The back forty by Roger Pond

The economic slowdown has affected nearly everyone. Even the waste disposal business has seen some cutbacks.

I've read that New York City exports millions of tons of trash, and Pennsylvania imports more than 9 million tons. Much of our municipal trash is transported across state lines, and waste disposal has been a boon for many rural areas.

Still, some folks want their trash kept closer to home. A Sierra Club executive said, "Transporting all of this garbage so far away means the people who generate it don't have to deal with its consequences."

I can remember when trash disposal was an everyday event, and most folks got rid of their own. We just loaded up our truck and headed out to the dump.

Every community had a dump in those days. Just an acre or two where folks could arrive and throw out anything they didn't want.

Or we could trade. We'd throw away some old cans or newspapers and pick up a set of handle bars for our bike. Or an old handbag for our sister.

Some folks of my generation can remember the days when shooting rats at the dump was a popular Saturday night entertainment. When I hear kids today say they're bored, I'll always regret the closing of the dumps.

The dump was a source of pride. When folks came to visit, we'd take them by the school and the bowling

alley, and then we'd take them out to see the dump. "You got any rats here?" they'd ask. "Sure. We shot six last week," we'd tell them.

As far as I can remember there really wasn't much shooting on those trash-land safaris. Most of our time was spent shining the flashlight around and jumping sideways when we heard noises.

Anyone who hasn't heard the story about a rat running up a kid's pant leg has never been to a rat shoot. That fable was told at least once each hour.

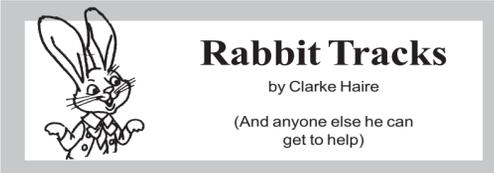
Suddenly a bed spring would "Twang!" And everyone was three feet in the air, grabbing their pant legs.

We had to treat some of the kids like Barney Fife. They got only one bullet — and then only after they'd seen a rat.

Nobody had a bulldozer to bury the trash, and I really can't tell you what ever happened to it. The township covered everything with dirt when the dump was closed, but the rats did their best to keep the place tidy.

When communities started sending their trash to the big sanitary landfills — with liners and bulldozers and all, the rat shooting was lost forever. Most folks think it's better that way, but I'm not so sure.

I went to Montana to shoot Prairie Dogs last summer, and there's just no way they can compete with the rats.



Norman Wilcox, of Dayton, Ohio needs your help. In a recent email he wrote: I have an EZ Kutr remote control lawn mower. The only information I can find on it is from an old ad from your paper dated 4/29/1955. I don't know if it was made in your town. It still works good. I get it out and play with it a couple times a year. I have owned it for 35 years now. Wilcox asks anyone who can pass along some data on his mower, to contact him at: moal405_6@msn.com.

Eva Dahl, Karlstad, Sweden, also sent us an email. She wrote: This is a cry for help from Sweden. I'm searching for my American relatives in the Bader family. I have found and contacted some of them but there are still some missing. Mr. Willard Bader with wife Grace K. are among them. He died in 2005, but I think she is still alive. They lived in Florida but I cannot find her. In my search I've come across pieces from your newspaper where Willard Bader is mentioned. If it's impossible to find his wife I must look for their children, if they had any. A Sherry Bader and Lloyd Bader are also mentioned. I know these articles are old, from the 60s, but is there any chance that you or someone else could have any knowledge of the family and relatives? I would be so grateful for any help or advice. You can imagine it's hard trying to find them being so far apart.

If you can help our overseas neighbor, email her @ eva.dahl@kt.se.

Flu season is here and the Tuscola County Health Department will be administering vaccinations during the Tuscola County Human Services Community Expo, which will be held on Oct. 13th, at the Colwood United Brethren Church, located at the corner of Colwood Road and M-81. Flu shots will be offered from 10 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. for adults (19 and older) only. Children's flu shots are offered at the health department by appointment only. Call 989-673-8114, ext. 110 or 102, to make arrangements.

Village manager Peter Cristiano reports that Cass City has an abundance of housing available for sale, due to a decreasing population. In August, he informed the village council that there were 19 houses listed for sale within the village for asking prices less than \$60,000, 7 of which were less than \$30,000. Cristiano also stated that there are 51 vacant housing units within the village and that approximately 29% of the village's housing units are rentals.

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Vassar man faces prison in death of unborn child

A 19-year-old Vassar man faces the prospect of spending the next several years of his life in prison for running a stop sign and hitting another vehicle more than a year ago, killing the unborn fetus of a Grand Blanc woman.

Travis J. Davis was sentenced to 5 to 15 years in prison last week in Tuscola County Circuit Court for his pleas of no contest to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor - causing a miscarriage or stillbirth, and operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor - causing serious injury.

Davis was also ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$3,196.

The charges were brought by the Tuscola County Prosecutor's Office following a Sept. 21, 2008, traffic crash at the intersection of Caine and Brown roads in Vassar Township.

According to Tuscola County Sheriff's Department reports, Davis was northbound on Caine Road and failed to stop at the Brown Road intersection and struck a westbound vehicle broadside in the passenger door. The driver of the second vehicle was identified as Brian Taylor, 24, also of Vassar, whose passenger, Angella L. Reynolds, 22, of Grand Blanc, was 8 months pregnant at the time.

Taylor and Reynolds were transported to Covenant Hospital, Saginaw, for treatment of their injuries, and hospital officials later notified sheriff's deputies that the fetus had not survived. Also transported to Covenant was Davis' passenger, Juan G. Palomares, 19, of Vassar. Davis was taken to Caro Community Hospital for treatment of his injuries and then lodged in the county jail.



CASS CITY High School senior Jacob Ballard has been named a semifinalist in the 2010 National Merit Scholarship Program. Ballard, who is involved in band as well as a host of other school activities, is part of the national pool of semifinalists that represents less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors. (See story, page one).

Ballard a semifinalist

Continued from page one.

at all. It's a matter of paying attention in class and doing your best, he said. "I think I owe a lot of it to my parents," he added. "My mom's a teacher and taught me to read early."

About 15,000 semifinalists are expected to advance to the finalist level and it is from this group that all National Merit Scholarship winners will be chosen. Merit Scholar designees are selected on the basis of their skills, accomplishments and potential for success in rigorous college studies.

Three types of National Merit Scholarship awards will be offered in the spring of 2010. Every finalist will compete for one of 2,500 National Merit \$2,500 scholarships that will be awarded on a state representational basis. About 1,000 corporate-sponsored scholarships will be provided by 270 corporations and business organizations for finalists who meet their specified criteria, such as children of the grantor's employees or residents of communities where sponsor plants or offices are located. In addition, about 200 colleges and universities are expected to finance some 4,700 college-sponsored Merit Scholarship awards for finalists who will attend the sponsoring institution.

Several appear on charges last week

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

•Genaro Ramirez, 29, Akron, pleaded no contest to a charge of malicious destruction of property valued at \$1,000 to \$20,000 Aug. 4 in Akron.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case and bond was set at \$500. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Andrew J. Wonnacott, 21, Caro, pleaded guilty to charges of unlawfully driving away an automobile and operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor June 13 in Indianfields Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$7,000. Sentencing is to be set.

•Keith E. Acre III, 26, Mayville, was sentenced to 180 days in the county jail and 36 months probation for his plea of no contest to domestic violence, third offense, May 10 in Dayton Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (2 prior felony convictions).

In addition to jail time, he was ordered to pay \$2,328 in costs and fines.

•Frederick V. Liestman, 69, Mayville, was sentenced to 270 days in jail (90 days deferred) for his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, June 12 in Mayville.

He was also placed on 36 months probation and ordered to complete 800 hours of community service and pay costs and fines totaling \$1,628.

•Matthew W. Parcham, 45, Vassar, was sentenced to 180 days in jail (90 days deferred), with work release and worksite privileges, for his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, March 28 in Vassar.

He was also placed on 36 months probation and ordered to complete 100 hours of community service and pay \$1,628 in costs and fines.

•Thomas J. Robinson, 53, Standish, was sentenced to 365 days in jail (90 days deferred) for his plea of guilty to violating the Sex Offenders Registration Act by failing to notify law enforcement of a change of address within 10 days between September and October 2008 in Arbela Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convictions).

He was ordered to complete 200 hours of community service and pay \$1,261 in costs and fines.

In addition to jail time, he was ordered to pay \$2,128 in costs and fines.

•Richard W. Case, 47, Millington, stood mute to charges of interfering with electronic communications Aug. 22 in Vassar Township, and to being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convictions).

A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled in the case and bond was continued at \$4,000.

•Brett G. Lackie, 28, Caro, pleaded guilty to violating the Sex Offenders Registration Act by failing to notify law enforcement of a change in address within 10 days between January and March in Almer Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the Michigan Department of Corrections. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Kelly J. Stevens, 53, Fostoria, was sentenced to 365 days in jail and 60 months probation for her pleas of no contest to assaulting a police officer, malicious destruction of fire department/police property, and operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor Nov. 19 in Watertown Township.

She was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$2,764 plus restitution of \$434.

•Gary M. Hecht, 54, Vassar, was sentenced to 12 months probation for his plea of no contest to attempting to write a non-sufficient fund check for \$500 or more June 22-29, 2008, in Denmark Township.

He was also ordered to complete 25 hours of community service and pay \$803 in costs and fines.

•Christopher M. Leiner, 21, Vassar, was sentenced to 18 months to 8 years in prison for his plea of guilty to violating the Sex Offenders Registration Act by failing to notify law enforcement of a change of address within 10 days between October and November in Vassar Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (2 prior felony convictions).

•Kenneth W. Walker, 23, Vassar, received a one-year delayed sentence following his pleas of guilty to interfering with electronic communications and assault or assault and battery July 14 in Tuscola Township.

He was ordered to complete 200 hours of community service and pay \$1,261 in costs and fines.

•Matthew P. Byczek, 52, Dearborn,

was sentenced to 132 days in jail for his plea of guilty to absconding or forfeiting bond Dec. 22 in Caro.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$2,128.

•Lewis W. Nowlen, 56, Caro, was sentenced to 18 months to 10 years in prison for his plea of no contest to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, April 4 in Indianfields Township.

He was also ordered to pay \$1,128 in costs and fines.

•Matthew J. Slater, 43, was sentenced to 142 days in jail and 18 months probation for his plea of guilty to absconding or forfeiting bond April 1 in Caro. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (2 prior felony convictions).

In addition to jail time, he was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$428. Attorneys fees are to be determined.

Fatal accident claims life of motorist in Tuscola County

Tuscola County Sheriff's deputies are continuing their investigation into a fatal one-vehicle traffic crash Thursday in Tuscola Township.

Undersheriff Glen Skrent said the accident was reported at about 2:30 a.m. on Frankenmuth Road near Van Cleve Road.

"Upon arrival, they (deputies) found a 1994 GMC Jimmy had been traveling eastbound on Frankenmuth Road, left the roadway and rolled over," Skrent said. "The roll-over caused the driver, who was not wearing a seatbelt, to be partly ejected from the vehicle."

Skrent identified the victim as Gary Allen Impola, 66, of Grand Blanc, who was pronounced dead at the scene.

Drunken driving arrests down in campaign

Drunk drivers arrested during the recent "Over the Limit. Under Arrest." crackdown are just beginning to deal with the ramifications of their arrest. However, the positive news is that more people heeded the campaign's warnings resulting in fewer drunk drivers on the road and fewer arrests.

This year, officers made more than 13,000 traffic stops compared to 11,770 last year, yet arrested 200 fewer drunk drivers. During this year's 3-week enforcement period, 552 motorists were arrested for drunk driving, while 770 were arrested in 2008.

The annual Over the Limit. Under Arrest. drunk driving crackdown also netted 67 drug-related arrests, 108 open intoxication citations, 248 seat belt and child seat citations, and 32 other alcohol-related arrests.

Nearly 300 law enforcement agencies took to the streets Aug. 15 - Sept. 7 as part of the nationwide effort to reduce injuries and deaths caused by drunk driving crashes. The crackdown was coordinated by the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP) and paid for with federal traffic safety dollars.

"The high visibility ad campaign and increased police presence are working to deter drunk driving," said OHSP Director Michael L. Prince. "The goal of these drunk driving crackdowns is to keep people from driving drunk in the first place. Making an arrest is the second line of defense."

Officers will again work federally funded overtime enforcement during Halloween weekend. Time frames for stepped up enforcement are selected based on crash data, agency participation and officer availability.

Preliminary results show there were 10 traffic fatalities in Michigan over the Labor Day holiday weekend, 2 of which involved alcohol, according to the Michigan State Police, Criminal Justice Information Center. In comparison, 12 people died in traffic crashes during the 2008 Labor Day holiday weekend, 4 of which involved alcohol.

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Reporter's notebook

Night of ghost hunting at Gilligan's creepy experience

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

I thought the second floor hallways leading to several tiny hotel rooms in the former New Gordon Hotel — now Gilligan's — in Cass City were creepy during the daytime.

Believe me, the daytime has nothing on the late night hours up there, and the basement of the old building, constructed in 1883, isn't much better. Again, you'll just have to take my word for it.

I found myself in both areas, in pitch darkness, along with spending time on the main floor bar and banquet areas last Tuesday from midnight to about 4 a.m., after being invited by members of the South East Michigan Paranormal Society (S.E.M.P.S.) to accompany them during an investigation of reported paranormal activity inside the Main Street building.

That activity, according to a number of employees and Dee Sines, who along with her husband, Mike, own the business, include seeing a swinging door opening by itself and a "shadow" man sitting at the north end of the bar in the morning, and bar stools turning themselves around at night; hearing laughter, footsteps and the crash of pots and pans where there weren't any pots and pans; and a sensation of being touched by "something" that didn't appear to be there.

The building has had a number of owners and names over the years — The Cass City Hotel, The Gordon Hotel, The Cumper Hotel and the New Gordon Hotel.

The building's history includes a few macabre events, including a suicide in a bar restroom back in the early 1990s. S.E.M.P.S. Director Scott Morgan, a Chesterfield resident, mentioned Tuesday night that an area resident had approached him and talked about a family member who hung himself in one of the building's second-floor hotel rooms many years ago.

Consider me an open-minded skeptic when it comes to paranormal investigations, but I was fascinated by watching the 4 members of S.E.M.P.S. set up a variety of multiple camcorder units with night vision — all

networked with a laptop computer — and digital audio devices throughout the building; the basement, the main floor and second floor, as the clock ticked towards midnight.

Hearing the stories of S.E.M.P.S. members' past investigations was interesting as well.

Diane and Dan Emerson of Melvin in Sanilac County, and their grown son, Jason, talked about living in a haunted house and experiencing all kinds of bizarre experiences, including being touched and seeing cabinet doors open and close on their own. The activity escalated to a point that the couple asked a priest to enter their home and "cleanse" (bless) each room. Two weeks later, they said, their home was gutted by fire.

But I digress. Shortly after midnight, we organized into 2 groups of 3, with Dee Sines and myself joining Morgan in the basement, while the Emersons headed for the second floor.

"This could be the most boring night of your life," commented Morgan, who explained a number of theories about why spirits might inhabit a structure — they have died a violent death, are attached to something inside the structure, or have unfinished business, he said.

Although spirits prefer to stay where humans are not, Morgan added, he believes they attempt to make contact with people. "They want you to know they are there. They're trying to get your attention," he said. "They're not hurting anybody; it just seems they want your attention."

Morgan, who had equipped Sines with an EMF (electromagnetic field) detector (the belief is that in order to communicate or manifest, spirits must gather energy from their surroundings, which then alters the electromagnetic field and can be measured), set up his digital audio recorder.

In the darkness, he began asking questions out loud in an effort to get spiritual entities to communicate with us by approaching the recorder and talking into it. "What is your name? When did you pass away? Will you make a noise to let us know you are here? Do you want us to leave?" he asked.

Nothing. Then, we could distinctly hear footsteps a short distance away, above us, and Morgan radioed a member of the other team to be sure they were still 2 floors up and on the other side of the building. They were. Moments later, Sines said she was certain she felt something touch her lower right calf, and the EMF detector indicated there was some activity there.

Later we switched places and spent some time in a few of the hotel rooms on the second floor. Morgan continued to talk out loud in an effort to get a response, and we all were certain we heard a woman's voice whispering, but could not make out what she said. The other team also reported hearing the voice, and that it told them to go to Room 9.

During our time on the main floor, in the banquet room, we again heard voices, but it sounded like a distant conversation at some sort of social gathering.

Later, during a break, we were talking in the bar area when Morgan's digital audio recorder, which he has set down on table, began playing on its own. No one was standing anywhere near it.

When it was over, Morgan said he would spend the next few days reviewing all of the audio and visual data the group collected. He explained that, for the most part, if any entities did respond to his questions, we wouldn't have been able to hear them because they are usually unable to speak loudly enough. He referred to those sounds — a word or brief phrase — as EVPs (electronic voice phenomenon), which are recorded sounds that can be heard only after enhancing the volume electronically.

Morgan promised to return with a full report in the near future.

So, was the experience enough to convince me that paranormal activity is real? Not really. On the other hand, I'm not convinced that it doesn't exist. I have to admit there were moments when I felt a little uneasy, and for no reason I can explain.

I do know that the members of the South East Michigan Paranormal Society I met were very down-to-earth, friendly folks who believe in what they have experienced enough to try to help others make sense of weird sights and sounds, and at their own expense.

Still, I guess you couldn't call me a believer.

Of course, I've never been superstitious, either. Knock wood.

Editor's note: More information on the South East Michigan Paranormal Society and its investigations is available by logging onto the group's website at: www.semichiganparanormalsociety.com.

Down Memory Lane

By Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO

Mike Essex is the kind of guy you doesn't think twice when he sees a stranded motorist on the side of the road. He simply stops and offers to lend a hand. But the Cass City area resident went a step further on an August night in Almer Township, where he helped a lone Tuscola County Sheriff's deputy break up a fight and subdue an intoxicated suspect. Tuscola County Sheriff Tom Kern recognized a surprised Essex Friday afternoon at the sheriff's department by presenting him with a plaque in appreciation for his willingness to get involved.

Cass City High School sophomore Kati Hill may be just 15 years old, but she's already a seasoned hunter, having spent countless hours in the woods with her father and grandfather, all of Cass City. In just a few years of hunting, Hill has bagged a whitetail buck and a turkey. She recently added a black bear to the list. Hill was hunting on state land in the Mio area Sept. 17 with her father, Kim Hill, and her grandfather Howard Hill and some of their friends when she bagged the 220-pound bruin with a 12-gauge shotgun.

10 YEARS AGO

An estimated 200 area residents enjoyed a barn party held Saturday at the Bill Shagene farm north of Cass City in conjunction with the Barn Daze celebration. The week-long event, sponsored by the Barn Again! Committees, Cass City Chamber of Commerce and local businesses, included sales in town, a scavenger hunt and a slide presentation by historian Terry Shaffer.

Carol Kessler is understandably proud of the craftsmanship her father, the late Carl Revis, put into a miniature log house he built. She knows his work was outstanding. Now, wood crafters from throughout the state know it. The miniature house recently earned the first-place Marie Harding Gold Ribbon Award and Best of Show honors at the Michigan State Fair, Aug. 24-Sept. 6. Revis constructed each piece in careful detail without the advantage of a blueprint or factory kit instructions. Sadly, he died at the age of 56 before he could finish the one-of-a-kind project for his wife. Last year, Kessler decided to finish what her father had started. Many late night hours were put into the project, although much of the exterior of the 3-story house was already finished. "He made everything by hand on the outside; the shutters, the shingles, each one of the logs," Kessler explained during an interview last summer at Rawson Memorial Library, where the house was on display.

play. "Most of the furniture is handmade and the staircase is handmade," she added. "It's his own design."

The Hawks entertained the Bad Axe Hatchets Monday. Against the Hatchets, Matt Ender posted medallist honors to lead the hosts to a lopsided 160-182 win. Ender's round was highlighted by one birdie and 5 pars enroute to a 2 over total of 37. Ender received plenty of help from Brent Goslin and Joel Brinkman who scored 40 and 41 respectively. Nick Chappel fired a 42, despite recording a triple bogie on the fairly easy 7th hole at Rolling Hills Golf Course. "Matt and Joel played well," said Coach Paul Chappel. "And Nick and Brent have been pretty consistent." Also playing well for the Hawks Monday was Chris Maharg who tallied 44 and Derek Bellew who carded 50.

25 YEARS AGO

Each time that a strong wind blows, Jack Brinkman loses some more corn in a field that is suffering from the effects of a large infestation of corn root worm. Last spring, Jack and his son, Joe Brinkman, Cass City, planted about 800 acres of corn. Most of the corn matured with only small amounts of root worm damage affecting the crop. But in one field on Cass City Road, near Dodge Road, a large part of the field, almost 70 acres, has been taken over by corn root worm. As a result of the large insect infestation, Brinkman estimates that he will lose about 40 bushels of corn to the acre. Brinkman sprayed his fields with Dyfonate, a Stauffer product that he purchased from Agri Land in Gagetown. Huron County Agriculture Agent Jim LeCureux said that in Huron County between five and ten percent of the corn fields have some form of a problem with corn root worms. He said that the problem with root worms becomes more prevalent in fields where corn has been planted year after year. He said that the root worm develops a form of immunity to the spray.

New playground equipment at the Campbell Elementary School, Cass City, was a big hit with the students Monday. The equipment was purchased with profits from candy sales. The school also purchased carpet for the library and paid for assembly programs and field trips with the money raised from the sales.

35 YEARS AGO

Fall is nearly here, bursting with color and charm. It's the favorite season of R.C. Dilman of Kennebec Dr. "Fall is my favorite," he says. "I'd say it's the color that makes it." Dilman says he's traveled through New England and the Virginias during the fall, but Michigan still ranks at the top

with fiery reds and golden yellows. He says he particularly enjoys traveling through Michigan's Thumb and the upper peninsula during the fall. Dilman recently returned to Cass City after 50 years. He was born and raised in the area, leaving at age 18. He returns to this area from Ann Arbor.

Marine Cpl. Carl D. Wheeler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vern Wheeler and whose wife, Vicki, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Evans, all of Wheeler Road, Snover, recently qualified as a sharpshooter with the M-15 rifle. He serves with the 2nd Marine Air Wing, Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point, N.C. A 1969 graduate of Sandusky High School, Sandusky, Mich., he joined the Marine Corps in February 1972.

Aaron Lefler, 7, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lefler of rural Cass City, landed a big one as he hauled in a 32-inch, seven-pound pike from the south branch of the Cass River Sunday. A minnow reportedly did the trick.

Double luck came Ken White's way late Thursday night when he hooked two giant Chinook salmon just off Oscoda. White, of Doerr Rd., said one salmon weighed in at 28 lbs. and took an hour and a half to land. The other, an 18-pounder, took about 20 minutes. White said he hooked them in 75 feet of water.



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SPIRITS? The South East Michigan Paranormal Society will return to Cass City in the future to report on their findings following its investigation into paranormal activity inside the Gilligan's building last week.



A LAPTOP computer monitored the views of various camcorders set up in different locations - basement, main floor and second floor — of the building during the course of the 4-hour investigation.

Blood drives set in Cass City, Ubyly

Upcoming American Red Cross blood drives in the Thumb include drives planned in Cass City and Ubyly.

In Cass City, officials will be on hand to greet donors Tuesday, Oct. 20, from 1 to 6:45 p.m. at the Cass City VFW Hall, 4533 Veterans Dr. Ubyly will host a drive Monday, Oct.

5, also from 1 to 6:45 p.m. at Ubyly Heights, 2409 E. Atwater.

Residents must be at least 17 years of age, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds and be in good general health to donate blood. All donors must also present positive identification.

Cass City Area Church Directory

Calvary Bible Fellowship an Independent Baptist Church
4446 Ale St., Cass City, MI 48726
989-872-4088
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
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
Thursday Teen Club 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
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.
Pastor: Michael Boyer

Living Word Worship Center (Where the Word is Life)
6536 Houghton St., Cass City, MI 48726
872-4637
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.
Wed. (Family Training Hour) 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Steve Totten

Novesta Church of Christ
2896 N. Cemetery Rd., Cass City, MI 48726
872-3658 or 872-1195
Bible School 9:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.
Worship Service 9:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.
Youth Group & Sunday Evening Services 6:00 p.m.
Youth Minister: Brad Speirs
Visit our website at: www.novestachurch.org

Potter's House Christian Fellowship Church
Corner of 6th and Leach, Cass City, MI 48726
872-5186
Thursday Evening 7:00 p.m.
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.
Pastor: F. Robert Tucker

St. Pancratius Catholic Church
4292 S. Seeger St., Cass City, MI 48726
872-3336
Saturday Liturgy 5:30 p.m.
Sunday Liturgy 9:00 a.m.
Pastoral Administrator:
Sr. Maria Dina Puddu MC

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OWEN-GAGE'S Erika Mroz gets in position to return a volley during North Central Thumb League volleyball action Thursday with visiting North Huron.

Cass City, Owen-Gage volleyball teams fall short in league tilts

The Cass City volleyball team ran up against some heavy hitters Saturday at the always tough Northwood Tournament, but managed to post a 2-4 record in pool play.

The weekend outing should serve the Red Hawks well, however, as things aren't expected to get any easier for Coach Vanessa Sutton's spikers any time soon. The Red Hawks travel Thursday to face Greater Thumb West power Bad Axe, which will serve as a quality warm-up for this Saturday's Freeland Invitational.

Lansing Christian clipped the Red Hawks 25-18 to open play over the weekend, but Cass City managed a split with a 25-13 win in game 2. The Red Hawks faced Lakewood in their next outing and were swept 25-10, 25-8, before ending the day trading decisions of 25-18 and 22-25 with Garber.

Individually, for Cass City Amanda Clifton had 1 kill, 1 ace, 7 digs; Ashleigh Moore, 2 kills; Caitlin Reed, 10 kills, 2 digs; Carley Hendrick, 2 kills, 3 digs; Logan Rowell, 2 kills, 2 aces, 7 digs; Megan Zawilinski, 7 kills, 7 aces, 9 digs; Shannon Stec, 7 kills; Stephanie Leeson, 1 kill, 23 assists, 2 aces, 10 digs; McKenzie Parrish, 1 kill, 1 assist, 8 aces, 31 digs; Krista Guinther, 11 digs; Hayley Peters, 3 digs; Vicki Spencer, 1 dig; and Liz Lintner, 3 digs

GTW

A rare Greater Thumb West double hitter Thursday wasn't to the liking of the Cass City volleyball team.

The host Red Hawks opened the night with a tough 5-game match against Reese and then ran out of gas in their night cap with Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port.

The Rockets rebounded from a 27-25 opening game setback with wins of 25-22 and 25-21 to gain a 2-1 advantage, but were forced to a winner-take-all deciding game as the Red Hawks extended the match with a 25-16 victory in game 4. However, the Red Hawks came up short in the tie breaker and suffered a 15-7 setback.

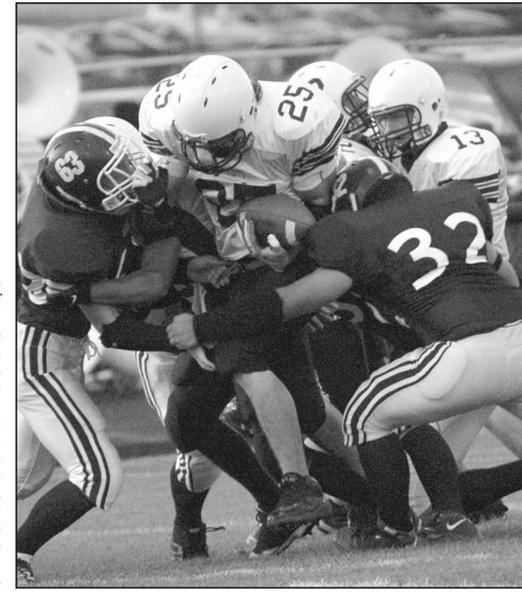
"The team played very well. It was a long evening. We had a long sit between the first and last game and I know we were getting tired," Sutton said.

In the late game, the Lakers won by the scores of 25-18, 25-15, 21-25, and 25-23.

NCTL

North Huron had an easy time Thursday in North Central Thumb League volleyball action, coasting to straight wins of 25-17, 25-11 and 25-11 over the Bulldogs in Owendale.

Request for individual statistics were not honored by press time.



CASS CITY'S Derek Guigar (63) and Austin Osentoski stop Unionville-Sebewaing's Tyler Masse for a short gain in Friday's Greater Thumb West contest at the recreational park field. The hosts pounded the Patriots, 41-24, to improve to 3-2 on the year.

Red Hawks topple Patriots 41-24 in home field opener

Cass City's mid-season home opener provided the Red Hawk football team with its third consecutive victory, setting the stage for a crucial Greater Thumb West outing in Reese.

In front of a large home crowd, Cass City scored 27 unanswered points Friday en route to a somewhat easy 41-24 GTW victory over conference bottom-dweller Unionville-Sebewaing Area.

With the win, Cass City, 2-1 GTW, 3-2 overall, remains one game back in the loss column - as are the Rockets - from league-leading Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port entering this week's match-up between the 2 rivals.

Despite Cass City's recent success, the Red Hawks remain a team without a quality win on the season. Two of the team's victories have come against squads still searching for their maiden win, including the Patriots, who slipped to 0-5 on the campaign. A victory over 3-1 Reese, however, which will be trying to rebound from last week's upset loss to Vassar, would go a long way towards proving the Red Hawks are for real.

Meanwhile, the Red Hawks continue to show improvement on both sides of the ball, with Coach Scott Cuthrell's young squad coming of age as the season progresses.

Cass City showcased a balanced attack to record its first score against the Patriots Friday night, marching 84 yards on 14 plays. Josh Jensen accounted for the TD with a one-yard dive, but it was a pair of nicely thrown balls from quarterback Justin Ketterer that put the hosts in scoring position.

The Patriots actually were able to take an 8-7 advantage into the quarter before the break when Tyler Masse, who rushed for 86 yards on a dozen totes, found pay dirt and then added the 2-point conversion. But, the visitors' advantage was short lived. Ketterer, who completed 5 of 7 passes for 66 yards, spotted Cameron Dunning open in the end zone on a clutch fourth down play from the 2-yard line for the game's only points of the second frame that ended with the hosts leading 14-8 entering the break.

Cass City was able to extend its margin to 21-8 entering the final 12 minutes when Austin Osentoski scored his first of 3 second-half touchdowns from one yard out. The Red Hawk halfback led the winners with 148 yard rushing on 23 carries. On the first play of the final stanza, Osentoski rumbled into the end zone from the 13-yard line and then added his final marker on the Red Hawks' next possession from 7-yards out. Osentoski's hat trick provided the winners with a 34-8 gap with 7:14 remaining on the clock.

Still, the Patriots refused to quit and closed to within 34-16 on a late TD pass from quarterback Cole Anker to Jon Slack. But the ensuing onside kick was recovered by Jordan Papp and, with under 2 minutes remaining, Cass City used a 6-yard run from Jensen to register its final points.

Defensively, Cass City was led by Jensen with 11 tackles and a fumble recovery, while Nick Adkins added 11 stops and Alex Varney, 9. The Patriots' Derek Kundering and Canfield had 15 and 13 tackles, respectively.

Owen-Gage avenged an early season setback to Carsonville-Port Sanilac Friday in Owendale behind senior half back Nick Zaleski's rushing performance of 302 yards.

After a scoreless opening quarter, the Tigers, who handed the Bulldogs a 36-0 defeat in week 2, struck first on a 20-yard run by Hayden Adams with 11:50 showing on the clock. Zaleski, however, scored 2 unanswered markers on runs of 65 and 26 yards to help give the Bulldogs a 16-8 margin at the break. Zaleski then busted loose on an 80-yard gallop for the first points of the final half and when Ryan Francis scored from 17 yards out with 2:53 left in the game, the Bulldogs were in

front, 30-8. Adams scored a meaningless TD late in the game on a 31 yard run to complete the scoring in the Bulldog's 30-16 victory.

Zaleski's 3 touchdowns came on 28 totes, while Francis added 52 rushing yards on 16 carries. Bulldog quarterback Hunter Champagne completed 2 passes, both to end Clyde Rhodes, for 12 yards.

Jordan Kain led the Bulldog defense with 11 tackles, while Francis and Champagne added 10 and 8 stops, respectively.

The Bulldogs, 2-3 overall, will attempt to even their record Thursday when they travel to Flint to face Michigan School for the Deaf.

Fabulous Five's Fearless Forecast

Varsity Football



Friday, October 2

Bad Axe at USA	Bad Axe	USA	USA	Bad Axe	USA
BCAS at Lakers	Lakers	Lakers	Lakers	Lakers	Lakers
Cass City at Reese	Reese	Reese	Reese	Reese	Cass City
Ubly at Vassar	Ubly	Ubly	Ubly	Ubly	Ubly
Sandusky at Brown City	Brown City	Brown City	Brown City	Brown City	Sandusky
Mayville at Deckerville	Deckerville	Deckerville	Deckerville	Deckerville	Deckerville
Marlette at Harbor Beach	Marlette	Marlette	Marlette	Marlette	Marlette
A-Fairgrove at CPS	CPS	CPS	CPS	Akron-Fairgrove	Akron-Fairgrove
Dryden at Memphis	Memphis	Memphis	Memphis	Dryden	Dryden
Kingston at Peck	Peck	Peck	Peck	Peck	Peck
Owen-Gage at Flint MSD	Owen-Gage	Flint MSD	Owen-Gage	Owen-Gage	Owen-Gage
Garber at Caro	Caro	Garber	Garber	Garber	Garber

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS	6-6	6-6	7-5	8-4	7-5
SEASON'S RESULTS	41-18 (69%)	38-21 (64%)	42-17 (71%)	35-24 (59%)	38-21 (64%)

SCHNEEBERGER'S Athletes of the Week

Schneeberger's honors the entire Cass City freshman volleyball team as their choice for Athletes of the Week. The Red Hawks used a team effort to record a pair of Greater Thumb West Conference victories over visiting Reese and Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port. The Red Hawks recorded straight wins over the Rockets of 26-24, 19-25 and 15-10. The hosts also defeated the Lakers in straight games, 25-18, 25-22 and 15-8, to improve to 3-1 on the year.

The 2009 Cass City freshman volleyball team members include: (front, l-r) Erica Kolacz, Marisa Schneeberger, Meri Dzielinski, Gracy Hollis, Jocelynn Venema (back) Taylor Brown, Charnelle Kucharczyk, Nicole Boland, Andrea Mikolon, Ashley Wilson, Kassie LaPonsie, Karley Peters and Coach Becky Bulla.

Schneeberger's also honors Cass City junior Austin Osentoski as this week's co-recipient of their Athlete of the Week honor.

Osentoski rushed for 148 yards and 3 scores Friday to lead the Red Hawks to a 41-24 victory over visiting Unionville-Sebewaing in GTW play.



Austin Osentoski

Red Hawks earn Greater Thumb Conference tennis victory over visiting Harbor Beach

Cass City used a pair of wins in singles action and then added 3 decisions in doubles play last Wednesday to defeat visiting Harbor Beach, 5-3, in Greater Thumb Conference tennis.

Derek Mozden and Kyle Hanby recorded singles victories for the Red Hawks, while Rob VanAuken and TJ Marker, Brandon Green and Cody Orban, and Nicole Kelley and Lindsay Jamieson teamed up to emerge on top in doubles competition.

With the win, Coach Bill Potter's Red Hawks - 2-4 GTC, 2-6 overall - should take some much needed confidence into Saturday's Greater Thumb Conference Tournament at Bay City All Saints.

Against the Pirates, Potter reported that Mozden, a 2nd year tennis player, after struggling with off pace players all year, was able to make the corrections needed to beat Craig Lindin, a

bite at his backspin shots, which are easily hit long by most inexperienced players. Instead Kyle hung in there forcing Ryan to play at a level he was unfamiliar with and making more than his share of errors. When Ryan would hit a weak short return Kyle would put extra pressure on him by hitting a heavy top spin shot causing Ryan to hit the ball out and loose the point," Potter said.

Senior Lindsay Jamieson and sophomore Nicole Kelley playing doubles against Evan Sanisto and Janelle Kirsch started out in the hole 0-2 in the first set, but rallied back and won it 6-2. They also won the second set 6-2 to win the match.

"Nicole and Lindsay have a unique way of figuring out what has to be done to win and tailor their game to it. They have learned early that you can play hard and you can play smart,

but hard and smart will win most of the time. I've never seen them get intimidated by anyone and that helps keep them playing strong."

Potter added that, "Rob VanAuken and TJ Marker both 1st year tennis players have been having a banner year. They have 6 wins and 3 losses. They defeated Jordon Bisher and Angelica Bisher easily, 6-0, 6-0. Rob and TJ have a different kind of team relationship. They seem to be good friends both on and off the court, but hold nothing back in telling each other just what they feel both good and bad while playing in a match. At first I questioned if they were fighting with each other, but learned that this weird relationship was a bond that keeps them playing strong and winning their matches.

"Last, but not least, Brandon Green and Cody Orban, both 9th graders, are

taking tennis by storm. They have won all their matches while playing together as a team so far this season. Both have basic beginner position issues, but their quality tennis is giving them wins every time. Both are very quiet playing where communication in doubles is important, but this doesn't seem to hurt them. There are times when they get behind and need to keep focused, and most freshmen will let this bring them down just because they haven't had the experience of dealing with situations like this, but Cody especially just keeps playing and soon the two of them are back in the lead. These two have a good future in tennis and will help Cass City Tennis become a strong and winning program," Potter said.

The Red Hawks' final home match of the season is slated for tonight (Wednesday) against neighbor Caro.



CASS CITY 13-year-old Justin Peters displays a pair of ducks bagged during the recent Youth Duck Hunt near Sebewaung. Justin is the son of Amy and Virgil Peters.



JJ MULRATH makes a backhanded return (top) while Morgan Potter readies for a serve in singles action against Harbor Beach. The Cass City pair suffered defeats on the day, but the Red Hawks rebounded to defeat the Pirates 5-3 on the recreational park courts.



4th year player, 6-2 and 6-4. "Derek was more comfortable than I have seen him before and without the tensions that accompany long hard matches he was able to easily win his match. I have never seen Derek play a more relaxed game and his smiling in between points showed he was playing without tension. He has been working on his serving and it really paid off in this game. Many of his first serves were hit out by his opponent," Potter said.

Kyle Hanby, sophomore, defeated junior Ryan Auntz 6-4, 6-4 in a heated match that started last and went almost until dark.

"Kyle too changed his game strategy from a hard offence to more of a mixed game with a lot of defense mixed with hard aggressive shots when the opportunity presented itself. His opponent who's game was all defense was frustrated when Kyle didn't



BLAKE LEBIODA, 12, of Cass City, bagged this 4-point buck Sunday on private property in Novesta Twp. The Cass City Middle School 7th grade student is the son of John Lebioda.



FAMILY AFFAIR. Youth hunters, from left, Megan Parrish with her 9-point buck, cousin Rachael Rule with her 4-point and McKensie Parrish with her non-typical 7-point enjoyed an exciting evening Sunday while hunting on their grandfather's farm.

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as of Sept. 22

EARLY DIVISION - A	
Craig/Knight	54
Veggian/Young	51
Zdrojewski/Robinson	48
Davis/Tate	43
Caister/Hendrick	40
Hempton/Patnaude	28

Individual Medallist:
Tate 36

Team Medallists:
Davis/Tate 78

EARLY DIVISION - B	
Berwick/Greenlee	64
Henn/Iwankovitsch	60
St.Louis/Krause	40
Wallace/Peters	35
Pobanz/Smithson	28

Individual Medallists:
Iwankovitsch 43
Berwick 43

Team Medallists:
Berwick/Greenlee 96
Iwankovitsch/Stickle 96

LATE DIVISION	
Warner/LaMarr	53
Low/Ware	46
Langley/London	52
Hobbs/Phelps	34
Krol/LeValley	50
Bitzer/Curtis	45
Lowman/Tschirhart	43
Corey/PaulUlfig	22

Individual Medallist:
Curtis 36

Team Medallists:
Bitzer/Curtis 74

FOOTBALL STANDINGS

Greater Thumb West

Team	W	L	T
EPBP	3	0	4
Vassar	3	1	3
Reese	2	1	4
Cass City	2	1	3
Bad Axe	1	3	2
BCAS	1	3	2
USA	0	3	0

Greater Thumb East

Team	W	L	T
Ubly	4	0	5
Brown City	3	0	5
Marlette	2	1	3
Sandusky	2	2	3
Deckerville	1	2	3
Harbor Beach	0	3	0
Mayville	0	4	0

North Central Thumb

Team	W	L	T
Memphis	2	0	2
Dryden	2	1	4
North Huron	2	2	3
Peck	1	1	2
Kingston	0	3	0

Friday's Results

Bad Axe 41, BCAS 21
Cass City 41, USA 24
Vassar 26, Reese 17
Ubly 42, Harbor Beach 22
Brown City 41, Mayville 0
Marlette 39, Sandusky 37 OT
Peck 24, North Huron 21

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2009 VARSITY FOOTBALL

Aug. 21	Scrim@Ubly	
Aug. 28	Sandusky 33, Cass City 7	
Sept. 3	EPB Lakers 26, Cass City 7	
Sept. 11	Harbor Beach 42, Cass City 54	
Sept. 18	Bad Axe 16, Cass City 42	
Sept. 25	USA 24, Cass City 41	
Oct. 2	Reese	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 9	BCAS(HC)	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 16	Vassar	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 23	Caro	7:00 p.m.

2009 JV FOOTBALL

Aug. 21	Scrim@Peck	
Aug. 27	Sandusky 32, Cass City 12	
Sept. 2	EPB Lakers 36, Cass City 0	
Sept. 10	Harbor Beach 42, Cass City 14	
Sept. 17	Bad Axe	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 24	USA	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 1	Reese	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 8	BCAS	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 15	Vassar	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 22	Caro	7:00 p.m.

2009 BOYS' SOCCER

Aug. 25	Brown City 2, Cass City 2 (Tie)	
Aug. 27	Marlette 6, Cass City 0	
Sept. 1	Caseville 3, Cass City 5	
Sept. 3	Harbor Beach 6, Cass City 1	
Sept. 10	Sandusky 0, Cass City 2	
Sept. 12	Bad Axe Invite	10:00 a.m.
Sept. 15	USA 7, Cass City 1	
Sept. 22	EPB Lakers 7, Cass City 0	
Sept. 29	Bad Axe	5:00 p.m.
Oct. 1	Caro	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 6	USA	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 8	EPB Lakers	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 13	Bad Axe	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 16	Almont	5:00 p.m.
Oct. 19-24	Districts	

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JUNIOR VARSITY FOOTBALL

OCTOBER 1 - CASS CITY VS. REESE

VOLLEYBALL

OCTOBER 8 - CASS CITY VS. USA

SOCCER

OCTOBER 1 - CASS CITY VS. CARO

OCTOBER 6 - CASS CITY VS. USA

CROSS COUNTRY

OCTOBER 10 - CASS CITY INVITATIONAL

2009 VOLLEYBALL

Aug. 28	Bad Axe (F/JV)	9:00 a.m.
Aug. 29	Bad Axe (V)	9:00 a.m.
Sept. 12	Birch Run Invite (V)	8:30 a.m.
Sept. 15	USA	6:00 p.m.
Sept. 19	Caro Invite (V)	8:30 a.m.
Sept. 22	BCAS	6:00 p.m.
Sept. 24	Laker/Reese	5:30 p.m.
Sept. 26	Birch Run Invite (JV)	8:30 a.m.
Sept. 26	Northwood Invite (V)	8:00 a.m.
Sept. 29	Vassar	6:00 p.m.
Oct. 1	Bad Axe	6:00 p.m.
Oct. 3	Freeland Invite (V)	9:00 a.m.
Oct. 8	USA	6:00 p.m.
Oct. 10	Garber Invite (V)	T B A
Oct. 15	BCAS	6:00 p.m.
Oct. 20	Laker/Reese	5:30 p.m.
Oct. 22	Vassar	6:00 p.m.
Oct. 24	Caro Invite (F & JV)	T B A
Oct. 27	Caro	6:00 p.m.
Oct. 29	Bad Axe	6:00 p.m.
Oct. 31	Laker Invite (V)	9:00 a.m.
Nov. 2-7	Districts	

2009 CROSS COUNTRY

Aug. 25	Capac Invite	3:45 p.m.
Sept. 2	USA Invite	3:45 p.m.
Sept. 9	Ubly Invite	3:45 p.m.
Sept. 12	Bad Axe Invite	10:00 a.m.
Sept. 15	GTC@Brown City	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 19	Holly Invite	
Sept. 24	Frankenmuth	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 29	GTC@Vassar	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 3	Harbor Beach	
Oct. 10	Cass City Invite	9:00 a.m.
Oct. 13	GTC@Ubly	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 17	Reese Invite	8:30 a.m.
Oct. 20	GTC League Meet	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 24	Caro Invite	10:00 a.m.
Oct. 31	Regionals	

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Aug. 20	Cros-Lex 5, Cass City 3	
Aug. 26	Imlay City 5, Cass City 3	
Aug. 31	Sandusky 5, Cass City 3 (League Match)	
Sept. 2	BC John Glenn 5, Cass City 3	
Sept. 9	BCAS 7, Cass City 1	
Sept. 14	Harbor Beach 3, Cass City 5	
Sept. 16	Sandusky 5, Cass City 3	
Sept. 19	Yale Invite	9:00 a.m.
Sept. 21	BCAS 6, Cass City 2	
Sept. 23	Harbor Beach 3, Cass City 5	
Sept. 28	Caro	4:15 p.m.
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Cub Scout Roundup scheduled in Kingston

Kingston Cub Scout Pack 3554 leaders invite all first grade through fourth grade boys to a "School Night - Cub Scout Roundup" Thursday, Oct. 1, in the Kingston Elementary School cafeteria.

There will be an informational meeting about scouting and a sign-up for all new Cub Scouts. This meeting is only for new enrollments and their parents.

Parents or legal guardians are required to attend for a child to be eligible to sign up. Scouting officials will be present to answer questions about the Cub Scout program and to complete enrollment forms for boys wishing to join. Adults interested in contributing to the Cub Scout program as a volunteer are always welcome.

For more information, contact Mike Herrington, senior district executive for the Thumb District, at (989) 798-2832.

R. Warford completes his basic training

Army Pvt. Richard M. Warford III has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla.

Warford is the son of Tammy Warford of Kingston, and the grandson of Jim Sherman of Sandusky. He is a 2009 graduate of Kingston High School.



THE CASS CITY HIGH School Class of 1959 recently held its 50-year class reunion at Northwood Meadows in Cass City. Those in attendance included (front row, kneeling, from left) Bernard Kelley, Dan Papp, Fred Smith, Chuck McConnell, Lillian (Otolakowski) Gibbard, Janet (Peck) Moody, Mary Ann (Hobart) Redinger, Janet (Auslander) Severance, Judy (Cleland) Doerr, Sue (Edzik) Larson, Bill Merchant, (second row, left) Dian (Cardew) Welsh, Suzanne (Starmann) Mulligan, Judy (Gretz) Rehmus, Paul Burdon, Carolyn (Gross) Hall, David Ackerman, Marlene (Salgat) Chepko, Bernard Babich, Rosemary Lounsbury, Wanda (Bader) Parrott, Lois (Dorland) Harris, JoAnn (Burns) McComb, Janet (Perry) Fortina, Sherry (Pelton) Rich, Chuck Auvil, Roberta (Hizer) Holcomb, Mary Ann (Gracey) Stanley, Richard Lefler, Margaret (Graham) Walpole, Phyllis (Gelett) Muston, Elaine (Butler) Romain, Jim Hutchinson, Barb (Irrer) Burdon, (back row, left) Larry Malace, Rose (Leyva) Quinn, Mary (Hanby) Anners, Judy (Hudson) Hoagg, Linda (DeLong) Herron, Bob Copeland, Newell Harris, John Starr, Bob Holcomb, Bob Tuckey, Duane Caister, Forest Walpole, Janice (O'Dell) Winter, Peggy (Shaw) Maycock and Ray Root. Missing are Rich Mika, Bev (Czeszewski) and Jack Generous.

Obituaries

Doris Billman

Doris E. Billman (Pringle-Ramseyer), 91, of Big Rock, Ill., formerly of Ubyly and Bad Axe, passed away Sunday, Aug. 30, 2009 at the Countryside Care Center in Aurora, Ill. She was born March 27, 1918 in Cass City, the daughter of the late John and Julia Pringle. She was married to Donald C. Ramseyer for 51 years before he preceded her in death in January of 1992. She married Franklin Billman in 1995 and had another 10 years of love and companionship before he preceded her in death in December of 2006.

Doris owned and operated a beauty salon in Ubyly and in Mt. Sterling, Ill. She attended church faithfully, taught Sunday School and led or participated in prayer groups throughout her life. Doris is survived by her children: Jack (Connie) Ramseyer, Michael (Priscilla) Ramseyer, and Marlyn (Michael) Hollebeak; grandchildren: Richard (Kelly) Ramseyer, David (Lisa) Ramseyer, Jeffrey (Traci) Hollebeak, Jason (Eileen) Hollebeak, Analisa, Aaron and Jacob Ramseyer; great grandchildren: Kirsten and Jenna Ramseyer, Emma and Abby Ramseyer, and Amelia Hollebeak; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by 3 sisters, Helen Hamilton, Nellie Caister and Elsie Warner.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 3, at the Ubyly United Methodist Church. Visitation will be at the church from 9 to 10 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the charity of your choice. Arrangements were made by Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home, Ubyly.

Herbert D. Pallas

Herbert David Pallas, 79, of Decker, passed away unexpectedly Sunday, Sept. 20, 2009 at Covenant Health Care, Saginaw.



He was born Aug. 16, 1930 in Snover, the son of the late Fredrick and Ernestine (Ohtzke) Pallas.

He married Mary Louise Caister July 14, 1951 in Cass City. She passed away Dec. 19, 2002.

Mr. Pallas served his country in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He was a Corporal with the 51st Infantry Division in the 11th Airborne Quartermaster Company. He earned a Parachute Badge, National Defense Service Medal and a Good Conduct Medal. Mr. Pallas was a member of the Deford Community Church. He worked on the Peppermint Farm, For many area farmers, Farmers Coop Elevator of Marlette, Buick Motors of Flint, Marlette Homes for 32 years, Coachman Homes in Indiana, Active Homes and many other places. He loved races, playing euchre, telling jokes, gardening, playing the harmon-

ica, fishing, traveling, camping and spending time with his family and friends.

Mr. Pallas is survived by 2 daughters: Judith (James) Boyce of Cass City and Sandra (Daniel) Widdis of Jenison; 13 grandchildren: Misty (Steven) Shafer of Lawrenceville, GA, Tina Pallas of Cass City, Angela (Heith) Forster of Gageton, James Boyce, Jr. of Cass City, Krysta Boyce of Cass City, Daniel (Heather) Widdis II of Jenison, Brant (Angela) Widdis of Belding, Lydia Widdis, Micah Widdis, Elise Widdis, Jonathan Widdis, Abram Widdis and Nicolas Widdis, all of Jenison; 10 great-grandchildren: Steven Shafer II of Lawrenceville, GA, Michael, Timothy and Thomas Harp, all of Gageton, Corbin Forster of Gageton, Brittany and Caleb Widdis of Jenison, Natalie, Bransen and Alyssa Widdis, all of Belding; Sisters: Betty (Arthur) Decker of Cass City, Shirley (Robert) Sprague of Bay Port; Sisters-in-law: Jane Maxine Pallas of Ubyly, wife of Fredrick Pallas, Eunice Pallas of Marlette, wife of Raymond Pallas, Phyllis (Kritzman) McFarland of Argyle, wife of Kenneth Pallas; Brother-in-law: Russ Sprague of Bay Port, husband of Helen (Pallas) Sprague; His wife's brothers: Arthur (Marjorie) Caister of Cass City and Derald (Janet) Caister of Elkton; His wife's sisters: Janet Schwannecke of Saginaw and Joanne (Eldon) Beachy of Caseville; many nieces, nephews and other loved ones.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife of 51 years, Mary Louise Pallas; a son, Wayne Pallas; a daughter Karla Sue Pallas; 3 brothers: Fredrick, who gave his life for all of us in WWII, Raymond and Kenneth Pallas; 3 sisters: Dorothy (Ryerson) Puterbaugh, Helen Sprague and Florence (Tony) Darr; Step-mother: Celia Pallas; His mother and father-in-law: Wilford and Mary Caister; Step-mothers-in-law: Myrtle (Seifferlein) Caister and Malita (Plain) Caister; his wife's brother-in-law: Tom Schwannecke; and many other loved ones.

The Services were held Thursday, Sept. 24 at the Hacker Funeral Parlor, Sandusky with Pastor Dave Cooper of Deford Community Church officiating.

Interment was in the Moore Township Cemetery in Snover.

Memorials may be made to the donor's choice.

Pallbearers for Mr. Pallas were: James Boyce Jr., Heith Forster, Daniel Widdis II, Jonathan Widdis, Abram Widdis and Michael Harp.

Arrangements were made by Hacker Funeral Parlor, Sandusky.

Vera Regulski

Vera Fox Regulski, 94, of San Luis Obispo, passed away in the early morning of Wednesday, Sept. 2, 2009, surrounded by her loving family.



She was born in April 1915 in Swan Creek, one of 14 Fox children: Ron, Stanley, Laura Lewis, Vi, Gladys, Milton, Melvin, Joe, Clifford, Aldo, Esther, Howard and Dean.

When Vera's parents passed away at an early age, she opened her home to her family. She served as the rock everybody came to, and her open door policy never changed. She was a loving wife, mother, sister, grandmother and friend. Many an evening was spent around her dining room table as she hosted amazing home-cooked dinners. Her talents in the kitchen were unmatched.

Vera worked at Vickers factory during the war years as an inspector, where she met her husband, Ted. She later worked at Park-Davis in Detroit for a number of years. She also attended beauty school in Detroit and was always so elegant from head to toe. When Vera moved to Santa Maria

in 1960, she was a pre-school teacher and cook for 18 years.

She loved animals. Her constant companion was her cat, T.J. Over the years she cared for many pets, several of whom were stray. Her husband even brought home a squirrel monkey named Willie, who often tested her animal loving limits!

Gardening was one of her many hobbies and joys. She could bring any plant to life and grow a beautiful flower from a mere leaf. Her garden was always manicured and full of vibrant colors.

Vera is survived by a daughter, Joan Regulski, who was her caregiver for 20 years; a son, Duane (Elena) Heron; 5 grandchildren: Alyssa and Ted, Daniel, Robert and Christine Heron; a sister, Esther Walsh of Gageton; and a brother, Melvin Fox of Detroit.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ted Regulski (1976); and a son, Ted Regulski, Jr. (1987).

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NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on Thursday, October 8, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. local time, the undersigned will at the front entrance of the courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, the premises described in said mortgage or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due on said mortgage, including 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:

Property located in the Village of Millington, County of Tuscola, Michigan

Lot 6, Millington Industrial Park, Part of the Northeast quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section 9, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, Village of Millington, Tuscola County, Michigan, as recorded in Liber 5 of Plats, Page 1, Tuscola County Records. Commonly known as: 4575 Industrial Drive, Millington, MI 48746.

Tax ID#: 041-500-300-0100-00

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

Dated: August 24, 2009

Mortgagee
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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 Aaron W. Begley, an unmarried man, and Jessica L. Gutierrez, an unmarried woman, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated February 27, 2006 and recorded on March 3, 2006 in Liber 1073 on Page 218, and assigned by said Mortgagee to MidFirst Bank 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 Thirteen Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-Three and 10/100 Dollars (\$13,863.10), 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 October 8, 2009.

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

Part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 21, Township 11 North, Range 7 East, being further described as commencing at the East 1/4 corner of said Section; thence North 00 degrees 29 minutes 53 seconds East 459.56 feet along the East Section line, to the point of beginning; thence North 88 degrees 27 minutes 44 seconds West 950.57 feet, parallel with the East-West 1/4 line to the centerline of Frankenth Road, as established; thence along said centerline, North 39 degrees 48 minutes 06 seconds East 358.68 feet; thence South 70 degrees 47 minutes 02 seconds East 763.43 feet to the East Section line; thence along said Section line, South 00 degrees 29 minutes 53 seconds West 50.00 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 MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: September 9, 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 Wendy A. MacDonald, a single woman, and Glenna 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, and assigned by said Mortgagee to BAC Home Loans Servicing, L.P. as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Three Thousand Four Hundred Thirty-Seven and 89/100 Dollars (\$73,437.89), 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 October 8, 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 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 MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: September 9, 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 Patrick O'Brien, a single man, original mortgagor, to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc., Mortgagee, dated March 10, 2006 and recorded on March 22, 2006 in Liber 1074 on Page 1453 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Six Thousand Four Hundred Thirteen and 39/100 Dollars (\$56,413.39), including interest at 7% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on October 8, 2009.

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

Commencing 804 feet South of the Northwest corner of Section 1, Town 13 North, Range 8 East, thence East 407 feet; thence North 326 feet; thence West 407 feet; thence South 326 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 MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Scott B. Sayles and Christina A. Sayles, 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 25, 2004 and recorded on October 6, 2004 in Liber 1011 on Page 134 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty and 56/100 Dollars (\$127,920.56), including interest at 5.25% 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 October 8, 2009.

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

Commencing 1212.6 feet South of the West 1/4 corner of Section 33, Township 11 North, Range 8 East, Vassar Township, Tuscola County, Michigan; thence South 125 feet; thence East 250 feet; thence North 125 feet; thence West 250 feet to the point of beginning.

Also the South 1/2 of a parcel described as: Commencing at a point 1337.6 feet South 250 feet East of the West 1/4 corner; thence East 250 feet; thence North 250 feet; thence West 250 feet; thence South 250 feet to the point of beginning.

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

Dated: September 9, 2009

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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, and assigned by said Mortgagee to BAC Home Loans Servicing, L.P. as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Nine Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-Six and 12/100 Dollars (\$59,367.12), 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 October 8, 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 MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: September 9, 2009

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Tim B. Fitzpatrick Jr. and Christina M. Fitzpatrick, Husband and Wife, to Household Finance Corporation III, Mortgagee, dated November 18, 2004 and recorded November 23, 2004 in Liber 1018 Page 781, and re-recorded on January 20, 2009 in Liber 1165, Page 627, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Seventy-Three Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars and Thirty-One Cents (\$173,900.31), including interest 7.83% 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 10:00AM on October 15, 2009.

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

Parcel 1: Part of the Northwest quarter of Section 32, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, Vassar Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as: Beginning at a point on the West line of said section (also being the centerline of Irish Road, 66 feet wide) distant North 00 degrees 47 minutes 37 seconds East 255.00 feet from the West one quarter corner of said section; thence along said line North 00 degrees 47 minutes 37 seconds East 245.84 feet; thence parallel with the East-West one quarter line of said section South 87 degrees 49 minutes 42 seconds East 388.00 feet; thence parallel with said West line North 00 degrees 47 minutes 37 seconds East 245.84 feet; thence parallel with said East-West one quarter line South 87 degrees 49 minutes 42 seconds East, 1517.04 feet; thence parallel with said Westline South 00 degrees 47 minutes 37 seconds West, 491.68 feet; thence parallel with said East-West one quarter line North 87 degrees 49 minutes 42 seconds West, 1985.00 feet to the point of beginning. Commonly known as 7245 Irish, Millington, MI 48746.

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 upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later.
Dated: 9/16/2009

Household Finance Corporation III
Mortgagee
Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C.
811 South Blvd., Suite 1007
Rochester Hills, MI 48307
(248) 844-5123
Our File No: 09-13418
ASAP #3260379

9-16-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by JEFFREY A. PYKE, A SINGLE MAN, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated October 19, 2007 and recorded on October 31, 2007, in Liber 1133 on Page 1143, and assigned by said mortgagee to NATIONWIDE ADVANTAGE MORTGAGE COMPANY, as assignee, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred One Thousand Three Hundred Forty-Two Dollars and Thirty-Six Cents (\$101,342.36), including interest at 7.000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on October 15, 2009.

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

A PARCEL OF LAND IN THE EAST 1/2 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 27, TOWNSHIP 11 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST, DESCRIBED AS COMMENCING AT THE SOUTH 1/4 CORNER OF SAID SECTION 27; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 44 MINUTES 27 SECONDS WEST, 1393.97 FEET ALONG THE NORTH-SOUTH 1/4 LINE TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUING NORTH 00 DEGREES 44 MINUTES 27 SECONDS WEST, 320.38 FEET ALONG THE NORTH-SOUTH 1/4 LINE; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 13 SECONDS WEST, 1361.28 FEET PARALLEL WITH THE EAST-WEST 1/4 LINE TO THE WEST 1/8 LINE; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 46 MINUTES 32 SECONDS EAST, 320.38 FEET ALONG THE WEST 1/8 LINE; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 13 SECONDS EAST, 1361.08 FEET PARALLEL WITH THE EAST-WEST 1/4 LINE TO THE NORTH-SOUTH 1/4 LINE AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING, AND BEING SUBJECT TO AND TOGETHER WITH A 66.00 FOOT WIDE EASEMENT FOR INGRESS

AND EGRESS LYING 33.00 FEET EACH SIDE OF A CENTERLINE DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCING AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE WEST 1/8 LINE WITH THE SOUTH SECTION LINE; THENCE NORTH 90 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST, 233.00 FEET ALONG THE SOUTH SECTION LINE TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THIS CENTERLINE; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 46 MINUTES 32 SECONDS WEST, 2676.45 FEET PARALLEL WITH THE WEST 1/8 LINE TO A POINT ON THE EAST-WEST 1/4 LINE WHICH IS SOUTH 89 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 13 SECONDS EAST, 233.00 FEET FROM THE INTERSECTION OF THE WEST 1/8 LINE WITH THE EAST-WEST 1/4 LINE, SAID POINT BEING THE POINT OF ENDING OF THIS CENTERLINE; SAID PARCEL ALSO SUBJECT TO AT 20 FOOT WIDE EASEMENT FOR PUBLIC UTILITIES OVER THE EASTERLY 20 FEET OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED 66 FOOT EASEMENT FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS.

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

Dated: September 11, 2009

NATIONWIDE ADVANTAGE MORTGAGE COMPANY
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 Terry Lynn Czekai and Shannon Czekai, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated February 7, 2007 and recorded on February 23, 2007 in Liber 1111 on Page 1033 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by messe assignments to Arch Bay Holdings, LLC-Series 2008B as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirteen Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty-Seven and 16/100 Dollars (\$113,927.16), including interest at 11.07% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on October 22, 2009.

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

Lot 15, The Plat of Pinney and Kimaird Subdivision in the Village of Cass City, Tuscola County, Michigan, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 35B, except easements and rights of way of record.

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: September 23, 2009

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by John E. Reid, a married man, & Tonya M. Reid, His Wife, original mortgagors, to Flagstar Bank, Federal Savings Bank, Mortgagee, dated December 29, 2000 and recorded on January 9, 2001 in Liber 818 on Page 1420, and modified by agreement dated December 2006 and recorded on March 29, 2006 in Liber 1075 on Page 976, and assigned by messe assignments to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, a New Jersey Corporation 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-Six Thousand Six Hundred Ninety-Eight and 92/100 Dollars (\$170,698.92), 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 October 22, 2009.

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

Lot 7, of Botimer's Woodland Subdivision, according to the recorded Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Liber 4, Pages 58 through 61, Tuscola County Records.

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: September 23, 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 Jerun R. Spear and Michelle L. Spear, Husband and Wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated February 11, 2005 and recorded on February 22, 2005 in Liber 1028 on Page 594 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Wells Fargo Bank, NA as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Three Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty and 75/100 Dollars (\$73,720.75), including interest at 5.5% 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 October 22, 2009.

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

Lot 8, Block 15 of the Plat of the Village of Caro, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Liber 1, Page 59A, Tuscola County Records, Section 3, Town 12 North, Range 9 East.

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: September 23, 2009

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Default having been made in the conditions of certain Mortgages made by David Stevens and Tasha R. Stevens, husband and wife, of 5700 Treasurer Road, Mayville, MI 48744, as Mortgagors, to Northstar Bank, a Michigan Banking Corporation, a Michigan Banking Corporation, whose principal office is in Bad Axe, Michigan, as Mortgagee, dated August 25, 2007 and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on September 4, 2007 in Liber 1128, Page 1334, et seq, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of Fifty Seven Thousand Four Hundred Ninety Nine and 30/100 (\$57,499.30) 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;

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Catherine A Pollard a married woman, original mortgagee, to Mac-Clair Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated March 25, 2005 and recorded on March 29, 2005 in Liber 1032 on Page 1196 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by mesne assignments to Chase Home Finance LLC as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy Thousand Five Hundred Thirty-Three and 21/100 Dollars (\$70,533.21), 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 October 22, 2009.

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

Lot 7, Block 8 of William Turner's Second Addition to the Village of Mayville, including on the Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, page 30A, Tuscola County Records.

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

Dated: September 23, 2009

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Richard A. Friedly and Pamela L. Friedly, his wife, original mortgagees, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated November 5, 2003 and recorded on January 13, 2004 in Liber 973 on Page 197 in instrument 200400643888, and assigned by said Mortgagee to MidFirst Bank as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Fifty-Two Thousand Seventy-Two and 38/100 Dollars (\$152,072.38), 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 October 29, 2009.

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

Land situated in the Township of Vassar, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, described as follows: Part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 35, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, described as: Beginning at a point on the South line of said Section 35, which is South 89 degrees 35 minutes 10 seconds East 840.00 feet from the South 1/4 corner of said Section 35; thence continuing South 89 degrees 35 minutes 10 seconds West 120.00 feet; thence parallel with the North and South 1/4 line of said Section; thence North 0 degrees 05 minutes 46 seconds West 250.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 35 minutes 10 seconds East 120.00 feet; thence South 0 degrees 05 minutes 46 seconds East 250.00 feet to the South line of Section 35; thence to the point of beginning, EXCEPTING an undivided 1/2 interest in all oil, gas and other minerals to L.H. Gilman as set forth in Mineral Deed recorded in Liber 211 of Deeds, Page 83.

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

Dated: September 30, 2009

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Mark W. Smith and Hilary J. Smith, Husband and Wife, original mortgagees, to Argent Mortgage Company, LLC, Mortgagee, dated December 14, 2004 and recorded on March 17, 2005 in Liber 1031 on Page 694 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Wells Fargo Bank, NA as Trustee under Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of February 1, 2005 Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates Series 2005 WHQ1 as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Fifty-Nine Thousand Nine Hundred One and 40/100 Dollars (\$159,901.40), including interest at 9.03% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on October 29, 2009.

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

Lot 4 thru 9, Block 5 of The Plat of the Village of Tuscola South Side of River, according to the Plat thereof recorded in Liber 6 of plats, page 417 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: September 30, 2009

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Michael F. Thorp and Sherri Thorp, husband and wife, original mortgagees, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated February 13, 2004 and recorded on March 22, 2004 in Liber 985 on Page 297, and assigned by said Mortgagee to EverHome Mortgage Company as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-One Thousand Three Hundred Eighty-Six and 30/100 Dollars (\$81,386.30), 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 October 29, 2009.

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

Commencing at a point 24 Rods 6 feet South of the Northwest corner of Section 21, Town 13 North, Range 8 East, running thence East 15 Rods; thence South 6 Rods; thence West 15 Rods; thence North 6 Rods to the Place of Beginning.

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

Dated: September 30, 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 Donald J. Laframboise, a married man, and Rachel Laframboise, a married woman, original mortgagees, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated May 19, 2004 and recorded on June 4, 2004 in Liber 995 on Page 367 in instrument 200400851466, 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 Fifty-Four Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-Three and 10/100 Dollars (\$154,753.10), including interest at 6.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on October 29, 2009.

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

Part of the Northeast quarter of Section 36, Town 11 North, Range 10 East, Dayton Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as commencing at the North quarter corner of said Section 36; thence along the North line of said Section 36, North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, 247.01 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing along said North line of Section 36, North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, 581.00 feet; thence South 0 degrees 11 minutes 38 seconds West, 900.00 feet; thence South 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, 581.00 feet; thence North 0 degrees 11 minutes 38 seconds East, 900.00 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: September 30, 2009

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:

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File #161149F04

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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 Sean M. Whalen, a married man, joined by His Spouse, Phyllis Whalen, original mortgagees, to Mac-Clair Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated February 15, 2008 and recorded on April 16, 2008 in Liber 1147 on Page 153 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by mesne assignments to Chase Home Finance LLC as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Nine Thousand Three Hundred Five and 15/100 Dollars (\$129,305.15), including interest at 6.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on October 29, 2009.

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

Part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 35, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, Millington Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, being further described as follows: Beginning at the East 1/4 corner of Section 35; thence North 89 degrees 17 minutes 43 seconds West along the East and West 1/4 line of said Section 35, said line also being the centerline of Hanlan Road a distance of 548.80 to a point on the centerline of Sheridan Road relocated the following two courses on a curve to the right having a radius of 1198.28 feet, a central angle of 31 degrees 35 minutes 34 seconds and a chord bearing and distance of North 15 degrees 43 minutes 00 seconds East, 651.30 feet and North 32 degrees 15 minutes 00 seconds East 223.60 feet to a point on the Western line of Michigan Central Railroad right-of-way line; thence leaving said centerline South 25 degrees 28 minutes 19 seconds East along said Western right-of-way a distance of 593.65 feet to a point on the East line of Section 35, said line also being the centerline of Old Sheridan Road, so-called; thence South 00 degrees 27 minutes 27 seconds West along said East line of Section 35 a distance of 286.85 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: September 30, 2009

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:

FC S (248) 593-1304
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #281469F01

9-30-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Richard E. Miller, Jr., a married man, and Jeanette R. Miller, his wife, to First Horizon Home Loan Corporation, f/k/a FT Mortgage Company DBA Carl L. Brown Mortgage, Mortgagee, dated February 24, 1999 and recorded July 13, 1999 in Liber 776, Page 1138, and Servicer's Affidavit recorded to correct legal Recorded 11/9/01 in Liber 847, Page 1447, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by First Horizon Home Loans, a division of First Tennessee Bank, National Association by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty-Six and 51/100 Dollars (\$77,956.51) 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 front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on OCTOBER 29, 2009.

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

Commencing at the Southeast corner of the West one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 19, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, thence West 261 feet to the place of beginning; thence West 261 feet; thence North 113 Minutes 42 Seconds West 1662.00 feet; thence East 261 feet; thence South 13 Minutes 42 Seconds East 1662.00 feet to the place 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.

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: September 30, 2009

Orlans Associates, P.C.

Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 504
Troy, MI 48007-5041
248-502-1400
File No. 238.0198
ASAP #3279263

9-30-4

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by KREG WOODS, AN UNMARRIED MAN, and KELLIE WALKER, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN, as Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated October 11, 2007 and recorded on October 17, 2007 in Liber 1132 on Page 898, and assigned by said mortgagee to US BANK, NA, as assignee, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-One Dollars and Forty-Two Cents (\$209,751.42), including interest at 6.000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, front entrance of the Courthouse Building in the Village of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM o'clock, on October 29, 2009.

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

COMMENCING AT THE SOUTH QUARTER CORNER OF SECTION 17, TOWN 11 NORTH, RANGE 11 EAST; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 52 MINUTES 10 SECONDS WEST 330.58 FEET ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 17 TO THE

POINT OF BEGINNING; RUNNING THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 52 MINUTES 10 SECONDS WEST 330.58 FEET ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 17; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 09 SECONDS WEST 1326.32 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 53 MINUTES 16 SECONDS EAST 330.58 FEET ALONG THE SOUTH 1/8 LINE OF SAID SECTION 17; THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 09 SECONDS EAST 1326.53 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: September 25, 2009

US BANK, NA
Mortgagee/Assignee

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

9-30-4

FEDERAL LAW REQUIRES US TO ADVISE YOU THAT COMMUNICATION WITH OUR OFFICE COULD BE INTERPRETED AS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND THAT ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE, PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE, AS YOU ARE ENTITLED TO SPECIAL PROTECTIONS.

To: Steven Holmes 5324 Murphy Lake Road, Millington, MI 48746
County: Tuscola

State law requires that you receive the following notice: You have the right to request a meeting with your mortgage holder or mortgage servicer.

The person to contact and that has the authority to make agreements for a loan modification with you is: Orlans Associates, P.C. Loss Mitigation Department, P.O. Box 5041, Troy, MI 48007-5041, (248) 502-1331. You may contact a housing counselor by visiting the Michigan State Housing Development Authority ("MSHDA") website or by calling MSHDA. The website address and telephone number of MSHDA is: (www.mshda.info/counseling_search), telephone (517) 373-8370, TTY: 1-800-382-4568.

If you request a meeting with the servicer's designate within 14 days after the Notice required under MCL 600.3205a(1) is mailed, then foreclosure proceedings will not start until 90 days after the date the Notice was mailed to you. If you and the servicer's Designate reach an agreement to modify the mortgage loan, the mortgage will not be foreclosed if you abide by the terms of the agreement. You have the right to contact an attorney.

You may contact attorney of your choice. If you do not have an attorney, the telephone number for the Michigan State Bar Association's Lawyer Referral Service is 1-800-968-0738.

Dated: September 30, 2009

Orlans Associates P.C.

Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
File Number: 310.4260
ASAP #3279301

NOTICE PURSUANT TO MCL 600.3205a(4)

NOTICE is hereby provided to David Boughan and Andrea Boughan, the borrowers and/or mortgagors (hereinafter "Borrower") regarding the property located at: 3574 Oak Rd, Vassar, MI 48768-9700.

The Borrower has the right to request a meeting with the mortgage holder or mortgage servicer. The agent designated by the Mortgage Servicer and/or Mortgage Holder to contact and that has authority to make agreements under MCL sections 600.3205b and 600.3205c is: Trott & Trott, P.C., 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200, Farmington Hills, MI 48334-2525 at (248) 593-1312.

The Borrower may contact a housing counselor by visiting the Michigan State Housing Development Authority's website or by calling the Michigan State Housing Development Authority at http://www.michigan.gov/msbda or at (866) 946-7432.

If the Borrower requests a meeting with the agent designated above by contacting an approved housing counselor within 14 days from September 24, 2009, foreclosure proceedings will not be commenced until 90 days after September 24, 2009.

If the Borrower and the agent designated above reach an agreement to modify the mortgage loan, the mortgage will not be foreclosed if the Borrower abides by the terms of the agreement.

The Borrower has the right to contact an attorney. The telephone number of the State Bar of Michigan's Lawyer Referral Service is (800) 968-0738.

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Date: September 30, 2009

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:

FC L (248) 593-1312
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer and/or Mortgage Holder
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200

Library logo contest on

Calling creative people of all ages — Rawson Memorial District Library in Cass City is sponsoring a logo contest.

Officials are looking for a logo that visually communicates what the library is all about.

The contest runs Oct. 1 to 31, is open to all ages, and residents may enter as often as they like. Submissions may be made in person, or emailed as a Publisher, jpeg, or PDF file to rawsonlibrary@gmail.com. Include your name, address, and phone number

with each submission.

The winner will receive: \$40 Wal-Mart Gift Card, \$40 Cass City Winter Sports Pass, and \$20 "Cass City Cash". Prizes are provided courtesy of the Friends of the Library.

The winner will be notified in November. All submissions and the winning logo become the property of the library and no further compensation will be awarded.

For more information, call 872-2856 or stop by Rawson Memorial District Library.

Legal Notices

Farmington Hills, MI 48334-2525
File # 286570F01

NOTICE OF MODIFICATION OPPORTUNITY

9-30-1

NOTICE PURSUANT TO MCL 600.3205a(4)

NOTICE is hereby provided to Eric H. Spaulding, the borrowers and/or mortgagors (hereinafter "Borrower") regarding the property located at: 2041 E Dayton Rd, Caro, MI 48723-9476.

The Borrower has the right to request a meeting with the mortgage holder or mortgage servicer. The agent designated by the Mortgage Servicer and/or Mortgage Holder to contact and that has authority to make agreements under MCL sections 600.3205b and 600.3205c is: Trott & Trott, P.C., 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200, Farmington Hills, MI 48334-2525 at (248) 593-1304.

The Borrower may contact a housing counselor by visiting the Michigan State Housing Development Authority's website or by calling the Michigan State Housing Development Authority at http://www.michigan.gov/msbda or at (866) 946-7432.

If the Borrower requests a meeting with the agent designated above by contacting an approved housing counselor within 14 days from September 24, 2009, foreclosure proceedings will not be commenced until 90 days after September 24, 2009.

If the Borrower and the agent designated above reach an agreement to modify the mortgage loan, the mortgage will not be foreclosed if the Borrower abides by the terms of the agreement.

The Borrower has the right to contact an attorney. The telephone number of the State Bar of Michigan's Lawyer Referral Service is (800) 968-0738.

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Date: September 30, 2009

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:

FC S (248) 593-1304
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer and/or Mortgage Holder
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, MI 48334-2525
File # 286735F01

9-30-1

Borrowers: DEBBIE RICHEY and DENNIS RICHEY
Property Address: 5193 ARABELA RD, MILLINGTON, MI 48746

Pursuant to MCLA 600.3205a please be advised of the following:

You have a right to request a meeting with the mortgage holder or mortgage servicer.

Cass City Area Banquet scheduled for October 3

Whitetails Unlimited is sponsoring the Cass City Area Banquet Saturday, Oct. 3, at VFW Post 3644, 4533 Veterans Dr., Cass City.

This special event will feature a buffet dinner, auction, door prizes, sporting equipment, limited edition wildlife and outdoor art and WTU collectibles. Proceeds will go toward projects that uphold WTU's mission.

The social hour begins at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$35

each. The ticket order deadline is Sept. 25. Tickets will not be sold at the door. To order tickets locally, call Jason Maraskine at (989) 486-1961 or (989) 859-9489, Dale Terbush at (989) 673-1189, or WTU National Headquarters at 1-800-274-5471, or go online at www.whitetailunlimited.com.

Whitetails Unlimited Inc. is a national, nonprofit, conservation organization, with members in all 50 states, that strongly believes in working with

its local chapters in addressing local, state and national issues involving whitetail deer and their habitat. Unique among conservation organizations, Whitetails Unlimited returns 50 percent of net event proceeds from all grassroots events to the local chapter to use on local conservation-related projects.

For more information on Whitetails Unlimited, visit the organization's website at www.whitetailunlimited.com.

Hunter safety courses set at Sanilac MSU Extension Office

A hunter safety course will be offered Friday, Oct. 16, from 5 to 9 p.m.; Saturday, Oct. 17, from 1 to 5 p.m.; Monday, Oct. 19, from 5 to 9 p.m.; and Tuesday, Oct. 20, from 5 to 9 p.m. at the Sanilac MSU Extension Office.

Students must pass all hands on safety tests and a written final exam to earn their cards. Students must attend all scheduled class times with absolutely no absences.

This course identifies both the dangers of and personal joy hunting can bring. Parents are encouraged to attend with their child.

For further details or a pre-registration form, contact Shelly Warczynsky at the Sanilac County MSU Extension Office at (810) 648-2515. Applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis due to limited enrollment.

Flu vaccine clinics on tap in October

The Tuscola County Health Department will be offering seasonal flu shots for adults on a walk-in basis on the following designated days (the H1N1 vaccine is not available at this time):

Wednesday, Sept. 30, 8:30 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 6 p.m.; Friday, Oct. 2, 8:30 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m.; Monday, Oct. 5, 8:30 to 11 a.m. only; Wednesday, Oct. 7, 8:30 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m.; Monday, Oct. 12, 8:30 to 11 a.m. only; Tuesday, Oct. 13, 10 a.m. to 2 at EXPO, Colwood United Brethren Church; Wednesday, Oct. 14, 8:30 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m.; Friday, Oct. 16, 8:30 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m.; Wednesday, Oct. 21, 8:30 to 11 a.m.

and 1 to 3 p.m.; Friday, Oct. 23, 8:30 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m.; Wednesday, Oct. 28, 1 to 3 p.m. only; and Friday, Oct. 30, 8:30 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m.

Health department officials will also be administering flu vaccinations at the Tuscola County Human Services Community Expo, which will be held Tuesday, Oct. 13, at the Colwood United Brethren Church, located at the corner of Colwood Road and M-81. Flu shots will be offered at that location from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on that day.

Children's flu shots will be offered at the health department by appointment only - call (989) 673-8114 (ext. 110 or 102).

Medicare Part B and Medicaid will be billed for those who have coverage. If you are enrolled in a Medicare health plan, you should receive your flu shot at your doctor's office, as it may not be covered if you receive it at the health department. You will be responsible for the entire balance that your insurance does not cover.

Please bring any Medicaid or Medicare cards you have, including your prescription drug plan card or Medicare health plan card. Senior millage funds will pay for the flu vaccine for Tuscola County residents age 60-64. The cost for anyone else is \$25.

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Household Sales

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LARGE GARAGE SALE - 5 families. Oct. 2 & 3, 9-5 p.m. 6815 Sanilac Rd. (M-46). 1 1/2 miles east of Kingston or 3 1/2 miles west of M-53. Clothes (infant up to plus sizes), dishes, books, videos, knickknacks, curtains and rods, new inversion table, Christmas items, and many more things. Shagena & Hartwick. 14-9-30-1

2 BIG GARAGE Sales - Several families. 6 miles south, 2 3/4 east of Cass City on Deckerville Rd. Household items, tools, baby clothes, ladies' clothes, antiques, computer desk, and more. Thursday & Friday, Oct. 1 & 2, 9-5 p.m.; Saturday, Oct. 3, 9-noon. 14-9-30-1

FREE - CLOTHING, household and miscellaneous. Oct. 1 & 2, 8:30-6 p.m. Novesta Church of Christ, 2896 N. Cemetery Rd., Cass City, MI 48726 (3 1/4 miles south of Cass City light). No donation of items please. 14-9-30-1

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O-G discusses requests

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tion endorsing the school's entry into the NCTL. The Owen-Gage board has previously voted for and against similar requests from Deckerville. In the past, school officials voted "yes" provided Deckerville didn't play football in the league. Later, Owen-Gage voted against a plan to allow the Eagles to participate in all NCTL sports. "They've applied each year and this year, when they reapplied, with one of our schools (Dryden) leaving the league, we've got a little different situation," Compton said. Although Deckerville hopes to enter the league and compete in all sports, Owen-Gage's approval this time is contingent on Deckerville competing in 11-man football in the NCTL rather than the 8-man format Owen-Gage and a handful of other Thumb schools have adopted this fall.

All of the other NCTL schools will have their say as to whether Deck-

erville joins the league. If approved, the move would become effective in the 2010-11 school year.

IN OTHER BUSINESS

*In other business during the regular meeting, Compton updated the board on a lawsuit filed about a year ago by a former Owen-Gage School Board trustee who claimed several board members and Compton violated the Open Meetings Act.

In his suit, lifelong Owen-Gage resident Mike Mandich claimed 4 current board members along with Compton met prior to a regular school board session last fall.

School officials denied an illegal meeting, saying there wasn't a quorum present at the pre-meeting gathering, which was arranged so that the district's auditor could review financial information with the board's budget committee.

Huron County Circuit Judge M. Richard Knoblock agreed with that

assessment last month, but didn't enter his order dismissing the suit until the period of discovery had expired.

Compton told the board last week that Mandich and his attorney did not produce any new evidence against the school district, and Knoblock's judgment was entered into the record.

Mandich said Monday that he will appeal that ruling.

*Appointed former board secretary Brenda Kretzschmer to a vacancy left by the recent resignation of Trustee Ron Maurer, who announced last month that he was leaving the board.

"She's a good board member, very thoughtful. She'll come up to speed very quickly," Compton said of Kretzschmer, who left the board a few years ago due to a conflict at the time with her work schedule.

Kretzschmer will serve until the next regular school election in the spring. Voters will then be asked to fill the seat for the remaining one year of Maurer's original 4-year term.

*Hired Ashley Adams as the new JV volleyball coach. Adams has assisted with Owen-Gage's varsity volleyball program on a part-time basis in the past, Compton noted.

*Learned that Caseville will be hosting its first varsity football game in a number of years, Saturday, Oct. 17, at 2 p.m.

Caseville athletes have played football at Owen-Gage for the past 6 or 7 years under a sports cooperative between the schools, which also share soccer and track and field programs. But this will be the first football game at Caseville since the cooperative was established.

*Approved the nomination of Devin Prich as the district's "Senior Student of the Month" for September.



THE RAYS FROM A recent sunset against a Cass City residence highlighted the web of this large spider waiting for its next meal.

Story times for tots scheduled in October at Rawson Memorial

Story times will be offered at Rawson Memorial District Library in Cass City in October for toddlers and preschoolers.

Toddlers, age 18 to 36 months, are invited to join the fun on an "Animal Discovery." During each session the children and their caregivers will enjoy stories, songs, finger plays and crafts that will further their knowledge of color and animal sounds. These sessions will be held every Tuesday in October from 10 to 10:30 a.m.

Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5 years old, are also invited on an adventure of their own as they explore and discover different animals and their characteristics. The children will enjoy stories, songs, finger plays and crafts every Thursday in October from 10 to 11 a.m.

Both programs are free of charge, but children must be pre-registered. To participate, register in person at the library or call 872-2856.

School fails to earn "AYP" status

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rates for elementary and middle schools. Those same goals must also be reached for each subgroup that has 30 or more students in the group.

"This (result) was nothing that was a surprise to us," Daniels told the board Monday. He explained school officials expected some achievement bumps in the road when standardized testing for students at the high school was shifted 4 years ago from a state test, still used at the elementary and middle schools, to a combined national/state testing format with different objectives and expectations. That shift, he noted, first affected freshmen who are now seniors.

The second factor, Daniels pointed out, was the high school, for the first time ever, had to form a subgroup of students totaling 40 or more based on their eligibility for free and reduced lunches.

"That kind of blindsided us," said Daniels, who noted that, while the student body as a whole met academic expectations as measured by the state, the students in that subgroup did not, resulting in the building not earning AYP status.

English was the subject area that gave students the most difficulty, according to the administrator, who said school officials are aggressively addressing the issue by hiring additional para-professionals with a portion of Cass City's federal stimulus funding. Those staff members are working individually with students who have been identified as needing additional help. The staff is also working to intervene earlier, and trying to figure out a way to better motivate students to do their best on the testing.

"We've got a game plan," Daniels told the board. "We'll see how we're going to do. I have faith."

FUNDING QUESTIONS

Turning to finances, school Supt. Ron Wilson presented a report outlining a number of national and state economic trends that have directly or indirectly affecting declining funding for schools over the past several years.

Those trends reflect Michigan's faltering economy and plummeting sales tax revenues, which have been a key to school funding since voters approved Proposal A in the early 1990s.

At this point, Wilson pointed out, Michigan schools are in their third month of a new fiscal year and state officials still don't have a new budget in place, in spite of an Oct. 1 deadline to do so. That means school officials still don't know what they can count on in terms of per-pupil funding along with dollars for categorical programs such as special education and at-risk students.

What area school officials do know, he continued, is that the state is now predicting a funding cut of at least \$218 per student in the coming year (roughly \$275,000 for the Cass City Public Schools). Also proposed is a cut in Great Start-Early Childhood (4-year-old) program dollars — a loss of another \$40,000 for Cass City — and a reduction in intermediate school district (ISD) funding of 44 to 45 percent, which would also impact dollars that flow back into local K-12 districts from ISDs. Other proposals include eliminating dollars for programs such as school bus inspections, although school districts would still be required to undergo, and pay for, those inspections.

The real issue is that state officials aren't addressing the long-term problem, said Wilson, who has seen state funding fail to even come close to increasing costs and declining enroll-

ment over the past 8 years.

"There doesn't seem to be any leadership in Lansing that's willing to look at restructuring how schools are funded," he said. "This (projected cuts) could cost us \$300,000 or more by the time we're done. How do you deal with that?"

"It's just a frustration, and nobody is doing anything about it."

The bottom line, Wilson said, is that local school officials could be looking at another round of mid-year cuts or a decision to spend fund equity to keep up with state reductions in education dollars.

IN OTHER BUSINESS

In other business Monday, the board:

• Approved renewing 2-year administrative contracts for Campbell Elementary School Principal Aaron Fernald, middle school Principal Jeff Hartel, Assistant middle/high school Principal Don Markel and high school Principal Chad Daniels. All received positive evaluations, according to Wilson, who noted all have also accepted pay freezes.

Other 2-year contracts for staffing provided through Thumb Educational Services Inc. were approved for Ed Pasant, special projects coordinator; Linda Bennett, district bookkeeper; and Ets TerBush, secretary to the superintendent.

Board Trustee Sloane Stimpfel suggested that the board might consider delaying action, saying she had questions regarding the possibility of eliminating the assistant principal position and spreading those duties among other staff members. Wilson said the board could still approve the contracts and consider Stimpfel's suggestion because the positions held by staff members hired through Thumb Educational Services can be eliminated

with 30 days notice.

• Heard a written request from the district's 6 former custodians, who lost their jobs over the summer when school officials privatized custodial services. They asked the board to continue fully paying their medical benefits for another 90 days based on the district's improved fund balance projections over the past several months. The group asked for action Monday night to extend those benefits through Dec. 31, 2009, but the board took no action.

• Approved Wilson's request to contract with an auctioneer service to hold a public auction for the purpose of selling a host of school furnishings and other property that isn't being used now that the district's major renovation/expansion project has been completed.

• Read a letter from Hills and Dales General Hospital officials lauding the leadership of Shari Bock, Cass City Public Schools food service director, in organizing a recent children's safety fair.

• Heard a presentation from Linda Bailey and Laura Schimmerer regarding plans for the next — 14th annual — eighth grade trip to Washington, D.C.

• Acknowledged Wilson's recognition of the district's staff in making the first days of the school year run more smoothly in light of final work being completed in conjunction with major renovation projects in the elementary, middle and high school buildings. Wilson also lauded the staff and community for their response following the recent death of high school student Corey Sanders, who died after suffering a seizure at the high school. In all, he said, some \$15,000 was donated to the family by various groups in the school and community.



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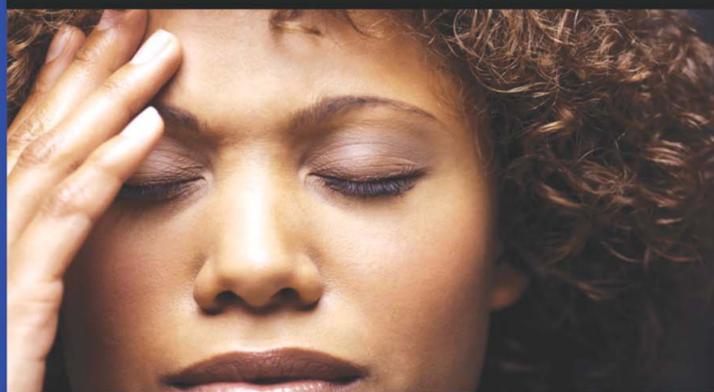


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Groundbreaking slated

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workforce starting in January 2010. "This represents \$5 million annually to our economy," Cristiano said without releasing further information.

ICE GRANT

Also during the 30-minute gathering, the council approved final requirements to submit an Infrastructure Capacity Enhancement (ICE) Grant application to pay for repairs on Church Street due to a previous storm sewer collapse.

The village is seeking a \$90,264 grant from the state to assist with the repair.

"We have completed the last documents required for the grant," Cristiano said, adding, "In about 2 weeks we should know" if Cass City will be awarded the funding.

PRESENTATION & OATH OF OFFICE

Village President Carl Palmateer presented outgoing Trustee Dwight Thabet, who did not seek reelection earlier this month, with a plaque recognizing his dedication and valued accomplishments on behalf of the village of Cass City. Thabet served as chairman of the Parks and Recreation Committee during his tenure, which

boasts many accomplishments, too numerous to be mentioned, according to Palmateer.

Following the special presentation, Kevin Israelson, who ran unopposed for one of 3 available 4-year terms on the council, along with incumbent trustees Marilyn Biefer and Don Richards, were sworn into office by Village Clerk Nanette Walsh. In addition, Walsh also administered the Oath of Office to Palmateer, who ran for a second 2-year term without opposition.

ROUTINE BUSINESS

In routine affairs, the council:

• Heard from Tuscola County Sheriff Lee Teschendorf during the citizen forum. Teschendorf informed the council and the handful of residents on hand about his concerns related to funding woes in these troubled financial times, and asked for support to keep his officers on the road.

• Set this year's Trick of Treating hours for Halloween night between 5:30 and 7 p.m.

• Accepted and filed the minutes from the Downtown Development Authority and Economic Development Corporation meetings held Aug. 11.

• Approved monthly financial statements ending Aug. 31, with a cash balance of \$1,654,975.

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