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FOLLOW THE yellow brick road. Area youngsters Isabelle Phillips (Dorothy), Abigail Phillips (scarecrow), Olivia Peters (lion) and Lauren Peters (tin man) were among dozens of kids who enjoyed the American Association of University Women's (AAUW) annual Halloween Carnival Thursday at Cass City Middle School. At left, Jacob Kittle creates a face-painting masterpiece for Rae-lynn Pacheco. (Related photo, page 5)

Officials monitoring flu cases

School absences up slightly

Cass City School officials are continuing to monitor flu conditions after reporting one confirmed case of H1N1 flu in a student at Campbell Elementary School.

However, the district urged parents not to be alarmed, although the number of flu-like illnesses in the district is climbing.

"H1N1 should be treated the same way you treat the flu," Cass City Public Schools Nurse Kathy LaPonsie said in a letter to parents. "If your child has flu-like symptoms (fever, sore throat, cough and generalized aching in the back or limb muscles) please keep them home from school for at least 24 hours after they no longer have a fever or do not have any signs of fever, without using fever-reducing drugs."

School officials are also asking parents to notify the district if they keep their child home because of flu-like illnesses.

"It's all over the Thumb right now. We have one confirmed and 2 suspected (H1N1 cases); one at the elementary and 2 at the high school," school Supt. Ron Wilson said Thursday, adding the total number of absences totaled about 100 as of Friday, or less than 10 percent of the district's enrollment.

Wilson reported Monday that 114 students were absent, with 31 parents calling in to say the absences were due to flu-like illnesses.

Wilson said health department officials are recommending that schools close if they reach an absenteeism rate of 30 percent. However, Cass City Schools will act if the rate hits 20 to 25 percent. "We get there and we'll be closing down a few days," he added.

Illness has hit other districts hard throughout Michigan, with more than 157 schools closing temporarily as of Thursday.

In the Thumb, Cass City Public School officials closed their doors Thursday and Friday after more than 25 percent of their students were home with flu-like symptoms.

"There is now widespread activity of the H1N1 virus being reported across Michigan, which has caused mild to severe illness and hospitalizations in both adults and children," said Ann Hepfer, nursing administrator at the

Tuscola County Health Department. "Because children do not have immunity to this virus, they have been most affected by it and are considered at high risk of infection."

"All of the schools are monitoring rates of illness, and we are also," Hepfer said.

Health department officials request turn to page 4.

H1N1 vaccine clinics set in Tuscola County

Tuscola County Health Department officials announced Thursday they will be expanding their H1N1 vaccination program this week.

The news came a day after Michigan Department of Community Health Public Information Officer James McCurtis reported that some 635,000 doses of the H1N1 vaccine had been ordered and shipped to Michigan.

In Tuscola County, vaccination clinics are scheduled for today (Wednesday), from 10:15 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1 to 5:30 p.m., and Friday from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and from 12:45 to 3:30 p.m. at the health department. The clinics are by appointment only — call (989) 673-8114 (ext. 110).

"Vaccine still remains limited at this time, but we will be receiving weekly shipments. The vaccine is free," said Tuscola County Health Department Nursing Administrator Ann Hepfer.

The clinics are intended for Tuscola County residents, and participants will be screened using criteria based on the following priority groups:

- Pregnant women.
- Persons who live with or provide care for infants under the age of 6 months (parents, siblings and daycare providers).
- Health care and emergency medical services personnel who have direct contact with patients or infectious material.
- Healthy children and young adults ages 2 to 24. These groups will receive nasal spray. Those who do not want the nasal spray will need to wait until additional supplies of injectable inactivated vaccine arrive. The spray is the live-attenuated vaccine, compared to the inactivated vaccine.

- Persons ages 6 months to 64 years who have medical conditions associated with a high risk for influenza complications (diabetes, transplant patients, asthma, COPD, emphysema, cancer, blood disorders, heart disease, kidney disorders, liver disorders, epilepsy, cerebral palsy, brain or spinal cord injuries, moderate to profound intellectual disability or developmental delays, muscular dystrophy, multiple sclerosis, weakened immune system, HIV, AIDS, and those on medications that weaken the immune system).

Red ink totals \$27,400

O-G's best efforts can't erase deficit

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Owen-Gage slipped a little deeper into its status as a deficit-spending school district in the 2008-09 school year, but school officials say the situation would be far worse if they hadn't implemented a number of cost-saving measures during the year.

School Supt. Dana Compton also recognized the Owen-Gage Education Association, which recently accepted a new contract that will net Owen-Gage even more savings.

Owen-Gage was first listed as a deficit-spending district following the 2007-08 school year when the district posted a deficit of \$18,800. This past year, school officials reported another \$8,600 in red ink for a total deficit of \$27,400.

The figures were outlined during a monthly meeting last week when JoAnn Lakie, CPA, Nietzke & Faupel, P.C., presented the district's 2008-09 audit report.

"Actually, the auditor was very complimentary about the savings we put into the budget," said Compton. He noted school officials reduced their general fund contribution to athletics last year by some \$30,000 - from \$70,000 to \$40,000.

"We made some changes in terms of

our coaching alignment," he said, adding the district also reduced bus trips for junior high athletics by participating in weekend tournaments, and delayed upgrading uniforms last year.

Compton said a couple of veteran Owen-Gage instructors retired, which translated into savings when the district hired teachers at starting salary levels, and projections of losing some students didn't pan out. The district retained its K-12 enrollment of about 216 students.

"When we put the budget together, we projected a loss of 12 to 15 students. As it turned out, our numbers were steady. In fact, we'll end up with probably 2 more than what we had last year," he said.

Compton acknowledged, however, that recent passage of a state budget that includes a reduction of at least \$165 per student in school funding, will hurt.

In spite of the strides Owen-Gage made in reducing expenses over the past year, he said, the district is still facing a deficit. "Every year it costs you more to do business, and those savings get eaten up."

"We're working together to make sure we can be viable into the future," Compton said of recent negotiation sessions leading up to ratification of the new contract.

Even with a contract in place, however, Compton indicated he shares the same frustration as his counterparts throughout Michigan over state officials' failure to adequately fund school operations.

First the politicians say they're going to take away \$300 per student, then they come back and say the cut will be only \$165. "And you say, 'oh, thank-you'. You're lulled into complacency," Compton said. "Then they add another \$127 (reduction). Well, I'm sorry, isn't that about the \$300 they were talking about in the first place? This is politics at its best."

"I'm concerned. I'm definitely concerned," Compton added. "We're at a point where, our staff is what we have to have to fulfill all of our obligations. We don't have any fluff."

"It's really tough for a small district, and there are many around us in the same boat," he said. "There has got to be some kind of change (in how schools are funded). That's the bottom line."

NEW CONTRACT

Compton said the savings realized in a new contract for the district's 16 teachers will cover the lion's share of the \$165-per-pupil funding cut.

The contract, approved by the board following an executive session last week, is a 2-year pact that is retroactive to 2008-09, according to the superintendent, who said the union accepted increases in health insurance deductibles and co-pays. Teachers' pay was also frozen. "And we made a few language changes - nothing of any real significance there."

IN OTHER BUSINESS

In other business last week, the board:

- Approved Doug Hyatt to serve as the new varsity basketball coach. He replaces Dave Fritz.

- Swore-in new board member Brenda Kretschmer, who previously served on the board and will now fill a vacancy left by the recent resignation of Trustee Ron Maurer.

- Approved the nomination of Christy Schmidt as the "Senior Student of the Month" for October.

Prosecutor seeking stiff sentence for Barry

Melissa Sue Barry will have several years to think about her crimes against a 15-month-old Reese child if Tuscola County Prosecutor Mark Reese has his way.

Barry, 30, faces sentencing in Tuscola County Circuit Court Monday, Nov. 23, at 8:30 a.m. for her pleas of guilty to 2 counts of first degree criminal sexual conduct involving the child last January at a Reese residence. First degree criminal sexual conduct is a felony punishable by up to life in prison.

A charge of second degree criminal sexual conduct, a 15-year felony, and 3 counts of third degree criminal sexual conduct, a 2-year felony, were dismissed.

"Through the years you see so many cases, so many things that you shake your head at," commented Reese, adding the Barry case stands out and was especially disturbing given the victim's age. "This is one that falls into that category."

Reese said his office will be recommending a stiff sentence for Barry. "It will be a circumstance, for us, of looking at something no less than 15 years," he said, noting she could receive a maximum 30 years under the sentencing guidelines.

Reese said Barry is not a relative of the victim, but was residing with the victim and his family during the time the assaults took place. Barry attended school in the area, but was most recently from Arenac County. She had been hired to care for the victim after his mother was injured in a traffic accident, according to the prosecutor.

Barry, who was found to be competent to stand trial after being examined at the Center for Forensic Psychiatry in Ypsilanti, remains lodged in the Tuscola County Jail on a \$150,000 cash bond.

Her next home will be prison, but Reese indicated it will be difficult to make the punishment fit the crimes. "This is one of those cases that, no matter where the years fall, it will be inadequate," he said.

Events scheduled to honor local veterans

Area residents will have at least 2 opportunities in the coming week to honor the men and women who have served their country in the U.S. armed forces. Organizers of the "Honoring Our Veterans and Supporting Our Troops Ceremony" will host a tribute to veterans Saturday, Nov. 7, starting at 7 p.m. at VFW Post 3644 in Cass City.

"Also this year there will be an oral history project at the post from one to 6 p.m. All local veterans are encouraged to come in and give their service stories," said organizer Kris Leenhouts-Gamet, who noted participating servicemen and women do not have to be combat veterans.

"Most of the oral histories that the government got during the wars were destroyed during 9/11," she said. "It was through an oral history that was available on the web that I learned the details of my step-brother's death in Vietnam. These oral histories will go to the Library of Congress and will be available to students, researchers and even file makers like Ken Burns, who made a 14-hour documentary about how people dealt with World War II."

"Because of the deaths of many of the veterans from World War II, Korea and Vietnam, their stories have now been lost," Leenhouts-Gamet added. "It is important that their stories get told."

"It is (also) important that we show all veterans appreciation for the service they did and are still doing for their country," she said. "The sad part is that unless someone has a family member or friend in the service, especially stationed in the Middle East, the service people are forgotten. We go about living our days, not thinking about what the soldiers and their families are going through."

Also planned is an annual ceremony at Cass City Middle School, where students, staff and community members will honor local veterans on Veteran's Day, Wednesday, Nov. 11, at 2 p.m.

Area veterans are invited to spend the day at the school, enjoy lunch and visit with students in the classrooms, in addition to being honored during a school assembly. More information is available by calling (989) 872-4397.



Calendar of Events

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

Thursday, November 5

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

Friends of the Library meeting, 1:30 p.m., Rawson Memorial District Library.

Friday, November 6

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

Saturday, November 7

Turkey Dinner, 4-7:30 p.m., Shabbona United Methodist Church. Free will offering. Proceeds to send children to Bay Shore Camp. Roast Beef & Pork Dinner, 4-7 p.m., Gagetown United Methodist Church, 4750 South St. (across from fire hall). Adults: \$8.50; children 5-10 years: \$4.50. Take outs available. For more information, call Pat at (989) 665-2375.

Pieces in a Basket: A Woman's Ministry, "Evening Retreat," 6-8 p.m., Mayville Junction, 2254 E. Ohm.

Cass City United Methodist Church Bazaar, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Bake sale, crafts, attic treasures, gifts & more. Lunch available. Free admission.

Sunday, November 8

Pieces in a Basket: A Woman's Ministry, "Living Faith Ministry Worship Hour," 11 a.m., Mayville Junction, 2254 E. Ohm.

Monday, November 9

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.

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

Elkland Township Board meeting, 7 p.m.

VFW monthly meeting, 7:30 p.m., VFW Hall, Cass City.

Pieces in a Basket: A Woman's Ministry, Mayville Junction, 2254 E. Ohm. 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Mon.-Wed., Fri.; 6-8 p.m. Thur. For more information, call (989) 843-0133.

Tuesday, November 10

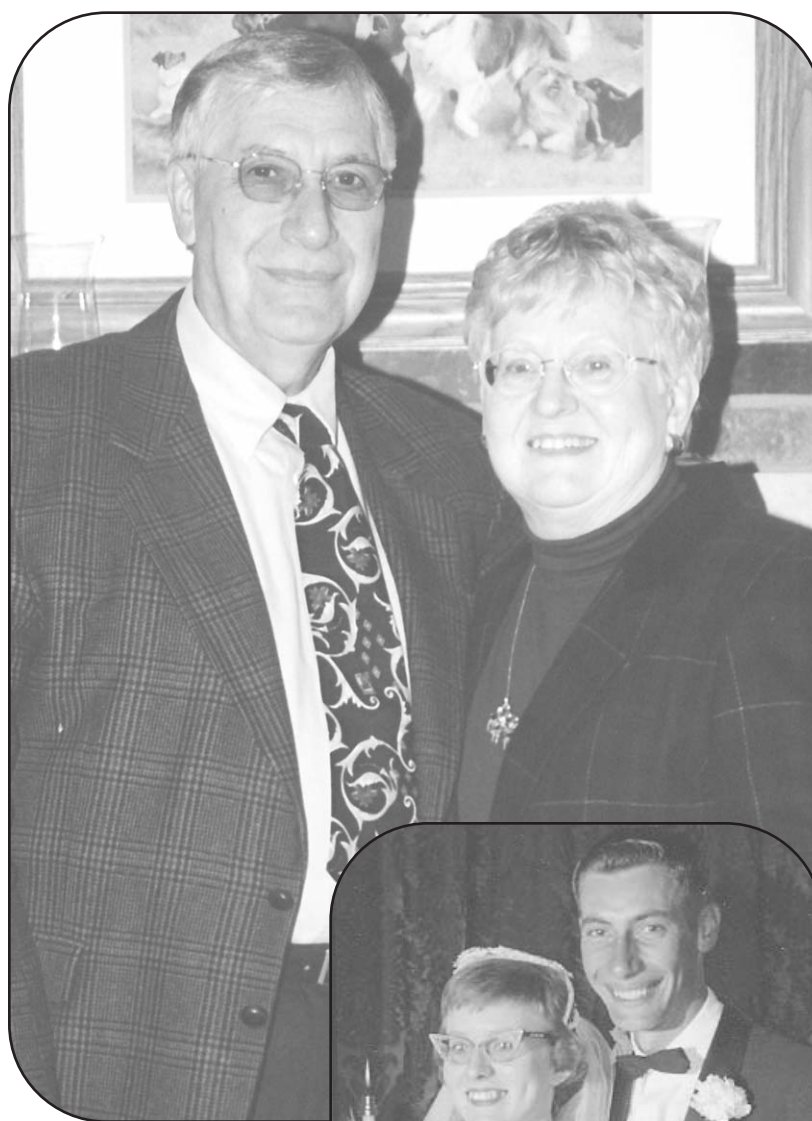
Basic Dog Obedience Class, 7-8 p.m., Marlette Administration Building. Sponsored by the Sanilac County 4-H Dog Program. For more information, contact Barb Peake at (989) 635-7943 or (810) 656-4974. Class size is limited.

Thumb Octagon Barn meeting, 7 p.m., fire hall in Gagetown. Tuscola County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, 1:30 p.m., HDC Generations Building, 430 Montague Ave., Caro. For more information, contact Kim at (989) 673-4121.

Kedron OES #33 of Caro meeting, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, November 11

"Eat Healthy for the Holidays" with Barbara Burns, 6-8:30 p.m., Rawson Memorial District Library.



Charles and Marilyn Carpenter (now & then)

Carpenters mark 50th wedding anniversary

Charles and Marilyn (Cargill) Carpenter celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a gathering at their home with friends and family Sept. 20.

They were united in marriage Sept. 19, 1959 at the First Presbyterian Church in Marlette.

The couple has 3 children: Carrie (Darren) Oxford of Flint, Julie (Brian) Moore of Snover, and Michael (Tracy) Carpenter of Caro. They also have 6 grandchildren: Andrea and Ryan Oxford, Jessica (Chad) Thorley, Nicholas Moore, and Stephanie and Mandy Carpenter; and a great-granddaughter, Madelynn Thorley.

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Thumb Center for the Arts to present "Miracle on 34th Street"

The Thumb Center for the Arts (TACA) will present a dinner theater production of "Miracle on 34th Street" Nov. 5-8.

This heart-warming play, made famous by the movie starring Maureen O'Hara, is a traditional family favorite. It tells the story of man claiming to be the real Kris Kringle who meets Doris, a non-believing mother, her much-too-old-for-her-age daughter, and a young lawyer eager to defend Kringle and win Doris's heart. Love, laughter and courtroom drama test the idea of faith and offer a look at the true sense of holiday spirit amidst Macy's Department Store and the New York County Court System.

Tickets are \$14 for the Thursday "Munchie Theater" (7 p.m.), and \$24 for the Friday (8 p.m.), Saturday (8 p.m.) and Sunday (2 p.m.) dinner the-

ater. They are available by emailing info@tacfta.org.

Learn healthy eating tips for the holidays

Join Barbara Burns, CNHP, at Rawson Memorial District Library as she hosts a round-table discussion about how to eat healthy for the upcoming holiday season.

Learn tips and tricks to help curb your appetite and cravings so those unwanted pounds don't show up on the scale come January. The program is set for Wednesday, Nov. 11, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. in the Pinney Meeting Room at the library.

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In Our OPINION...

Clarke Haire
Publisher

Tom Montgomery
Editor

Shopping locally pays off, keeps town viable

“Shop locally” is hardly a new slogan, but Cass City Chamber of Commerce Administrator Dee Mulligan repeats that message often to anyone who will listen.

And for good reason. When Mulligan took over the reins of the local chamber 4 years ago, she had corporate sponsorship — \$4,000 or \$5,000 annually — from Blue Cross Blue Shield to depend on for revenue, making up about half her annual budget. Those few but precious dollars have to cover a multitude of expenses over the course of a year; payroll, computer expenses, the chamber’s website and chamber-sponsored events.

Unfortunately, in her second year, that funding disappeared. So, Mulligan has had to depend on creativity to continue offering the Cass City community popular, and largely free, celebrations such as Summer Mania and Christmas in the Village.

The recent Halloween Haunted Hayride Fundraiser she and her husband, Kevin, hosted at their Mulligan’s Irish Links business, is a good example. The couple managed to draw some 300 people and raise more than \$1,000 to help cover the costs related to Summer Mania and Christmas in the Village.

But Mulligan is quick to say a number of local businesses deserve the credit for the success of various chamber events, not only through annual dues — which have dipped with Michigan’s economy — but also for the contributions they make faithfully year after year. In short, she says, they go above and beyond the call of generosity.

Times are difficult for everyone. You don’t have to tell Mulligan that, but she will tell you that it’s the business community that is responsible for ensuring chamber events continue to be funded.

Take Curtis Chrysler-Dodge-Jeep, Cass City, and Pat Curtis Chevrolet-Cadillac, Caro, for example. It’s no secret the economy has been tough on auto dealerships, and yet these folks have continued to sponsor a very popular classic car show during Summer Mania each year. And that’s on top of the companies’ other chamber donations and community service activities, such as serving as headquarters for the Cass City Rotary Club’s annual Christmas for Kids campaign.

Cass City VFW Post 3644, meanwhile, donates the use of its hall for Christmas in the Village, ensuring that those residents most affected by cold weather — youngsters and the elderly — can enjoy the festivities, including visits with Santa, in the warmth of a heated building.

A week after Santa’s arrival the chamber hosts “Breakfast with Santa”, and it’s Cass City McDonald’s owner Jim Luth who donates all of the food and beverages for the event.

The list goes on. Knight Insurance annually organizes and sponsors a popular local chili cook-off in town in conjunction with Christmas in the Village, local bank branches pay for horse-drawn carriage rides, a group of volunteers make sure there’s plenty of hot bean soup on hand prior to Santa’s visit, and area resident Richard Little has taken it upon himself to organize a lighted Christmas parade in recent years.

Of course, it’s likely that we’ve missed some folks who also deserve recognition, but rest assured, everyone’s efforts are appreciated.

Mulligan shies away from taking credit for the success of Summer Mania and Christmas in the Village, but she certainly deserves a pat on the back. Not only for her efforts, but because she represents some of the best advertisement Cass City has as far as encouraging people to visit the community and sample some old-fashioned fun during the summer or when the holiday season rolls around.

She understands that local residents are going to shop in other towns. That doesn’t stop her from encouraging folks to shop here when they can, however. After all, some of the dollars that stay in the community ultimately end up paying for the very activities that the community has come to expect and enjoy.

“We have a great town and if we don’t support our businesses, we’re going to have an empty town,” Mulligan says.

She’s right. And for what it’s worth, we feel shopping locally is a sound investment in OUR community, one that we hope residents will keep in mind the next time they need a new or used car, an insurance policy, a can of soup or a quick lunch.



Red Hawk News & Views Cass City Public Schools by Paige Lester

It’s 5:30 a.m. and the phone rings. You answer and over the phone you hear your mission, should you choose to accept it. You don’t have a lot going on that day, so you decide to accept.

Two hours later you show up to your job, get the keys, the lesson plan, and walk into your room for the day. Half an hour later, your first students walk in and perhaps excitedly exclaim “Yes, we have a substitute!”

Students never know what to expect when it comes to substitute teachers, but whatever the case they do know that it’s definitely going to be a day out of the norm. Ashleigh Moore, a senior noted this, saying “Substitutes make high school life less mundane.” Stepping into a class expecting to see your teacher, only to see someone else does spice things up a little bit time after time for students. Usually teens know the ropes to getting their way when their teacher is not around. Unless, of course, if the substitute is a former teacher, or someone who is around just as much.

Whether it’s his degree in criminal justice or hopes to be a probation officer, one substitute definitely knows how to lay down the law at Cass City High School. Often seen sporting an Air Force jacket (which led many students to believe he was in the Air Force, a rumor that turned out to be false as it was his brother who was in the Air Force) or making a joke, Mr. Retherford is one of the favorite substitutes to students at Cass City High

School. He works a job that to many is seen as simply babysitting, but one that can actually get tough if you don’t have the respect of the teenagers you are watching over. This is something that Mr. Retherford has in plenty.

Brooke Hartwick, a junior, commented, “Mr. Retherford is the best” which pretty much sums up how many students feel at CCHS. It’s no wonder when, according to Mr. R., Cass City is the only school he will substitute at. And because of his frequent visits to CCHS, many students were curious as to the background of this funny, but also quiet substitute.

Originally from South Haven, but with roots that tie him back to Cass City, Mr. Retherford came to the area to take care of his grandmother, who incidentally taught at Cass City Public Schools for 19 years.

A graduate of Western Michigan University, his favorite part of subbing, like many full-time teachers, is the connection with the students. As he puts it, “I just enjoy the daily interaction with students and being a small part of their educational process.”

One student, Paul Martin, remarked on the fact that sometimes you get substitutes that are not what you expected “I don’t like it when they yell at you, and sometimes there are substitutes that are kind of crazy.”

When you see you have a substitute there’s always a chance about how the day will turn out, but you know that if Mr. Retherford is behind the desk, few things can go wrong.

Letter to the Editor

Liberals trying to destroy Constitution

Rev. Paul Donelson,

I’m sorry I didn’t answer your letter to the editor sooner because I was out of town. I will see if I can answer inconsistencies that you said were in my letter to the editor on Sept. 16.

You stated it wasn’t Sarah Palin’s education or common sense that left her state in good financial shape. Your unintelligent comment was that she had oil. You liberals just don’t get it and I don’t know why. I don’t care if a state has oil, coal, silver or even peanuts, you live within your means.

Mr. Donelson, a 10-year-old kid has enough common sense that if he has a dollar in his pocket he will know he can’t go into the store and buy something for \$2.

You also mentioned during Sarah Palin’s presidential campaign she made some serious gaffs that displayed awesome lack of brilliance like when she criticized the national institute of health for spending money for research on fruit flies. I have to agree with her; the money would have been better spent if they would have studied the fruitcakes we have running this country to see if they can figure out why they do what they do. All of these highly educated politicians that you’re talking about spend beyond their needs, and then they use their highly educated skills to see where they can skim the hard working people to cover the debt that they created.

There isn’t a politician in Washington, D.C. that any company in the world would hire them as CEOs, so what does that tell you? They simply don’t have an idea of how to run a business.

Mr. Donelson, by reading your editorial on Sept. 23, I got the impression if you got a flat tire on your car you would take it to a garage and have 4 new tires put on it, overhaul the motor, transmission and the rear end, and that’s the same stupid mentality our politicians are doing to our healthcare.

Eighty-nine percent of the people are satisfied with the healthcare that they have so why don’t they just fix what’s broken on the 48 million that don’t have healthcare? They can give all 48 million of them healthcare and it doesn’t have to cost the taxpayers a dime. All President Obama had to do is cut out all the frivolous lawsuits that the doctors wanted him to do, but he wouldn’t. And why he wouldn’t is because the trial lawyer lobbyists give the Democrats \$6 million and the Republicans got almost \$6 million. If President Obama would have cut that out there would be a savings of \$3 billion and that is more than enough to cover the 48 million that don’t have healthcare.

You also mention 6 countries and say that their healthcare is so great; can you name any one of them prominent people that you think so highly of that went for medical treatment to one of those 6 countries? Why didn’t these so called well-educated professions, that you claim know everything that you admire so much, get on board and take the same healthcare that they’re trying to impose on us “stupid” people? Maybe they know something us “stupid” people don’t know.

People come from all over the world to get treated in the United States. The only country out of the 6 that you mentioned that is good is Japan. But they’re in trouble now and they are making drastic changes because it is getting too costly. And, yes, I still believe that we should put all the far left liberals on a reservation in Alaska because it wasn’t the uneducated people that put the country in the shape that it is in.

I’m going to say it one more time - you can have the best education in the world, but if you don’t have common sense you don’t have anything. Mr. Donelson, I’m going to say it again, Mr. Conyers did not read the healthcare bill.

You also said I was totally unfair criticizing Gov. Patrick for being on Please turn to page 14.

The back forty by Roger Pond

I’m told that newcomers don’t always feel accepted in rural communities. We are accepted, of course. We just don’t realize it.

I’ve known folks who moved into rural communities and spent several years worrying about whether they were accepted or not. That’s silly. They have to accept us. Whether they like us or not is up to us, but they have to accept us.

As one who grew up in a farm community and has lived in three others, I’ve never had the slightest concern about the old-timers accepting me. Besides, I’ve finally reached the age where I’m nearly as old as the old-timers.

I think rural people actually like newcomers. Everybody knows what the established residents are going to do. Newcomers add a touch of suspense.

That’s the big difference between farm communities and urban areas. Everyone seems a stranger in the city, but folks will spot you a mile away out in the country.

I used to stop at a little farm country cafe for coffee. I knew nearly everyone there, so I wasn’t exactly a stranger, but being from out of the area made me a “foreigner” of sorts. The tradition at the cafe was to roll dice to see who bought the coffee. A touch of joy rolled through the place when I showed up.

I always bought the coffee — partly because I was unlucky, and partly because I didn’t know the rules. That’s the first rule of games: If you don’t know the rules, you lose. “O.K.,” I’d tell them, “I’m going to

buy the coffee, but I’ll roll the dice if I have to.” “Oh, boy! Foreign money,” one fellow would say. “It’s about time we got some outside money in this place.”

I think the best way to understand rural communities is to remember that anyone who has lived here less than 10 years is still pretty much a transient. Who knows how long they are going to be around?

Those who’ve lived here more than 30 years might be considered residents, but it’s way too late to become a pioneer family.

Readers may recall the story of a young school teacher who moved to a rural area of Maine — and wanted very badly to become an established member of the community. After several years of residence the young man was talking to a neighboring farmer about some new residents down the road.

“You know, I can understand that people like me will always be considered outsiders in Maine,” the young fellow said. “And I know it takes awhile to become established in an old community like this.

“But my kids were born here. Will they be accepted as natives of Maine?”

The old farmer kicked around in the dirt, and finally said, “You have a cat don’t you, Jim?”

“Well, yes, we have a cat,” Jim said. “Let’s look at it this way,” the farmer said. “If your cat had kittens in the oven, you wouldn’t call them biscuits, would you?”

Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Small world department. Cass City graduates Brad Hartel, 2007, and Cyndi Henn, 2003, are both currently serving our country in the United States Marines in Japan.

The 2 crossed paths in the Philippines recently during a one-month training program.

Cyndi is the daughter of Nancy and Duane Henn. Brad is the son of Ann and Jeff Hartel.

Seemingly, there’s a learning curve in my new position as publisher. In last week’s Rabbit Tracks I wrote that CCS Contracting will plow the Main Street sidewalks from building to curb, for \$2,800 each time there is a snow fall of more than 2”.

What I meant to convey is CCS Contracting will plow the Main Street sidewalks, from building to curb, each time there is a snow fall of more than 2” for a total of \$2,800. That \$2,800 sum for Mike Spencer’s company is for maintaining the sidewalks once or 1,000 times this winter.

Avid upland hunters Craig Haynes and Steve Ballard confirmed reports that this year’s pheasant season is nearly a bust.

True, we’ve had a couple of back-to-back hard winters, but the Cass City pair point to an increase in the bird’s predator population, namely coyotes, and even turkeys, as reasons for a lack of ringnecks in the area.

It’s just the opposite for waterfowl hunters. My neighbor, Ed Knight, has enjoyed success with Tom Craig hunting near his cabin in the vicinity of Fish Point, where bag limits often were the result of the day at the Crown Royal Lodge.

Knight says his Cass City neighbor, Ron Wilson, bagged his limit over the weekend while hunting out of Saginaw Bay. The duck population is up 30 percent from a year ago, according to Knight.

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Several appear on charges last week

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

•Daniel J. Kingsland, 31, Cass City, was sentenced to 180 days in the county jail and 24 months probation for his pleas of guilty to attempted receiving and concealing stolen property (a trailer and snowmobile) valued at more than \$1,000 between July and December 2007 in Ellington Township.

He was also ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$2,606. Restitution in the case is to be determined.

•Galen A. Bellman, 34, Vassar, was sentenced to 18 months to 6 years in prison for his plea of guilty to delivery/manufacture of marijuana Dec. 30 in Tuscola Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

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

•Markeithis Thomas-James Smith, 29, Jackson, was sentenced to 6 months to 7 1/2 years in prison for his plea of guilty to furnishing a cell phone to a prisoner between June and August 2008 in Indianfields Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender.

In addition to prison time, he was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$128.

•Lynda K. Hutchinson, 28, Flint, was sentenced to 365 days in jail for her plea of guilty to second degree home invasion Jan. 4-6 in Millington Township.

She was also placed on 36 months probation and ordered to pay \$2,080 in costs and fines plus restitution of \$6,386.63. Attorneys fees are to be determined in the case.

•Brandon M. Walker, 25, Flint, was sentenced to 18 months to 10 years in prison for his plea of guilty to larceny of property valued at \$200 to \$1,000, subsequent offense, July 24, 2008, in

Reese. 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 \$128 plus restitution of \$759. Attorneys fees are to be determined.

•Jeremy R. Davidson, 19, Flint, was sentenced to 18 months to 15 years in prison for his plea of guilty to second degree home invasion Jan. 4-6 in Millington Township.

In addition to prison time, he was ordered to pay \$128 in costs and fines plus restitution of \$6,386.63.

•Patty M. Elledge, 47, Kingston, was sentenced to 365 days in jail (90 days deferred) following her conviction on charges of harboring a runaway, conspiracy to harbor a runaway, and contributing to the delinquency of a minor March 18 in Koylton Township.

She was also placed on 24 months probation, ordered to complete 180 hours of community service, and ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$819 plus restitution of \$6,000.

•John E. Elledge, 22, Kingston, was sentenced to 365 days in jail (90 days deferred) and 24 months probation for his convictions on charges of harboring a runaway, conspiracy to harbor a runaway, and contributing to the delinquency of a minor March 18 in Koylton Township.

He was also ordered to pay \$819 in costs and fines plus restitution of \$6,000.

•John W. Elledge, 42, Kingston, was sentenced to 365 days in jail, with work release, for his conviction on charges of harboring a runaway, conspiracy to harbor a runaway, and contributing to the delinquency of a minor March 18 in Koylton Township.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$819 plus restitution of \$6,000.



CHEMICAL BANK, Cass City, recently made a donation to Rawson Memorial District Library for the library's Morningstar subscription. The Morningstar publication provides information on mutual funds, stocks and investment research, according to library Director Kate VanAuken, who noted the annual subscription allows for in-library online access. Presenting the check to VanAuken (above) is Orvil Beecher of Chemical Bank.

Troopers investigate stabbing over weekend

Troopers from the Michigan State Police post in Caro investigated a reported stabbing in progress Saturday afternoon in the area of East Dayton Road, between Ryan and Weeden Roads.

According to reports, 2 subjects, a 37-year-old male and a 33-year-old female, both of Mt. Morris, were allegedly stabbed with a knife by a 34-year-old Caro woman.

Both victims were transported to Caro Community Hospital for non-life threatening injuries. The male victim was treated and released. The female victim was stabilized in Caro and then transported to Covenant Hospital in Saginaw for surgery.

The suspect was taken into custody at the scene, troopers said. They noted she was transported to Hills and Dales General Hospital for treatment of non-life threatening injuries. She was transferred to Health Source in Saginaw for further evaluation.

Troopers did not release any names. Agencies that assisted at the scene include the Caro Police Department, Tuscola County Sheriff's Department,

Caro MMR, Fairgrove MMR and Cass City MMR.

The incident remains under investigation.

Gagetown motorist injured in accident

A Gagetown man was injured in a 2-vehicle traffic crash last Wednesday in Huron County's Colfax Township. Troopers from the Michigan State Police post in Bad Axe reported.

State police Sgt. Maria Eichler reported the accident occurred at about 11:38 a.m. at S. Van Dyke Road and R. Dale Wertz drive.

Eichler said Christopher Harp, 19, Gagetown, was eastbound on VanDyke Road when he failed to yield by making a left turn in front of a westbound vehicle driven by Margaret Maurer, 57, of Bad Axe.

"The Jaws of Life were used on both vehicles by Bad Axe Fire Department personnel to extricate the drivers," Eichler reported.

Both drivers were transported to Huron Medical Center, Bad Axe, for treatment and have since been released.

Eichler was assisted at the scene by the Bad Axe Police Department, Central Huron Ambulance, Elton Ambulance, and troopers Brian McComb and Mark Sosnoski, both of the Bad Axe post.

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Absences are up slightly

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ommend that parents keep sick children home, teach them how to reduce their risk of getting and spreading the flu viruses, and get vaccinated.

The Tuscola County Health Department helped hundreds of residents protect themselves during a clinic last Wednesday at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Caro.

"It went very well, exceptionally well," said Hepfer, who noted officials began screening residents, to ensure they qualified as high-risk individuals for the flu, at 8:45 a.m. "By 11:15 we had approximately 450 people through, and then we stayed until 6:30 at night. The most accurate figure I can give you is 850" people were vaccinated.

More vaccine has arrived in the county and officials are planning additional clinics this week (see related story).

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THE FIRST RECIPIENTS of the Red Hawk Award of Excellence for the 2009-10 school year are (from left) Jaclyn Palmer, fourth grade; Audrey VanAuken, eighth grade; and Tyler Perry, high school senior.

Palmer, VanAuken and Perry earn the Award of Excellence

Cass City School officials recently honored the first of this year's Red Hawk Award of Excellence recipients.

During the months of October, December, February and April, each school building staff is asked to nominate students for the award based on leadership, service, outstanding behavior, excellent academic performance, most improved or other accomplishments in or outside of school.

The nominees are invited to attend a school board meeting to be personally congratulated by each board member. They are also presented with a maroon ribbon and certificate.

Among the first recipients for the 2009-10 school year is Jaclyn Palmer, a fourth grade student and the daughter of Ron and Jillian Palmer.

"Jaclyn...has been chosen because she stands out as always exhibiting the behaviors expected within our SOAR program," the building staff

wrote in its nomination letter.

"Jaclyn always shows respect to staff and fellow students. In regards to her work, outstanding effort is the norm. She is always honest in the classroom, and her high level abilities are the result of her honest and ambitious work ethic. Responsible behavior and habits are very natural for Jaclyn," the staff wrote.

"It is a pleasure to have Jaclyn as a member of our Campbell community because she is always doing the right thing. She treats everyone kindly and has a helping and polite personality."

The middle school recipient is Audrey VanAuken, an eighth grade student and the daughter of Joe and Kate VanAuken. This is the second time VanAuken has been honored with the award.

"Audrey is an outstanding student with all As in all of her classes so far this year. She is a very caring and considerate young lady that is always willing to offer assistance when she is

able," Jon Zdrojewski said on behalf of the eighth grade teaching team.

"Audrey has a great sense of humor and a very warm personality that makes her very likeable with her peers. Audrey is a leader within the eighth grade and someone that takes great pride in her work ethic," Zdrojewski said. "Audrey demonstrates responsibility continually by her actions. Audrey is also very respectful of not only the adults around her, but also her fellow students. She does not ever use 'put-downs' and is very supportive of her friends."

"Audrey is an exemplary student and the model for a great student. (She) is very well respected by her peers and teachers alike."

At the high school, senior Tyler Perry was also honored. The son of Randy and Joy Perry, he is also a 2-time Red Hawk award recipient.

"Tyler is a student who throughout his high school career has demonstrated his leadership abilities," said teacher Nancy Folk, who nominated him. "He is active in student council, National Honor Society and Future Youth Involvement. He is a pleasant person who is always willing to lend a helping hand."

"Tyler is very responsible and is a student you can count on to get the job done in an efficient and complete way," Folk added. "Tyler has the respect of the students and staff."



AREA CHILDREN who enjoyed the AAUW carnival in Cass City Thursday included McKenna Kemp, Cass City, who dressed up as a pumpkin. Some 200 children attended the event, which enabled the AAUW to raise about \$900 to purchase books for RIF (Reading is Fundamental) distributions, to sponsor local school assemblies and to award scholarships to women attending college. (Related photos, page one)

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Down Memory Lane

By Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO

It was warm, it was windy, it was wonderful for all Cass City fans. The Red Hawks defeated favored Birch Run in their first game ever in the pre-district playoffs Saturday, 22-8. "We had a great week of practice," coach Scott Cuthrell said, "the kids wanted to win this game and they played awesome." The Hawk line played well, including Brad Severance who filled in for injured Paul Hoelzle. Severance came up from the undefeated junior varsity team and was playing in the first varsity game in his career. Cody Halasz rushed 11 times for 89 yards. Nick Stoutenburg carried 10 times for 79 yards and Dustin Bitzer, 8 times for 49 yards. On defense, Bitzer had 9 tackles and Brad Langenburg and Jarod Stoutenburg, 8 each.

Red Hawks Cameron Lautner and Kyle Reif qualified for the Division 3 cross country state finals with a pair of splendid showings Saturday at regional competition in Bad Axe. Both sophomore runners recorded a top 5 finish on the day. Lautner crossed the end line in a time of 18:01, good for 3rd place, while Reif's time of 18:05 resulted in 5th place. The best 15 individual times, along with the top 3 teams, will make the trip to Brooklyn this Saturday.

10 YEARS AGO

A trio of Cass City firefighters have hung up their helmets for the last time, taking a combined 71 years of experience and a deep sense of satisfaction with them. "It gets in your blood. They call us smoke eaters, and once you've been a smoke eater, it's something you don't give up easily," retiring firefighter Carol Gaffney recently commented. Gaffney, one of only 3 women on the Elkland Township Fire Department, put in 7 years as a firefighter. She decided to call it quits in part because of health problems, but also because her husband Richard Gaffney, a 26-year veteran of the department, retired. Also leaving the department is Don Finkbeiner, a fireman for 38 years.

The Red Hawks will be represented against the state's top runners by one athlete in the girls' and boys' divisions this Saturday at the Michigan International Speedway. Junior Craig Emmert, who finished 14th with a time of 17:38, earned that privilege with his medal performance Saturday at the Bad Axe regional. The Lady Hawks will have senior Lindsay Mills competing over the weekend at Brooklyn, as her time of 20:55 resulted in a 12th place showing.

25 YEARS AGO

At the American Association of University Women's Halloween Festival

Monday night Cheryl Booms was dressed up as her favorite doll, Strawberry Shortcake. Cheryl, a preschool student at the Sacred Heart Preschool, Bad Axe, said that she enjoys the festivities at the school and likes to see her classmates all dressed up for Halloween. She said on Halloween night she wants to go visit her best friend's house, Bethie, and see her grandparents. Cheryl's mother, Sue Booms, a former teacher at Campbell Elementary School, is a member of the AAUW and was in charge of the apple dunking booth Monday night. Cheryl's parents are Mr. and Mrs. John Booms, Bad Axe.

The Owen-Gage football team won their last league game of the 1984 season against Akron-Fairgrove Friday night, 10-0. For the seven seniors on the team, it was the last home game that they will play. But for one senior, John Shope, the game was of particular importance. Shope's mother, Judith Shope, died the night before the game. Coach Arnie Besonen said that Shope, who scored the first points of the game on a 35-yard field goal, was at an emotional and physical low point in his life, but decided to play. The Bulldogs will play their final game of the year against the Michigan School of the Deaf. Besonen said that the game will be of special importance for the players at the Michigan School for the Deaf. It will be their last game ever. After this year the school will no longer have a football team.

35 YEARS AGO

All of us have someone we admire above everyone else we know. Generally, it's someone we know well and too often take for granted. For Vern McConnell of Dodge Rd., that person is his wife. "I admire her the most," the quiet-spoken McConnell says, "It'll be 50 years next June that we've been married and I'd have to say she's the one I admire above all others."

McConnell says she has had a lot to put up with all those years but has come through without a complaint. The McConnells have raised four daughters and three sons. They have 21 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. McConnell, who has lived in the Cass City area most of his 78 years, has celebrated only 19 birthdays. He was born Feb. 29, 1896.

Players on the Cass City High School grid squad selected two underclassmen as Red Hawks of the week following last week's game against Sandusky. The pair are: Tom Smentek, defense and Dan Erla, offense. Smentek is a junior and was honored for his defensive efforts the first time he played this position this year. Prior to Friday's game he played quarterback. Coach Roland Pakonen said that Smentek played a good game on defense and intercepted a Redskin pass that stopped one of the visitor's touchdown drives.

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CASS CITY’S Haley Wynn (13), Jessa Prieskorn, (head band) Ashley Potts and Becca Leslie get off to a good start Saturday during Division 3 regional competition.

Owen-Gage wraps up successful football season with easy victory

Owen-Gage ended a successful maiden 8-player football season Thursday in Owendale with a 64-18 whipping of Flint’s Michigan School for the Deaf.

After starting the season with 3 straight losses, the Bulldogs re-

grouped to win 5 of their final 6 outings and finished the 2009 season with a respectable 5-4 record.

Senior Nick Zaleski rushed for 151 yards and 4 scores to lead the Bulldogs in his final outing as the hosts built a 26-6 margin after one quarter

and extended it to 51-12 at the intermission.

Zaleski scored on runs of 57, 50 and 22 yards before returning a Tartars fumble for his final touchdown with 6:15 remaining in the half. On the year, Zaleski rushed for 2,216 yards.

Jordan Sprague dove over from one-yard out and Mike Harp found pay dirt on a 17-yard run to end the touchdown parade for the winners.

Demetrius Harris scored on runs of 86 and 70 yards to account for the Tartans’ scoring.

Defensively, Owen-Gage had Andrew Fahrner with a team-high 8 tackles, while Cole Denhoff tackled on 6 stops and Jordan Kain, 5.

Senior Ryan Francis ended his Bulldog 4-year varsity career with 4 tackles and was a big factor in the team’s success in the late going. Francis’ career statistics entering his final outing included 53 tackles, 60 assists. He also recorded 12 tackles for losses and posted 7 quarterback sacks.

Ryan Cavey, a 2-year letter winner, and Devin Prich, a first year player, complete the list of graduation casualties for Owen-Gage.

At Division 3 cross country regionals

Prieskorn endures heartbreak; Potts lone state qualifier

Sophomore stand out distance runner Jessa Prieskorn will never forget the 2009 Michigan High School Athletic Association’s Division 3 cross county regional at Goodells County Park.

And for a while, anyway, it’s a memory that will most likely haunt the petite Red Hawk star.

When all was said and done Saturday in Marysville, Caro captured the lady team standings on the 3.1 mile course, easily turning back runner-up Almont, 54-100. Finishing next on the day were Greater Thumb West competitors Bad Axe, with 106 points, and Vassar, with 115, who will join 5th place finisher Armada, 134, at this Saturday’s state finals as the regional’s automatic team qualifiers.

Rounding out the top 10 teams in the regional standings was Reese, 136, Frankenmuth, 139, Cass City, 178, Marlette, 181 and Montrose, 281.

For Prieskorn, who was considered a shoe-in by most to advance to the Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn for a second straight year as a top 15 individual finisher, the day turned tragic midway through the race.

Running on a slippery, sloppy and very wet course, Prieskorn was well on her way to a top 5 finish when she slipped and fell trying to navigate one of several hills.

“Jessa gave it all she had. She couldn’t have tried any harder to recover,” said Red Hawk fan Kathy Varney who made the 1 1/2 hour trip south.

Despite Prieskorn’s gutsy bid to recover from her fall, she finished with a time of 21:45, getting edged by Marlette’s Rebecca Spinks for the final individual qualifying spot.

Although heartbroken with Prieskorn’s mishap, Coach Dennis Meck’s sorrow was comforted by a top 10 finish from sophomore Ashley Potts.

Potts recorded a time of 21:00 to place 5th and will be the lone Red Hawk qualifier at the state finals. Completing the Lady Red Hawk results on the day were Becca Leslie (46th) with a time of 23:54, Haley Wynn (61st) 25:58 and Shelby Abell (62nd) 26:21.

Armada’s Rachel Durbin was the female medalist with a time of 19:53.

On the boys’ side, Armada topped the team standings with 63 points and

will advance into the state finals’ team competition along with Caro, who tallied 81 points, Frankenmuth, 85, Almont, 85, and Bad Axe, 123.

Armada’s Gary Ezzo (16:47) recorded the day’s fastest time, one of 3 running to break the 17-minute

mark on the afternoon.

Alex Varney’s time of 20:06 was best for the Red Hawks, while Thomas LeValley added a time of 21:11, Mike Potrykus, 21:26, Trever Brown, 21:55, Zac Potrykus, 22:50, and Alex Zaleski, 24:00.

2009-10 GTC WEST FOOTBALL OFFENSE ALL CONFERENCE

First Team Offense

Quarterback (Tie)	Luke Voelker	Lakers	Senior
Quarterback (Tie)	Drew Janer	All Saints	Junior
Running Backs	Keif Vickers	Vassar	Senior
	Chris Rowe	Lakers	Senior
	Cody Sommerville	Reese	Junior
Center	Joe Harper	Vassar	Senior
Ends	Justin Heinlein	Reese	Senior
	Troy Hecht	Vassar	Senior
Tackles	Randy Spiekerman	Reese	Senior
	Alex Jobes	Lakers	Senior
Guards	Kevin Kinasz	Reese	Senior
	Rueben Renn	Lakers	Senior
Kicker	Chris Bauer	Reese	Senior

Second Team Offense

Quarterback	Josh Pickell	Reese	Senior
Backs	Travis VanAlst	Reese	Senior
	Tyler Masse	USA	Senior
	Austin Osentoski	Cass City	Junior
Center(tie)	Anthony Jobes	Lakers	Senior
Center(tie)	Nate Sobczak	All Saints	Junior
Ends	Josh Goins	Lakers	Senior
	Tim Canfield	USA	Junior
	Cameron Dunnuck	Cass City	Junior
Tackles	Dan Deering	Cass City	Junior
	Zack Roth	Bad Axe	Senior
Guards	Derek Kunderinger	USA	Senior
	Eric Reif	Cass City	Junior
	Kyle Smukala	Bad Axe	Senior
	Matt LeBrenz	All Saints	Junior
Kicker	Jalen Ferris	Cass City	Senior

Honorable Mention

Dillon Newell	Back	Bad Axe	Junior
Drake Sarka	Center	Bad Axe	Senior
Kevin Swiercz	Back	All Saints	Junior
Nick Shantz	Tackle	Cass City	Senior
John Eile	Guard	Lakers	Junior
Caleb Gnatkowski	End	Reese	Junior
Madison Harper	Back	Vassar	Junior

2009-10 GTC WEST FOOTBALL DEFENSE ALL CONFERENCE

First Team Defense

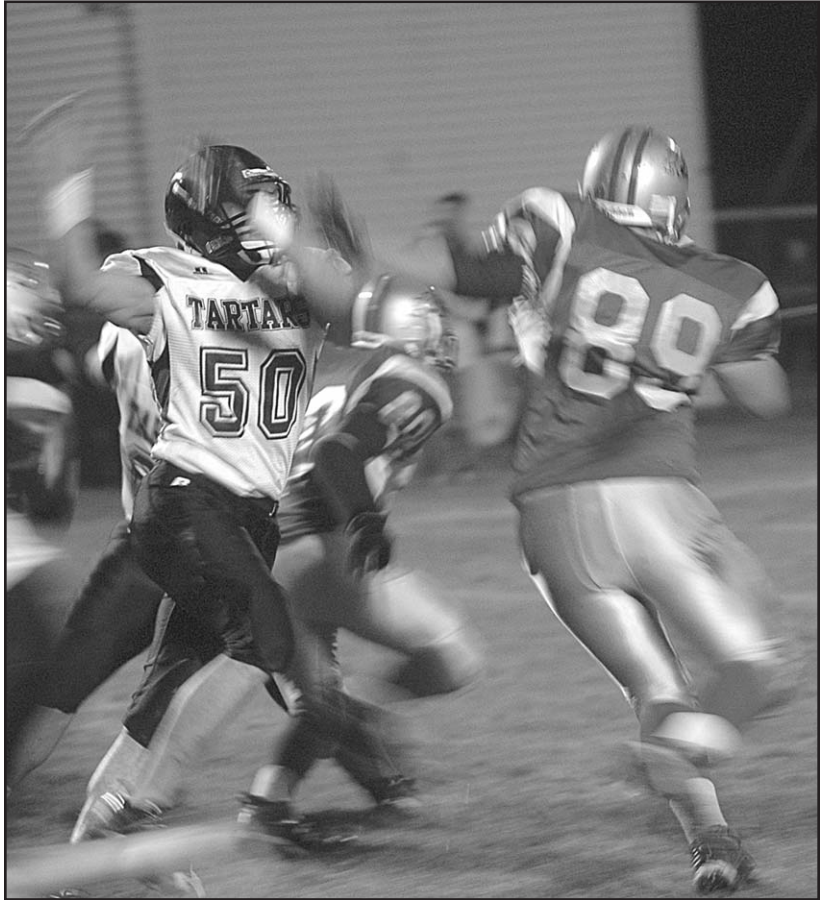
Linemen	Andrew Mendyk	Reese	Senior
	Keith Harris	USA	Senior
	Joe Harper	Vassar	Senior
Linebackers	Alex Jobes	Lakers	Senior
	Josh Jensen	Cass City	Sophomore
	Dillon Newell	Bad Axe	Junior
	Michael Weiss	Vassar	Senior
	Chris Rowe	Lakers	Junior
Backs	Alex Varney	Cass City	Junior
	Troy Hecht	Vassar	Senior
	Luke Voelker	Lakers	Senior
Punter	Troy Hecht	Vassar	Senior

Second Team Defense

Linemen	Travis VanAlst	Reese	Senior
	Zack Roth	Bad Axe	Senior
	Jeremy Schiefer	Vassar	Senior
	Jay Richmond	Lakers	Junior
	Jacob Lesniak	All Saints	Senior
Linebackers	Tyler Masse	USA	Senior
	Derek Kunderinger	USA	Senior
	Mike Wolschlager	Lakers	Senior
	Kevin Kinasz	Reese	Senior
	Matt Dietrich	Reese	Senior
Backs	Drew Janer	All Saints	Junior
	Trevor Gruber	Reese	Senior
	Cody Sommerville	Reese	Junior
Punters	Drew Janer	All Saints	Junior
	Tyler Masse	USA	Senior

Honorable Mention

Joe Ruiz	Linemen	USA	Senior
Jim Kosinski	Linemen	Lakers	Junior
Brad Sinicki	Linemen	All Saints	Senior
Tyler Best	Linebacker	Vassar	Junior
Jimmy Jasman	Linebacker	All Saints	Junior
Derek Susalla	Back	Bad Axe	Junior
Cody Reif	Back	Reese	Senior
Jon Slack	Back	USA	Senior
Dakota Gangler	Linemen	USA	Junior



SENIOR RYAN Francis (89) gets a step on a Tartan linemen Thursday in Owendale. The Bulldog senior ended his career on a positive note as Owen-Gage posted a 64-18 victory over Flint’s Michigan School for the Deaf.

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SEASON’S RESULTS

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6-1
80-34 (70%)

5-2
84-30 (74%)

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76-38 (67%)

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SHOCKER

Cass City spikers eliminate Lakers from Class C district

For the past 2 weeks the Cass City volleyball team has played their best ball of the year under rookie Coach Vanessa Sutton, to end the regular season.

Monday the Red Hawks took their show to a new level at the Michigan High School Athletic Association's Class C district tournament in Bad Axe, shocking Greater Thumb West (GTW) rival Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port in straight games.

The conference runner-up Lakers, who defeated Cass City twice during GTW action before the district opener, had no answers for a balanced Red Hawk offense and bowed 25-22, 25-22 and 25-15.

With the win, Cass City rolls into tonight's (Wednesday) semifinals to meet Greater Thumb East neighbor Ubly, with the first serve slated for 6 p.m. A victory against the Bearcats will advance Sutton's spikers into Thursday's district final to meet the Bad Axe/Unionville-Sebewaing winner, who square off in Wednesday's late semifinal outing.

In the district opener the Red Hawks and Lakers exchanged leads 9 times in a seesaw battle that also featured a dozen ties. Knotted at 17-17, Cass City used a tip from Megan Zawilinski, an ace serve from McKensie Parrish and a hard cross court spike from Logan Rowell to help gain a 21-18 edge, equaling their biggest margin on the night.

The Lakers fought back on a kill from outside hitter Erika Matteson to close to within 22-20, but committed a pair of unforced errors down the stretch which allowed Cass City to claim a 3-point victory entering game 2.

Cass City continued to attack in the middle game and jump out to a quick 5-1 advantage as sophomore Stephanie Leeson notched a trio of service points to get things started for the winners. The Red Hawks then increased their gap to 14-7, before the Lakers rallied with a 15-9 run spark by the front line play of middle hitter Ashley Hatfield. But once again Cass City remained cool at crunch time and took a 2-game edge on Parrish's game winning serve.

In the deciding game Cass City came out swinging and tallied the first 5 points en route to a 13-5 spread. Rowell scored on a pair of nicely placed tips and Zawilinski recorded a pair of ace serves to give the Red Hawks a demanding advantage as the Lakers looked confused and dazed by Cass City's success.

Caitlin Reed then recorded 3 quick service points, extending the score to 23-11, and removed any doubt from the game's outcome as the Red Hawks never let up on the throttle to advance into the semis.

Kingston spikers whip Bulldogs

The Owen-Gage Bulldogs ended a disappointing North Central Thumb League volleyball season Thursday in Kingston where the hosts recorded victory in 4 games.

The scores on the night were 25-21, 21-25, 25-23 and 25-9.

The win improves the Cardinals' final mark in North Central Thumb League - South play to 6-7, while the

Bulldogs fall to 3-9 in the North Central Thumb League - North.

Kingston was led by Chelsea Leach and Marissa Michalski who recorded 15 and 11 points, respectfully, while Abby Brzezinski added 9 points.

Individual statistics for the Bulldogs were not supplied to the Chronicle as requested.



COACH VANESSA Sutton discusses strategy with Red Hawks, from left, Amanda Clifton, Megan Zawilinski, and Stephanie Leeson during district play.



Hatchets fall in 4 games

Red Hawk spikers peaking as district tourney approaches

Coach Vanessa Sutton appears to have her Cass City volleyball team peaking at just the right time.

The Red Hawks ended the regular season Thursday with an impressive victory over visiting Bad Axe in a Greater Thumb West contest played in front of a large parents' night crowd.

The hosts' claimed their second straight conference affair with decisions of 25-21, 25-23 and 25-16, bowing only in game two, 24-26, to the Hatches.

"What a great end to the season, the girl's played so intense and it really paid off. If we play this way during districts we have a strong chance. I know these girls have what it takes," Sutton said Monday morning.

Senior Megan Zawilinski had a banner day in her final home outing and recorded 9 kills, one block, 17 digs and one assist to pace the Red Hawks. Also making the most of her final home appearance was Cass City senior Ashleigh Moore who added 5 kills and a whopping 7 blocks.

The winners also had Amanda Clifton with 6 kills, 1 block and 2 digs, while Caitlin Reed was credited with 3 kills and one dig; Shannon Stec, 2 kills, 1 block, 4 digs; Logan Rowell, 7 kills, 3 digs; Carley Hendrick, 1 kill, 1 block, 3 digs, 1 assist; Hayley Peters, 9 digs; Stephanie Leeson, 2 kills, 1 block, 7 digs, 22 assists, 1 ace; McKensie Parrish: 24 digs, 3 aces; Krista Guinther, 4 digs;

and Liz Lintner, 2 digs.

LAKER TOURNAMENT

On Saturday, Cass City traveled to Pigeon and returned home with a 5-3 mark in pool play during the team's final tune-up before Class C District action in Bad Axe.

The Red Hawks opened the day facing a pair of Greater Thumb East foes. Ubly handed Cass City a pair of defeats, 25-13 and 25-21, before Sutton's gang traded decisions against Deckerville, 25-16 and 23-25.

Cass City then swept North Central Thumb League - North Owen-Gage, 25-13 and 25-18, and Greater Thumb West rival Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port, 25-23 and 25-19, to end play at the affair.

Earlier in the week, Tuesday, Caro hosted the Cass City spikers during a "Volley for a Cure."

Despite bowing 25-18, 25-22 and 25-18 to the host Tigers, Sutton said over \$1,500 was raised for cancer research at the event.

Individually, Cass City had Clifton with 1 ace and 1 dig; Ashleigh Moore, 2 kills, 2 blocks; Megan Zawilinski, 10 kills, 12 digs, 2 aces; Caitlin Reed, 2 kills, 1 assist; Logan Rowell, 12 kills, 1 block, 3 digs; Carley Hendrick, 1 kill, 1 dig; Hayley Peters, 5 digs; Stephanie Leeson, 2 kills, 5 digs, 18 assists; McKensie Parrish, 1 kill, 23 digs, 1 ace; Krista Guinther, 1 kill, 5 digs; and Liz Lintner, 5 digs.

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CASS CITY'S Ashleigh Moore, left, and Megan Zawilinski combine for a block attempt Thursday in GTW action against visiting Bad Axe.

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VOLLEYBALL STANDINGS

Volleyball Standings

Greater Thumb West

Final Standings

Team	W	L
Reese*	11	1
Lakers	7	5
USA	6	6
Bad Axe	5	7
Vassar	4	8
Cass City	3	9

Greater Thumb East

Final Standings

Team	W	L
Deckerville*	12	0
Marlette	9	3
Mayville	8	4
Ubyly	7	5
Brown City	3	9
Harbor Beach	1	11
Sandusky	1	11

*League Champions

Results from Thursday, Oct. 29

(Final league matches)

Deckerville beat Harbor Beach
26-24, 25-13, 25-12
Deckerville beat Ubyly
25-15, 25-21, 25-16
Ubyly beat Harbor Beach
25-20, 25-15, 21-25, 23-25, 15-12
Marlette beat Sandusky
25-10, 25-17, 25-22
Cass City beat Bad Axe
25-21, 24-16, 25-23, 25-16
Reese beat USA
25-20, 25-15, 25-23
All Saints beat Lakers
25-20, 26-24, 25-18

SOCCER STANDINGS

Soccer

Final Standings

Greater Thumb West

Team	W	L
USA	6	0
Lakers	4	2
Bad Axe	2	4
Cass City	0	6

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2009 VARSITY FOOTBALL

Aug. 21	Scrim@Ubyly
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 42, Cass City 7
Oct. 9	BCAS 42, Cass City 35
Oct. 16	Vassar 35, Cass City 3
Oct. 23	Caro 46, Cass City 20

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 2, Cass City 1
Oct. 1	Caro 1, Cass City 1 (Tie)
Oct. 6	USA 5, Cass City 0
Oct. 8	EPB Lakers 8, Cass City 0
Oct. 13	Bad Axe 2, Cass City 1
Oct. 16	Almont 5:00 p.m.
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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	Ubyly 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@Ubyly	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	

2009 TENNIS

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
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Oct. 3	League Tour

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DEB PACHECO, (far right), owner of Deb's Place Bakery and Restaurant, Cass City, shares the workload with employees (from left) Brooke Mika and Kayla Sanders. Deb and her husband, Jesse, recently opened their Main Street business.

Deb's Place more than just a bakery

Walk down Main Street in Cass City and it isn't difficult to find the village's new bakery — just follow your nose and you'll find an array of fresh doughnuts, baked goods and freshly brewed coffee.

But Deb and Jesse Pacheco, owners of Deb's Place Bakery and Restaurant, say their business offers more than breakfast fare. The couple has been busy creating a full breakfast, lunch and dinner menu, with daily specials and weekly discounts, all in an atmosphere designed to cater to families.

"What our goal is, is to provide a smoke-free, family-friendly atmosphere. We're very family oriented," commented Deb Pacheco.

The Pachecos are both Thumb area natives — she's originally from Brown City and Jesse hails from Deckerville. They recently moved to Cass City from Farwell, near Clare, where they owned and operated a small bakery and restaurant. They have 2 children, Alex, 16, and Raelynn, 3.

Moving to Cass City was a natural choice, according to Pacheco, who noted she and her husband have passed through the community a number of times on their way to visit his parents, who reside in the Argyle area. On one trip they noticed the building at 6479 Main Street and saw the closed business was already equipped to run a bakery and restaurant.

"We checked into it and ended up buying it," she said. "We were in a small building (in Farwell). We were very limited in what we could do there."

The couple is already working to expand their menu with weekly specials such as Mexican night on Saturdays, country fried steak on Thursdays, all-you-can-eat spaghetti on Wednesdays, and Friday night fish fries.

The couple, who employ 4 part-time workers, has also recruited a former Sommer's Bakery employee and plan to start offering Sommer's popular Irish bread in the near future.

So far, business has been pretty good, Pacheco said, adding she and her husband are now focusing their attention on building their lunch and dinner business.

"I think people will be happy with us if they give us a shot," she said.

Thumb Dialysis Center boasts impressive rates of survival

Chris Kirby of Elkton thought starting dialysis for her failing kidneys meant giving up everything else.

"I thought it was the end of things," said the 59-year-old Elkton woman. Now, with help from the Thumb Area Dialysis Center in Cass City, Kirby is beating the odds of this serious condition, and is able to continue many of the activities that give her satisfaction in life.

The center has survival rates among the top 10 percent in the country, according to independent data from the Renal Network of the Upper Midwest. Kirby began dialysis there 5 years ago, after having diabetes since her 30s. She makes the half-hour trip to Cass City 3 times a week. The treatment takes about 3 hours to filter

impurities and extra water out of her blood.

Kirby feels well enough to remain active with the Boy Scouts of America, which she and her husband, Dave, have supported for 25 years. She leads a busy Cub Scout pack, fundraises and serves positions in her unit and district, which 2 years ago presented her the Boy Scout District Award of Merit.

Last August, she earned membership in scouting's honor society, the Order of the Arrow, after completing a required Ordeal Weekend.

"We went up north after dialysis on Friday," Kirby said. "We hiked far into the woods and spent the night outdoors with only a sleeping bag and a tarp for cover. I woke up during the

night, poked my head out of the tarp and looked up through the leaves. The stars were like diamonds. It was very meaningful for me. I was grateful I could be there."

"Having someone on dialysis takes a lot of people and support," said Kirby. "In my case, that includes my husband, my daughter and her family, a neighbor I ride to dialysis with, even people in the waiting room we've gotten to know over the years. None of us could make it through without that help."

She also has high praise for the center's staff. "The treatment I get at Thumb Area Dialysis Center is like no other," she said. "They are like family. We tease each other like a bunch of sisters, but there is nothing you can't ask them. They are very professional."

Creating a community of care and support is important to the center's successful approach.

"We are with our dialysis patients three days a week, and that gives us the opportunity to listen to them and help them take care of themselves," said the center's clinical coordinator, Amy Peruski, R.N., B.S.N.

"Our care team, led by our medical director, Dr. Carlos Marchena, includes both medical and nursing staff,

as well as a social worker and a dietitian. Together, we work closely with each patient to develop an individualized treatment plan based on their situation. For example, we can schedule treatment around someone's work or help find community resources to assist with a family issue. If they're away from home for a few days, we help them find a dialysis provider in the area they're visiting," Peruski said.

Twenty-six million people in the United States have some form of kidney disease, which affects adults of all ages and races. People with diabetes, high blood pressure or a family member with kidney failure have a greater risk of developing kidney disease. The warning signs include high blood pressure, puffiness and swelling, pain in the small of the back and changes in urine.

Thumb Area Dialysis Center is managed by Gratiot Medical Center, located in Alma. It is a joint venture of MidMichigan Health, Bay Regional Medical Center, Scheurer Hospital, Hills and Dales General Hospital and Huron Medical Center.

Those who would like to learn more about the Thumb Area Dialysis Center can call (989) 872-5544 or visit www.midmichigan.org/dialysis.



CHRIS KIRBY OF Elkton remains active with the Boy Scouts of America, in spite of the health challenges she faces. Kirby travels to Cass City 3 times a week to undergo kidney dialysis treatments at the Thumb Area Dialysis Center.

Obituaries

Douglas Comment

Douglas W. Comment, 94, of Gagetown, passed away Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2009.

He was born May 16, 1915 in Gagetown, the son of William and Mabel (Dickson) Comment.

He married Vernita O'Rourke June 5, 1945. She passed away May 3, 2003.

Doug was a lifelong member of St. Agatha's Catholic Church, and was an active lector and Eucharistic minister. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, Caro. Doug owned and operated Comment's Garage in Gagetown for more than 40 years, taking great pride in his work and maintaining the buses for the Owen-Gage School District. He was a volunteer on the Elmwood Township Fire Department and superintendent of the St. Agatha Cemetery for 25 years.

Doug is survived by his children: James (Betty) Comment of Unionville, Michael (Marie) Comment of Export, Penn., and Suann Comment of Essexville; grandchildren: Kimberly (Dorian) Richardson, Laura (Ed) Gruzowski, Marsha (Shawn) Winter, and Matthew (Lyndsey) Comment; and a brother, Raymond Comment of Marlette.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Mary Jean in 1969; brothers: Eugene and Vincent Comment; and a sister, Madelyn McEachin.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Saturday, Oct. 31, at St. Agatha Catholic Church, Gagetown, with Father Donald Eppenbrock and Sr. Dorothy Ann Blasko officiating.

Interment was in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Elmwood Township Fire Department or the St. Agatha Cemetery Fund.

Arrangements were made by Gagetown Funeral Chapel, Gagetown.

Thomas Harbec

Thomas Joseph Harbec, 69, of Caro, passed away Friday, Oct. 30, 2009 at Select Specialties Hospital.

He was born Jan. 27, 1940 in Cass City, the son of the late Joseph and Martha (Harrison) Harbec.

He married Christine Zaverucha June 15, 1960 at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Wilmet.

Tom lived much of his life in Tuscola County with the exception of a stint in Detroit. He was a Cass City High School graduate and attended a computer training school. While living in Detroit he was an owner/operator of a Twin Pines milk route. The majority of his work life was as a computer operator for the Bay Arenac Intermediate School District. He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Tom enjoyed the outdoors and was an avid hunter and

fisherman.

Tom is survived by his wife, Tina; twin children, Mark Harbec and his partner Paul Streckmann of Milwaukee, Wis., and Melissa (Jay) Laney of Canton; 2 grandchildren, Grace and Jillian Laney at home; a sister, Pat (Bob) Hunter of Cass City; 2 aunts and an uncle, Francis Hrabec of Cass City, Florence Prichard of Detroit and Bill Harrison of Florida; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by a sister and a brother-in-law, Judy and Jim Knechtel; as well as his remaining aunts and uncles.

In accordance with Tom's wishes, cremation has taken place. A memorial service was held Tuesday, Nov. 3, at Collon Funeral Home, Caro, with the Rev. Dennis Kucharzyk officiating.

Memorials may be made to the American Lung Association of Michigan.

Arrangements were made by Collon Funeral Home, Caro.

Clare Schember

Clare Alfred Schember, 65, of Cass City, passed away Thursday, Oct. 29, 2009 at Amazing Love AFC home in Caro.

He was born Jan. 16, 1944 in Pigeon, the son of the late Walter and Eleanor (Lucht) Schember.

Clare served in the U.S. Army in Vietnam. He worked in manufacturing. He was a big NASCAR fan, enjoyed yard work, carpentry and especially time with his family.

Clare is survived by his wife Eva; children: Christine Huizar of Unionville, Jim Schember of Sebevaing, Jody (Woody) Juzek of Owendale, James Clark of Texas, Karen Feldhouse of Elkton, Debra Kay

Clark of Ohio, Kevin (Kim) Clark of Corona, Michelle Tkacz of California, Michael (Jamie) Tkacz and Joseph (Rhonda) Tkacz, both of Owendale; 7 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Honoring Clare's request, cremation has taken place. A memorial service was held Monday, Nov. 2 at Thabet Funeral Home, Cass City, with Pastor Cameron Steele of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Caro, officiating.

An honor service was performed by the U.S. Army and the Caro VFW Post.

Memorials may be made to Greater Horizons, Kansas City, Mo.

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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on November 12, 2009.

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

A piece or parcel of land commencing 10 Rods North of the Southwest corner of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 7, Town 12 North, Range 7 East; thence running North 70 feet; thence East 230 feet; thence South 70 feet; thence West 230 feet to the place of beginning.

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Dated: October 14, 2009
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Dated: October 21, 2009

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Angela M. Zsidi, single person, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated May 11, 2007 and recorded on May 21, 2007 in Liber 1119 on Page 1325, and assigned by said Mortgagee to SunTrust Mortgage, Inc., as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Seventy Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty-Eight and 95/100 Dollars (\$170,738.95), including interest at 6.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on November 19, 2009.

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

Lots 33 and 34, Manke's Subdivision, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 73, now being Page 23B 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: October 21, 2009

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Dated: October 21, 2009

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by David Boughan and Audra Boughan, aka/ Audra L. Boughan, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to M & T Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated February 10, 2003 and recorded on May 2, 2003 in Liber 929 on Page 152 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Two Thousand Five Hundred Sixteen and 02/100 Dollars (\$102,516.02), including interest at 7.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on December 3, 2009.

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

The East half of the Northeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 34, Town 12 North, Range 8 East, EXCEPT the portion of a lot 75 feet wide, the sum of Southerly of, measured at right angles, and parallel to survey line of M-46, ALSO EXCEPT that part lying Northeasterly of a line described as: Beginning at a point on the East Section line which is South 00 degrees 41 minutes 18 seconds East 200 feet from the Northeast corner of Section 28, thence North 58 degrees 51 minutes 30 seconds West 381.14 feet to the point of ending, said point of ending being South 89 degrees 30 minutes 50 seconds West 300 feet from the Northeast corner of Section 34.

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: October 28, 2009

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tronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated April 28, 2005 and recorded on April 29, 2005 in Liber 1036 on Page 809, and assigned by said Mortgagee 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 Seventy-One Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty and 30/100 Dollars (\$71,860.30), 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 December 3, 2009.

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

The South 50 feet of Lot 6 in Block 1 of Montague and Wilmo's Addition to the Village of Caro in Tuscola County, also beginning at the Southwest corner of Lot 1, Block 1 of Montague and Wilmo's Addition to the Village of Caro, running thence North 50 feet; thence East 80 feet; thence South 50 feet; thence West 80 feet to the place of beginning, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 18A.

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: October 28, 2009

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by DONALDA L. CORK, a single woman, 314 Brook Hollow Drive, Oxford, Michigan 48371-6131, Mortgagor, to OXFORD BANK MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC, now held by Oxford Bank, successor by merger with Oxford Bank Mortgage Services, LLC, Mortgagee, dated the 21st day of April 2005, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 26th day of April 2005, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, as of the date of this notice, the sum of TWENTY-NINE THOUSAND THREE SIXTY-SIX AND 64/100 DOLLARS (\$29,366.64). Interest continues to accrue at the rate of six and three-quarters percent (6.75%) percent per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage, and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the courthouse or place of holding of the Circuit Court for the County of Tuscola at 10:00 a.m. on December 3, 2009.

The premises are situated in the Township of Freemont, County of Tuscola, Michigan and are described as:

Part of the East one-half of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 22, Town 11 North, Range 9 East, Fremont Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as beginning at a point on the North Section line that is North 87 degrees 31 minutes 21 seconds West 211.72 feet from the Northeast corner of said Section 22, thence South 2 degrees 24 minutes 40 seconds West 455.50 feet; thence North 87 degrees 31 minutes 21 seconds West 150.00 feet; thence North 2 degrees 24 minutes 40 seconds East 455.50 feet; thence along the North section line, South 87 degrees 31 minutes 21 seconds East 150.00 feet to the point of beginning.

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The redemption period shall be six (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 the later of thirty (30) days from the date of the sale or when the time to provide the notice required under MCL 600.3241a(c) expires.

Dated: October 28, 2009

OXFORD BANK
Successor by merger with Oxford Bank Mortgage Services, LLC
Mortgagee

Michael G. Cruse
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redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: October 28, 2009

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #285481F01

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

Mortgage Sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Dennis Richey, a married man, and Debbie Richey, his wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., acting solely as nominee for Republic Bank DBA Home Banc Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated December 13, 2004 and recorded on December 27, 2004 in Liber 1021, Page 1350, Tuscola County Records, said mortgage was assigned to The Bank of New York Mellon FKA The Bank of New York, as Trustee for the benefit of the Certificate holders of CWABS 2005-01, Inc. by an Assignment of Mortgage which has been submitted to the Tuscola County Register of Deeds, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety Thousand Four Hundred Sixty-Seven and 10/100 (\$90,467.10), including interest at the rate of 8.87500% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the Circuit Court in said Tuscola County, where the premises to be sold or some part of them are situated, at 10:00 AM on December 3, 2009.

Said premises are situated in the Township of Millington, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: A PARCEL OF LAND IN THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 10 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: TO FIX THE POINT OF BEGINNING COMMENCE AT THE NORTH 1/4 QUARTER CORNER OF SECTION 32; THENCE NORTH 90 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST ON THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 297.46 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING THIS DESCRIPTION, SAID POINT OF BEGINNING BEING ALSO THE CENTERLINE OF THE LANFIRE DRAIN; THENCE NORTH 90 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID NORTH SECTION LINE, 380.54 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 37 MINUTES 29 SECONDS WEST PARALLEL WITH THE NORTH AND SOUTH QUARTER LINE OF SAID SECTION, 208.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 90 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST, PARALLEL WITH SAID NORTH SECTION LINE, 182.51 FEET TO SAID DRAIN CENTERLINE; THENCE NORTH 43 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 56 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID DRAIN CENTERLINE, 285.62 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

Commonly known as: 5193 ARABELA RD

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days after statutory notice, whichever is later.

Dated: October 28, 2009

Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for The Bank of New York Mellon FKA The Bank of New York, as Trustee for the benefit of the Certificate holders of CWABS 2005-01, Inc.
4352 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302
248-335-9200
Case No. 09M010661-1

10-14-4

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE.

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Charles S. Roe and Stephanie L. Roe, husband and wife, of 1188 Hollow Drive, Caro, MI 48723, as Mortgagors, to Northstar Bank, a Michigan Banking Corporation, whose principal office is in Bad Axe, Michigan, as Mortgagee, dated March 6, 2007 and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on March 12, 2007 Liber 1113, Pages 214, et seq, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of One Hundred Fifty Eight Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Nine and 57/100 (\$168,689.57) Dollars and no proceedings having been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative;

NOW THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage, and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, the said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described or so much thereof as may be necessary, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the main entrance of the Tuscola County Building in the Village of Caro, and County of Tuscola, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on Thursday, November 19, 2009 at 10:00 o'clock a.m., local time, in the forenoon of said day, and the premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said Mortgage, together with interest, legal costs, attorney's fees and any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee does pay on or prior to the date of said sale; which said premises are described in said Mortgage as follows, to-wit:

Parcel 1: The West 10 Feet of Lot 4 and the East 12 Feet of lot 3 of Block 1, High Seeds Addition To The Village of Cass City, Tuscola County, Michigan, part of the Southwest Quarter of Section 27, Township 14 North, Range 11 East, as recorded in Liber 15 of Deeds, Page 278, except Easements and Rights of Way of Record.

Parcel 2: Commencing at a Point 26 feet East of the Southwest Corner of Lot 3, Block 1, High Seeds Addition To The Village of Cass City, Tuscola County, Michigan, Part of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 27, Township 14 North, Range 11 East, Elkland Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, as recorded in Liber 15 of Deeds, Page 278; running Thence East 28 Feet; Thence North 132 Feet; Thence West 28 Feet; Thence South 132 Feet to the Place of Beginning, except Easements and Rights of Way of Record.

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

Dated: October 19, 2009

NORTHSTAR BANK
Mortgagee

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

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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 Glen A. McLaren, a single man, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated March 9, 2007 and recorded on March 29, 2007 in Liber 1114 on Page 1208 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Forty-Four Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty-Six and 15/100 Dollars (\$144,786.15), including interest at 6.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on November 19, 2009.

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

Commencing at a point that is South 87 Degrees 17 Minutes 23 Seconds East, 484.02 Feet from the Northwest corner of Section 32, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, thence continuing South 87 Degrees 17 Minutes 23 Seconds East 586.43 feet; thence South 02 Degrees 42 Minutes 37 Seconds West 481.31 feet; thence North 87 Degrees 17 Minutes 23 Seconds West 175.68 feet; thence North 29 Degrees 54 Minutes 02 Seconds East 56.21 feet; thence North 42 Degrees 37 Minutes 40 Seconds West 613.6 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: October 21, 2009

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
FC H (248) 593-1300
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #284550F01

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Denise G. Ridley, single woman, in Tuscola County, Michigan, Mortgagee to Independent Mortgage Company, formerly known as Independent Mortgage Company East Michigan dated the 26th day of October, A.D. 2005, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 19th day of January, A.D. 2006, in Liber 1069, Page 159 of Tuscola Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal of \$103,206.26 (one hundred three thousand two hundred six and 26/100) plus accrued interest at 6.125% (six point one two five) percent per annum.

And no suit proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on, the 19th day of November, A.D., 2009, at 10:00:00 AM said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI, Tuscola County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the Township of Almer, in the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan and described as follows to wit:

TOWNSHIP OF ALMER, COUNTY OF TUSCOLA, MICHIGAN:

THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 23, TOWN 13 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST, ALMER TOWNSHIP, TUSCOLA COUNTY, MICHIGAN, EXCEPT A PARCEL DESCRIBED AS COMMENCING AT

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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 Edward P. Gerber, a married man, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Elec-

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by John W. Mihasci, Jr. and Elizabeth M. Mihasci, Husband and Wife, original mortgagors, to CitiFinancial, Inc., Mortgagees, dated April 4, 2006 and recorded on April 6, 2006 in Liber 1076 on Page 713 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty Thousand Six Hundred Sixty-Two and 73/100 Dollars (\$50,662.73), including interest at 8.004% 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 December 3, 2009.

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

Commencing at a point on Section line 2.027 Feet East of the Northeast corner of Section 3, Town 14 North, Range 8 East, thence North at right angles to Section line 205 Feet; thence East 82.5 Feet to Section line; thence South 205 Feet to Section line; thence West 82.5 Feet to Beginning; being part of Southwest 1/4 of Section 35, Town 15 North, range 8 East, Akron Township, Tuscola County, Michigan.

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

Dated: November 4, 2009

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC C (248) 593-1301
Trott & Trott, P.C.
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Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #287218F01

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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 Eric H. Spaulding, a married man, original mortgagor, to MAC-Clair Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated December 19, 2003 and recorded on March 12, 2004 in Liber 984 on Page 269, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Chase Manhattan Mortgage 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 Eighty-Four Thousand Two Hundred Six and 33/100 Dollars (\$84,206.33), including interest at 6.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on December 3, 2009.

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

Parcel D: Part of the Northwest 1/4 of fractional Section 7, Township 12 North, Range 10 East, Wells Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as commencing at the Northwest corner of said Section 7, thence along the North line of said Section 7, South 89 degrees 42 minutes 51 seconds East, 715.89 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing along said North line of Section 7, South 89 degrees 42 minutes 51 seconds East, 97.38 feet; thence South 00 degrees 19 minutes 37 seconds West, 568.15 feet to the centerline of East Dayton Road, thence along said centerline of East Dayton Road, North 65 degrees 12 minutes 15 seconds West, 264.06 feet; thence North 16 degrees 53 minutes 50 seconds East, 478.55 feet to the point of beginning.

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

Dated: November 4, 2009

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC S (248) 593-1304
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
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Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #286735F01

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 MATTHEW L. FORD, A MARRIED MAN, AND SARAH FORD, HIS WIFE AND COLETTE I. FORD, A MARRIED WOMAN, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated August 27, 2008 and recorded on September 15, 2008 in Liber 1157 on Page 1236, and assigned by said mortgagee to US BANK, NA, as assigned, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Two Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-One Dollars and Sixty Cents (\$132,481.60), including interest at 6.500% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, front entrance of the Court-house Building in the Village of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM o'clock, on December 3, 2009.

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

SECTION 12, TOWN 11 NORTH, RANGE 7 EAST, COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHERLY CORNER OF OUT LOT A, COMMON TO LOT 30 OF SWANSON'S ACRES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN LIBER 1 OF PLATS, PAGE 101 (NOW 51B) OF TUSCOLA COUNTY RECORDS, THENCE NORTH 25 DEGREES 22

MINUTES EAST 132.90 FEET ALONG THE LOT LINE COMMON TO SAID OUT LOT A AND LOT 30, THENCE SOUTH 64 DEGREES 18 MINUTES 45 SECONDS EAST 80 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 25 DEGREES 22 MINUTES WEST 132.78 FEET, THENCE NORTH 64 DEGREES 23 MINUTES WEST 80 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. BEING PART OF OUT LOT A SWANSON'S ACRES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN LIBER 1 OF PLATS, PAGE 101 (NOW 51B) OF TUSCOLA COUNTY RECORDS.

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

Dated: October 29, 2009

US BANK, NA
Mortgage/Assignee

Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C.
23938 Research Drive, Suite 300
Farmington Hills, MI 48335

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Dennis R. Geitman II, a single man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated August 24, 2004 and recorded September 10, 2004 in Liber 1007, Page 1256, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Nationstar Mortgage LLC by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-One Thousand Two Hundred Forty-Seven and 85/100 Dollars (\$91,247.85) including interest at 7.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on DECEMBER 3, 2009.

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

Part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 35, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, described as follows, beginning at a point on the South line of said Section 35, which East, 465.00 feet, from the South 1/4 corner of said Section 35; thence continuing along said South line East 186.02 feet; thence North 00 degree 05 minutes 50 seconds West 350.00 feet; thence West 186.02 feet, thence South 00 degrees 05 minutes 50 seconds East, 350.00 feet to the South line of said Section 35 and the point of beginning. Except an undivided 1/2 interest in and to all oil, gas and other mineral.

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

TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant on the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights.

Dated: November 4, 2009

Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
248-502-1400
File No. 426.0770
ASAP #3328832

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by ROBERT L. PAGE and CHERYL A. PAGE, HUSBAND AND WIFE, to CSMC INC., Mortgagee, dated February 14, 2008 and recorded on February 25, 2008 in Liber 1142, on Page 405, and assigned by said mortgagee to NATIONWIDE ADVANTAGE MORTGAGE COMPANY, as assigned, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Ten Thousand Six Hundred Four Dollars and Fifty-Seven Cents (\$110,604.57), 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 Court-house Building in the Village of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM o'clock, on December 3, 2009.

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

THE EASTERLY 459.3 FEET OF THE WESTERLY 835.3 FEET OF THE NORTHERLY 465 FEET OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 8, TOWN 10 NORTH, RANGE 7 EAST, TOWNSHIP OF ARBELA, TUSCOLA COUNTY, MICHIGAN. ALSO BEING SUBJECT TO ANY EASEMENTS, RESERVATIONS, RESTRICTIONS OR RIGHTS OF WAY, WHETHER IMPLIED, VISIBLE OR OF RECORD.

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: October 30, 2009

NATIONWIDE ADVANTAGE MORTGAGE COMPANY
Mortgage/Assignee

Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C.
23938 Research Drive, Suite 300
Farmington Hills, MI 48335

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: Susan Lane-Tribula, 4778 West Main, 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: November 4, 2009

Orlans Associates P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
File Number: 618.1785
ASAP #3328086

NOTICE PURSUANT TO MCL 600.3205a(4)

NOTICE is hereby provided to David A. Duke, the borrowers and/or mortgagors (hereinafter "Borrower") regarding the property located at: 6545 Granger St, Unionville, MI 48767-9305.

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/mshda 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 October 29, 2009, foreclosure proceedings will not be commenced until 90 days after October 29, 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: November 4, 2009

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC C (248) 593-1312
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer and/or Mortgage Holder
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, MI 48334-2525
File # 114427F05

NOTICE PURSUANT TO MCL 600.3205a(4)

NOTICE is hereby provided to Jeffery Fader, the borrowers and/or mortgagors (hereinafter "Borrower") regarding the property located at: 349 Norman St, Caro, MI 48723-1922.

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) 593-1310.

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/mshda 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 October 30, 2009, foreclosure proceedings will not be commenced until 90 days after October 30, 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: November 4, 2009

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC G (248) 593-1310
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer and/or Mortgage Holder
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, MI 48334-2525
File # 292467F01

NOTICE PURSUANT TO MCL 600.3205a(4)

NOTICE is hereby provided to Angela M. McPhee and David Smith, the borrowers and/or mortgagors (hereinafter "Borrower") regarding the property located at: 638 Allen St, Caro, MI 48723-1415.

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) 593-1301.

The Borrower may contact a housing counselor by visiting the Michigan State Housing Development Au-



UBLY CUB SCOUT Pack 3585 recently held its annual Halloween party, with scouts participating in a costume contest, various games and receiving a baggie of treats. The winners of the costume contest were (from left) Brent Osentoski (most original), Ethan Krohn (best homemade), David Sorenson (funniest), Adam Weber (most handsome) and Grant Geiger (cutest). The winners received a bag of donated items from the Ubly PTO, Sleeper Public Library and local merchants.

Simple tips can pay big dividends on energy bills

With the heating season here, DTE Energy has a number of tips and energy efficiency programs to help customers prepare their homes for winter. Some simple steps taken now can pay big dividends when temperatures start to plummet:

Take advantage of new energy efficiency programs...

DTE Energy is offering an array of new programs to help customers save money by saving energy. The company's Your Energy Savings initiative offers home energy audits, energy efficiency assistance and other programs, discounts and rebates to help customers make their homes more energy efficient. More information on these programs is available at YourEnergySavings.com.

Dial down... The best way to manage your energy costs is by using energy wisely. For every degree you lower your thermostat below 72 degrees Fahrenheit, you can save about three percent on your heating bill.

One way to accomplish this is with a programmable thermostat, which can automatically lower the temperature when you're away from the house, and automatically increase it before you get home.

Homes with proper humidity levels will provide greater comfort at lower temperatures. When humidity is kept at a proper level - about 35 percent at 70 degrees - windows will not sweat and the air won't feel dry. Replace the

humidifier pad or clean it of calcium deposits for best results.

Fine tune your furnace...

Schedule a heating system check-up. A qualified heating contractor will make sure your heating system operates efficiently and delivers the maximum energy savings.

Clean or replace your furnace's air filters monthly during the winter season. Dirty filters block the warm airflow in the home, which causes the furnace to work harder and less economically.

Clean and vacuum ducts, vents and heat registers. Check heat registers to ensure that drapes or furniture do not block airflow.

Add insulation...

Install attic and basement insulation to keep out drafts and make your home more energy efficient and warm. Adding blown cellulose on top of rolled fiberglass insulation will increase the insulation value of your attic.

Insulate all heating ducts located in attics and unheated crawlspaces, and make sure there are no leaks in your ductwork. In the basement, insulate the band joists, where your home's frame meets the foundation.

Place an insulation blanket around your hot water heater if it's more than 10 years old. Electric water heaters should be placed on an insulated surface, such as foam. Adjust water heater temperature to the warm setting (about 120 degrees Fahrenheit). Keep the cold air out and the warm

air in...

Seal windows and doors with caulk and weather stripping to block unwanted drafts. If caulk cracks and peels away, it allows your home's heat to escape.

Install a fireplace door to prevent cold air from entering your home. And, be sure to close the damper unless a fire is burning. Keeping the damper open is like having a window wide open during the winter. However, if you have a gas fireplace, the flue should be partially open to allow fumes from the pilot light to escape.

Use kitchen, bath and other ventilating fans wisely. In just one hour, these fans can pull out a houseful of warm air. Turn fans off as soon as they have done their job.

Let the sun shine in...

Open curtains on south facing windows during the day to allow sunlight to naturally heat your home. Be sure to close the curtains at night to reduce the chill you may feel from cold windows.

Budget wisely...

DTE Energy's BudgetWise Billing program can take the seasonal ups and downs out of energy bills. DTE Energy will calculate an average monthly payment, based on your previous year's usage. You pay that amount for 11 months; the 12th bill of the year will reflect the difference between the energy you actually used and the 11 payments you made. Enroll online at dteenergy.com/budget or by calling (800) 477-4747.

Legal Notices

thority's website or by calling the Michigan State Housing Development Authority at http://www.michigan.gov/mshda 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 October 29, 2009, foreclosure proceedings will not be commenced until 90 days after October 29, 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: November 4, 2009

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC C (248) 593-1301
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer and/or Mortgage Holder
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, MI 48334-2525
File # 291312F01

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: Ladonna M. Osmon and Bruce W. Osmon, 4949 Swaffler 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: November 4, 2009

Orlans Associates P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
File Number: 426.0308
ASAP #3329373

11-4-1

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Richard T. Heinrich, on May 8, 2006, to CSB Mortgage Company, LLC, a Michigan Limited Liability Company of 206 N. Main Street, Capac, Michigan 48414, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Tuscola County, Michigan, on May 10, 2006 in Liber 1081, Page 113, and upon which mortgage there is claimed to be due as of the date of this notice for principal and interest the sum of One Hundred Nine Thousand Three Hundred Seventy and 61/100 (\$109,370.61) Dollars and said default having continued for more than thirty (30) days and no suit or proceedings having been instituted to recover the debt secured by the mortgage;

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That on Thursday, November 12, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. Local Time, the said mortgage will be foreclosed by sale at public venue to the highest bidder at the front entrance of the Courthouse, 440 N. State Street, Caro, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court for said County, of the premises described in said mortgage or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due on said mortgage as aforesaid with interest thereon and all legal costs, charges and expenses including the attorney fee provided by law and any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned at or before said sale for taxes, assessments and insurance premiums on said premises, which said premises are situated in the Township of Dayton, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as follows:

Land in the Township of Dayton Tuscola County, Michigan, described as follows: The Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 25, Town 11 North, Range 10 East, Dayton Township, Tuscola County, Michigan.

Tax ID# 005-025-000-0500-00

The length of the period of redemption from such sale will be one (1) year immediately following said sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of such sale.

Dated at Caro, Michigan, this 14th day of October, 2009.

Touma, Watson, Whaling, Coury & Castello, P.C.
Attorneys for CSB Mortgage Company, LLC
By: S. Douglas Touma
316 McMorran Boulevard
Port Huron, MI 48060

CIRCUIT COURT SALE
Case No. 09-25347-CH

In pursuance and by virtue of a Judgment of the Circuit Court for the County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, made and entered on JUNE 29, 2009, A.D., in a certain cause thereof pending, wherein SECURITY CREDIT UNION was the Plaintiff and DAVID PINCOMB and LISA PINCOMB, jointly and severally were the Defendant(s).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I shall sell at public auction to the highest bidder, at public venue, at the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan (that being the place of holding the Circuit Court for said County), on the 3RD day of DECEMBER, A.D., 2009 at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon, Eastern Standard Time, the following described property, viz: Village of Caro, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, to wit:

PARCEL 1: Lot 13, Block 4, and the West 8 feet of Lot 31, Block 4, CHARLES MONTAGUE'S SUBDIVISION (aforesaid 8 feet being located on the East 1/2 of the alley lying West of said Lot 31), EXCEPT the North 10 feet of Lot 13, Block 4, Charles Montague's Subdivision, as recorded in Liber 1, Page 10 of Plats, now being Page hA, ALSO EXCEPT the North 10.00 feet of the West 8.00 feet of the East 1/2 of the alley lying West of Lot 31, Block 4, Charles Montague's Subdivision, as recorded in Liber 1, Page 10 of Plats, now being Page hA, Tuscola County Records.

PARCEL 2: The North 10.00 feet of Lot 14, Block 4, CHARLES MONTAGUE'S SUBDIVISION, as recorded in Liber 1, Page 10 of Plats, now being Page hA, Tuscola County Records.

Commonly known as: 151 ALEXANDER, CARO, MI 48723
Parcel Identification No. 034-500-454-1300-00

This property may be redeemed during the six (6) months following the sale.

Dated: 10-6-09

LELAND TESCHENDORF
Deputy Sheriff

KENNETH C. BUTLER II (P 28477)
Attorneys for Plaintiff
24525 Harper
St. Clair Shores, MI 48080
586-777-0770

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Chris Van Norman, unmarried, to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. successor by merger to Bank One, N.A. Mortgagee, dated October 18, 2002 and recorded December 2, 2002 in Liber 904, Page 1235, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Six Thousand Seven Hundred Forty-Six and 47/100 Dollars (\$76,746.47), including interest at 5.74% 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 NOVEMBER 12, 2009.

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

Parcel B: commencing at the South 1/4 of corner of Section 26, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes East 495.0 feet along the South line of said Section 26; thence

North 0 degrees 22 minutes 11 seconds West 293.0 feet to the point of beginning; running thence North 0 degrees 22 minutes 11 seconds West 260.0 feet; thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes East 367.16 feet; thence South 0 degrees 22 minutes 11 seconds East 260.0 feet; thence South 90 degrees 00 minutes West 367.16 feet to the point of beginning.

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

TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgage can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights.

Dated: October 5, 2009

Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
248-502-1400
File No. 224.6209
ASAP #3301721

10-14-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Harold D. Sprague and Denise I. Sprague, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated December 1, 2006 and recorded December 8, 2006 in Liber 1104, Page 1455, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by CitiMortgage, Inc. by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-Six and 36/100 Dollars (\$90,886.36), including interest at 10.15% 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 NOVEMBER 12, 2009.

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

A parcel of land located in the Southeast 1/4 of Section 4, Town 12 North-Range 9 East, Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, according to the survey thereof performed by Rowe Engineering, Inc., dated November 29, 1988, more particularly described as beginning at a point on the East line of said Section 4 which is North, 1145.36 feet from the Southeast corner of said section; thence West at right angles to said section line, 143.00 feet; thence North, parallel with said section line, 123.36 feet; thence East 143.00 feet to said section line; thence South along said section line 123.36 feet to the point of beginning.

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

TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgage can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights.

Dated: October 14, 2009

Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
248-502-1400
File No. 241.7451
ASAP #3301722

10-14-4

MORTGAGE SALE-Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a mortgage made by LARRY E. SANDUSKY and COURTNEY SANDUSKY, Husband and Wife, of 5517 BIRCH RUN RD., MILLINGTON, MI 48746, Mortgageors to SECURITY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, P.O. BOX 5160, FLINT, MI 48905-0160, Mortgagee, dated NOVEMBER 21, 2007 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Tuscola County, and State of Michigan on DECEMBER 7, 2007 in LIBER 1136 on PAGE 832 of Tuscola County Records on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of ONE HUNDRED SEVEN THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED NINETY SEVEN AND 58/100THS (\$107,497.58) DOLLARS at 7.125% percent per annum and attorney fees as provided for in said Mortgage, and no suit or proceedings at law or in equity have been instituted to recover the monies secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof;

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on NOVEMBER 12, 2009, AT 10:00 A.M. local time, said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder in the main lobby of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Tuscola is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, aforesaid, on said mortgage with interest thereon and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows:

SITUATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF

MILLINGTON, COUNTY OF TUSCOLA, STATE OF MICHIGAN TO WIT:

PART OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 10 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST, DESCRIBED AS COMMENCING IN THE CENTER OF IRISH ROAD AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4; THENCE WEST 297.0 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 146.67 FEET THENCE EAST 297.0 FEET; THENCE NORTH TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 5517 BIRCH RUN ROAD, MILLINGTON, MICHIGAN 48746.

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

Dated: October 5, 2009

KENNETH C. BUTLER II (P 28477)
ATTORNEY FOR MORTGAGEE
P.O. Box 5041
St. Clair Shores, MI 48080
(586) 777-0770

10-14-5

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Mark A. Collis, an unmarried man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated July 18, 2006 and recorded September 21, 2006 in Liber 1096, Page 474, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Bae Home Loans Servicing, L.P. f/k/a Countrywide Home Loans Servicing LP by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Nine Thousand Three Hundred Five and 20/100 Dollars (\$139,305.20), 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 front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on DECEMBER 3, 2009.

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

Commencing at a point that is North 00 degrees, 01 minute, 21 seconds East, 625.34 feet from the West quarter corner of said Section 24, Town 11 North, Range 8 East; thence continuing North 00 degrees, 01 minute, 21 seconds East, 166.66 feet; thence South 86 degrees, 09 minutes, 16 seconds East, 832.36 feet; thence South 00 degrees, 01 minute, 21 seconds West, 166.66 feet; thence North 86 degrees, 09 minutes, 16 seconds West, 832.36 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.

TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgage can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights.

Dated: October 28, 2009

Orlans Associates, P.C.
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THE FAMILY OF Nelle Koepfgen Maharg thank the community of Cass City for their love and support as our family mourned the passing of Nelle. The cards and flowers of sympathy, phone calls from dear friends and delicious food delivered to the house brought us great

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FORMER LONGTIME Cass City resident Helen M. MacLachlan Moore, 94, now of Bad Axe, displays her dark blue violet plant, which is now 68 years old.

Moore’s violet still honoring her sister

Helen M. MacLachlan Moore’s gift for greenery has enabled her to sustain a special plant in memory of her sister for nearly 70 years now. A longtime Cass City resident, MacLachlan Moore, 94, now of Bad Axe, has cared for her dark blue violet plant for 68 years, according to Judy Britt, whose husband, Bill, is MacLachlan’s nephew. “Helen’s sister, Agnes E. MacLachlan, a Grant Township country school teacher and Sunday school teacher, died at age 27 on Feb. 25, 1941. When Agnes became very ill, her Sunday school class gave her the dark blue African violet,” Britt said. “Helen received the plant after she was married in 1945 from her mother, Louella MacLachlan,” Britt added. “She has taken pride in keeping this plant growing and blooming in memory of her sister. There are more slips (plant cuttings) to share with her nephews, Bill and Doug (Connie) Britt.” The secret is to “slip” the plant often and not to over water, according to MacLachlan Moore, who will celebrate 64 years of marriage to her husband, Martin, Friday, Nov. 6.

New Baker effort helps employers find workers

Baker College officials have announced HireQualified, a free service to assist employers in identifying qualified job candidates. The program offers employers full support throughout the recruiting process and covers full-time, part-time and intern positions. The Web site HireQualified.com is the centerpiece of the initiative. “We’ve created a convenient online marketplace of job seekers and a range of services that employers can access to meet their specific needs. When an employer posts a position on HireQualified.com, we search through the Baker College database of graduates and students to find qualified candidates,” said Steve Gwisdalla, Baker College system director for Career Services. “We then submit candidates for consideration - all free of charge.”

From HireQualified.com, employers may set up an account, review Baker College student resumes, request information from Career Services and post open positions in their organizations. Employers can also select from a menu of other services that extend far beyond the Web site. HireQualified will prescreen candidates, schedule interviews at an agreed-upon location, and conduct first-round interviews or narrow the field to just a few highly qualified candidates. All of the services offered are free. “We wanted to provide a higher level of customer service to assist employers with the entire hiring experience. By connecting directly to HireQualified.com, employers gain easy access to free services that encompass all aspects of the employee search.”

Baker College’s strong focus on practical education and training makes students and graduates uniquely prepared to start working on day one. HireQualified is a logical extension of that effort and a straightforward way for employers to communicate their recruitment needs to Baker College.

“As a career college, Baker’s single mission has been to provide quality higher education and training to enable graduates to be successful throughout their challenging and rewarding careers,” said Gwisdalla. “We have always sought and developed employer partnerships to assist us in our mission. HireQualified represents our sincere commitment to provide employers with qualified candidates that are fully prepared to enter the workforce.” Employer partners are invited to visit HireQualified.com to set up an account. For more information about HireQualified, contact Gwisdalla at steve.gwisdalla@baker.edu, or (810) 766-2168.

Letter to the Editor

Destroying the Constitution their goal

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the verge of bankruptcy. Mr. Donelson, you brought up Gov. Jindal and Gov. Daniels who are both Republicans. You point out that their states are also on the verge of bankruptcy. I am not sticking up for any one of them, whether they’re Democrats or

Republicans, because all of them are financially irresponsible.

The ones I want to send to a reservation in Alaska are the far out left wing liberals whether they are Democrat or Republican because they are trying to destroy the Constitution of the United States. That is why you have to pay attention so we don’t end up with an-

other Hitler. Ninety-eight percent of our university professors are far left wing liberals that don’t want any conservatives to speak at their universities, and if they do, they get shouted down. It’s either their way or no way. Robert Peruski Ubly

More families in Michigan are facing prospect of homelessness

Just as temperatures begin to slip below freezing and winter coats are pulled from storage, the Michigan State Housing Development Authority releases its annual report on homelessness.

And the past year has not been a good year for Michigan families. Home foreclosures and job losses are at all-time highs, and many are shocked to find themselves filing for unemployment or seeking help from food pantries. “The State of Homelessness in Michigan: 2008 Annual Summary” reports a 10.1 percent increase in the number of homeless, from 78,266 in 2007 to 86,189 in 2008.

“Homelessness is an economic issue,” said Carol Arman, communications manager for the Human Development Commission (HDC). “Factors contributing to the rising number of homeless include lack of affordable housing, joblessness, escalating debt and disability. More than half of Michigan’s homeless population consists of families, and one in three homeless persons is a child.”

“Persons affected by rural homelessness face different challenges than those who are homeless in urban areas,” she added. “There are fewer shelters in rural areas, and transportation and support services are limited. Homeless persons in rural communi-

ties are less likely to live on the street or in a shelter; instead, they are more likely to live in their cars, at campgrounds, or with family/friends in overcrowded housing.”

The Thumb Area Continuum of Care, a regional group committed to ending homelessness, conducted a point-in-time count in January to estimate the number of homeless and near homeless in Huron, Sanilac and Tuscola Counties. In Tuscola County, this one-day snapshot indicated 9 people were homeless and 75 households were at risk of becoming homeless because of a pending eviction, being doubled up, or having substandard housing.

Nov. 15-21, 2009 is Homeless Awareness Week. The Tuscola Homeless Coalition, Thumb Area Assault Crisis Center, Blue Water Center for Independent Living and Human Development Commission are a few of the local agencies working hard to reduce the number of homeless persons in Tuscola County.

“As part of Homeless Awareness Week, please consider supporting these organizations with a gift of time and money as they struggle to answer the often asked question of ‘Where Will I Sleep Tonight?’,” Arman said. If you would like to get involved in the fight to end homelessness or would like information on the helping

agencies listed above, please contact Janet Ellis, Thumb Area Continuum of Care coordinator, at 1-800-843-6394 (ext. 1778).

Incorporated in 1965, the Human Development Commission is one of 30 Community Action Agencies in Michigan that are committed to helping people and changing lives. HDC’s mission statement is to empower individuals and communities to identify their needs and secure the resources necessary to achieve their goals of self-sufficiency and an improved quality of life.

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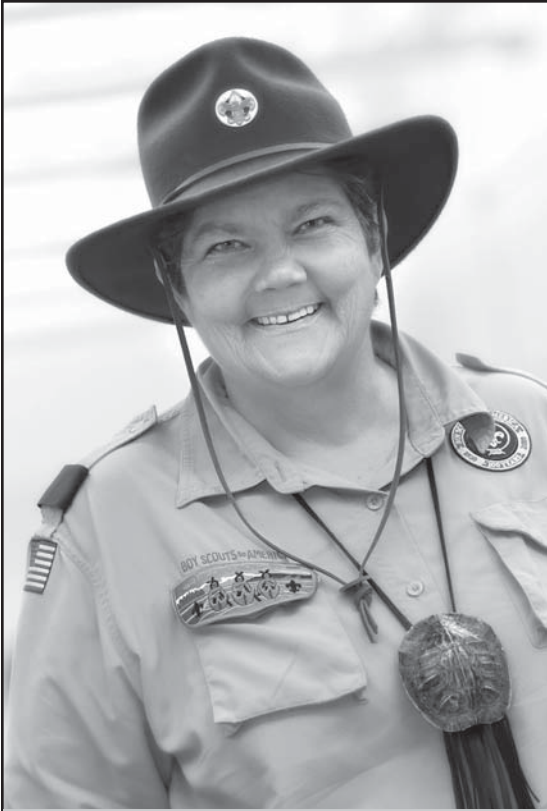
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