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Preliminary exam slated for suspect in CSC case

Tuscola County law enforcement officials are continuing the investigation into dozens of alleged sexual assaults they say a former Cass City man committed over a period of more than 5 years against a single victim, a girl starting when she was 11 years old.

And, they're asking the community to assist by reporting any information related to other alleged assaults at the hands of the suspect, Russell H. Bills, 67. Anyone with information is asked to call the Michigan State Police post in Caro at (989) 673-2156.

"We have information that there may be more victims — we have significant reason to believe that — and that's what we're looking for some help with," Tuscola County Prosecutor Mark E. Reene said last week following Bills' formal arraignment on the charges.



Russell Bills

Bills, whose latest residence has been a travel trailer located at 2311 Hurds Corner Rd. in Ellington Township, faces a combined 48 counts, including 12 counts of first degree criminal sexual conduct, a felony punishable by up to life in prison or any term of years. He is also charged with 12 counts of second degree criminal sexual conduct and 24 counts of third degree criminal sexual conduct, all felonies.

"The charges are broken down by acts and the age of the victim," explained Reene, who said the assaults occurred between December 2003 and January 2009 when Bills lived in Cass City.

Bills remains lodged in the Tuscola County Jail on a \$50,000 cash bond. A pre-preliminary examination was held Monday and a preliminary examination has been scheduled for Monday, Nov. 16, at 1:30 p.m. in Tuscola County District Court.

Although Reene has seen countless cases of criminal sexual conduct pass through his office, he indicated that one of the most frustrating common denominators among many of them is that a suspect isn't caught and charged before the damage has been done.

"Criminal sexual conduct is the least reported crime to begin with," he said. "And it really isn't uncommon for persons who engage in this type of activity to have not built up a significant criminal record — they fly under the radar."

Reene said the best advice he can give citizens is that if they observe a relationship between an adult and a minor that doesn't seem normal or appropriate, they should make inquiries and report any suspected criminal activity to the authorities.



SANILAC COUNTY Sheriff Garry Biniecki surveys the suspect vehicle at the airport in Sandusky Friday night, after his deputies assisted the U.S. Customs and Border Patrol in disrupting a major drug smuggling operation.

School forms committees to find ways to trim expenses

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

The Cass City Board of Education last month approved a plan to spend down the district's fund balance by nearly \$300,000, leaving \$721,000 in the bank, not knowing if the state will take away another \$127 per student in funding this year.

That decision was prompted by reduction in state funding of \$165 per student, along with the loss of 63 students this year. The measure avoids the necessity for mid-year cuts, at least for now.

But the battle is far from over. The district, however, is taking a proactive approach to dealing with the prospect of having far less revenue — a projected cut of \$700 per pupil, or \$1 million for the Cass City Public Schools — in the 2010-11 school year. School officials have appointed committees composed of community members/parents, teachers, administrators and board members to explore options.

Those committees will meet for the first time Tuesday, Nov. 17.

Cass City School Supt. Ron Wilson explained that forming the ad hoc committees is in line with the board of education's updated goals for the coming year.

"One goal was crafted to deal with the funding cliff facing Michigan public schools and the need for community involvement in making difficult cost-saving decisions," he said. "This new goal establishes working groups in the areas of extracurricular, transportation and staffing to explore innovative avenues for cost savings. The working groups will be asked to hold 2 public meetings before March 1."

Formation of the committees will actually meet 2 goals, including exploring ways that will enable Cass City to remain a viable school district, according to Wilson. "It's also another way to raise awareness (in the community), because they're going to be holding 2 public hearings," he said.

Wilson acknowledged this year's financial outlook remains cloudy. Gov. Jennifer Granholm has given legislators until Nov. 21 to come up with another \$100 million in revenue in order to avoid the additional \$127-per-student funding cut to schools.

That loss, along with the reduction of \$165 per pupil, would push Cass City's 2009-10 deficit to about \$400,000.

Among other area districts: Kingston Community Schools will lose \$188,000, Uby Community Schools,

nearly \$237,000, and the Owen-Gage School District, more than \$63,000. The Tuscola Intermediate School District (ISD), meanwhile, stands to lose \$401,000, the Huron ISD, \$193,457, and the Sanilac ISD, \$197,035.

For now, school officials can only wait, according to the latest update to school administrators provided by Michigan School Business Officials Director David Martel.

"As revenues continue to be the focus (in Lansing), action seems to be slow as the state enters the holiday spending season, which could dictate if earlier projections of revenue for 2010 are on target or falling short," Martel said. "It seems as though the January revenue conference will be the next significant event that will document our struggle with revenues and give us a sense of how bad things really are."

DNR say plenty of deer in the Thumb for firearm hunters

Hunters gearing up for the regular firearm deer season in the Thumb should find plenty of whitetails in the woods.

The regular firearm deer season will kick off Sunday and continue through Nov. 30. The archery season continues through Saturday, Nov. 14, and will resume Dec. 1 through Jan. 1. Muzzleloading season in this region is scheduled for Dec. 4-20.

"I think the hunters will have a lot of fun this year," said DNR Wildlife Habitat Biologist Arnold Karr, who works at the Cass City Field Office.

Antlerless deer license quotas in the Saginaw Bay Management Unit, which includes Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac counties, remain similar to last year. To help reduce crop damage, the entire portion of the management unit within the south zone has early and late antlerless seasons.

Karr said a late firearm season, for antlerless deer only on private land in the Thumb, is slated for Dec. 21-Jan. 1. He noted hunters may purchase up to 5 antlerless licenses per year.

Although hunters are still prohibited from using bait throughout the entire southern Lower Peninsula, DNR officials say the prospects for seeing deer are good, with the deer population expected to be similar to that seen over the past few years.

Deer populations in the region are generally far above DNR goals, and fawns typically come in sets of twins and triplets. High numbers of antlerless permits are available again this year, with the added flexibility to use private land permits throughout most of the southern Lower Peninsula. Hunters are again urged to harvest antlerless deer, especially on private land, to bring populations closer to goals as well as to help address concerns regarding excessive crop damage and vehicle-deer collisions.

"Landowners and hunters both play a critical role in deer management. Working together, we can support responsible antlerless deer harvest and reduce ecological damage, economic losses and social concerns in areas with an over-abundant deer herd," said Sara Schaefer, Southwest Wildlife Management Unit wildlife supervisor.

Karr said there's plenty of evidence that deer numbers are far too high — the population has knocked down a great deal of the vegetation in woodlots throughout the area. "It's getting to the point now where they're going to have a tough time finding anything to eat in the winter," he added.

Rex Ainslie, Saginaw Bay Management Unit wildlife supervisor, indicated hunters will face some challenges, as they always do when much of the region's corn crop remains unharvested when they take to the field. "It is anticipated that corn will be harvested later than normal this year, resulting in some large areas of standing corn," he said.

Although the DNR has been forced to reduce the number of check stations this year due to budget constraints, the Cass City Field Office, located at 4017 E. Caro Rd. (M-81), will be open for business during much of the regular firearm season. The office will be open Nov. 15-25 and again Nov. 30, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

BUSTED

Sanilac deputies play role in a \$10 million drug bust

Authorities arrest pair of Canadians in multi-national drug trafficking sting at airport Friday

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Anyone who says crime doesn't pay hasn't considered the profits involved in drug trafficking.

No doubt the prospects of a big payday were on the minds of a couple of Canadian men who allegedly tried to help move \$10 million worth of Ecstasy and marijuana through Sanilac County over the weekend.

Of course, they didn't count on getting caught.

Sanilac County Sheriff's deputies had a hand in foiling a major multi-national drug smuggling operation late Friday night, according to Sheriff Garry Biniecki, who said deputies assisted the U.S. Customs and Border Patrol in apprehending 2 of the suspects.

A border patrol helicopter crew called the Sanilac County department for assistance at about 11:30 p.m. after observing a small airplane drop 7 or 8 large bags onto a runway at the airport in Sandusky. The border patrol, which was out on maneuvers when it came upon the plane and a vehicle on the runway, reported the plane then picked up another bag and

took off after being on the ground for only a minute.

"While moving in closer, the helicopter crew observed 2 subjects on the runway jump out and attempt to load the large bags into a gray SUV-type vehicle," Biniecki said. "When the suspects saw the helicopter coming down to observe them, they jumped back in the vehicle, leaving several of the dropped bags on the runway and (fleeing) the scene."

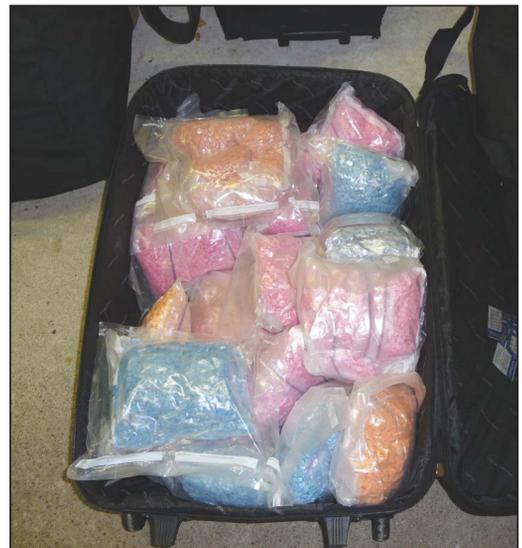
The helicopter unit followed the vehicle into the city of Sandusky, where the crew observed the vehicle pull down a side street. The suspects bailed out of the vehicle, abandoning the SUV along with several of the large bags inside.

Deputies responded to the area and located and apprehended the driver of the suspect vehicle without incident, according to Biniecki, who said the suspect is a middle aged male with paperwork identifying him as a Canadian citizen.

"The passenger of the vehicle fled on foot while the helicopter patrolled the skies over Sandusky. A multi-jurisdictional law enforcement team

continued searching the area for the suspect, including units from the sheriff's office drug task force, sheriff's office K-9 unit, Sandusky Police Department, Michigan State Police Sandusky Post and the Michigan State Police Emergency Response and K-9

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AUTHORITIES seized more than 300 pounds of Ecstasy in pill form (above) along with more than 100 pounds of marijuana after foiling a major multi-national drug smuggling operation in Sandusky Friday night.

Local veterans honored

Flu put a damper on attendance at the third annual "Honoring Our Veterans and Supporting Our Troops Ceremony" Saturday night at VFW Post 3644 in Cass City.

But illness couldn't take away from the purpose of the event — to honor local servicemen and women.

Organizer Kris Leenhouts-Gamet had hoped to conduct an oral history project earlier in the day. The plan was to invite area veterans to stop by the VFW hall to record their oral stories/histories of service in the military. But Leenhouts-Gamet said the project had to be canceled due to so many individuals battling the flu.

More than 20 people attended Saturday's ceremony.

"Among the guests were John Wald, a Vietnam veteran who served in the Air Force for 20 years; Bill Zeidler, (who) served in the Navy for over 20 years, is a Vietnam vet and the father of Bill Zeidler Jr., who has also served in the Navy for 20 years; Dagmar

Brown, who served in the Navy for 40 years; and Cecil Brooks, Emerson Kennedy and Garry Gamet, the father of Pete Gamet, who served in Desert Storm," Leenhouts-Gamet said.

Veteran Mark Zmierski, Deford, filled in for a couple of guest speakers who could not attend due to illness. He also served as master of ceremonies.

State Senator Jim Barcia spoke about the importance of the first Veterans Day, known as Armistice Day, saying that when President Wilson declared Nov. 11 as a day to show respect for the veterans who fought in the "war to end all wars", everyone should stop and take 2 minutes of silence to show their respect for those who had fought to preserve freedom.

Zmierski explained the purpose of the Michigan Patriotic Guard. The organization will attend the funeral of any veteran at the family's request, not just someone killed in action, he said.

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EMMA SWEENEY, 8, pictured above with her brother, Josh, 4, enjoys picking up and petting the family's pet chickens. Raising the birds has been an enjoyable hobby for the entire family, according to their parents, the Rev. Bob and Laura Sweeney of Cass City. (See story, page 5)

Whittakers celebrate golden anniversary

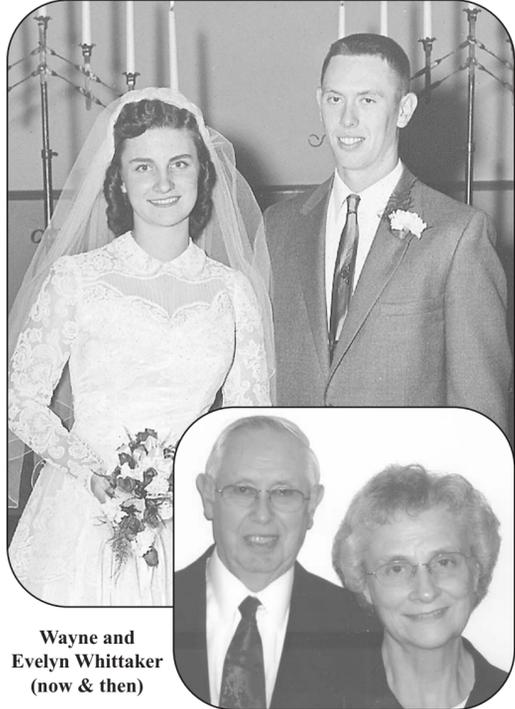
Wayne and Evelyn (Surbrook) Whittaker celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Oct. 18 with a family dinner party at Fritz's Restaurant.

The couple were married in a candlelight ceremony Oct. 10, 1959 by the bride's father, the late Rev. Lewis L. Surbrook, at the Mizpah Missionary Church.

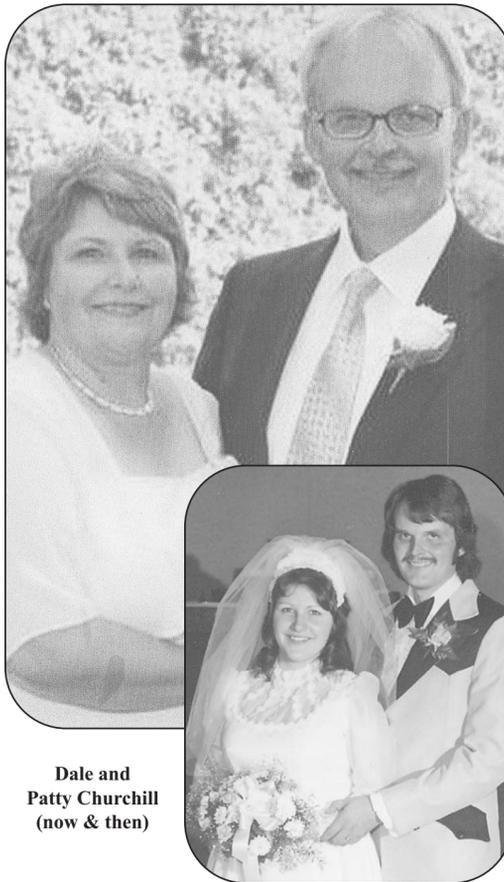
They have 4 children: Linda (Glenn)

Miller of Auburn Hills, Rita (Jim) Hanby of Cass City, Lori (Tim) Crothers of Rockford, and Dean (Sandi) Whittaker of Rockford. They also have 11 grandchildren: Eric, Kurt, Brad and Kyle Hanby, Emily, Ben and Jake Crothers, Olivia, Jason, Claire and Elise Whittaker.

Wayne and Evelyn reside on the homestead of her grandparents and his parents in Cass City.



Wayne and Evelyn Whittaker (now & then)



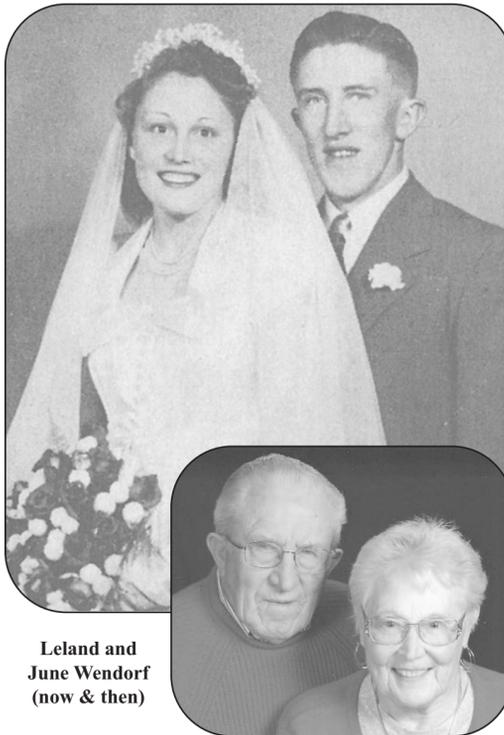
Dale and Patty Churchill (now & then)

Churchills mark 35th wedding anniversary

The daughters of Dale and Patty Churchill announce their parents' 35th wedding anniversary.

Dale and Patty (O'Kelly) were married Nov. 9, 1975 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Caro. They reside in Deford where they raised their family.

The couple has 4 daughters: Corrine (Brandon) Rogers, Jennifer (Robert) Correll, Stacey (Adam) Dorland, and Katherine (Ryan) Ouvry. They also have 6 grandchildren: Galilee, Guinness, Eloise, Faustina and Helena Rogers, and Preston Dorland. A family celebration will mark the anniversary.



Dale and Penny Wood

Woods celebrate 30th wedding anniversary

Dale and Penny Wood celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary Nov. 3.

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The Young Ideas Farm Bureau group met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Heleski on Thursday evening. After the meeting, cards were played and prizes were won by Mrs. Joe Sweeney, Mrs. Stanley Wolschlagler, Mrs. Stanley Heleski and Hilda Sweeney.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski attended an 80th birthday party for Molly Depcinski for brunch on Sunday at the Franklin Inn in Bad Axe.

Allen Farrelly came home Monday after spending a few days at Sterling Heights.

Around 45 friends and relatives met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wolschlagler to help them celebrate their 62nd wedding anniversary. Guests attended from Indiana, Detroit, Clarkston and the surrounding area.

Matthew Particka spent from Thursday until Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Particka.

Around 200 attended the Fraser dinner and the church dedication service on Sunday.

12 members of the Traveling Breakfast Club met at the Peppercorn on Thursday morning. They will meet at the Coffee Cup Plus next week.

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

It's a girl!



Elyse Lynn Hoppe

daughter, Elyse Lynn. Elyse was born at 12:48 a.m., April 14, 2009, at Covenant Hospital in Saginaw. She weighed 8 pounds, 3 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long.

Elyse was welcomed home by her big brothers, Shane, 8, Owen, 6, and Kian, 3.

Her grandparents are John and Janice Sting of Unionville, and Cliff Hoppe of Sebewaing, and the late Jackie Hoppe.

Elyse's baptism was held April 26, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City, with Pastor Gerald Meyer officiating. Sponsors are Sherri and Mike Holland of Akron and Mike and Jackie Sting of Unionville. A dinner was served at Elyse's home for sponsors and family.

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Wendorfs mark 60th wedding anniversary

Leland Wendorf and June Innes were married Nov. 4, 1949 at the bride's home in Decker.

The maid of honor was Marilyn Pike Nicholas of Troy and the best man was Virgil Geister of Lewiston.

The Wendorfs have lived and farmed

in the Decker area, where Leland was also a milk hauler for many years.

The couple has 3 sons: Randall, Charles and Jeffrey. They also have 5 grandchildren; a deceased grandson; and 9 great-grandchildren. They parented many foster boys from Teen Ranch.

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In Our OPINION...

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School officials heading down a slippery slope?

In an unprecedented move earlier this month, Cass City School officials fired not only their veteran varsity football coach, Scott Cuthrell, but the entire Red Hawk football staff down to junior high coaches Aaron Fernald and Jeff Hartel.

Officially, athletic director Don Markel stated that the Red Hawk football program is looking to move in a different direction following its 2009 campaign. Cass City finished with a 1-4 mark in Greater Thumb West Conference play, and 3-6 overall, this fall.

The canning of the whole football coaching staff, however, is merely window dressing for the removal of Cuthrell from the helm of the Red Hawk gridiron program after 10 years of service. During his tenure, Cuthrell led Cass City to a trio of playoff appearances, compiling a 38-46 career record.

Did he make mistakes during his time in charge? It would be almost impossible not to during a span of a decade. I felt Cuthrell could have done a better job communicating with the media. Others believed his offense was too predictable, although it was usually the other side of the ball that led to the Red Hawks' doom in recent years.

But, this opinion is not about whether Cass City had the right man at the top of its football program, a job now assigned to a 7-member panel that consists of Jim Baker, Chad Daniels, Jim Green, Dave Osentoski, Jim Turner, Ben Varney, and Markel.

They are charged with finding a coach that can take the Red Hawk program to the next level, something that the previous 5 mentors couldn't accomplish.

Don Schelke, who guided Cass City from 1978 to 1987, didn't get it done and he posted the district's best win/loss percentage over the previous 30 years, finishing 45 and 45. In fact, since the late 80s, Cass City has not had a coach come close to finishing their career with more wins than losses, including Markel (32-48) who served 2 terms in charge of the Red Hawks from 1988-94 and 1990-2000, Shane Robbins (1-8) in 1995, and Tom Oesch (8-19) in 1996 - 1998.

Yet, I regress. What this opinion focuses on is why and how Cuthrell was let go. The coaching switch caught Cuthrell completely off guard. He said he was told without warnings after already holding his post-season coaching meeting, where his staff outlined what needed to be worked on to improve next year.

Over a dozen insiders I've talked to say a selected few disgruntled parents led the band wagon to Cuthrell's dismissal.

And if that's true, what's next? Don't like Timmy's bus driver? Have mom gripe till a new one is found. Don't care for Cindy's paraprofessional, repeated complaints from dad can get her a new one. We won't even talk about grandma's and grandpa's feud with an educator - an arena much more important than the one football is played in.

If there were concerns about Cuthrell's performance they should have been addressed before the season. Then, at his season's midpoint review, tell the coach he's doing well here and here, but still needs to address this and this. At the end of the season, if a coach hasn't accomplished what they've been instructed to fix - adios.

It's a slippery slope our school leaders are managing if indeed the voices of few are heard above others.

We hope it's not a precedent for our schools to follow in the future.



Red Hawk News & Views

Cass City Public Schools
by Paige Lester

A few weeks ago, students went to Northwood Meadows dressed in an array of costumes and armed with Bingo boards and sugar free sweets.

Expecting to entertain only a handful of seniors, we were surprised as they continued to pour into the main hall with eager faces awaiting the activities we had planned for them. It was Make-A-Difference Day and we, the seniors of National Honor Society, decided to make a difference in the lives of seniors at Northwood Meadows Assisted Living Facility in Cass City for a day.

But, we the seniors, will no longer be on our own in service work as this week many juniors were inducted into National Honor Society. And Make-A-Difference Day was not just a one-time case of volunteerism found among students.

NHS is a group dedicated to encouraging students to excel in scholarship, leadership, character and service. And it's this service that has National Honor Society members known around the community.

In fact, there are many activities that have been made possible out of the goodness of students' hearts. Students have helped with organization dinners, benefit dinners, food drives, blood drives, highway cleanup, the Freedom Festival, Summer Mania, Octagon Barn Family Days, and that's only a scratch on the surface of the many activities they aid.

Going beyond the borders of service strictly in the community, there are a few students at school, including myself, who have traveled to third world countries to volunteer.

A year ago, I was able to travel with my church group to Haiti and help

lead a camp for kids, which began my own love for volunteering.

McKensie Parrish is another student who has traveled to a third world country, but she does not consider her mission trip to the Dominican Republic volunteer work. As she puts it, "I don't consider helping there volunteer work, it was God's calling for me; he used it to impact my life."

And it is not just NHS members who are out in the community, lending a hand. J.J. Mulrath, a senior, helped run a basketball camp over the summer for kids. Shannon Bardwell, a freshman, has worked at a vet's office.

Volunteering cannot only brighten another person's day, it can enrich your own life as well. It's not just the hours you put in or even how many people you impact, it's also an impact on yourself, how you get to learn from the people around you and take that knowledge with you.

At the end of our time at Northwood Meadows, as we put the last Halloween decorations away, we were surprised at the gratefulness of the seniors who commented, "It was so much fun!" After all, we had only frosted cookies for them, thrown on some Halloween costumes and played bingo.

We had only taken an hour of our time, yet to them it meant everything. Tyler Perry, president of NHS, put it best saying, "Volunteering is the cornerstone of the community."

This act of giving yourself to serve is very important in our community, and looking at the many acts students do, it proves to still be an important part of their lives.



The back forty

by Roger Pond

I guess I'll never be much of a cook. Anything with more than three ingredients is way too complicated for my culinary abilities. Besides, I never have more than three ingredients at the same time, anyway.

One thing I do pride myself on is cleanliness when I'm cooking. I make sure all of the utensils are clean and that my hands are clean.

I don't believe in the five-second rule, either. Readers will recall the five-second rule says anything that hasn't been on the floor more than five seconds doesn't have time to be contaminated. Anyone should know better than that.

I remember a rancher telling about his neighbor who used to be in the sheep business. The neighbor raised sheep in the days when a sheep outfit would trail a band of 2,000 or so ewes to the mountains and camp out with them all summer.

This meant a person often did his own cooking, or he relied on a camp tender who could handle this chore. The camp tender's job was to move the tent or camp wagon when needed and to take care of any chores that needed to be done around camp.

One of the camp tenders the neighbor employed fancied himself as a pretty good cook. And he was, except for one thing: He wasn't very clean about it.

This fellow would wash his hands before he started preparing a meal, but he didn't pay much attention to

them after that. This might have been fine if he wasn't so easily distracted. The camp tender really liked animals and would jump in and out of the tent or camp wagon to pet the dog and the horse at the same time he was cooking dinner. This meant there was a lot of hair floating around much of the time.

A few readers will remember one of the staples in the old sheep camps was flour-sack biscuits, called "dough gods" by some. These were made by forming a hollow in a sack of flour and pouring a small amount of water into this depression.

Then you reached into the sack and allowed the water and flour around until it formed a biscuit. These were then fried in a skillet.

This particular camp tender loved to make flour-sack biscuits. They were pretty good, too — as long as you didn't look at them.

While this man was cooking dinner and making biscuits he would go outside and pet the dogs and the horse, and then he would come back in and allow some more water around in the flour sack.

By the time he was finished with his biscuits they contained so much dog and horsehair they looked more like teddy bears than anything else.

The rancher said he had a lot of reasons for getting out of the sheep business, but it was those flour-sack biscuits that finally pushed him over the edge.



Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

For the last several years, the Chronicle staff has taken pride in the fact that each week's issue made it onto the newsstands before noon nearly every Tuesday. That, unfortunately, may change next year.

In a letter from Huron Daily Tribune Publisher Jan Stoeckle, we were informed that on Dec. 28, 2009 our current newspaper printer will "cease all printing and packaging activities in our Bad Axe facility."

As for the Chronicle, we've been down this road before as our 2 previous printers - the Sanilac News in Sandusky and Caro's Thumb Web - closed the doors to their web press operations many years ago.

But to the 29 Tribune employees whose jobs will be eliminated at the end of the year, the Chronicle staff extends our heartfelt sympathy, especially to Jerry Gibbard and Brad Wehner who we've enjoyed working closely with over the years.

A benefit bowl-a-thon is being planned for the Rick Kerkau family at the Charmont Lanes.

As you probably already know, the Cass City family is struggling with Rick's battle with cancer. The event, which will also include a bake sale, raffles and auctions, is pegged for Saturday, Nov. 21 at 1 p.m. To participate, pick up your pledge sheet from the Charmont or call 989-872-4321 for more information.

Hey, bow hunters, where are your bucks? The Chronicle was able to share with our readers the photos of several successful youth hunters, but haven't had many since. Hope that changes when the firearm season rolls around. With the opener falling on a Sunday, perhaps the best avenue to get your photo into the paper is via an email to: chronicle@ccchronicle.net. Don't forget to include information like: hunter's name, where the deer was shot, number of points, etc.

Of course, if lucky hunters bring their kill to the Chronicle office during business hours, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., we'll take care of the rest. Good luck sportsmen!

Speaking of sportsmen, Margie Muegge's grandson, Dean Schwartz, is a dandy.

He recently completed the Boston Marathon in less than 3 hours. The son of Red Hawk graduate Ed Schwartz competed in the wheelchair division. Dean lost his left leg in 2004, while protecting our freedom in Iraq.

Letter to the Editor

Grave thieves have no respect

Respect is something that someone out there needs to look up in the dictionary. Last time I checked, it meant to show consideration or esteem for someone or something. This includes people that have passed away and items on their gravesites.

I am trying to bring this to someone's attention, because last weekend my husband and I went to the Elmwood Township Cemetery to visit our son's and parents' graves.

We were already emotional being at the cemetery, and then we noticed that someone has stolen the solar angels from the gravesites. Talk about a kick to the gut! How can someone totally disrespect our loved ones? Stealing from the living is bad enough, but to

steal from my dead son and parents, or any deceased person, has got to be the lowest thing a person can do.

I went from sad to madder than I have ever been in my life. How can you live with yourself? Your family must be disappointed with you, because I am.

If this was supposed to be a prank, it is not funny. Those solar angels were representative of the angels that are no longer with us.

To those who took our angels, remember, what goes around, comes around.

Pam Hawley
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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:

*John R. Smith, 37, Marlette, stood mute to charges of breaking and entering a building with intent to commit larceny, larceny in a building, false report of a felony (carjacking/unlawfully driving away an automobile), and failure to report an accident Sept. 17, 2007, in Dayton Township. He is also charged with being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convictions).

A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled in the case. Bond was con-

tinued at \$4,000.

*Demetrius L. Thomas, 36, Bay City, pleaded guilty to larceny in a building June 14 in Juniata Township. A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$5,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

*Derrick S. Becker, 22, Caro, pleaded guilty to 2 counts each of first degree home invasion and possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony June 23-30 in Novesta, Kingston and Indianfields townships. A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at a

combined \$8,000. Sentencing is to be set.

*Brett G. Lackie, 28, Caro, was sentenced to one to 4 years in prison for his plea of guilty to violating the Sex Offenders Registration Act by failing to notify law enforcement of his enrollment as a student at an institution of higher learning within 10 days of enrolling between January and March in Almer Township.

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

*Devyn James-Michael Barrett, 16, was sentenced to 270 days in the county jail (deferred) and 60 months

probation for his plea of guilty to fourth degree criminal sexual conduct involving force or coercion between January 2008 and February 2009 in Vassar Township.

He was also ordered to complete 100 hours of community service and pay \$2,628 in costs and fines.

*Andrew J. Wonnacott, 21, Caro, was sentenced to 93 days in jail and 60 months probation for his pleas of guilty to unlawfully driving away an automobile and operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor June 13 in Indianfields Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

In addition to jail time, he was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,681. Attorneys fees are to be determined.

*Michelle L. Holm, 47, Vassar, pleaded no contest to 2 counts of assaulting a police officer Aug. 16 in Juniata Township.

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

*Roger R. Eastman, 61, Caro, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, April 15 in Indianfields Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$50,000. Sentencing is to be set.

*Charles F. Wilcox, 24, Millington, pleaded no contest to larceny in a building Aug. 23, 2008, in Millington Township.

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

Federal funds awarded in area

USDA Rural Development Director for Michigan James Turner last week presented ceremonial checks totaling \$875,000 to Thumb area communities, including Cass City, for various economic development projects.

"USDA Rural Development is working with local communities to improve the business climate," Turner said. "These investments will help strengthen local businesses and provide for job creation."

The village of Cass City received a \$5,000 Rural Business Enterprise

Grant (RBEG) to purchase equipment being leased to a local business. The money was used to purchase a paint mixer for Plain & Fancy Decorating LLC.

Another \$40,000 RBEG was presented to the Thumb Area Partnership to help small businesses in Tuscola County access new markets and increase their competitiveness, and the Tuscola County Economic Development Corporation received a \$20,000 RBEG to maintain its revolving loan fund to support small businesses in the county.

Also receiving RBEG grant funding are:

*The Thumb Area Tourism Council, \$20,000 for marketing and website design to promote travel in Michigan's Thumb.

*The Huron County Economic Development Corporation, \$40,000, to help small businesses in Huron County access new markets and increase their competitiveness.

*The Harbor Beach Area District Library, a 750,000 loan to renovate and expand its facility.

Van collides with school bus

The occupants of a school bus struck by a mini-van last week in Tuscola County's Denmark Township escaped injury, but the driver of the other vehicle was hurt.

Tuscola County Sheriff's deputies reported the accident occurred Nov. 3 on M-46, east of Tressla Road.

Deputies said a Tuscola Intermediate School District bus was eastbound on M-46 from M-15 and encountered a westbound mini-van that began to cross the road centerline as it approached the bus. The bus driver observed the van and moved over to the south shoulder of M-46 and

was slowing down when the van struck the bus. The bus came to a stop and the van continued west, crossing back over the centerline and coming to rest on the south shoulder of the highway.

The bus driver, 2 students and a bus aide were not hurt, according to deputies, who reported the driver of the van, a 32-year-old female from Morley, was transported by MMR to Covenant Medical Center for treatment of her injuries.

The crash remains under investigation.

Calendar of Events

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

Wednesday, November 11

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

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

Thursday, November 12

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

Caregiver Connection, 3:30 p.m., Country Gardens, Scheurer Hospital, Pigeon. For more information, call Marie at (989) 453-5222.

Friday, November 13

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

United Hospice Service Bereavement Program, 10 a.m.-noon, Country Gardens, 203 N. Caseville Rd., Pigeon (across from Scheurer Hospital). For more information, call 1-800-635-7490.

Monday, November 16

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.

"Destination Book Fair: Read Around the World!," 8-3:30 p.m. Mon.-Thurs.; 8-noon, Fri., Cass City Middle School Media Center.

Tuesday, November 17

Parkinson's Support Group meeting, 1:30 p.m., Holiday Inn Express, Bad Axe. For more information, call Kim at 1-800-843-6394 or Annette at (989) 864-3779.

"Destination Book Fair: Read Around the World!," Family Night, 3-7 p.m., Cass City Middle School Media Center.

Wednesday, November 18

Author Mike Deeb, noon, Rawson Memorial District Library.

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Caro woman charged in stabbings

A 34-year-old Caro woman was formally charged last week in the stabbings of her ex-husband and a 33-year-old woman he was with Oct. 31 in Indianfields Township.

The Tuscola County Prosecutor's Office charged Lisa Renee Husarick with 2 counts of assault with intent to murder, a felony punishable by up to life in prison or any term of years.

"Two separate victims were stabbed with a knife during the incident - one a 37-year-old male and the other a 33-year-old female. Both reside in Clio," said Prosecutor Mark E. Reene, who noted the defendant is the ex-wife of the male victim.

The attacks occurred at about 1 p.m. in the vicinity of East Dayton Road, between Ryan and Weeden roads.

Both victims were transported to Caro Community Hospital for emergency treatment. The male was treated and then released, while the female was stabilized and then transported to Covenant Hospital in Saginaw for surgery.

Husarick was taken into custody. She was transported to Hills and Dales General Hospital in Cass City for treatment of non-life threatening injuries and then transferred to Health Source in Saginaw for further evaluation.

Reene said Michigan State Police troopers James Horn and Amy Hofmeister are the lead investigators in the case.

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JOSH, 4, KATELYN, 10, and Emma Sweeney, 8, do their share of chores in caring for the family's Araucana chickens. Their 7 hens lay an average of 5 bluish/green eggs each day.

Hatching a hobby

Sweeney family enjoys raising Araucana chickens at home

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

You could say the Bob and Laura Sweeney family of Cass City has no problem getting up with the chickens.

Even if they did, their rooster, "Rocky", is a faithful reminder.

Bob Sweeney is best known in the area as Pastor Bob, serving as pastor of the Cass City Missionary Church for the past 5 years. His wife, Laura, is a registered nurse who works for United Hospital Services.

Bob has also worn the hat of varsity baseball coach at Cass City High School and as a local girls minor league assistant softball coach.

But for the past several months, Sweeney has enthusiastically enjoyed another title: chicken farmer.

"It sounded like fun," he said of the hobby he's enjoyed with Laura and the couple's children, Katelyn, 10, Emma, 8, Josh, 4, and Sarah, 20 months. "We like being outside. Anything we can do as a family...plus it teaches the kids different things."

The family purchased 8 Araucana chicks late last winter after Laura came home from work one day and told Bob about an acquaintance who was raising the breed of chickens.

The Araucana, also known in the United States as a South American Rumpless (named so because the birds are missing their last vertebrae), is a breed of chicken originating in Chile. The Araucana is often con-

fused with other fowl, especially the Ameraucana and Easter Egger chicken, but has several unusual characteristics including the fact that they lay blue/green eggs and have feather tufts near their ears.

"The research I did that was important is, will these chickens make it through cold weather," said Sweeney, who recalled reading about another individual who also raises the breed - on an island in Alaska. "The other factor," he added, "was are they nice, are they docile."

The Sweeneys bought day-old chicks - 7 hens and a rooster they didn't expect - from the Family and Farm Supply Center on M-53. Bob constructed a holding pen for them out of a 55-gallon drum, complete with a heat lamp and water and food dishes.

"The first day we had to teach them to drink and eat," he said, adding they learned the trick is to put marbles in the water and food dishes to attract the birds, although sometimes you have to push their heads towards food and water to acquaint them with the idea. "I guess they're really dumb," he noted. "Everybody tells me that."

Over the next 6 months, Sweeney used the construction skills he learned working with his father to build a chicken coop in the family's backyard. He went all out, creating a winter-friendly building and enclosing an open area for the birds to wander

around. The heated coop itself includes linoleum flooring, making it easy to clean, which eliminates virtually any of the odor associated with raising chickens.

After roughly 20 weeks, the chickens started laying eggs. "Now that they're laying, we average probably 5 a day," Sweeney said. "We give them away to different people and just have fun with it."

Sweeney, who provides the birds with a feed supplemented with calcium and grit, said he prefers the eggs to those available at grocery stores, although Laura said she can't tell the difference. "I'm sure they're (chickens) fed better," he joked.

Sweeney said raising chickens doesn't involve a huge investment, but he acknowledged he went a little overboard in his coop construction.

"Other than that, it can be relatively inexpensive if you want it to be," he added, smiling. "My eggs probably cost about \$10 apiece right now."

On the other hand, he and Laura agreed the hobby has been enjoyable for the entire family. "I get tons of fun out of it," Bob said.

Down Memory Lane

By Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO

Michigan Association of School Administration (MASA) officials recently named Cass City School Supt. Ken Micklash the MASA Region 5 Superintendent of the Year. MASA is a statewide organization that represents the superintendents and first-line administrators of Michigan's local and intermediate school districts. Region 5 is composed of Tuscola, Huron, Sanilac, Lapeer, Genesee and St. Clair counties.

A couple of blocked field goal attempts was the difference, spoiling a courageous effort for the Cass City Red Hawks, to defeat Millington and advance in the second round of the playoff Friday at Millington. The game was a shoot-out from the opening gun and was not decided until the final plays in the last quarter. Tony Bamberg, 332-pound 2-way lineman, blocked a fourth quarter field goal and the Cardinals prevailed, 40-37. The Hawks kept the Millington ground game in check and the line opened holes for Hawk backs, especially Cody Halasz who carried 22 times for 271 yards.

Cass City's Cameron Lautner finished 84th in the MHSAA Division 3 cross country state championship Saturday with a time of 17:18 and Kyle Reif's time of 18:22 crossed the finish line in the 185th spot. Several Red Hawks have been named to the Greater Thumb West all conference teams. Earning first team honors were Lautner and Reif, while Adam Wentworth and Carrie Hillaker received 2nd team recognition. Cass City's honorable mention athletes included Ashleigh Rabideau, Jen Zmierski, Leah Whittaker, Brett Babich and Jessup Hoyt.

10 YEARS AGO

Fort's Store, the oldest business in the community to be operated by the same family, is no more. Ralph and Becky Retherford, the third generation of the family to own the business, announced that the store's stock and liquor license were sold to Quaker Maid Store in Cass City and the building to Helen Pachla. It all started in 1921 when Al Fort and his wife, Gladys, took over a small space that served as an entrance to the Cass Theatre. It was primarily a fruit and vegetable store and a source for ice cream and milk produced at the Fort farm north of Cass City.

DNR Wildlife Biologist Bud Jarvis will retire later this month after a 33-year career. Jarvis has spent much of his time on the job planning and implementing wildlife habitat improvements on state lands in the Thumb.

Led by Kevin Vermeersch and Joe Stoeckle, who were first team selections on both the offensive and defensive Greater Thumb West All

Conference teams, undefeated Unionville-Sebewaing dominated this year's football dream squad. USA landed 4 players on the offensive and 5 on the defensive first team squads. Cass City had one player honored. Adam Dorland earned honorable mention as a defensive back.

25 YEARS AGO

Veteran employees at Hills and Dales Hospital were feted Wednesday, Oct. 31, at an awards tea. Five-year and 10-year employees received pins. Fifteen-year persons received a pin or necklace and a certificate of appreciation. Jon Fahrner has 20 years of service and was given a \$75 gift certificate in addition to the awards given for 15 years. Other employees honored and their years of service were: Liz Monte, 10; Lou Ann Root, 10; Colleen Hawley, 10; Jo Gray, 10; Juanita Warack, 10; Jane Mitchell, 15; Judy Eskilsen, 15; Helen Copeland, 15 and Johanna Miklovich, 15.

A pair of bow hunters reported bagging bucks with good racks recently. Corey Harmon of Decker shot a six-pointer on Leslie Road in the Shabbona area. The buck weighed about 150 to 160 pounds. Wayne Shantz of Maxwell Road, Gageton, downed a nine-pointer that weighed about 200 pounds. The deer was shot in Grant Township.

Robert Adams is one of those few men who have been able to develop a harmonious relationship between himself, his dogs and nature. Adams, a lifelong coon hunter from Cass City, said that during the season he has hunted coons from dusk until noon the next day. His dogs won't give up on the scent of a coon trail, and Adams won't give up on his dogs. "I do it mostly for fun," he said. "I just like to go out there for the sport of it. If you don't enjoy it you might just as well stay home in front of the television." Adams, 51, and his wife Lillie, live in Cass City. They have four children.

35 YEARS AGO

It was a rebuilding year for Coach Roland Pakonen's charges and the young Hawks showed steady improvement all year, capped by last week's victory over Marlette, 26-22. Ed Stoutenburg used the final league game as a showcase for his running talents and his one-man offensive running show was the finest staged for Cass City in several seasons. All Stoutenburg did was to score all four Hawk touchdowns, gain 170 yards in 26 attempts and intercept a pass and run it back for one of his scores. In addition he handled a punt return and caught a pass good for 20 yards.

Kiss goodbye to your studded snow tires. After April 1, 1975, studded tires will be illegal on all Michigan roads. That's because the super-hard tungsten carbide studs tear up highways faster than conventional tires, according to authorities at the Michigan Department of State Highways.

What do Janet Bishop, Elwyn Helwig, Mildred McConkey and Neva Zinnecker have in common? A lot of elections, that's what. All four have a combined 87 years of handling election results in Elkland Township and all of them agree they wouldn't miss an election for the world. Mrs. Bishop and Mrs. Zinnecker top the list with at least 25 years of service each. Mrs. McConkey said she wasn't sure when she started, but it's been at least 20 years. Mr. Helwig has been working the elections for the past 17 years.

Turkeys raised in 2009 down

The preliminary estimate of turkeys raised in the United States in 2009 is 250 million. That's down 8 percent from the number raised during 2008. The turkeys produced in 2008 together weighed 7.9 billion pounds and were valued at \$4.5 billion.

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872-3422
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WHITNEY GANLEY of Angel's Hair Studio, Cass City, recently attended the 2009 Bella Company "Authentic Beauty Hair Show" in Greektown, Detroit. She is pictured above with David Steiner, a stylist from Scruples.

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Hyatt takes over Owen-Gage girls' basketball program

When the Owen-Gage girls' basketball team opens their season next month there will be a new, albeit familiar, face roaming the Bulldog sidelines.

It will belong to rookie girls' varsity basketball coach Doug Hyatt, who replaces veteran skipper Dave Fritz, at the helm of the Bulldog basketball program.

Hyatt needs no introduction to this year's Bulldog cage team, having served as the district's varsity softball coach for the past 4 seasons. He's had plenty of success in the venue, earning 3 North Central Thumb League championships during the span and collecting 68 wins. Ten of those Bulldog sluggers, who make up this year's Owen-Gage basketball team, compiled NCTL records of 16-2 and 14-4 over the past 2 campaigns.

Now, Bulldog backers are hoping he can do the same for Owen-Gage on the hardwood floors.

Hyatt's basketball coaching resume

includes 11 years coaching, mostly at the junior high level in Cass City and 2 years as the Bad Axe Hatchet freshman boys' basketball coach.

We sat down with Hyatt, 46, and asked the following questions.

In basketball, who has been your biggest influence and why? One would be Leon Westover. One afternoon, about 15 years ago, I ran into Leon at a muffler shop in Marlette. We talked about basketball until his car was done.

Another one would be Jeff Hartel who gave me my first coaching job at Cass City 8th grade.

Also Aaron Fernald and Kurt Dennis who hired me at Bad Axe.

Why do you want to be Owen-Gage's varsity basketball coach? It has been a dream of mine to be a varsity basketball coach, and the opportunity came at Owendale-Gagetown where I am also the varsity softball coach.

What do you feel are the keys in building a successful basketball program? My beliefs are that you start in the lower grades, working on basic skills and make it fun for them.

What is your best basketball memory? My best memory would be four years ago at Cass City coaching the girls' 7th grade team that went 12-0.

At Owendale-Gagetown, it was the 8th grade team that improved on every game and finished 4-4. We played everyone twice. The second time we played them we scored more points and gave less points.

Discuss your basketball philosophies? On offense, keep it simple - good ball movement, keep pressure on the other team and try to score off of defenses pressure up-tempo. I have found it is a lot easier to score 3-2, 2-1 or 1-0.

What can your players expect from you? My players will know I am a positive coach. I will try to break down the plays and game to make the game fun for them. I will push them to get good grades and look to their future after school like what college or job they might like to go to.

How will being a member of the Bulldog basketball team make them better individuals? I will try to get them to be good students, citizens and athletes who respect others, and to become good role models to younger students.

What do you expect from your players on a daily basis? I expect my players to work hard in practice and games and hopefully my players will improve as the season progresses.

What won't you tolerate from your players? I will not tolerate poor grades, poor attitudes and lack of respect for teammates and officials during practices and games.

Tell us a little about your coaching staff. My staff will be Athletic Director and football coach Jason Pierce, who will be in charge of weight lifting and conditioning. Maurice Evans, who will be in his first year of coaching. We are also fortunate to have JV coach Brian Wright who has a lot of experience.

In closing, I appreciate the opportunity to coach basketball and softball at Owendale-Gagetown, and hopefully I can repay them by being a good coach.



SOPHOMORE ASHLEY Potts (middle) was the lone Cass City competitor at Saturday's cross country Division 3 state finals held at the Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn.

Meck: Ashley ran a daring race

You can bet Cass City's Ashley Potts gave it everything she had Saturday at the Michigan High School Athletic Association's Division 3 cross country state finals.

So did over 250 of the fastest lady 3-milers from all across Michigan at the Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn.

Coach Dennis Meck praised his lone Red Hawk state qualifier for implementing a courageous race strategy in her bid to record all state honors, bestowed on the top 30 individual finishers at the elite meet.

"At this level, it is like a high stakes poker game, where all the runners are going for their best times," Meck said.

Potts, only a sophomore, used a faster than normal start to complete the race in 21:25, the 11th runner to break the finish line on the warm and partly sunny afternoon.

"Ashley ran a daring race, going through the mile mark at just over 6:30. At this pace, she would have run in the low 20s, and that would have put her in position to be in the top 30 runners for all state status," Meck said.

However, Potts battled a strong headwind for most of the first mile,

coupled with challenging terrain the rest of the way, foiling her bid for all state honors.

"It was a bold move," Meck said of Potts' plan, "but one we felt we had to make. I was very proud of Ashley."

Allendale's Devan John recorded medalist honors with a winning time of 18:30.

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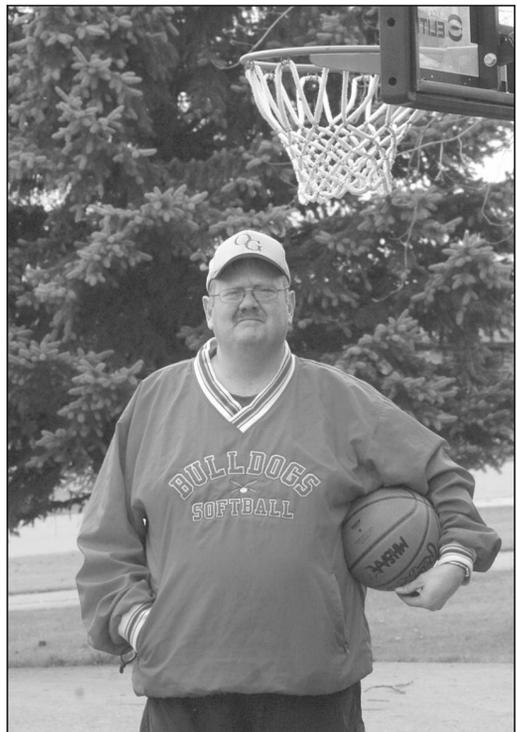
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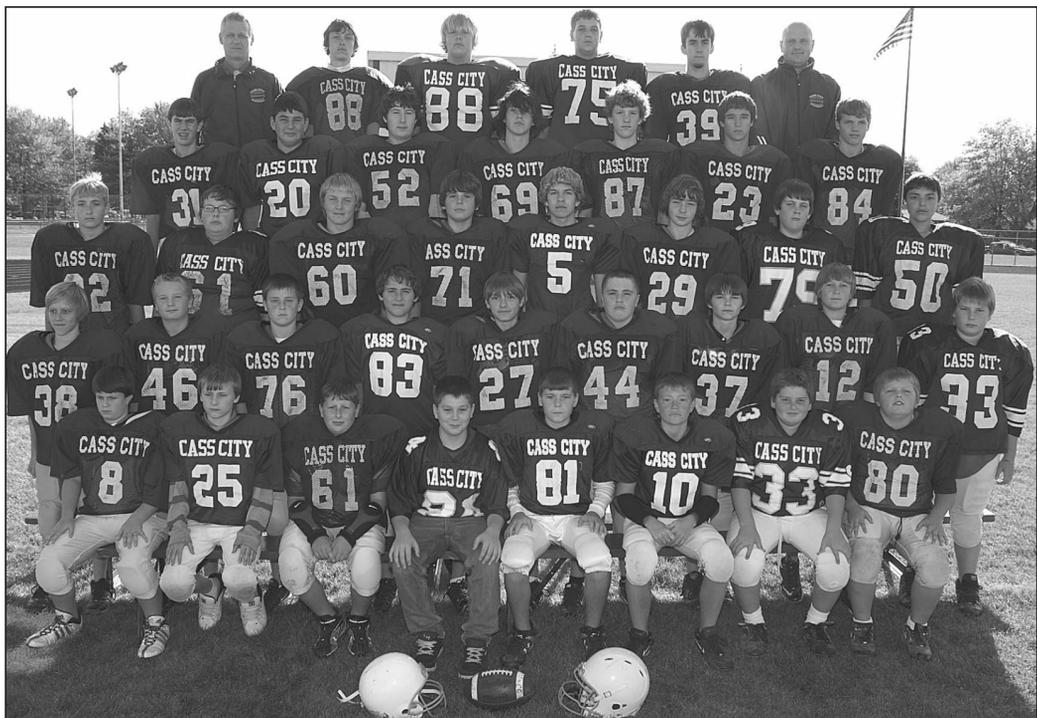
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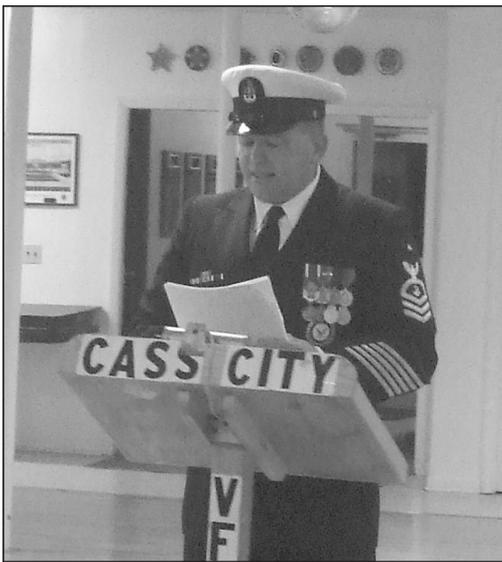


THE CASS CITY 7th & 8th grade football team compiled a 3-2-1 record in 2009. The Red Hawk team members are: (front, l-r) Zach Stanley, Blake LeBoida, Nicholas Cook, Robert Haley, Kyle Ross, Jack Stern, Daymon Tabako, Brad Thornton (row 2) Justin Zaleski, Fred Leeson, Caleb Henderson, Sam Bootz, Curtis Dickinson, Colby Peruski, Nick Langley, Dakota Hartel, Jordan Walitalo, (row 3) Nick Middaugh, Luke Koepf, Darrell Meyers, Jacob Perry, Drew Loomis, Dakota Kreger, Josh Daniels, Elijah Osentoski (row 4) Nathan Shantz, Logan Raymond, Michael Mulligan, Levi Anderson, Drew Field, Braeden Perzanowski, Shane Rasmussen (back) Coach Jeff Hartel, Zach Priesley, Lucas Wright, Ethan Montei, Alex Adams and Coach Aaron Fernald. Missing are Lucas Baker and Cameron Smith.

Sanilac deputies play role in a \$10 million drug bust

Continued from page one.
 units," Biniecki said.
 "The vehicle was recovered and taken back to the airport, where it was discovered that the large black bags contained hundreds of pounds of illegal narcotics," he continued. "After the Customs and Border Patrol processed the scene, the evidence was transported to the sheriff's office. Preliminary inventory of the evidence indicated that there was over 300 pounds of Ecstasy in pill form and over 100 pounds of high quality marijuana with a conservative street value of over \$10 million."
 Ecstasy, also known as MDMA, acts as both a stimulant and hallucinogen, producing an energizing effect, as well as distortions in time and perception and enhanced enjoyment from tactile experiences. The drug was developed in Germany in the early 1900s and was used for a time by psychiatrists as a psychotherapeutic tool, but the U.S. Drug Enforcement

Agency banned it in 1985.
 Biniecki said Friday night's operation culminated after several hours of searching for the second suspect. Sheriff's deputies and Sandusky police located him in downtown Sandusky and took him into custody. He was also identified from paperwork as being Canadian.
 "Both suspects were transported to the Sanilac County Jail, where they were booked on charges and held without bail," Biniecki said.
 "It was unfortunate that the public was not able to be educated in the timely manner that might have eased their concern. However, this incident went down very quickly and called for a swift response," he added.
 "It is a remarkable amount of narcotics that were seized in Sanilac County, and it was very impressive how the multiple law enforcement agencies responded and worked together to get the job done. It stressed how important these law enforcement resources are to the county."



AREA VETERAN Mark Zmierski addresses the audience during the third annual "Honoring Our Veterans and Supporting Our Troops Ceremony" Saturday night at VFW Post 3644, Cass City.

Bushel of corn not a bushel this year, experts say

If 2009 goes down in history as a summer without a summer, it might also become known as a growing season in which a bushel of corn was not a bushel.
 Farmers are paid for the commodity by the bushel, but a bushel is officially defined as 56 pounds of corn at 15 percent moisture. The problem is much of the corn still standing in Michigan fields is at 30 percent moisture or above. So until it dries down, it doesn't meet the bushel criteria. That means it won't be cash any time soon, and it might never produce as much profit as it would have if the weather had cooperated.

"There are all kinds of things out there that will hurt corn's bottom line," said Jim Hilker, agricultural economist with Michigan State University. "The last few years, drying costs were just as high as they are this year, but when you're harvesting at 20 percent moisture or under, a lot of corn was harvested with hardly any drying required. Farmers didn't have to pay a lot of attention to it. But this year, there's not much corn below 30 percent moisture yet, and it gets hard to dry it down to 15."

Complicating matters is the uncertainty of yield because farmers have encountered trouble getting in the fields.

"The crop reports say we'll have good yields, if (the weather) goes back to normal," Hilker said. "But when it's wet, there are increased costs, and if it's moldy it's worth less. And we don't know the quality issues yet."

From what he's seen, quality has been decent for the earliest corn, said Bruce Sutherland, vice president of Michigan Agricultural Commodities (MAC).

"We haven't seen much mold yet, but there are some other obvious challenges," he said. "We've probably lost the wheat we need to dry it down in the field. We've lost our warm and sunny days. Not only that, but we're seeing lower test weights, and lower quality in kernel strength. And the longer it's left in the field, the more it will deteriorate."

That doesn't mean farmers should

necessarily wait to harvest until the corn dries, says Roger Betz, an MSU agricultural economist. Betz said elevators and ethanol plants still need the crop, and many of them will cut the per-bushel cost of drying if the corn is 25 percent moisture or lower.

"The bottom line is to get started, get a couple loads, get the fields opened up," he said. "That doesn't mean you should go full bore, necessarily, but at least try to get some in. Do your scouting. If mold is starting, get it off and dried. Monitor each field and variety. There will be big differences from field to field, variety to variety. A lot depends on the time of planting. But if you want to hedge your bets, you'll get after some of it."

While rare, another challenge is the possibility of corn and soybeans sprouting under wet conditions.

"If moisture enters the corn husks or soybean pods, the conditions for sprouting increase as temperatures remain mild," said Bill Wiebold, crops specialist with the University of Missouri.

"The minimum temperature for corn seed germination is about 50 degrees or a little cooler," he said. "Unfortunately, water for germination has been abundant this fall. I'm seeing more of the corn ears remaining upright, leaving an opening for moisture to reach the kernels."

Normally, corn ears droop over and hang down at maturity. The husks around the corn ear shed water, protecting mature kernels from moisture that may cause germination.

Betz anticipates this year's challenges will certainly have an impact on planting rotations in 2010.

"Wheat acreage will be way down," he predicts. "The ground was wet during the short planting window, and that open ground probably has to go back into corn."

That is, if the corn from 2009 has all been turned into bushels. If it hasn't or there are questions, Betz recommends farmers review crop insurance plans to see if there are quality provisions.

When it's all said and done, Michigan is in the same boat as many other regions, according to Sutherland.

"We've been fighting the weather demons, but the western states are also dealing with a late crop, and their mold and moisture is higher than ours," he said.

So will the crop be profitable at \$3.40 per bushel as trading currently? "This crop might get people by for their cash flow, but for a decent return? No," Hilker said.

Senior movies scheduled

Rawson Memorial District Library is hosting Senior Citizen Movies Friday, Nov. 20 at 1:30 p.m.

Hummingbirds! Beauty and the Beast: This spectacular video of 57 species of hummingbirds, including all 16 that breed in the U.S., show that for all their beauty, they are: little beasts that live by the Law of the Jungle; single moms, dead beat dads and teenage chicks; brainy warriors with specific Rules of Engagement; connoisseurs that put flower taste ahead of color; and they are carriers of competitors that ride in their nostrils! (60 minutes)

Ernest Hemingway - Life in Michigan: This video takes a closer look at "Ernie," a young boy from Oak Park, Illinois, spending his boyhood summers with his family at their cottage in northern Michigan. Years later, Hemingway would incorporate his memories from the area into a collection of fictional stories about a boy named Nick Adams who loved hunting, fishing and friends in places like Potoskey and Horton Bay. (25 minutes)

Refreshments will be served. This Older Adult Program is offered free of charge.

Students make a difference

Oct. 24 was Make a Difference Day - a day in celebration of neighbors helping neighbors, and that is exactly what Thumb Volunteer Alliance has encouraged area high schools to do this fall.

Sue Toner, program coordinator with Thumb Volunteer Alliance, has worked closely with Tuscola County high schools to help them find suitable projects to make their communities a better place.

"I offered my assistance to the schools and students to help plan community service projects," said Toner, "but I really wasn't needed too much. They did it all themselves!"

Six of the 9 schools in the Tuscola Intermediate School District were involved in community projects for Make a Difference Day.

Caro High School students had a food drive for their local food pantry, and Akron-Fairgrove school students are planning a food war (food drive) competition between their high school and middle school students in November. All proceeds will be donated to a food pantry of their choice.

Cass City High School students focused their day on a game/fun day for senior residents at Northwood Meadows; Mayville High School students were at the Mayville Elementary School and focused their project on educational and environmental issues by beautifying the school foot path and placing signs identifying the different habitat areas; and Unionville-Sebewaing High School partnered with Reese High School, kicking their Make a Difference week off with an assembly teaching students how they can make a difference and gave them a "pay it forward" challenge for the week.

USA Schools also visited seniors throughout their communities, brought treat bags and offered to help with household chores. Reese High School students, meanwhile, collected \$150 in donations, 50 plus coats and a variety of snow pants, scarves, hats, gloves and boots. They are donating proceeds to the Coats for Kids of Tuscola County.

Area residents interested in making a difference someone's life are encouraged to visit www.thumbvolunteer.com or contact Toner at (989) 672-1709.

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Author to visit library Wednesday

Mike Deeb, author of the trilogy, "The Drieborg Chronicles", will be at Rawson Memorial Library Wednesday, Nov. 18, at noon for a light lunch and discussion.

Deeb will discuss the first 2 installments of his trilogy, "Honor Restored" and "Duty and Honor". His third novel will be out sometime this winter and is titled, "Duty Accomplished".

The books follow the journey of a young farm boy, who with dignity and sacrifice endures the harsh realities and the tragic upheaval of the Civil War.

MDCH on Twitter

The Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) has launched a page on the global social networking site, Twitter.

The MDCH Twitter page is a way for the department to relay up-to-the-minute health information to the public. The page will be updated regularly with health and department-related information in the form of what are known as 'Tweets'.

Anyone who is a member of Twitter can join the MDCH Twitter page as a "follower" at www.twitter.com/MiHealth. Those who do not have a Twitter account can still view the MDCH Twitter page, but you will need to join Twitter to interact.

Becoming an MDCH follower on Twitter will allow you to receive what are known as 'Tweets' which will contain useful messages, important releases, helpful links, and timely updates in 140-characters or less. These 'Tweets' can be accessed through email, your own personal Twitter account, and your phone if you have internet access. This will allow Michigan residents to receive updates from MDCH at their own convenience no matter where they are instantly.

The MDCH Twitter page will not only be a place for people to visit to get useful health information, but it also will be a place where those who follow MDCH on Twitter can actually communicate with the department. Followers can send Tweets to the department with any question, comment, or concern they may have and the department will have the ability to see these Tweets immediately and respond in kind.

Social media and networks are the newest innovation in communication among people all over the world and no network is growing as rapidly as Twitter. With its ease of use, ability to convey a wealth of information in concise messages, and its availability to nearly every citizen, MDCH hopes to utilize all that Twitter has to offer the department and its followers to create a strong line of communication regarding the health of Michigan and its citizens.

To view or sign up for the MDCH Twitter page, visit: www.twitter.com/MiHealth.



'The treatment I get at Thumb Area Dialysis Center is like no other. They are like family.'

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Beating the Odds

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

Chris began dialysis at the center five years ago, after having diabetes since her 30s. She makes the half-hour trip to Cass City three times a week. The treatment takes about three hours to filter impurities and extra water out of her blood.

She remains 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. In the past two years, she earned the Boy Scout District Award of Merit and membership in Scouting's honor society, the Order of the Arrow.

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Thumb Area Dialysis Center in Cass City has patient survival rates among the top 10 percent in the country, according to independent data from the Renal Network of the Upper Midwest. Creating a community of care and support is important to this successful approach. Led by Medical Director Carlos Marchena, M.D., the multidisciplinary care team works closely with each patient to develop an individualized treatment plan.

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

To learn more about Thumb Area Dialysis Center, call (989) 872-5544 or visit www.midmichigan.org/dialysis.



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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 Registrar 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 Sixty 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, Hugh 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 8 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, Hugh 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 8 East, Eikland 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
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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on NOVEMBER 19, 2009.

Said premises are located in the Township of Wisner, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Part of the North 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 31, Town 14 North, Range 7 East, described as: Beginning at the Intersection of Old State Road and the East line of Section 31, which is North 4 degrees 17 minutes 25 seconds West 967.36 feet from the East 1/4 corner of Section; thence continuing along said East line, North 4 degrees 17 minutes 25 seconds West 184.3 feet; thence North 37 degrees 4 minutes 0 seconds West 203.99 feet to the North, East and West 1/8 line; thence along said 1/8 line, South 86 degrees 43 minutes 53 seconds West, 800.49 feet to the centerline of Old State Road; thence along centerline of Old State Road, South 72 degrees 11 minutes 0 seconds East, 983.06 feet to the place of beginning.

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

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 21, 2009

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Dana Diehl, an Unmarried Woman, original Mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated January 12, 2006 and recorded on January 17, 2006

in Liber 1068 on Page 1238 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Five Thousand Four Hundred Ninety-Nine and 84/100 Dollars (\$85,499.84), including interest at 10.8% 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 Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 6, Block 6 of Charles Montague's Subdivision, According to the Plat Thereof Recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 11A, 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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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 22, 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

10-21-4

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Angela 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

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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10-21-4

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PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Mary Lee Downing, widowed, single, to American Home Credit Inc DBA Upland Mortgage, Mortgagee, dated December 12, 2002 and recorded March 25, 2003 in Liber 922, Page 343, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by The Bank of New York Mellon formerly known as The Bank of New York as successor Trustee to JP Morgan Chase Bank, as Trustee under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated March 1, 2003, ABFS Mortgage Loan Trust 2003-1, JPMorgan Chase Bank Institutional Trust Service by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Nine Thousand Three Hundred Eighty-One and 1/100 Dollars (\$49,381.01), including interest at 11.54% 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 19, 2009.

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

The West 56 feet of Lots 1 and 2, and the East 14 feet of Lots 5, all in Block 2, Streets Addition to the Village of Caro, also that part of the South half of a vacated alley traversing the block Block 2 that joins the above described property on the North.

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 21, 2009

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P.O. Box 5041
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File No. 199.5291
ASAP #3310470

10-21-4

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Darlene G. Ridley, a single woman of Tuscola County, Michigan, Mortgagor to Independent Mortgage Company East, Michigan dated the 26th day of October, A.D. 2005, and recorded in the office of the Registrar 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 THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4; NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

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

The redemption period shall be one year 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 21, 2009

WELTMAN, WEINBERG & REIS CO., L.P.A.
By: Michael L. Rich (P-41938)
Attorney for Plaintiff
Welman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A.
2155 Butterfield Drive
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Troy, MI 48084
WWW# 10027617

10-21-4

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by David Boughan and Audra Boughan, a/k/a 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 Junata, 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 that part lying Northerly of a line 75 feet 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

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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10-28-4

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgage. 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 Joel A. Carl, a single man, original mortgagor, to First Franklin Financial Corporation, Mortgagee, dated October 18, 2004 and recorded on October 29, 2004 in Liber 1014 on Page 1454, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for FFMLT Trust 2005-FF2, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-FF2 as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-One Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty and 60/100 Dollars (\$81,830.60), including interest at 6.875% per annum.

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

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

The South 1/2 of the South 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 11, Town 12 North, Range 11 East.

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

Dated: October 28, 2009

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #285077F01

10-28-4

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 Kingston, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgage. 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 Electronic 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 Wilmot's Addition to the Village of Caro in Tuscola County, also beginning at the Southwest corner of Lot 1, Block 1 of Montague and Wilmot'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

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #284093F01

10-28-4

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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 Registrar 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.

Commonly known as: Vacant Clark Park, Mayville, Michigan 48744
Tax ID No. 011-022-000-0100-06

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 file 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
Warner Norcross & Judd LLP
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10-28-5

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Donald A. Pisha and T

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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 mortgagee, 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:
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 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
 File #286735F01

11-4-4

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by MATTHEW L. FORD, A MARRIED MAN, AND SARAH FORD, HIS WIFE AND COLETTE L. 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 Courthouse 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
 Mortgagee/Assignee
 Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C.
 23938 Research Drive, Suite 300
 Farmington Hills, MI 48335

11-4-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Dennis R. Getman 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 in 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
 248-502-1400
 File No. 426.0770
 ASAP #3238832

11-4-4

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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 Courthouse 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
 Mortgagee/Assignee

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

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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 Douglas H. Collins, a single man, original mortgagee, to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc., Mortgagee, dated June 29, 2007 and recorded on October 29, 2007 in Liber 1133 on Page 725 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Three Thousand One Hundred and 55/100 Dollars (\$73,100.55), 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 10, 2009.

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

The North 180 feet of the following described parcel of land: Commencing at a point 806 1/2 feet North of the Southwest corner of the Southwest quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 28, Town 11 North, Range 11 East; thence East 330 feet; thence North 429 feet; thence West 330 feet; thence South 429 feet to the beginning.

Also described as: Commencing at a point 1057.5 feet North of the Southwest corner of the Southwest quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 28, Town 11 North, Range 11 East; thence East 330 feet; thence North 180 feet; thence West 330 feet; thence South 180 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: November 11, 2009
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11-11-4

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by William H. Hooks and Tina Hooks, Husband and Wife, original mortgagees, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated August 20, 2003 and recorded on August 25, 2003 in Liber 950 on Page 716, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Citic 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 Eighty-Seven Thousand Three Hundred Eighty-Four and 90/100 Dollars (\$87,384.90), including interest at 6.625% per annum.

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

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

The South 352 feet of the East 10 acres of the West 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 20, Township 11 North, Range 9 East.

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

Dated: November 11, 2009
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Dean Michael Parks and Jessica Lynn Parks, Husband and Wife, original mortgagees, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated October 18, 2005 and recorded on October 31, 2005 in Liber 1059 on Page 1238 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to HSBC Mortgage Services Inc. as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-Seven and 97/100 Dollars (\$175,627.97), including interest at 10.125% 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 10, 2009.

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

Commencing at the Northwest corner of Section 11, Town 12 North, Range 10 East, Wells Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, thence North 89 Degrees 48 Minutes East 738.10 feet along the North Section line to the Point of Beginning; running thence North 89 Degrees 48 Minutes East 293.14 feet along the North Section line; thence South 00 Degrees 39 Minutes 37 Seconds East 669.19 feet; thence South 89 Degrees 45 Minutes 03 Seconds West 295.33 feet; thence North 00 Degrees 28 Minutes 22 Seconds West 669.43 feet to the Point of Beginning. Being a Part of the Northwest Quarter.

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: November 11, 2009
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11-11-4

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by DAVID F. STUART and SHIRLEY A. STUART, HUSBAND AND WIFE, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated July 23, 2003 and recorded on August 4, 2003, in Liber 947 on Page 80 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 Seven Hundred Ninety-Five Dollars and Eighteen Cents (\$132,795.18), including interest at 6.250% per annum.

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

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

ALL THAT PARCEL OF LAND IN TOWNSHIP OF WATERTOWN, TUSCOLA COUNTY, STATE OF MICHIGAN, AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN DEED BOOK 638, PAGE 637, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS SECTION 5, TO WIT: SECTION 5, TOWN 10 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST, WEST 363 FEET OF THE WEST HALF OF THE SOUTH HALF OF THE NORTH HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER AND WEST 363 FEET OF ALL THAT PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SOUTHWEST QUARTER LYING NORTH OF CENTERLINE OF PUBLIC HIGHWAY RUNNING THROUGH SOUTH PART OF SEC-

TION 5, TUSCOLA COUNTY RECORDS.
 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: November 5, 2009
 Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns
 Mortgagee/Assignee

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

11-11-4

NOTICE PURSUANT TO MCL 600.3205a(4)

NOTICE is hereby provided to Gary Endert and Roxanne Endert, the borrowers and/or mortgagees (hereinafter "Borrower") regarding the property located at 2215 W Bliss Rd, Caro, MI 48723-9213.

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) 593-1302.

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/msda 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 November 5, 2009, foreclosure proceedings will not be commenced until 90 days after November 5, 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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Dated: November 11, 2009
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 Attorneys for Servicer and/or Mortgage Holder
 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
 Farmington Hills, MI 48334-2525
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11-11-1

NOTICE PURSUANT TO MCL 600.3205a(4)

NOTICE is hereby provided to Karen Maxwell, the borrowers and/or mortgagees (hereinafter "Borrower") regarding the property located at: 6877 French Rd, Unionville, MI 48767-9779.

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.

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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 McMoran Boulevard
Port Huron, MI 48060

10-14-5

CIRCUIT COURT SALE
Case No. 09-25347-CH

In pursuance of 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 therein pending, wherein SECURITY CREDIT UNION and the Plaintiff and DAVID PINCOMB and LISA PINCOMB, jointly and severally were the Defendants(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)
Attorney for Plaintiff
24525 Harper
St. Clair Shores, MI 48080
586-777-0770

10-14-7

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, Mortgages to SECURITY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, P.O. BOX 5160, FLINT, MI 48505-0160, Mortgage, 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 moneys secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof;

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on 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 MCL 600.3241a, 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
24525 Harper Avenue
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, Mortgage, dated July 18, 2006 and recorded September 21, 2006 in Liber 1096, Page 474, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Bac 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 MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

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

Dated: October 28, 2009

Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48067-5041
248-502-1400
File No. 617.1312
ASAP #3321034

10-28-4

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Charles S. Roe, a married man, and Stefanie L. Roe, his wife, of Tuscola County, Michigan, Mortgage to Independent Mortgage Company, formerly known as Independent Mortgage Company East Michigan dated the 11th day of April, A.D. 2006, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 24th day of April, A.D. 2006, in Liber 1078, Page 673 of Tuscola Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal of \$95,486.76 (ninety-five thousand four hundred eighty-six and 76/100) plus accrued interest at 6.375% (six point three seven 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 10th day of December, A.D., 2009, at 10:00 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:

ALMER TOWNSHIP, TUSCOLA COUNTY, MICHIGAN: LOT 18, ASH-BRECK SUBDIVISION, ALMER TOWNSHIP, TUSCOLA COUNTY, MICHIGAN, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 2 OF PLATS, PAGES 8-9, TUSCOLA COUNTY RECORDS, Commonly known as: 1188 Hollow Drive

Parcel Number 002-035-110-1800-00

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

Dated: November 11, 2009

WELTMAN, WEINBERG & REIS CO., L.P.A.
By: Michael I. Rich (P-41938)
Attorney for Plaintiff
Welman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A.
2155 Butterfield Drive, Suite 200-S
Troy, MI 48064
WWW.10028464

11-11-4

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The history of Veterans Day

World War I — known at the time as “The Great War” - officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, in the Palace of Versailles, France.

However, fighting ceased 7 months earlier when an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, between the Allied nations and Germany went into effect on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. For that reason, Nov. 11, 1918, is generally regarded as the end of “the war to end all wars.”

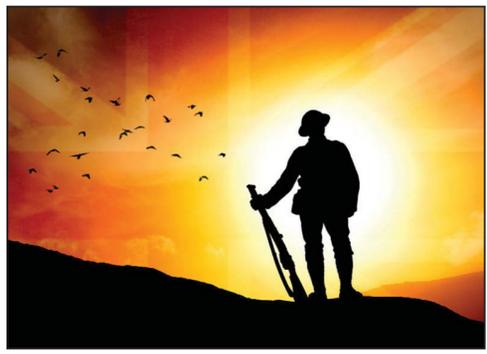
In November 1919, President Wilson proclaimed Nov. 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day with the following words: “To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country’s service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations.”

An act approved in May 1938 made the 11th day of November in each year a legal holiday - a day to be dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be celebrated thereafter and known as “Armistice Day” in honor of veterans of World War I.

But in 1954, after World War II had required the greatest mobilization of soldiers, sailors, Marines and airmen in the nation’s history, and after American forces had fought aggression in Korea, the 83rd Congress struck out the word “Armistice” and inserted in its place the word “Veterans.”

Approval of the legislation made Nov. 11 a day to honor American veterans of all wars for their patriotism, love of country and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.

Source: The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.



Area veterans honored

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said, adding the group provides a flag line along the route to the cemetery. Their mission, he said, is to “stand for those who stood for us.”

Gamet also addressed the audience. She emphasized the importance of supporting troops now serving their country by keeping in touch with them.

“Cards, letters, care packages, and uplink cards help lift the spirits of our troops,” she said, noting family members have expressed appreciation for phone calls and letters. “One wife wrote about how a remark from a stranger helped her deal with a very lonely day,” she said.

“One soldier told me about last Christmas,” Leenhouts-Gamet recalled. “She was in Iraq, looking at

sand, and feeling very homesick. It just didn’t seem like Christmas to her. Her unit got a care package with small decorated Christmas trees, enough for everyone in her unit to have one in their rooms. That some stranger cared enough to make sure that they had a bit of Christmas, even in a war zone, amazed her.”

Marla Steely closed the ceremony by playing Taps, something she has been doing for VFW events since 1986. Leenhouts-Gamet noted that anyone who wants to help send care packages to the troops can contact: Operation Care Package, MI Inc., Sponsor A Box, c/o JJ Fulgenzi, 1910 Smith Rd., Lapeer, MI 48446.

“You can also send the mailing address of anyone now serving in Iraq or Afghanistan to this address so they are on the list to receive care packages,” she said.



THUMB NATIONAL BANK, represented above by Cass City Branch Manager Cindy Kruse, presented a check for \$500 Thursday to VFW Post 3644, Cass City, to help cover the cost of a planned remodeling project at the post hall. Also pictured are (from left) VFW members Ken Hayes, Bruce Sherman, Phil Nichols, Martin Twork and post Commander Bill Zeidler.

\$38,000 project

Donations boost VFW’s plans to give hall facelift

Members of VFW Post 3644 in Cass City are gearing up for a facelift.

Post officials said Thursday that they have secured the funding needed for a planned remodeling project at the post hall, located on Veterans Drive. Total cost of the improvements is estimated at \$38,000.

The lion’s share of cost — \$25,600 — is being covered by the Pinney Foundation, according to post member Phil Nichols, who is heading up the renovation effort. He pointed out the remaining expense is being covered by donations made by area businesses, community members and the VFW post, as well as local contractors who are providing in-kind services.

The work will involve a number of upgrades to the hall, Nichols explained.

“We’re going to do an external facelift on the front, (including) new sidewalks plus extending the sidewalk to Independent Bank. Plus,

we’re making it handicap accessible from the street. And, the entire foyer is going to be remodeled,” he said, adding the project will include new entrance doors.

The building will be more energy efficient thanks to plans to beef up insulation upstairs after finishing some electrical and plumbing upgrades that will provide for additional exterior lighting and the relocation of air conditioning units. Contractors will also be installing new, energy-efficient windows, front and back.

Nichols said the project will also include all new landscaping, freshly painted flag poles, and a black cloth awning over the entrance that will have the letters “VFW” on each side and “Post 3644” on the front.

Although there is enough money to cover the work, the post is still accepting donations in hopes of reinstating some upgrades — an exhaust fan in the kitchen and a drop ceiling, for ex-

ample — that were eliminated due to the overall project cost.

Contributions can be sent to VFW Post 3644, P.O. Box 22, 4533 Veterans Dr., Cass City, MI 48726.

Nichols indicated the post hall facelift comes at a good time, as the local VFW membership has struck up a partnership with the village of Cass City, designating the hall as a community center. Under the arrangement, the VFW membership retains ownership of the building and the village will lease the facility for various activities at a reduced rate.

Eventually, Nichols said, post members will try to tackle more improvements focusing on the remainder of the hall’s interior. “We’re looking at a phase II down the road, improving the rest of the hall, but that’s a giant animal in itself,” he added.

Blood drive set at O-G

Upcoming American Red Cross blood drives in the Thumb include a

drive scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 2, from 1 to 6:45 p.m. at Owendale-Gagetown Community School in Owendale.

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

While Thanksgiving signals the start of the holiday season, it also presents a unique opportunity for individuals to give thanks and give back by donating blood, according to American Red Cross officials.

The need for blood is constant. Every 2 seconds, someone in the United States needs blood. Unfortunately, blood supplies typically decrease during the holiday season as travel and other activities make it difficult for donors to find time to give. And while the supply of blood decreases, the demand for blood increases as hospitals see more trauma-related accidents due to road conditions and holiday travel.

Holiday to close offices

Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land reminds residents that all branch offices and the Office of the Great Seal will be closed Wednesday, Nov. 11 in observance of Veterans Day.

The Department of State mails notices to motorists 45 days before their driver’s license or license plates expire to give them ample time to renew. Licenses and plates that expire on a day when state offices are closed, such as a holiday or weekend, can be renewed the following day without penalty.

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