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Bills waives exam in district court

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Tuscola County Prosecutor Mark E. Reese says additional victims have come forward in the case against a former Cass City man charged with dozens of sexual assaults against a single victim — a girl starting when she was 11 years old — over a period of 5 years.

Bills waived his preliminary examination in Tuscola County District Court Friday. No testimony was of-

fered during the brief proceeding, although it was noted the prosecutor's office and Bills' counsel, attorney Robert A. Betts, Caro, are involved in on-going negotiations regarding a plea agreement. And Reese has agreed not to bring additional charges.

However, after the hearing, Reese said that agreement is not set in stone and could change, depending on the outcome of the negotiations.

Reese declined additional comment on the case, which now moves to Tuscola County Circuit Court. Bills faces

arraignment there Monday, Dec. 14, at 8:30 a.m.

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 all broken down by acts and the age of the victims," explained Reese, who said the assaults allegedly 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.

Although Reese 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 until 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."

Reese 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.



RUSSELL H. Bills (left) consults with his counsel, Caro attorney Robert A. Betts, before waiving his preliminary examination in Tuscola County District Court Friday morning.

Investigators find \$8,500

Suspect vehicle in major drug sting has secret compartment

Investigators say the 2009 Toyota seized and impounded following a major multi-national drug trafficking sting last month in Sanilac County had a secret compartment used to hide cash and drugs.

The sting resulted in the arrests of 2 Canadian men and the seizure of \$10 million worth of Ecstasy and marijuana at the Sandusky City Airport.

Sanilac County Drug Task Force Director Bill Gray said last week that investigators discovered the compartment while processing the vehicle for evidence.

"During Tuesday's processing procedure, investigators noticed an anomaly in the rear floor area of the Toyota. Further investigation led to

the discovery of a secret compartment under a false floor built into a rear storage well of the Toyota," Gray said.

"The compartment was constructed from one-eighth inch welded steel plates and measured 36 inches by 39 inches by 11 inches deep, weighed 80 pounds and was disguised to appear exactly like a factory standard Toyota floor," he explained. "Access into the compartment was through use of a remote control device that activated 2 small hydraulic lifts, which raised the false floor to expose the compartment's interior."

Gray said investigators discovered \$8,500 in cash inside the compartment as well as trace amounts of pow-

der cocaine that indicated a very large amount of cocaine had been stored in the compartment at some point in time.

Sanilac County law enforcement agencies assisted U.S. Customs and Border Patrol officers in apprehending the suspects last month.

A border patrol helicopter crew called for assistance at about 11:30 p.m. Nov. 6 after observing a small airplane drop 7 or 8 large bags onto a runway at the airport in Sandusky.

The crew reported that there was also a vehicle on the runway, and that the plane picked up another bag and immediately took off.

The 2 suspects fled in the Toyota, but Please turn to back page.



HUNDREDS OF AREA youngsters, including Carlie McFarland, 7 (above), daughter of William and Anne McFarland, Cass City, poured into the Cass City VFW Hall Saturday night to share their lists with Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus. The annual community gathering followed another successful Christmas in the Village celebration over the weekend. (Related photos page 11)

Top teacher MFB names Green the 2009 "K-12 Educator of the Year"

Through the use of hands-on agricultural lessons, Cass City Middle School teacher Jenifer Green brings not only science to life for fifth graders, but also language arts, reading, math and technology.

Her agriculture-based lessons are so popular that former students often make return trips to her classroom to reminisce about the projects and what they learned.

For those reasons and more, the Michigan Farm Bureau (MFB) has named Green, of Cass City, the organization's "K-12 Educator of the Year". MFB honored the 20-year veteran school teacher during the Dec. 2 awards ceremony at the MFB 90th Annual Meeting in Grand Rapids. In recognition of the distinction, Green received a \$500 grant from the MFB Member Services Department for classroom and teaching purposes.

The K-12 Educator of the Year Award recognizes a teacher who excels at integrating basic agricultural concepts into the general curriculum and challenges students to develop critical thinking skills through the analysis of agricultural issues and in-

formation.

Green was nominated for the award by the Tuscola County Farm Bureau, and selected by the MFB Promotion and Education committee from 13 nominations submitted by county Farm Bureaus from across the state.

One of Green's custom lesson plans is a 2-month project involving the incubation, hatching and care of chicks. The project is part of a larger curriculum that teaches students the difference between vertebrate and invertebrate groups.

With the chick project, students hone problem-solving skills by determining, among other things, the proper humidity and heat levels for incubation and how many times the eggs should be rotated during the day. They apply math skills by reading Fahrenheit thermometers, weighing the chicks, and graphing chick growth. Throughout the process, students also maintain journals and eventually write a paper describing the entire experience.

"The students are so involved with this project that many times they do not want to leave school at the end of

the day," Green said.

Their enthusiasm for learning spills over to second graders at the elementary school, where Green's students have adopted their younger counterparts as "pen pals".

"As soon as the chicks are old enough, the second graders come to meet our new arrivals. The fifth graders teach them about incubation, hatching and care of the chicks. This is a highlight for both groups of students," Green noted.

Another of Green's interactive lessons teaches students about symbiotic relationships by raising Wisconsin Fast Plants and Brassica Butterflies. For this project, the students plant seeds, tend them as they grow, and harvest the seedpods. They make predictions about seed harvest ratios and journal the plant progress. Eventually they introduce the butterfly eggs and are forced to make decisions about how many plants must be grown to sustain the butterflies and still have enough plants to harvest new seeds for future planting.

Green has even incorporated agricul- Please turn to back page.

Christmas in the Village draws crowds Saturday

Hundreds of area residents flocked to Cass City Saturday for a day full of family activities in conjunction with the annual Christmas in the Village celebration.

Saturday night's community gathering drew a big crowd, with residents warming up in the Cass City VFW Hall and enjoying a variety of snacks, while youngsters — more than 250 of them — waited their turn to visit with Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus.

The fifth annual Cass City Lighted Christmas Parade drew nearly twice the entries compared to past years. There were 31 entries in all, according to Richard Little, who organizes the event.

"By all accounts it went well," he said. "There were over 30 entries and the quality of construction was excellent. It was obvious that the groups put a lot of time and effort into their entries."

Judges recognized the following award-winning floats: Most Creative,

Tri-County Equipment of Sandusky and Caro; Best Farm Equipment, Two-Cylinder Club; Judges' Choice, Cass City United Methodist Church; Best Commercial, Chemical Bank; Best Club, Lions Club; and Best Youth Group, Cass City Boy Scouts.

Like the celebration itself, the annual Christmas in the Village Chili Cook-off, sponsored by Knight Insurance Agency, continues to grow in popularity, judging by the number of participating businesses and tasters.

"We had over 200 people participate this year, so it's the biggest one ever. We were very pleased with it," said Amy Peters at Knight Insurance Agency, which organizes the competition.

In all, 2 dozen businesses offered a variety of chilis for area residents to taste and judge.

The 2009 winners are: first, Burkhard Plumbing and Heating Inc.; second, Chemical Bank; and third, Please turn to back page.



GREEN OFFERS SOME advice to fifth grade students Tara Nicholas (in front) and Carley Stone as they weigh one of 17 chicks that hatched in Green's class last spring.

Rick Kerkau loses battle with cancer

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

A Cass City man known for his love of family and willingness to help others in need died last week following a long battle with cancer.

Ricky "Rick" Kerkau, 50, succumbed to the disease Tuesday at home with his family at his side.

Kerkau's fight for his life began through circumstances he could never have seen coming. He was working as an information technology network technician at Hills and Dales General Hospital in Cass City at the time, and he volunteered to help the hospital staff train with new, state-of-the-art ultrasound equipment by serving as a mock patient. During the course of an examination, a technician spotted something suspicious on Kerkau's liver, which led to a diagnosis of advanced colorectal cancer that had spread to his liver.

Co-workers at Hills and Dales along with friends at Cass City High School, Davenport University, the Knights of Columbus and St. Pancratius Catholic Church organized a benefit last spring for Kerkau and his family, raising an estimated \$13,000. Another, more recent fundraiser at the Charnont generated another \$4,000.

Friends said it was easy to support Kerkau who, as an active member of Knights of Columbus Council 8892, had rolled up his own sleeves more than once to cook or otherwise volunteer for benefits organized to help out cancer victims in the community.

Kerkau and his family — wife, Dorothy, daughter, Kendra, and son, Justin Please turn to back page.

Calendar of Events

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

Thursday, December 10

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, December 11

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

Saturday, December 12

The Tom Thumb Singers present their 27th annual concert, "Hear the Angels Sing," 7 p.m., Cass City United Methodist Church. No tickets required. A free will offering will be accepted. Everyone is invited. Barrier free.

Sunday, December 13

Gagetown AA meeting, 8-9 p.m., Gagetown fire hall. For more information, call (989) 665-0086.

The Tom Thumb Singers present their 27th annual concert, "Hear the Angels Sing," 3 p.m., Cass City United Methodist Church. No tickets required. A free will offering will be accepted. Everyone is invited. Barrier free.

Monday, December 14

Alcoholics Anonymous, "Monday at a Time," 8 p.m., Parkside Cafe, 2031 Main St., Ubly. For more information, call Angela R. at (989) 658-2319.

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

Elkland Township Board meeting, 7 p.m.

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

P.J.'s and the Classics, 7:30 p.m., Rawson Memorial District Library.

Tuesday, December 15

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.

Wednesday, December 16

United Sportsmen's Alliance Annual Venison Taste Testing, 7 p.m., Sebewaing Sportsmen's Club, Sebewaing. All are invited to attend. For more information, please call (989) 872-2398.

Early On Story Time, 10-11 a.m., Rawson Memorial District Library.

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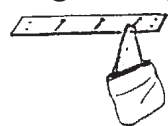
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Meg's Peg

What gets your goat?



by Melva E. Guinther

On America's Funniest Home Videos a while back some poor guy was struggling to put Christmas lights on the top of a gazebo. They got tangled as Christmas lights are wont to do. Trying to straighten them out, he slipped off the roof and landed on the deck, not a happy camper. As he flung the lights with a few choice words, he slipped and fell again.

I laughed along with the studio audience.

A few days later, we decided to take advantage of the mild weather to put up our Christmas lights. I spent an afternoon untangling the 70 strings we found in tubs in the garage. Not nearly so funny.

Why did we have so many? Probably because we forgot where we'd put them and went out and bought new ones more than once.

Christmas lights are among those inanimate objects that can make a curmudgeon out of the most mild-mannered person.

Actually, I have a few other nemeses that can do it.

Those "easy open" packets of butter in the restaurant, for instance. Your dinner gets cold while you struggle for one tiny pat of butter.

For that matter, almost any of those "Easy Open" packages with instructions to "tear on dotted line" can raise one's blood pressure. I bet the people who print those instructions snicker while they work.

The plastic bags in the produce department are another challenge, not to mention the containers that are sealed around cakes and rolls.

Sure, I want my food to be fresh and sanitary, but when it requires a tool kit

and the help of 2 people to get to it, it's asking too much.

I suppose you can deduct a certain number of calories from the contents for the work involved in opening the package.

The same goes for most toys these days. You can be sure no kid (or adult, for that matter) is going to open one and slip it in his pocket, unless he brings a handsaw into the store with him.

Then there are those fitted sheets with elastic all the way around. Okay, once you get them on the bed, they stay in place quite well, but you risk injury if one corner slips off while putting it on. It becomes a slingshot. And how are you supposed to fold them?

Locating the corner seams and placing them together doesn't really solve the problem. They usually end up kind of wadded up and stuck on the shelf under the flat sheet. Of course, if you succeed in getting them on the bed again, the wrinkles will stretch out.

Clothes hangers are another invention demonically inspired; especially the metal pants hangers with the little hook in the middle. Those things just refuse to cooperate - with humans or with each other.

Few things can rile me like tangled clothes hangers.

I'm sure everybody has a few such simple things that can spoil your attitude and set the tone for the day - if you let them.

On the other hand, if those are the worst of our problems, I guess we really have a lot for which to be thankful.



Holbrook Area News

Mrs. Thelma Jackson
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June Rutz and Allen Farrelly came home from Sterling Heights and on Sunday attended the benefit dinner for Jennifer Kolar at Argyle.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Doerr and Savana of Cass City, Mrs. Curtis Cleland, Wendy Rickett and Caitlyn, Tony Middaugh, Jamie Doerr and Jaden and Courtney, Nick Zaleski and Amy Doerr were Thanksgiving Day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Doerr of Ubly.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson visited

Thelma Jackson on Thursday.

June Rutz of Sterling Heights and Allen Farrelly attended the funeral of Beatrice Ross at St. Johns Catholic Church in Argyle.

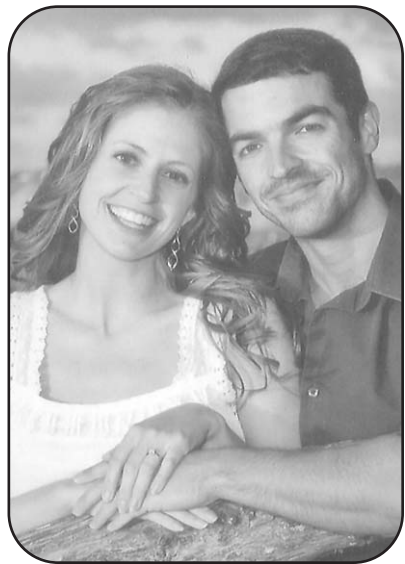
Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski and Mr. and Mrs. Allen Depcinski attended the funeral of Wilfred Depcinski at St. Johns Church in Ubly.

Ordean Michalski visited Thelma Jackson.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Sweeney visited Francis Tschirhart at Courtney Manor.

Engaged

Roderick and Marilyn Walsh of Ubly announce the engagement of their



Alicia Walsh and Anthony Ivetac

daughter, Alicia Renae, to Anthony David Ivetac, son of Silvia Ivetac and the late Mario Ivetac of Wiltshire, England.

Alicia, a 2000 graduate of Ubly High School, completed her bachelor's degree at Central Michigan University in 2004 and her master's degree at San Diego State University in 2008. She is currently employed as a human resources generalist at ISE Corporation in Poway, Calif. She is the granddaughter of Rita Walsh and the late Leo Walsh, and Dolan and Beatrice Sweeney, all of Ubly.

Anthony attended St. Augustine's Secondary School in Wiltshire, England. He completed his doctorate in biochemistry at Oxford University in England in 2007. He is currently employed as a research scientist at the University of California in San Diego, Calif.

A July 9, 2010 wedding is currently being planned in San Diego, followed by a reception in Michigan in August.

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It's a boy!

Doctors Eric and Heidi Yeager of Back 2 Back Chiropractic in Cass City and Caseville announce the birth of their son, Jase Bradlee Yeager.

Jase was born Aug. 17, 2009 at Covenant Hospital in Saginaw. He weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces and was 18 1/2 inches long.

His grandparents are Carl and Alice (Bradley) Vollmar of Sand Point, and Gary and Glenda (Graves) Yeager of Corrales, NM.



Jase Yeager

Church planning food giveaway

The Farver Road Baptist Church and WCTP Christian Radio 88.5 announces another food giveaway Monday, Dec. 14, at noon inside the Noah's Ark Amusement building, 4330 Farver Rd.

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In Our OPINION...

Clarke Haire
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Football drama is no laughing matter in Cass City District

Heard the joke about a priest, a rabbi and a sailor who wind up getting marooned in a life raft with Raquel Welch? The dinghy drifts out to sea, capsize and yadda, yadda, yadda... “those aren’t buoys.”

How about the one where a high school varsity football coach is fired, told the district’s gridiron program is looking to move in a new direction, but is pegged to be re-hired, in the same capacity, over the next few weeks.

While several of our more conservative readers, my wife included, may find little humor in my opening statement (hey, I am not even sure how the yarn should be told); it’s a safe bet that most everyone familiar with what has transpired in Cass City’s pursuit of a head football coach believe it’s no laughing matter.

Here’s the skinny. After 10 years of service, Coach Scott Cuthrell was given his walking papers following his team’s showing this past fall when the Red Hawks finished 1-4 in the Greater Thumb West Conference and 3-6 overall.

A 7-member panel was then formed and charged with finding a mentor that could take our program to the next level. From a list of 10 applications, the committee held interviews with 3 finalists and will recommend that the Cass City Board of Education give Cuthrell a new contract at its December meeting.

However, here’s the rub; The committee’s recommendation was far from unanimous and it is widely believed that there are school board officials that will oppose giving Cuthrell his old job back.

And to that we say, enough is enough. The committee did its job and now its time for the school board to do the same.

What’s needed now is a united front - from coaches, players, parents and school supporters - to build an alliance we all can be proud to call Cass City Red Hawk Football.

Cass City Athletic Director Don Markel, who admits certain aspects of Cass City’s coaching search should have been handled differently, has told me on more than one occasion that whoever coaches football or basketball, in a small community, is a big deal.

And if Cuthrell is to silent his critics, he’ll need our unconditional support while in charge.

The same holds true for Supt. Ron Wilson, who has faced many tough and unpopular decisions since taking over for Ken Micklash, including the recent privatization of the district’s custodial services, financial hardships and the ridding of a once popular band director in his first year on the job, to name a few.

While we can’t say that our school leaders have always made the right choices, and when they don’t its appropriate that the community speaks up. But to declare that Wilson, Markel, Cuthrell and the board of education don’t have the best interests of our children at heart shouldn’t be questioned.

It’s time to move forward - together.



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

Superstitions are ideas or beliefs possessed by people without reason or knowledge. People do not have a reason, other than to prevent some sort of irrational disaster, of why they practice such rituals as crossing fingers, throwing salt over shoulders, or not stepping on cracks.

And, though they may be without reason, superstitions are practiced right here at Cass City High School and especially during the winter sports season.

Small rituals such as eating meals together or saying a prayer are performed by most teams, but it seems that the wrestling team has all the others beat with its unconventional practices.

Wrestling itself actually consists of each team member being expected to compete in a weight class and wrestle with designated moves against an opponent for 3 rounds each lasting 2 minutes. If a student is above a weight class that they want to achieve, the pressure is on. Each wrestler must lose or gain weight the day before competition.

Josh Jensen, a sophomore, spoke of a recent endeavor in losing weight. “I had to lose 10 lbs in two days,” he said, adding he did this by eating little, but also by running in sweatpants, a hat, and gloves around the hallways at school until the pounds melted away.

Just as wrestlers use different methods to lose weight and train, they practice different rituals that they believe are to their advantage.

Superstition is high in wrestling and many stories can be told of the odd rituals wrestlers practice before

meets. Some run a certain number of laps around the mat, others go off in a corner by themselves and get angry, and still others must listen to specific songs in a certain order. At the start of the season, these rituals may not be obvious, but as it progresses they are formed and you can see any of them in use near the end of the season.

Kevven Dorland, a senior and in his fourth year on the team, may have some of the more eccentric methods for getting prepared for meets. Though already below his weight class, he tries to keep everything constant by only eating one full meal a day. He has plenty of superstitions and rituals as well.

“I only drink blue Gatorade or PowerAde. “I wear the same clothes every match day, including my lucky underwear and singlet (wrestling uniform) underneath it all,” he said.

The wrestlers also have some traditions as a team. According to the members, huddles, jokes, heavy metal music, and singing are all common practices that bring the team together.

But, do these superstitions really work? And how do wrestlers react when they accidentally slip and mess up their routine? No one seems to really know. Dorland mentioned that he could not remember a time when he slipped up, and superstition runs too high to suddenly change a ritual.

While wrestling is a very physically demanding sport, it is hugely mental, too. Reacting under pressure is key and it seems these rituals, which may seem silly to others, are vital to keeping the nerves under control and confidence high in all situations.

Reporter’s notebook

Jury duty is not a pair of 4-letter words

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

I don’t consider “jury duty” as being a pair of 4-letter words, although a number of citizens apparently do these days. There are even websites on the Internet devoted to how you can get out of jury duty.

Why? Is it really that big of an inconvenience to take on not only a civic responsibility, but also a privilege in our nation?

Participation in jury trials provides citizens with an opportunity to incorporate community values into dispute resolution, guard against abuse of power by legislatures, businesses and government agencies, and protect the rights of all citizens. It also gives you the chance to get a first-hand look into and have an impact on the local court system.

Jury duty isn’t a big mystery. Prospective candidates are identified by the Secretary of State via driver’s license or Michigan identification cards. Those selected are mailed a juror qualification questionnaire, which may lead to your being called for duty.

Some prospective jurors can automatically be excused for specific reasons, including medical (with doctor verification), living out of the county, attending college, at the age limit of 70, and those with a felony record.

If you are selected, you can expect to be treated with dignity and respect, have court facilities and procedures identified and explained during your service, have your questions answered by the appropriate court staff member, and be informed of rules and guidelines designed to ensure the integrity of the legal process.

Once that process has begun, a juror can be excused if the judge deter-

mines there is a valid reason that the juror should not serve in the case. In addition, each attorney has a right to excuse a certain number of jurors without giving a reason for doing so. The selection process is called voir dire.

Once a jury is selected and the evidence has been presented, the jury is sent into a jury room to deliberate and decide the verdict. The goals are to keep an open mind, determine the facts of the case by sharing information and points of view, apply jury instructions appropriately and decide on a verdict based on the evidence presented in the courtroom.

You may have guessed it; I’ve been called to serve as a juror in Tuscola County Circuit Court early next year.

I can’t say what my chances are of actually serving on a jury in a felony trial, given my occupation. Even if I may seem like a suitable candidate otherwise, I wonder if a defense attorney or prosecutor might ask for my dismissal, considering the chances are good I am familiar with the case and have reported on it.

On the other hand, I’m probably a little more familiar with the court system and how it works than the average juror. After all, I’ve reported court news and attended my share of jury trials over the years. By virtue of my job, I try to pay special attention to detail and strive to be objective.

Although I previously served on a jury in district court, I was the last juror called and wasn’t asked all of the same questions as the other prospective jurors, including my occupation.

I suppose circumstances will determine if I actually have the opportunity to serve as a juror again.

The bottom line, in my mind, is that I’m willing to serve.



The back forty by Roger Pond

There seem to be two types of hunters and fishermen: Those who stretch the truth, and those who shrink it. Either way, the truth is a nebulous concept for most of us.

I learned this while hunting rabbits when I was a teenager. My brother Kenny and I had a pretty good morning with the cottontails and were near limits by noon. Then we headed into town for lunch.

A well-known truth-stretcher approached our table to talk about hunting. “We were just out for an hour or so and got two pheasants,” he said. “How’d you boys do?”

“Oh, we didn’t get anything,” Kenny said.

After the older man left, I asked my brother, “Why didn’t you tell him about the rabbits we shot?”

“I knew he didn’t have any pheasants,” Kenny said. “So I figured if he was going to lie to us, why should I tell him the truth?”

My son has adopted a similar strategy for steelhead fishing. When someone asks if he’s having any luck, Russ generally says, “Nope,” whether he has or not.

If they ask what kind of bait he’s using, he says, “Eggs.” Russ might have the biggest, shiniest plug you ever saw dangling from his rod tip, but he still says, “Eggs.”

I really can’t fault those answers. When a person catches fish, it’s probably not a good idea to broadcast it all over the county, and salmon eggs are certainly a time-tested bait.

In his book, “The Best of Ed Zern,” the great humor writer tells about one of his friends who spent much of his

life on the trout streams of the Northwest. The fishing pressure and finicky trout in that part of the country turned this fellow into an expert with those tiny, little flies they call nymphs.

When a business trip took him to Portland, Oregon, this man wasted no time in renting a car and heading for the Deschutes River. After studying the water for a while he noticed a tiny midge was hatching. So he tied on a Number 20 nymph (slightly larger than a fruit fly), and proceeded to clobber trout the rest of the day.


He lost quite a few fish on the little flies, but managed to keep five in the 16 to 18-inch class. (Daily limits on the Deschutes were larger in those days.)

As he was walking back to the car, he ran into a party of three local fishermen — all of whom seemed about eight feet tall. When they saw his stringer of fish they asked what kind of bait he caught them on. (Bait was still legal at the time.)

The fly fisherman showed them the tiny, little nymph, and these western fishermen “became moody,” as Zern puts it. One of them picked Zern’s friend up by the scruff of the neck and said, “In these parts, stranger, when a man asks us what we caught our fish on, we don’t try to kid him. Now git!”

He got. But before he made it back to his car he ran into another group of eight-foot tall fishermen. After admiring his trout, they asked what he caught them on.

“A great big glob of salmon eggs,” he said. Then he jumped in his car and drove to Portland as fast as he could!



Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

This is my story and I am sticking to it.

I’d like to think that I had a hand, albeit very minor, in molding 1998 Red Hawk graduate Tim Micklash for his new roll as Farmington Harrison girls’ varsity basketball coach.

I am sure Jeff Hartel did, as Micklash was an all-conference point guard for Hartel in his senior year, when he led the Thumb in free throw shooting (90%). As for my contribution, hopefully Micklash, 29, can still remember that I, too, was a former mentor, back when he was a Cass City eighth grader.

The landscape of downtown Cass City is showing signs of life. At the corner of Main and Seeger streets, Coach Light Pharmacy has begun renovations to expand into the former Old Wood Drug building.

Next door, at 6476 Main Street, Julie Carpenter Moore has purchased the building that last housed the Cass City Antique Mall. She plans to operate a Day Care Center.

No need to fret if you’re a Cass City Antique Mall shopper, however, because they plan to reopen at 6544 Main Street, better known by old-timers (of which I must be one, considering the color of my hair and these first 2 items of trivia) as the old Damm Farm Implement building.

If you are interested in helping a local child, one opportunity is through the Backpack Program at Cass City Public Schools.

The Backpack Program is a project of the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan, which works to reduce child hunger, educate and promote healthy lifestyles. The program provides children at risk of hunger with a backpack of nutritious food every weekend and school holiday throughout the school year.

A \$100 donation provides enough food for one child for the entire school year. If you’re considering a donation, but would like more information, contact Shari Bock, food service director, at 989-872-5729.

The Tuscola Area Airport Authority (TAAA) is considering a county-wide ballot to raise \$70,000 needed to help sustain the Caro airstrip.

It would cost the average homeowner less than \$2 annually and the millage would be for 1/10%. Also discussed at the TAAA Nov. meeting, attended by Village President Carl Palmateer, was turning 116 acres of state-owned land south of the airport into a centrally located park.

Lions Club member Ken Martin says one lucky person is \$352 richer following Saturday’s Christmas in the Village community gathering. It’s the individual who purchased the civic club’s 50/50 ticket numbered 6156197. Contact the Chronicle office and we’ll tell you how to collect your winnings.

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GERMAN EXCHANGE student Lars Weigmann prepares a couple of Christmas packages he's planning to send home to his family. He said the packages include a variety of Cass City memorabilia, including T-shirts, cups, pens and other items he purchased from the Spirit Store at Cass City High School.

German exchange student is enjoying holidays in village

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

You don't have to sell Lars Weigmann on the United States of America. The German native was familiar with this country long before he arrived 3 months ago as an exchange student.

"The first time I came here, I fell in love with the country," said Weigmann, 16, who previously visited the United States with his family on vacations to Chicago, New York, Los Angeles and Miami. "It's the mentality of the people, the freedom, friendly people," he added.

Weigmann will be in Cass City through June under the auspices of the ASSE International Student Exchange Programs (ASSE). The history of the ASSE goes back to the 1930s, when the Swedish Parliament instituted an exchange program for Swedish and German students. In the post-World War II era, the program was expanded to include England, France, Spain and Switzerland. The United States was added in the 1960s. Since then, ASSE officials have ex-

panded the exchange program to include countries across the globe.

Weigmann is staying with Gail Smith, who has not only hosted a number of exchange students over the years, but also serves as an ASSE representative, helping to place exchange students in the homes of Michigan families.

"I love it. It's addictive," Smith said of working with exchange students. "It's so much fun. It's 2-fold; to show these kids what the United States is all about, especially in Cass City — what a small town is all about. And, secondly, they bring so much to the table. I learn so much from them."

Weigmann indicated he's at home in Cass City, having come here from the small German town of Hohenthurm, population 1,800 to 2,000 people.

"I like Cass City. It's a really nice town. It's not too small, not too big," he said. "It's really cool. I've met a lot of kids (at Cass City High School) who are really friendly and ask me questions. They want to know about me."

Weigmann's command of English is

impressive. He also speaks Russian, but is enjoying using his English skills on a daily basis, almost as much as the opportunity to experience life in the United States on a long-term basis. "Being an American, being part of their life, being part of it," he said.

His personal interests include basketball and music. "I like the typical stuff; video games, movies, art," he said.

Weigmann, whose father works for the German railroad and whose mother is a dental hygienist, said being an exchange student has given him a sense of independence. "Being able to do things more alone," he explained, "because now I'm living without my parents, which is a good experience, I think."

Smith said most exchange students become efficient managers of their time and money while living away from home. "I find that they're so responsible, regardless of their (cash) allotment," she added.

As for Weigmann, he's considering a move to the United States on a permanent basis eventually.

He's already gotten into the spirit of the holidays, although he's noticed the hype surrounding Christmas gets underway a bit early.

"Thanksgiving — that's a really cool holiday," he said. "It's about family. That's what Christmas is all about."

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Several face charges in court

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

- Jeffery A. Swift, 39, Caro, pleaded guilty to absconding or forfeiting bond Nov. 18, 2008, in Caro, and to larceny in a building June 29, 2008, in Caro. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convictions). A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case and bond was continued at a combined \$8,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.
- William C. Downs, 28, Wheeler, was sentenced to 2 to 8 years in prison for his plea of guilty to escape from jail while serving a sentence for a felony conviction July 14. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (2 prior felony convictions). In addition to prison time, he was ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$128.
- James W. Dalton, 29, Vassar, received a one-year delayed sentence following his plea of guilty to one count of writing a no account check for \$243.50, and 2 counts of attempted writing a no account check for \$148.40 and \$63.60 Feb. 25-28 in Indianfields Township. He was ordered to pay \$1,334 plus restitution of \$530.80.
- Derrick S. Becker, 22, Caro, was sentenced to 2 to 20 years in prison for his pleas of guilty to first degree home invasion and possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony June 23-30 in Novesta Township, and to first degree home invasion and possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony June 23-30 in Kingston Township. He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$256 plus restitution of \$3,245.
- Donna L. Spoon, 29, was sentenced to 180 days in the county jail (90 days deferred) for her pleas of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, and assaulting a police officer May 10 in Vassar. She was also placed on 60 months probation and ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$2,796.
- Michael B. Bowman, 34, Deford, was sentenced to 90 days in jail and 24 months probation for his plea of guilty to interfering with electronic communications and assault or assault and battery June 18 in Novesta Township. He was also ordered to pay \$681 in costs and fines.
- Aaron M. Morgan, 31, Linwood, was sentenced to 90 days in jail and 60 months probation for his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, May 9 in Akron Township. He was also ordered to complete 200 hours of community service and pay costs and fines totaling \$2,628 plus restitution of \$95.
- Mark S. Schank, 35, Clifford, received a one-year delayed sentence following his plea of guilty to interference with electronic communications and domestic violence Nov. 2, 2008, in Koylton Township. He was also ordered to pay \$1,481 in costs and fines.
- Kyle J. Tumblin, 21, Fairgrove, was sentenced to 180 days in jail, with work release, for his plea of no contest to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor -

causing serious injury June 15 in Akron Township.

He was also ordered to complete 100 hours of community service and pay costs and fines totaling \$3,628.

- Timothy W. Bearer, 31,

Mayville, pleaded no contest to carrying a weapon with unlawful intent July 6 in Dayton Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was set at \$1,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

Officials: H1N1 emails fraudulent

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Office of the Chief Information Security Officer (OCISO) Cyber Security Incident Response Team (CSIRT) have received reports of fraudulent emails referencing a CDC-sponsored State Vaccination Program for the H1N1 virus.

The messages request that users create a personal H1N1 Vaccination Profile on the cdc.gov website. The messages then state that anyone who has reached the age of 18 has to have his/her personal vaccination profile on the cdc.gov site.

The CDC has not implemented a state vaccination program requiring registration on www.cdc.gov. These emails are a scam and residents are asked to ignore and delete them.

Users that click on the embedded link in the email are at risk of having a malicious code installed on their system. The OCISO reminds users to take the following steps to reduce the

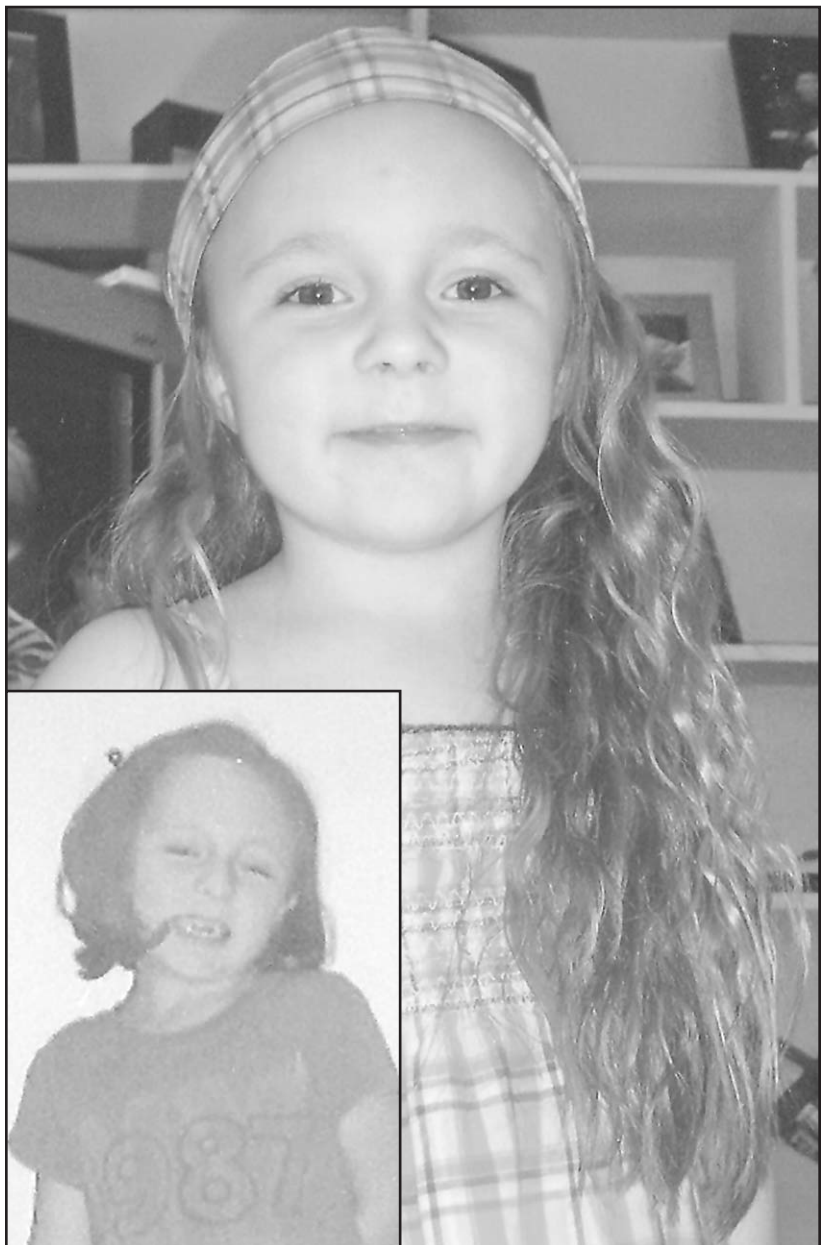
risk of being a victim of a phishing attack:

- * Do not follow unsolicited links and do not open or respond to unsolicited email messages.
- * Use caution when visiting untrusted websites.
- * Use caution when entering personal information online.

For more information, visit www.cdc.gov/hoaxes_rumors.html.

Caro boasts the largest apple ever

According to the Guinness Book of Records, the largest apple ever plucked from a tree weighed 3 pounds, 2 ounces, and was picked in Caro, Mich.



MADISON Schwartz, daughter of Ashley Schwartz and Jeremy Schwartz, both of Cass City, recently had her hair cut at Angel's Hair Studio in Cass City in order to donate her locks to Locks of Love, an organization that creates and donates hair pieces for children suffering from hair loss due to a variety of medical conditions.

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Drum and bugle corps

Cass City grad eyes spot with the Boston Crusaders

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Lauren Halcomb-Hudson left her high school marching band days behind back in 2008 when she graduated from Cass City High School.

But she has since continued to pursue her love of marching and music at the University of Central Florida (UCF) as a member of the school's Marching Knights' trombone line. And, she hopes to fulfill another dream — marching with a top 12 world class drum and bugle corps — this summer.

Halcomb-Hudson, a 2008 Cass City High School graduate, recently attended a weekend audition camp hosted by the Boston Crusaders, a world class corps based in Boston, Mass.

"I'm told that I have a good chance. All I know is that I'm invited to round 2," she said of the corps' next audition weekend later this month.

The Boston Crusaders is one of about 2 dozen world class drum and bugle corps that compete under an umbrella organization called Drum Corps International (DCI). The corps, composed of up to 150 members ages 16 to 21, hold auditions and weekend camps in the fall and throughout the winter months.

In the spring, they "move in" to a

school or other housing site, spending the next few weeks putting together the show they will present throughout the summer in competitions across the country. Corps members live together, traveling thousands of miles on buses and performing in venues ranging from high school football fields to NFL stadiums, culminating with world championships in Indianapolis in August.

Unlike high school and college marching bands, drum corps perform with brass and percussion instruments only. They also feature color guard units — members whose "instruments" are flags, rifles and other pieces of equipment.

The activity is demanding. It isn't unusual for corps members to put in 12-hour rehearsal days, and their typical sleeping accommodations are air mattresses, sleeping bags and a gymnasium floor. And, they pay for the privilege — up to \$2,000 in corps fees plus travel expenses for the fall and winter camps.

Halcomb-Hudson, 20, got her first taste of the activity a couple years ago when she marched with a smaller drum and bugle corps.

"In 2007, I marched with Pioneer Drum and Bugle Corps, pushing myself beyond what I thought was my physical and mental limits, and (marching) in such places as the

Alamo Dome, Georgia Dome, Liberty Bowl and Rose Bowl," she recalled.

As a middle school student, Halcomb-Hudson viewed marching band only as a better alternative to taking a gym class, but she changed her mind after marching in her first parade.

"Being a 'crazy band geek', I loved marching band in all forms. When I met Mr. Todd Thamer, who was interim director of the Cass City High School Band, I was introduced to drum corps," she said. "I did research on the activity on my own and was immediately hooked."

"I taught myself baritone and auditioned for Pioneer the following year — my junior year," Halcomb-Hudson noted. "I took off the next 2 summers for school and Girl Scouts; I took summer classes at UCF after I graduated, and the next summer, I worked at a Girl Scout camp as a counselor."

Last spring Halcomb-Hudson was invited to fill a contrabass spot at a Boston Crusaders camp in Tampa, Fla., but she had to decline due to other plans. But she promised corps officials that she would "check them out" this year, which led to her decision to audition.

"I never really put much thought or effort into the November camp, attending only as a stress reliever from college, fraternity things, marching band and, as promised," she said. "I just knew I had to at least go to camp and see. My attitude about the Crusaders immediately changed the Friday of camp. I felt like I was home."

The Boston Crusaders was founded in 1940 and this upcoming season will be its 70th anniversary, according to Halcomb-Hudson, who said the corps hosts its monthly brass camps in Tampa, about 2 hours from UCF, where she is majoring in music education.

Halcomb-Hudson, who plans to eventually work as a high school band director and serve as a visual technician for marching bands and drum and bugle corps, hopes to add to her resume by spending the summer of 2010 with the Boston Crusaders, and she's prepared to do whatever it takes to make the corps.

Halcomb-Hudson acknowledged that she has debated the pros and cons of another summer on the road, working as hard as any professional athlete, but for pay that comes in the form of personal satisfaction, the thrill of performing in front of huge crowds, and the applause following a great show.

But, in the end, she was willing to put work, summer vacation and other activities on the back burner for one more year in drum corps.

"It's more or less for those moments of pure brilliance, almost. You feel bigger than yourself when you're out there," she said. "It's like magic. It's like pure ecstasy."



HALCOMB-HUDSON is pictured above during a performance in 2007 with the Pioneer Drum and Bugle Corps, based in Milwaukee, Wis.

O-G honors student

Ashley Rockefeller has been named Owendale-Gagetown High School's "Senior Student of the Month" for November.



Ashley Rockefeller

Rockefeller has been active in sports throughout high school, participating in basketball and softball for 4 years along with volleyball for 2 years. She has also taken Tae Kwon Do instruction for 2 years and has participated in dance classes.

Academically, Rockefeller has consistently been on the honor roll and has been a member of the school's 3.0 Honors Club each year. She is a member of the National Honor Society and currently serves as the chapter's secretary.

Rockefeller served as a class representative to the student council in her freshman and sophomore years. Also as a sophomore, she was elected as a class representative on the "snowball court", and as a junior was named to the prom committee.

For the past 2 years, she has been involved in the Huron Area Technical Center's Architecture, Engineering and Design Technology program.

Rockefeller is the daughter of Angie M. Rockefeller and Gary Rockefeller of Gagetown. Her future plans include attending college in the fall.

Down Memory Lane

By Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO

Owen-Gage seniors Katie Swiastyn and Kayla Zaleski repeated as first team selections on the North Central Thumb League - North Division all conference basketball team. Joining the Bulldogs pair as dream team members were Port Hope junior Kelsey Mausolf and senior Breanne Iseler, Caseville senior Kelly Ross and North Huron junior Andrea Clancy.

Kingston dominated the NCTL South Division first team selections with 3 nominations in Brittini Hill, Leigha Wilmot and Allison Walkiewicz. Also named to the first team were Courtney Willis, CPS; Amber Bailey, Memphis; and Stephanie Roles, Peck.

Cass City opened the wrestling season Wednesday, Dec. 1, with a split in a pair of dual meets. The Hawks topped Capac, 40-39, and lost to Imlay City, 45-33. Pacing the Hawks with 2 wins each were Lee Hutchinson, Jason James, Jeremy Farr, Marcel Helland and Jeff Tenbusch.

Supervisor Jim Turner, Trustee Ken Blue, Clerk Elaine Seibel and Trustee Norma Rabideau represent nearly 85 years worth of experience on the Elmwood Township Board. All 4 officials opted not to seek reelection last month.

10 YEARS AGO

It's beginning to look a lot like ... winter! A mild fall and equally mild November turned white Sunday night with the area's first measurable snowfall of the season. Only a couple inches of the white stuff fell, but it was enough to prompt Quaker Maid owner Tahani Khoury to break out her snow shovel early Monday morning.

Jack Laurie, president of Michigan Farm Bureau (MFB), was given the Michigan State University Department of Animal Science 1999 Dairy Farmer of the Year Award at MFB's annual meeting Nov. 30-Dec. 1 at Traverse City. Laurie co-manages, with sons, Douglas and David, a 1,600-acre farm that supports a herd of 520 cows near Cass City. The farm has been in the family since 1938.

If you're still shopping for that perfect, unique Christmas gift, George Pachla might be the man to see. Pachla and his wife, Helen, recently opened Cass City Tattoos & Body Piercing in a Cass City storefront next to Gilligan's. Pachla offers a nearly limitless variety of tattoos, ranging from tiny flowers and butterflies to intricate designs that cover entire body parts. He also specializes in fine line and cover up work.

25 YEARS AGO

In establishing a scholarship trust fund before her death in 1971, Meda

Graham gave a gift that keeps on giving to Alma College students. Among the 52 Alma students benefiting from her generosity and designated "Meda Graham Scholars" for 1984-85 are junior Darryl Lesoski from Caro and senior Brian deBeaubien from Cass City. Brian, a 1981 graduate of Cass City High School, is the son of Richard and Nancy deBeaubien, 4122 Koepfgen Rd., Cass City. Darryl, a 1982 graduate of Caro High School is the son of Rosalie Lesoski, 164 2nd St., Caro. Both are majoring in biology at Alma College.

At a public hearing Monday night, at the township hall in Deford, residents of Novesta Township approved purchase by the township of a 10-acre site to be used to set a trash dumpster for residential trash collection. The property that the board will purchase, owned by Joseph Krukowski, 15657 Sprenger St., East Detroit, was one of three possible sites presented by deputy treasurer Everett Field. The 10 acres, located on Deckerville Road, near Crawford Road, will be purchased for \$8,500. For several years the township residents have taken their household garbage to the Cass City landfill. The landfill will be closed at the end of this year because of DNR requirements.

Next spring, when the cold weather leaves the state, residents of Cass City will be able to enjoy the warm sunshine in a new Cass City park. The park, located on Main Street, between Ale and Sherman Streets, has been leased to the village by the Chemical Bank for \$1 per year. Under the terms of the agreement, the property may be used only as a park, and the bank has the right to sell the property. Rotarian Mike Weaver said that the Cass City Rotary Club has agreed to donate \$500 as "seed money" to purchase shrubs and for planting flowers.

35 YEARS AGO

Mrs. Mary Haffner, 59, of Homewood, Ill., cried on the shoulder of her husband, Lester, after winning

\$200,000 in Friday's Michigan Lottery drawing held near Caro. Mrs. Haffner purchased the winning ticket in partnership with her cousin, Mrs. Iris Belloni, 64 of Madison Heights.

To some persons, a paint brush is just a paint brush. But not to Joe Stanko of Warren and Deford. To Stanko, a paint brush is the tool that works humorous magic on just about anything that will hold still. You can generally tell where Stanko has been. You can tell because he leaves behind a humorous picture-message that says in effect, "but for the grace of God go I." You don't have to look far around the Cass City and Deford area to see where Stanko's been. Deford, for instance, has a new jail, courtesy of Joe. Then there are the totem pole, mail box and sign welcoming you to "Mosquito Haven", Stanko's weekend place on Gilford Road a mile south of Deford.

Michigan continues to be the most popular state in the nation for snowmobiling, with the number of registered snowmobiles approaching the 400,000 mark at the 1974-75 season gets underway, according to Automobile Club of Michigan. Minnesota, the state with the second largest number of registered snowmobiles, trails far behind Michigan, Auto Club notes. Michigan currently has 392,000 snowmobiles registered as compared to 276,000 in Minnesota. "Just 10 years ago, there were fewer than 1,500 snowmobiles operating in Michigan," said Joseph Ratke, Auto Club touring manager. "Now the number of registered snowmobiles surpasses the total of licensed motorcycles in Michigan by more than 85,000 vehicles."

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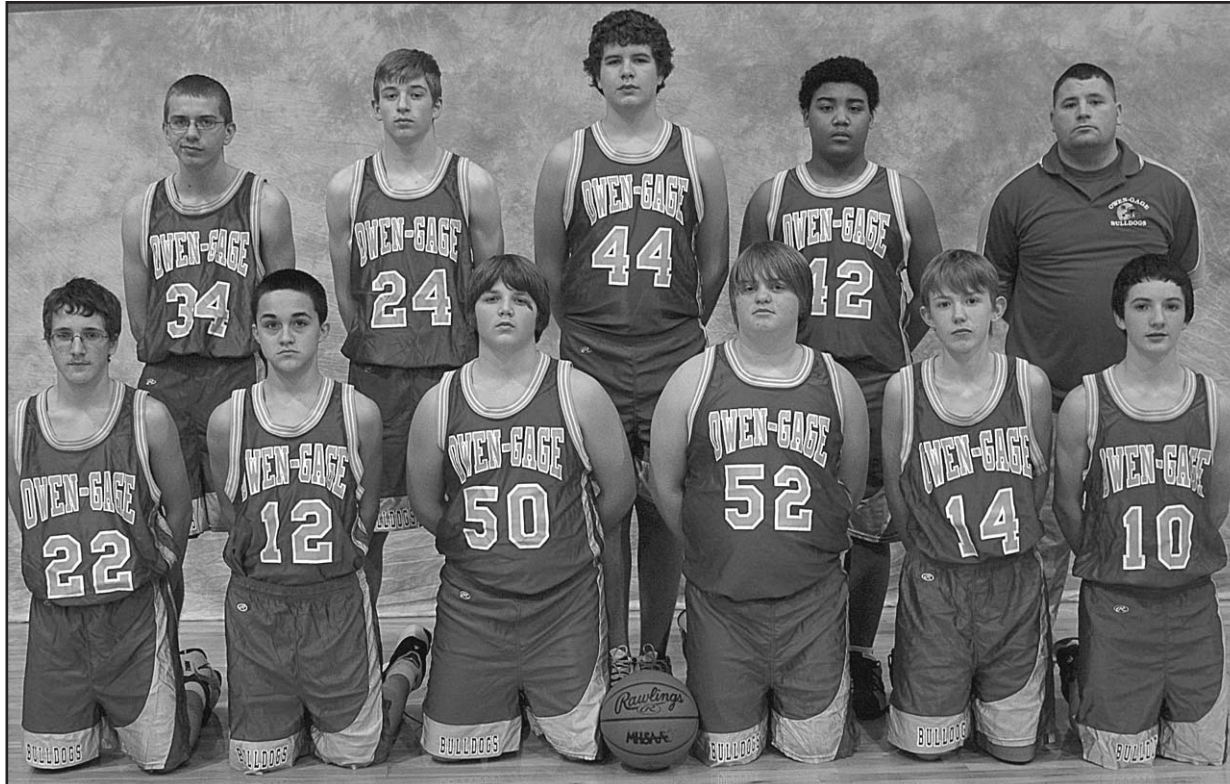
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THE 2009-10 OWEN-GAGE boys' varsity basketball team members are, from left, Bryan Buschlen, Eric Montreuil, Nick Zaleski, Ryan Francis, Jordan Kain, Devin Prich and Clyde Rhodes. Missing is Hunter Champagne.

**THE 2009-10 OWEN-
GAGE boys' junior varsity basketball team members are: (front, l-r) Danny Jeffery, Brett Morrish, Mike Mandich, Eric Reivert, David Lorenz, Mike Harp (back) Allen Miller, Andrew Fahrner, Ben Good, Quinn Smith and Coach Joe Tkacz.**



Senior trio expected to pace Bulldog boys' basketball team

The Owen-Gage boys' basketball team will count on 3 returning seniors to lead the Bulldogs when they open North Central Thumb League action Friday at Memphis.

Coach Derek Howard, entering his third year in charge, is counting heavily on the senior trio of Nick Zaleski, Ryan Francis and Devin Prich, all with at least 3 years of varsity experi-

ence, to improve on last year's marks of 10-8 in conference play and 11-9 overall.

However, with a roster of just 8 players, including first year players in

freshman Jordan Kain, sophomore Hunter Champagne and juniors Clyde Rhodes and Bryan Buschlen, the Bulldogs will need to grow up quickly if they hope to battle for the North Central Thumb League - North crown.

Of the 3 Bulldog senior team leaders, Zaleski, who averaged a dozen points per game last season, is the most gifted. Capable of grabbing the rim with either hand, he can create his own shot off the dribble when he heads down the lane and will help Francis - the team's tallest player at 6' - with the rebounding chores.

Francis, an honorable mention all-conference pick in his junior season, will give the Bulldogs a proven scorer in the paint, while Prich, a second team all-conference selection in 2009, is an eagle eye from behind the 3-point arc.

Howard calls Prich the best pure shooter to wear a Bulldog uniform in a long time and has a high understanding of the game, while Francis has all the moves to provide scoring in the lane, an area hit hard for the Bulldogs with the graduation losses of James Harris and Derek Bucholtz.

Also gone from last year's team is leading scorer Brent Reil. Howard will look for returning junior Eric Montreuil to up his scoring average this season to be successful.

As for the Bulldogs' competition, Howard sees North Huron, who returns all-state performer Sean Clancy, as the elite team in the North Central Thumb League, while Akron-Fairgrove is considered the North Division dark horse.

Owen-Gage High School Boys' Basketball Schedule

Home games in bold.

Home games in bold.

December 8	SASA (V Only)
December 11	Memphis
December 15	Caseville
December 18	Peck
January 5	North Huron
January 8	C.P.S.
January 12	Port Hope
January 12	W.C.A. (JV)
January 15	Dryden
January 19	Akron-Fairgrove
January 22	Kingston
January 29	Memphis
February 2	Caseville
February 5	Peck (Snowball)
February 9	North Huron
February 12	C.P.S.
February 16	Port Hope
February 19	Dryden
February 23	Akron-Fairgrove
February 26	Kingston
March 5	Arenac Eastern
March 8	Districts

Kingston girls roll over O-G to open season

Megan James scored 18 points and Emily Chambers added a dozen as Kingston used a big second half to defeat Owen-Gage Friday in the season opener for both schools.

In the early going in the North Central Thumb League crossover battle both teams traded punches until James hit on back-to-back hoops, including a pretty, old fashioned 3-point play, which had the hosts in front 12-5 late in the opening quarter.

The Cardinals expanded their advantage to 28-18 at the break and then turned up their defensive pressure in the third period, limiting the Bulldogs to just 6 third quarter tallies.

Leading 42-24, the Cardinals exploded for 20 points over the final 8 minutes to record a 62-34 decision.

Despite the setback, first year Coach Doug Hyatt was pleased with his Lady Bulldogs' effort.

"We played aggressively. But it's hard to get any type of running game going when you lose the battle on the boards," Hyatt said.

Typical of the Bulldogs' hustle on the night was the performance of Ashley Rockefeller. The senior guard dove hard to the floor in front of the Owen-Gage bench, forcing a

Kingston turnover that promptly resulted in a high five from Hyatt.

However, in addition to numerous turnovers created by the Cardinals' full court pressure, the visitors also had a hard time converting at the foul line, finishing 11 for 22 at the stripe.

"We definitely had some opening game jitters," Hyatt said. "But it was a good game to have right away to show us what we need to work on."

Lauren Mandich, still hampered by a bum right knee, lead the Bulldogs with 8 points, while Mandy Muntz chipped in 7 and Megan McLaren and Kayla Montreuil split 14.

Chelsea Ruggles added 9 points for the Cardinals.

OWEN-GAGE - Montreuil 2-0 (2-2) 6; Mandich 2-0 (4-6) 8; Mroz 1-0 (0-0) 2; Schmidt 1-0 (2-4) 4; Muntz 3-0 (1-5) 7; McLaren 2-0 (2-4) 6; Rockefeller 1-0 (0-1) 2.

TOTALS - 12-0 (11-22) 35.

KINGSTON - James 8-0 (2-4) 18; Lester 2-0 (1-4) 5; Chambers 6-0 (0-0) 12; Barden 1-0 (0-0) 2; Ruggles 4-0 (1-2) 9; Daily 2-0 (3-7) 7; Collins 2-0 (0-0) 4; Brzezinski 2-0 (1-2) 5.

TOTALS - 27-0 (8-19) 62.



OWEN-GAGE'S Megan McLaren uses a pump fake to get Kingston's Alison Lester in the air during Friday's North Central Thumb League affair. McLaren scored 6 points in the Bulldog defeat.



KINGSTON'S Abby Brzezinski looks for an outlet after grabbing a rebound against Owen-Gage in the season opener for both schools. The host Cardinals posted a 62-34 victory.

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Cass City cagers searching for maiden victory

Things aren't expected to get easier for the Cass City girls' basketball team anytime soon.

After running into a buzz saw Friday at Brown City, Coach Lloyd Schinnerer's Lady Red Hawks will travel to face Sandusky tonight (Wednesday), which many feel is home to the best squad in the Thumb.

And that's pretty good, considering the Green Devils had their way with the Red Hawks in the latest outing for both schools.

Running the show in the non-conference tune-up for the hosts was Kristen Green. She poured in a game-high 27 markers, including 5 triples, before sitting out the entire final quarter.

Brown City needed just 90 seconds to gain a 10-0 advantage as they came out of the locker room on fire, hitting their first 6 shots, en route to a 28-6 edge entering the second quarter. Green tallied 17 points in the game's opening 8 minutes, highlighted by a trio of treys.

Cass City, meanwhile, appeared to have a lid on the basket at their end of the floor and fell behind 42-12 at the break. In addition to shooting just 31 percent from the field, the visitors were guilty of 36 turnovers on the night, resulting in the 61-27 whipping.

For Cass City, which was short a pair of key performers in Nicole Kelley and Carley Hendrick due to injuries, Logan Rowell scored 8 points and hauled in as many rebounds, while McKensie Parrish chipped in a basket in each quarter to match Rowell's point total.

Kari Burton and Sarah Murray split 16 markers for Brown City.

UBLY

Earlier in the week, on Tuesday, the Red Hawks suffered a 50-42 setback

to visiting Ubly in the season opener for both teams.

A solid defense effort held the visitors to a solo Jen White field goal in the early going as Cass City built a 12-5 margin after one quarter of play.

But the Bearcats rallied, outscoring their hosts 35-17 during the 2 middle frames, to take an 11-point spread into the closing stanza and then hung on for the non-conference victory.

Parrish and Rowell combined for 29 points to pace Cass City and added 5 steals and 4 blocked shots, respectively.

For Ubly, Camay Messing had a team-high 14 points, while Nicole Franzel chipped in 13 and White, 11.

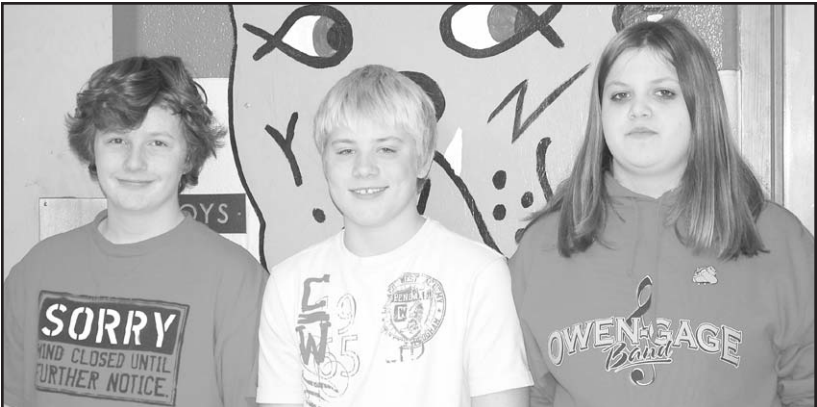
On Friday, the Red Hawks return home to entertain Mayville.

CASS CITY - Megan Parrish 2-0 (1-2) 5; McKensie Parrish 6-0 (3-5) 15; Peters 2-0 (0-0) 4; Leslie 0-0 (1-2) 1; Hendrick 2-0 (0-0) 4; Rowell 5-0 (3-5) 13; Warju 0-0 (0-2) 0.
TOTALS - 17-0 (8-16) 42.

UBLY - White 5-0 (1-2) 11; Briolat 2-0 (0-0) 4; Kozfkay 1-0 (0-0) 2; Franzel 5-0 (3-4) 13; Messing 6-0 (2-4) 14; Gracey 0-0 (3-6) 3; Wolverton 1-0 (1-3) 3.
TOTALS - 20-0 (10-19) 50.

CASS CITY - Megan Parrish 1-0 (0-0) 2; Martin 1-0 (3-4) 5; McKensie Parrish 4-0 (0-1) 8; Peters 2-0 (0-0) 4; Rowell 2-0 (4-4) 8.
TOTALS - 10-0 (7-9) 27.

BROWN CITY - Burton 4-0 (0-0) 8; Sanson 0-2 (0-0) 6; Martin 0-0 (2-2) 2; Greene 6-5 (0-0) 27; Amby 0-0 (0-2) 0; Muxlow 1-0 (0-0) 2; Blarsky 1-0 (0-2) 2; Gierman 1-0 (2-4) 4; McClelland 1-0 (0-1) 2; Murray 4-0 (0-0) 8.
TOTALS - 18-7 (4-11) 61.



OWEN-GAGE STUDENTS in grades 6, 7 and 8 recently participated in the first round of the 2010 National Geographic Bee. The winners were: Bryan Hopper (first place), Adam Retford (second) and Kristen Cummins (third). Hopper will now advance to the next level of competition, a written exam to determine the state competitors, who will have the opportunity to advance to the national championship and the chance to win a \$25,000 college scholarship.

Red Hawk wrestlers bring home hardware from weekend tourney

Don Markel's Cass City grapplers opened their 2009-10 season on a sour note, but rebounded Saturday with an impressive showing at the Croswell-Lexington Team Tourney. After dropping both ends of a double dual match Wednesday night in Imlay City, the Red Hawks captured the runner-up trophy over the weekend in a field of 6 teams with a 4-1 record.

"We learned a lot about our team and the things that we needed to work on coming out of the first contests at Imlay City," Markel said. "We worked hard in practice on Thursday and Friday to correct some of our technique flaws and it paid dividends with improved performances on Saturday."

Cass City breezed through their first 3 opponents at the Cros-Lex tourney, defeating Port Huron High, 51-20, host Cros-Lex, 54-24, and Mt. Clemens Lutheran North, 59-18.

The Red Hawks then gave eventual champion Warren Fitzgerald all they could handle before bowing 43-31 during a match than was dead even, at 31-31, entering the final 2 bouts.

Senior Dean Rabideau, 160 weight class, and sophomore Josh Jensen, 171 weight class, led Cass City on the day with perfect 5-0 records, while Garrett Ferguson, 112 weight class, Jon Crouch, 119 weight class, Kevven Dorland, 140 weight class, Eric Reif, 215 weight class, and Nick Adkins, 285 weight class, all finished with lofty 4-1 marks.

"I was pleased with the improvements that I saw, but we have a lot of hard work ahead of us as we prepare to enter a very tough stretch of our schedule that includes the likes of Caro, Swan Valley and Freeland; some of the best teams in the state," Markel said.

The Red Hawks' will travel to Caro

tonight (Wednesday) for a quadrangular meet that will also include Freeland and Saginaw Nouvel and then will remain on the road Saturday when they compete in the Marlette Team Tourney.

IMLAY CITY

Despite what Markel called a competitive effort, Cass City fell to both Imlay City and Capac to kick off their campaign. The Red Hawks fell to the host Spartans, 48-30, and then bowed 54-21 to Capac.

"Both Imlay City and Capac are well coached and have solid programs. (They were) good early season tests for our relativity young squad," Markel said, noting 8 of the 13 starters are freshmen or sophomores.

Dorland and Jensen were Cass City's only double winners on the night.

Program geared towards young kids at library

Rawson Memorial District Library in Cass City will host an Early On playgroup and story time Wednesday, Dec. 16, from 10 to 11 a.m.

This playgroup is a fun opportunity for children and parents to enjoy stories, finger plays, craft and a snack. Early On is a program designed to coordinate early intervention and other services for families who have children (ages 0-3) experiencing developmental delays or who have disabilities or special needs.

More information is available by contacting Rawson Library at 872-2856.



JON CROUCH, top, wrestled to a 4-1 mark Saturday in the 119-pound weight class at Imlay City, helping Cass City finish as the runner-up in the 6-team tourney.

Schneeberger's ATHLETE of the WEEK

Cass City sophomore Josh Jensen is this week's recipient of Schneeberger's Athlete of the Week award.

The Red Hawk grappler, who qualified for regional play as a freshman, has picked up right where he left off last season for Coach Don Markel.

Jensen, who compiled a 42-15 record in his rookie season, has won his first 7 matches of the season, including a pair of victories in the 171-pound weight class Wednesday over opponents from Imlay City and Capac to kick off the season, followed by a perfect 5-0 showing Saturday at the Croswell-Lexington Team Tourney, where the Red Hawks finished as the runner-up in the 6-team field.

Josh's parents are Jeff and Winifred Jensen.

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<i>Thursday, December 10</i>				
Cass City at Mayville	Cass City	Cass City	Cass City	Cass City
Lakers at Sandusky	Sandusky	Lakers	Lakers	Lakers
Harbor Beach at USA	USA	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach	USA
Reese at Marlette	Reese	Reese	Reese	Reese
<i>Friday, December 11</i>				
Bad Axe at Yale	Yale	Yale	Yale	Bad Axe
Caseville at Dryden	Dryden	Caseville	Dryden	Dryden
North Huron at Kingston	North Huron	North Huron	North Huron	Kingston
Owen-Gage at Memphis	Memphis	Owen-Gage	Owen-Gage	Owen-Gage
Peck at Port Hope	Peck	Peck	Peck	Peck
A-Fairgrove at CPS	CPS	CPS	CPS	CPS
GIRLS' BASKETBALL				
<i>Wednesday, December 9</i>				
Bad Axe at Mayville	Bad Axe	Bad Axe	Mayville	Bad Axe
Lakers at Deckerville	Lakers	Lakers	Lakers	Deckerville
USA at Harbor Beach	USA	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach	USA
Reese at Ubly	Reese	Reese	Reese	Reese
Cass City at Sandusky	Sandusky	Sandusky	Sandusky	Cass City
Vassar at Marlette	Marlette	Vassar	Vassar	Vassar
<i>Thursday, December 10</i>				
Brown City at Imlay City	Brown City	Brown City	Brown City	Imlay City
North Huron at Peck	North Huron	North Huron	North Huron	Peck
Memphis at Caseville	Memphis	Memphis	Memphis	Memphis
CPS at Owen-Gage	CPS	Owen-Gage	CPS	Owen-Gage
Dryden at Port Hope	Dryden	Dryden	Dryden	Dryden
Kingston at A-Fairgrove	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston
<i>Friday, December 11</i>				
Sandusky at Lakers	Sandusky	Sandusky	Sandusky	Sandusky
Mayville at Cass City	Cass City	Cass City	Mayville	Cass City
Ubly at USA	USA	USA	Ubly	USA
Marlette at Reese	Reese	Reese	Reese	Reese
Deckerville at Capac	Capac	Deckerville	Deckerville	Deckerville
Last Week's Results				
3-0	3-0	2-1	3-0	2-1
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Reese	0	0	2	0
Vassar	0	0	2	0
Bad Axe	0	0	0	1
Cass City	0	0	0	2
EPBP	0	0	0	2
USA	0	0	0	2
BCAS	0	0	0	2

GREATER THUMB EAST

Team	W	L	W	L
Brown City	0	0	2	0
Deckerville	0	0	2	0
Marlette	0	0	2	0
Sandusky	0	0	2	0
Mayville	0	0	1	0
Uby	0	0	1	0
H. Beach	0	0	0	1

NCTL NORTH

Team	W	L	W	L
N. Huron	1	0	1	0
A-F	1	0	1	1
Port Hope	0	1	1	1
Caseville	0	1	0	1
O-G	0	1	0	1

NCTL SOUTH

Team	W	L	W	L
Kingston	1	0	1	0
CPS	1	0	1	1
Memphis	1	0	1	1
Dryden	0	1	0	2
Peck	0	1	0	2

FRIDAY'S RESULTS

Deckerville 42, Bad Axe 32
 Marlette 67, EPBP 43
 Mayville 52, USA 34
 Brown City 61, Cass City 27
 Vassar 53, Birch Run 39
 Reese 53, Harbor Beach 28
 CPS 48, Caseville 28
 Memphis 50, Port Hope 47
 Kingston 62, Owen-Gage 34
 North Huron 55, Dryden 16
 A-Fairgrove 47, Peck 40

TUESDAY'S GAMES

Yale at Brown City
 Owen-Gage at Saginaw Arts

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES

Bad Axe at Mayville
 EPBP at Deckerville
 USA at Harbor Beach
 Reese at Uby
 Cass City at Sandusky
 Vassar at Marlette

THURSDAY'S GAMES

Brown City at Imlay City
 North Huron at Peck
 Memphis at Caseville
 CPS at Owen-Gage
 Dryden at Port Hope
 Kingston at A-Fairgrove

FRIDAY'S GAMES

Sandusky at EPBP
 Mayville at Cass City
 Uby at USA
 Marlette at Reese
 Deckerville at Capac

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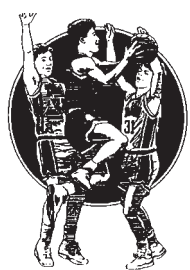
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Dec. 10	Mayville
Dec. 15	Harbor Beach
Dec. 17	Marlette
Jan. 5	Uby
Jan. 12	BCAS
Jan. 14	EPBP Lakers
Jan. 22	Vassar
Jan. 27	Reese
Jan. 29	Bad Axe
Feb. 3	USA
Feb. 5	Deckerville
Feb. 10	BCAS
Feb. 12	EPBP Lakers
Feb. 17	Caro
Feb. 19	Vassar
Feb. 24	Reese
Feb. 26	Bad Axe
Mar. 2	USA
Mar. 4	Deckerville
Mar. 8,10,12	Districts



GYMNASICS

Dec. 17	Vassar
Jan. 12	Freeland
Jan. 19	Vassar
Jan. 26	Vassar
Jan. 30	St. John's Invite
Feb. 13	Freeland
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December 11 -
Cass City vs. Mayville

Gymnastics

January 12 -
Cass City vs. Freeland

Wrestling

December 15 -
Cass City vs. Sandusky/Mayville

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Dec. 1	Uby
Dec. 4	Brown City
Dec. 9	Sandusky
Dec. 11	Mayville
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Jan. 13	BCAS
Jan. 15	EPBP Lakers
Jan. 19	Open
Jan. 21	Vassar
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Jan. 28	Bad Axe
Feb. 2	USA
Feb. 4	Deckerville
Feb. 9	BCAS
Feb. 11	EPBP Lakers
Feb. 16	Open
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Dec. 15	Sandusky/Mayville
Jan. 6	Brown City/Vassar
Jan. 9	North Branch Team Tourny
Jan. 13	Nouvel CC/ EPBP Lakers
Jan. 16	Imlay City Invite
Jan. 20	Bad Axe/Marlette
Jan. 23	Mayville Team Tourny
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Obituary

Clayton Turner
Clayton L. Turner 85, of Penney Farms, Fla., passed away Friday, Nov. 13, 2009.



He was born March 12, 1924 in Cass City, the son of Aaron and Grace Turner. He married Margaret Glougie Aug. 12, 1944 in Chicago, Ill. Growing up on the farm in Ellington Township, he attended Cass City Schools. Clayton graduated Cass City High School in June 1941. He began engineering studies at General Motors Institute (GMI) in September 1941. Since GMI was a cooperative program, he also began employment at the Grand Blanc Fisher Body Tank Division Plant in 1941. Clayton continued his engineering studies to May 1944 when he entered the U.S. Navy. He served aboard the U.S.S. Custer until March 1946. At that time, Clayton returned to his studies at GMI, his employment with Fisher Body, and to his already growing family. Clayton graduated from GMI with a BIE Degree in industrial engineering in 1947, and held various management positions in the Fisher Body organization. He was with General

Motors for 23 years. He then left GM to pursue a career in secondary education. Clayton's studies earned him a B.S. at Michigan State University, and a M.A. from the University of Michigan. His education career in Michigan included teaching positions at the Hamady and Holly schools. He became vocational director at Fenton, Lake Fenton, Holly and Linden schools, and went on to establish and direct a vocational program at the Lapeer Schools. While at Lapeer, he moved up to the assistant superintendent and the superintendent positions, from which he retired in 1979. Clayton started and operated a small tool and engineering business at the farm in Cass City during their 10 years of retirement in Michigan. He also served as township clerk in Ellington during those Michigan "retirement" years. Clayton and Margaret moved to Penney Farms in November 1990, after a brief one year residency in Lake City, Fla. He was active throughout his life in the churches where he and Margaret attended. He was also a member of the Lions Club and Veterans of Foreign Wars. His hobbies included amateur radio, family genealogy, vintage cars, engines and machinery, instrumental music, and his arts and crafts work. Clayton is survived by 3 children: Janice (Donald) Severance of Palm Harbor, Fla., Phillip (Pamela) Turner of Montrose; and Eric (Diane) Turner of Flint; 8 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren; a brother, Dwight Turner of Rochester, NY; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a son, Douglas Turner in 1978; his wife, Margaret in 2008 after a long residency in the Penney Farm Pavilion. A family memorial was held Sunday, Dec. 6 in Penney Farms, Fla. Burial will be in the Ellington Township Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Thumb Octagon Barn.

Baker set to offer a new degree in nursing

Baker College Online officials today announced its new Baccalaureate of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree program. The BSN is based on accreditation standards established by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). Registration for the new program is now underway for winter 2010 quarter. Lesley Morgan, Ph.D., MBA, ARNP, has been appointed director of the online BSN nursing program, responsible for its development and oversight. "Under the tutelage of Dr. Morgan," said Julia A. Teahen, DBA, Baker College Online president, "the BSN program will help licensed registered nurses to develop into leaders of research, practice, education and administration within the health care environment."

Teahen is pleased that Baker offers RNs the opportunity to continue their professional growth through an online program. "Our new online BSN program gives nurses the flexibility to work around their busy schedules and at their own pace," said Teahen.

With more than 30 years of nursing experience, Morgan stresses the importance of continuing education. "In today's fast-paced, ever-changing environment," said Morgan, "it is imperative that professional nurses continuously strive to maintain and enhance their skills in order to positively function in healthcare settings that are responsive to individual and community needs."

Program applicants must hold an unencumbered license as a Registered Nurse (RN) in the United States, District of Columbia or U.S. territory, or an unencumbered license as a Registered Nurse in Canada. Students are expected to maintain licensure throughout their academic career and pass all health science courses with a minimum B- (2.7) in order to remain in and graduate from the program. Although the program is entirely online, there are 3 courses in the Baker College Online baccalaureate curriculum that involve clinical experiences. Students are required to perform clinical activities involving client or staff teaching, program changes or systems alterations.

Graduates of Baker's Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) program are eligible for up to 90 hours of credit toward the BSN degree. All applicants will receive a minimum of 45 hours of credit for their RN licensure.

Morgan adds that there are no limitations on enrollment.

"As the applicants already have their RN license, there are no restrictions on class size by the state board," said Morgan. "We can add course sections to meet the demand."

For more information about Baker's online BSN program, contact the admissions department at 1-800-469-3165, or adm-ol@baker.edu.

Special services planned

Special Christmas services at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will begin with the Christmas cantata, which will be presented by the adult choir during the 9:30 a.m. service Sunday, Dec. 13.

The children's Christmas program is set for Dec. 20 at 6:30 p.m.

The Christmas Eve service is at 7 p.m. and the Christmas Day service is at 9:30 a.m.



CAMPBELL ELEMENTARY School students rehearse for one of 2 Christmas programs planned this month. The first, slated for Tuesday, Dec. 15, at 7 p.m. in the middle school gym, will feature students in young 5s, kindergarten, first grade and multi-age first and second grades. The second program, Wednesday, Dec. 16, at 7 p.m., also in the middle school gym, will feature students in second, third and fourth grades. The programs are being directed by Campbell Elementary School music teacher Rebecca Walker.

P.J.s and the Classics set

Bring your blankets, pillows and bunny slippers to Rawson Memorial District Library Monday, Dec. 14 at 7:30 p.m., for "P.J.s and the Classics". Cuddle up, get cozy and enjoy some classic Christmas specials from years past. All ages are welcome to this free program.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A Budget Hearing will be held on Monday, December 14, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. for all interested citizens of the Village of Cass City.

The following budget is proposed for fiscal year 2010.

PROPOSED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR 2010

REVENUES:	
General Fund	1,382,462
Major Street Fund	356,474
Local Street Fund	474,065
Economic Development Fund	5,000
Downtown Development Fund	85,300
Wastewater Treatment Fund	651,994
Water Fund	449,921
Motor Vehicle/Equipment Fund	386,033
3,791,249 Operating Revenues	
EXPENDITURES:	
General Fund	1,382,406
Major Street Fund	356,472
Local Street Fund	474,065
Economic Development Fund	5,000
Downtown Development Fund	85,275
Wastewater Treatment Fund	651,756
Water Fund	449,921
Motor Vehicle/Equipment Fund	386,013
3,790,908 Operating Expenses	

The Property Tax Millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

The meeting will be held at the Municipal Building, 6506 Main Street, Cass City, Michigan, for the purpose of discussion of the proposed budget. The proposed budget may be examined on weekdays at the Municipal Building, 6506 Main Street, Cass City, Michigan, from 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. All interested citizens will have the opportunity to give written and oral comment.

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Justin A. Guilds, a single man, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgage, dated April 13, 2004 and recorded on April 20, 2004 in Liber 988 on Page 792 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgage to BAC Home Loans Servicing, L.P. as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Three Thousand Six Hundred Eighty-Seven and 83/100 Dollars (\$73,687.83), including interest at 5.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on December 17, 2009.

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

Lot 13, Block 4 of Montague and Wilmot's Addition to the Village of Caro, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Liber 1, Page 18A, Tuscola 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: November 18, 2009

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date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Two Thousand Five Hundred Fifty-Five and 03/100 Dollars (\$122,555.03), including interest at 6.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by 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.

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

Lot 22 of Canterbury Woods Subdivision, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Liber 5, Pages 13 to 17, 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: November 18, 2009

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line which is parallel with and 24.0 feet, measured at right angles, East of the centerline of the Reese Drain; thence North 44 degrees 15 minutes 45 seconds West on said reference line, which is for surveying purposes only and it is the intention of this description to include all lands to the centerline of Reese Drain, 128.47 feet; thence South 89 degrees 59 minutes 50 seconds East perpendicular to said North and said 1/4 line, 191.57 feet to the point of beginning, containing 0.310 acre, more or less, to said reference line and 0.36 acre, more or less, to said centerline of said Reese Drain and subject to any easements of record.

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 25, 2009

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Steve D. Wark, a single man, Mortgagors, to GreenTree Servicing LLC, Mortgagee, dated the 18th day of January, 1996 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for The County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 18th day of January, 1996 in Liber 684 of Tuscola County Records, page 1366, said Mortgage having been assigned to GreenTree Servicing LLC on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Thirty Six Thousand Forty and 83/100 (\$36,040.83), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof.

Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 7th day of January, 2010 at 10:00 o'clock AM Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Tuscola is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 9.500% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises.

Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land, including any and all structures, and homes, manufactured or otherwise, located thereon, situated in the Township of Akron, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit:

Beginning 565 feet North of the Southwest corner of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 29, Township 14 North, Range 8 East, thence North 250 feet; thence North 135 feet; thence West 250 feet; thence South 135 feet to the Point Of Beginning. Excepting all oil, gas and mineral rights of every kind and nature and all rights pertinent thereto.

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

Dated: 11/25/2009

GreenTree Servicing LLC
Mortgagee

FABRIZIO & BROOK, P.C.
Attorney for GreenTree Servicing LLC
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The West 1/3 of Lot 14, and the East 1/3 of Lot 15, Block 1 of Wisley and McPhail's Addition to the Village of Cass City, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 6 (now being Page 7A), 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: December 2, 2009

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said Section 33.79 feet and there end.

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

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

Dated: December 9, 2009

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Lot 13, Block 4 of Montague and Wilmot's Addition to the Village of Caro, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Liber 1, Page 18A, Tuscola 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: November 18, 2009

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Keith Robinson and Rebecca Robinson, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, as purchaser of the loans and other assets of Washington Mutual Bank, formerly known as Washington Mutual Bank, FA (the "Savings Bank") from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, acting as receiver for the Savings Bank and pursuant to its authority under the Federal Deposit Insurance Act, 12 U.S.C. § 1821(d) via affidavit, Mortgage, dated February 11, 2005 and recorded on February 22, 2005 in Liber 1028 on Page 578 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety Thousand Six Hundred Ninety-Seven and 65/100 Dollars (\$90,697.65), including interest at 5.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on December 31, 2009.

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

Commencing 2 Rods West and 2 Rods South of the Northeast corner of Section 23, Town 10 North, Range 8 East; thence North 16 Rods; thence West 10 Rods; thence North 16 Rods; thence East 10 Rods to the place of beginning.

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

Dated: November 25, 2009

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC S (248) 593-1304
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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 David A. Duke, an unmarried man, original mortgagor, to Union Planters Bank, NA, Mortgagee, dated January 13, 2005 and recorded on July 20, 2005 in Liber 1046 on Page 552 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty-One and 06/100 Dollars (\$78,981.06), 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 31, 2009.

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

Lot 10, Block 14, Village of Unionville, now known as H.C. Marvin's Plat, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 48, now being 49A except the West 12 Feet of Lot 10, Block 14 of the Village of Unionville.

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: December 2, 2009

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC L (248) 593-1312
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
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Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #114427F05

Dated: December 2, 2009

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File #291312F01

Dated: December 9, 2009

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File #174734F02

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Part of the South 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 13, Town 11 North, Range 9 East, Fremont Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as: Beginning at the Southeast corner of the West 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Southwest 1/4 of Section 13, 34 feet along the South line of said Section 13; thence from said place of beginning, North 00 degrees 13 minutes 50 seconds East 1327.80 feet along the East line of said West 1/2 to the North line of said South 1/2 of said Southwest 1/4; thence North 89 degrees 59 minutes 19 seconds East 657.41 feet along said North line; thence South 00 degrees 13 minutes 50 seconds West, 1327.93 feet to said South Section line; thence West 657.41 feet along said South Section line to the point of beginning. Except commencing at the South 1/4 corner of Section 13, Town 11 North, Range 9 East; thence South 90 degrees 00 minutes West, 668.39 feet along the South line of said Section 13 to the point of beginning; running thence South 90 degrees 00 minutes West, 325.73 feet along the South line of said Section 13; thence North 00 degrees 13 minutes 50 seconds East, 1327.87 feet; thence North 89 degrees 19 minutes 19 seconds East, 657.41 feet; thence South 00 degrees 13 minutes 50 seconds West, 997.99 feet; thence South 90 degrees 00 minutes West, 12.20 feet; thence South 1 degrees 02 minutes East, 330.0 feet to the point of beginning. Being a part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 13, Town 11 North, Range 9 East.

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 17, 2009.

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

Part of the South 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 13, Town 11 North, Range 9 East, Fremont Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as: Beginning at the Southeast corner of the West 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Southwest 1/4 of Section 13, 34 feet along the South line of said Section 13; thence from said place of beginning, North 00 degrees 13 minutes 50 seconds East 1327.80 feet along the East line of said West 1/2 to the North line of said South 1/2 of said Southwest 1/4; thence North 89 degrees 59 minutes 19 seconds East 657.41 feet along said North line; thence South 00 degrees 13 minutes 50 seconds West, 1327.93 feet to said South Section line; thence West 657.41 feet along said South Section line to the point of beginning. Except commencing at the South 1/4 corner of Section 13, Town 11 North, Range 9 East; thence South 90 degrees 00 minutes West, 668.39 feet along the South line of said Section 13 to the point of beginning; running thence South 90 degrees 00 minutes West, 325.73 feet along the South line of said Section 13; thence North 00 degrees 13 minutes 50 seconds East, 1327.87 feet; thence North 89 degrees 19 minutes 19 seconds East, 657.41 feet; thence South 00 degrees 13 minutes 50 seconds West, 997.99 feet; thence South 90 degrees 00 minutes West, 12.20 feet; thence South 1 degrees 02 minutes East, 330.0 feet to the point of beginning. Being a part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 13, Town 11 North, Range 9 East.

The structure residing on the above described premises, consisting of a 1997 Holly Park, Series No. INP98424AB is considered real estate and is also collateral for this loan.

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 18, 2009

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC F (248) 593-1313
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Attorneys for Servicer
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File #160342F02

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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 Bernard Patrick Lange, a/k/a Bernard P. Lange, and Melissa M. Lange, a/k/a Melissa Mary Lange, husband and wife, as tenants by the entirety(ies), original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgage, dated December 16, 2005 and recorded on April 24, 2006 in Liber 1078 on Page 763, and modified by Affidavit or Order recorded on October 6, 2009 in Liber 1185 on Page 24 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgage to The Bank of New York Mellon, F/K/A The Bank of New York, as Trustee for the Certificate holders of CWABS Asset-Backed Notes Trust 2007-SD1 as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Sixty-Seven Thousand Six Hundred Sixty-Four and 07/100 Dollars (\$167,664.07), including interest at 9.52% 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 31, 2009.

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

Tract 1: Commencing at a point 315 feet South of the Northeast corner of the Northeast quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 7, Town 12 North, Range 7 East, thence North 125 feet; thence South 92 feet; thence East 125 feet, thence North 92 feet to the point of beginning; and

Tract 2: A parcel of land in the fractional Southwest 1/4 of fractional Section 7, Town 12 North, Range 7 East, Denmark Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as follows: To fix the point of beginning, commence at the South 1/4 corner of said Section; thence North 00 degrees 00 minutes 10 seconds East on the North and South 1/4 line of said section 2,322.19 feet to a point which is South 00 degrees 00 minutes 10 seconds West 315.00 feet from the center post of said Section; thence North 89 degrees 59 minutes 50 seconds West, perpendicular to said North and South 1/4 line, 125.00 feet to the point of beginning of this description; thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes 10 seconds West parallel with said North and South 1/4 line 92.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 59 minutes 50 seconds West perpendicular to said North and South 1/4 line 101.90 feet to a point on a reference

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Robert T. Jensen and Cynthia L. Jensen, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgage, dated October 8, 2003 and recorded on October 20, 2003 in Liber 960 on Page 422, and recorded on December 16, 2003 in Liber 969 on Page 519 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgage to Chase Home Finance LLC as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Four Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-Two and 93/100 Dollars (\$94,582.93), including interest at 7% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on December 31, 2009.

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

The South 165 feet of the North 330 feet of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 27, Township 11 North, Range 8 East.

Except: Part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 27, Township 11 North, Range 8 East, described as follows: Commencing at the East 1/4 corner of said Section 27, thence North 00 degrees 54 minutes 10 seconds West, 1006.40 feet along the East line of Section, thence North 89 degrees 35 minutes 08 seconds West 497.69 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing North 89 degrees 35 minutes 08 seconds West, 660.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 44 minutes 34 seconds West, 165.03 feet; thence South 89 degrees 35 minutes 08 seconds East, 660.00 feet South 00 degrees 44 minutes 34 seconds East, 165 feet; more or less to the point of beginning. Vassar Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, subject to easements, restrictions, reservations and rights of way of record.

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

Dated: November 25, 2009

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC S (248) 593-1304
Trott & Trott, P.C.
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Said premises are situated in Village of Cass City, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Steve Blumberg, a/k/a Steven W. Blumberg, a single man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgage, dated January 26, 2009 and recorded February 18, 2009 in Liber 1167, Page 855, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by CitMortgage, Inc. by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Four Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty and 83/100 Dollars (\$240,720.83), including interest at 5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on JANUARY 7, 2010.

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

To fix the point of beginning, commence at the West one-fourth corner of Section 36, thence South 89 degrees 34 minutes 45 seconds East on the East and West one-fourth line of said Section, 2659.63 feet to the center of said Section; thence South 00 degrees 48 minutes 01 seconds West, on the North and South one-fourth line of said Section, 548.22 feet to the point of beginning. A strip of land 66.00 feet in width, being 33.00 feet, measured at right angles each side of the following described centerline. To fix the point of beginning commence at the West one-fourth corner of said Section 36; thence South 89 degrees 34 minutes 45 seconds East, on the East and West one-fourth line of said Section, 2188.37 feet, thence South 11 degrees 23 minutes 01 seconds East, on the centerline of an existing gravel drive and its Northerly extension, 33.71 feet to the point of beginning of said centerline description; thence continuing South 11 degrees 23 minutes 01 seconds East, on said centerline, 491.82 feet to a deflection point; thence South 00 degrees 48 minutes 01 seconds West on said centerline and parallel with North and South one-fourth line of

NOTICE PURSUANT TO MCL 600.3205(a4)

NOTICE is hereby provided to Janice Kay Davis and Mark Vernon Cox, the borrowers and/or mortgagors (hereinafter "Borrower") regarding the property located at: 1651 Dixon Rd, Caro, MI 48725-9233.

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) 593-1300.

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/mshta 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 December 3, 2009, foreclosure proceedings will not be commenced until 90 days after December 3, 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 Michigan State Housing Development Authority's Lawyer Referral Service is (800) 968-0738.

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Dated: December 9, 2009

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC H (248) 593-1300
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PURSUANT TO 15 USC §1692 YOU ARE HEREBY INFORMED THAT THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND THAT ANY INFORMATION THAT YOU PROVIDE MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the condition of a mortgage made by Stanley E. Schmidt and Carol A. Schmidt, Husband and Wife, to MERS, Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. by a mortgage dated March 31, 2005 and recorded on April 25, 2005 in Liber 1035 on Page 1321, Tuscola County Records Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-One Thousand Two Hundred Eighty-Six and 58/100 Dollars (\$91,286.58), including interest at 11.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI at 10:00 am on January 7, 2010.

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

Commencing at the Northeast corner of Section 35, Town 11 North, Range 11 East, Koylton Township, Tuscola County, Michigan; thence South 573.71 feet along the East section line to the point of beginning; running thence South 315.0 feet along the East section line; thence South 89 degrees 30 minutes 20 seconds West 416.0 feet; thence North 315.0 feet; thence North 89 degrees 30 minutes 20 seconds East 416.0 feet to the point of beginning. Being part of the Northeast quarter of Section 35, Town 11 North, Range 11 East, Koylton Township, Tuscola County, Michigan. Right of Way for White Creek Road over the Easterly side thereof.

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: December 4, 2009

Michael M. Grand, Esq.
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31731 Northwestern Hwy., #151
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(248) 538-3737
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by John Brewer, a/k/a John Brewer III and Billy Brewer, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated April 19, 2004 and recorded April 27, 2004 in Liber 989, Page 1262, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Chase Home Finance, LLC by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Nine Thousand One Hundred Two and 62/100 Dollars (\$49,102.62), 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 front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on JANUARY 7, 2010.

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

A parcel of land in the Northeast 1/4 of Section 32, Township 10 North, Range 8 East, Millington Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as follows: To fix the point of beginning commence at the North 1/4 corner of section 32; thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, on the North line of said section 678.00 feet to the point of beginning of this description; thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, on said North section line, 223.47 feet; thence South 00 degrees 37 minutes 29 seconds West, parallel with the East 1/8 line of said section 208.00 feet; thence South 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, parallel with said North section line, 223.47 feet; thence North 00 degrees 37 minutes 29 seconds East, parallel with said East 1/8 line, 208.00 feet to the point of beginning. Subject to highway use of the North 33 feet thereof.

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: December 9, 2009

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File No. 310.6848
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NOTICE OF BORROWER RIGHTS UNDER M.C.L. SECTION 600.3205

LIKENS & BLOMQUIST, P.L.L.C., IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Borrower Names: Bridget Hildner and Gregory Hildner, a/k/a Gregory A. Hildner
Property Address: 204 N. West St., Vassar, MI 48768

ATTENTION BORROWER: You have a right to request a meeting with the mortgage holder, or mortgage servicer.

Fifth Third Bank has designated Likens & Blomquist, PLLC as the designated person under M.C.L. section 600.3205a(1)(c). You may contact a housing counselor to request a meeting by visiting the Michigan State Housing Development Authority's website <http://www.michigan.gov/msbda>, or by phone at (517) 373-8370.

If you request a meeting, foreclosure proceedings will not be commenced until 90 days after the date notice was mailed to you. If you and the designated agent reach an agreement to modify the mortgage loan, the mortgage will not be foreclosed if you abide by the terms of the agreement. Please be advised that you can contact an attorney.

You may contact the State Bar of Michigan Lawyer Referral Service at 1-800-968-0738.

Dated: Wednesday, December 9, 2009

Likens & Blomquist, P.L.L.C.
By: Jeffrey T. Goudie (P66254)
Attorneys for Servicer
3290 W. Big Beaver Rd., Ste 315
Troy, MI 48064
Telephone: 248-593-5106
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NOTICE PURSUANT TO MCL 600.3205a(4)

NOTICE is hereby provided to Linda B. Fick, the borrowers and/or mortgagors (hereinafter "Borrower") regarding the property located at: 6770 E Gilford Rd, Deford, MI 48729-9724.

The Borrower has the right to request a meeting with the mortgage holder or mortgage servicer. The agent designated by the Mortgage Servicer and/or Mortgage Holder to contact and that has authority to make agreements under MCL sections 600.3205b and 600.3205c is: Trott & Trott, P.C., 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200, Farmington Hills, MI 48334-2525 at (248) 593-1301.

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

If the Borrower requests a meeting with the agent designated above by contacting an approved housing counselor within 14 days from December 4, 2009, foreclosure proceedings will not be commenced until 90 days after December 4, 2009.

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

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

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Date: December 9, 2009

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File # 254894F02

NOTICE PURSUANT TO MCL 600.3205a(4)

NOTICE is hereby provided to Richard Miller and Brenda Miller, the borrowers and/or mortgagors (hereinafter "Borrower") regarding the property located at: 517 Bourn St, Vassar, MI 48768-1401.

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) 593-1313.

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

If the Borrower requests a meeting with the agent designated above by contacting an approved housing counselor within 14 days from December 4, 2009, foreclosure proceedings will not be commenced until 90 days after December 4, 2009.

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

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

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Date: December 9, 2009

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NOTICE PURSUANT TO MCL 600.3205a(4)

NOTICE is hereby provided to Mark Kevin Neumann and Kimberly Jane Neumann, the borrowers and/or mortgagors (hereinafter "Borrower") regarding the property located at: 5750 Denhoff Rd, Kingston, MI 48741-9746.

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) 593-1313.

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

If the Borrower requests a meeting with the agent designated above by contacting an approved housing counselor within 14 days from December 3, 2009, foreclosure proceedings will not be commenced until 90 days after December 3, 2009.

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

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

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Date: December 9, 2009

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File # 288916F02

NOTICE PURSUANT TO MCL 600.3205a(4)

NOTICE is hereby provided to Melvin L. Olds and Joanne K. Olds, the borrowers and/or mortgagors (hereinafter "Borrower") regarding the property located at: 8510 East St, Millington, MI 48746-5103.

The Borrower has the right to request a meeting with

the mortgage holder or mortgage servicer. The agent designated by the Mortgage Servicer and/or Mortgage Holder to contact and that has authority to make agreements under MCL sections 600.3205b and 600.3205c is: Trott & Trott, P.C., 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200, Farmington Hills, MI 48334-2525 at (248) 593-1301.

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

If the Borrower requests a meeting with the agent designated above by contacting an approved housing counselor within 14 days from December 3, 2009, foreclosure proceedings will not be commenced until 90 days after December 3, 2009.

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

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

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Date: December 9, 2009

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NOTICE PURSUANT TO MCL 600.3205a(4)

NOTICE is hereby provided to Karen Helen Pyscher, the borrowers and/or mortgagors (hereinafter "Borrower") regarding the property located at: 4501 Murphy Lake Rd, Millington, MI 48746-9629.

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) 593-1313.

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

If the Borrower requests a meeting with the agent designated above by contacting an approved housing counselor within 14 days from December 4, 2009, foreclosure proceedings will not be commenced until 90 days after December 4, 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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File # 278022F03

NOTICE PURSUANT TO MCL 600.3205a(4)

NOTICE is hereby provided to Tim L. Rich and Patricia Rich, the borrowers and/or mortgagors (hereinafter "Borrower") regarding the property located at: 4130 Mayville Rd., Silverwood, MI 48760-9705.

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/msbda> or at (866) 946-7432.

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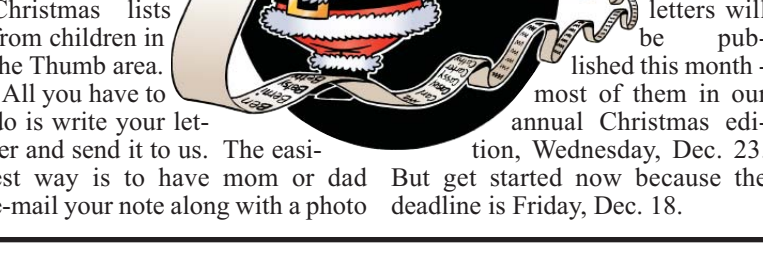
NOTICE is hereby provided to Danny Steinmann and Mshelle J. Steinmann, the borrowers and/or mortgagors (hereinafter "Borrower") regarding the property located at: 2546 E. Bevens Rd., Caro, MI 48723-9506.

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) 593-1309.

Time running out to get those letters to Santa in

Hey kids, get busy writing those letters to Santa. Everybody knows Santa has a subscription to the Cass City Chronicle, and he checks each issue closely this time of year in search of Christmas lists from children in the Thumb area. All you have to do is write your letter and send it to us. The easiest way is to have mom or dad e-mail your note along with a photo

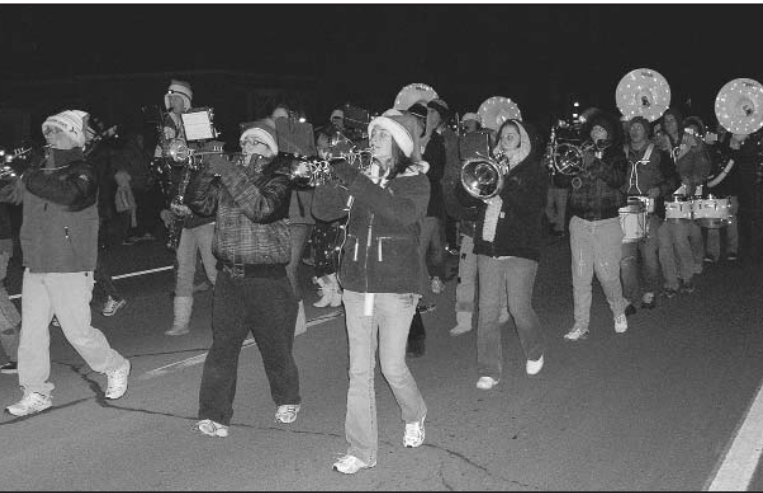
of yourself to: chronicle@cass-city.net. Letters can also be mailed to the paper at 6550 Main St., Cass City, MI 48726, or drop them off to us in person (we're located at the corner of Main and Oak streets, next to Schneeburger's). All of the letters will be published this month - most of them in our annual Christmas edition, Wednesday, Dec. 23. But get started now because the deadline is Friday, Dec. 18.



THIS YEAR'S CASS City Lighted Christmas Parade Saturday night drew twice the number of entries compared to past years.



VOLUNTEERS (FROM left) Kris Repshinska and Doug Lautner serve up some hot bean soup to Dave Osentoski during the community gathering at the VFW hall Saturday.



MEMBERS OF THE Cass City High School Marching Band offered a visual as well as musical touch to the Christmas parade.

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File # 211802F03

NOTICE PURSUANT TO MCL 600.3205a(4)

NOTICE is hereby provided to James Brown and Roanne Brown, the borrowers and/or mortgagors (hereinafter "Borrower") regarding the property located at: 7141 Washburn Rd, Millington, MI 48746-

9044.

The Borrower has the right to request a meeting with the mortgage holder or mortgage servicer. The agent designated by the Mortgage Servicer and/or Mortgage Holder to contact and that has authority to make agreements under MCL sections 600.3205b and 600.3205c is: Trott & Trott, P.C., 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200, Farmington Hills, MI 48334-2525 at (248) 593-1301.

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

If the Borrower requests a meeting with the agent designated above by contacting an approved housing counselor within 14 days from December 7, 2009, foreclosure proceedings will not be commenced until 90 days after December 7, 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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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Gary L. Dietz and Jody I. Dietz, husband and wife, to GMAC Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated March 23, 1999 and recorded May 3, 1999 in Liber 770, Page 172, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirty-One Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty-One and 0/100 Dollars (\$131,931.00) 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 front entrance of the Court-house in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on DECEMBER 17, 2009.

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

Part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 9, Township 10 North, Range 7 East, described as: Beginning at a point on the North line of said Section 9, which is North 89 degrees 23 minutes 15 seconds East 390.0 feet from the Northwest corner of said Section 9, thence continuing along said north line North 89 degrees 23 minutes 15 seconds East 936.43 feet to the Northeast corner of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 9, thence along the West, North and South 1/8 line, South 0 degrees 05 minutes 07 seconds East, 470.0 feet; thence parallel with the Northline of said Section 9, South 89 degrees 23 minutes 15 seconds West, 936.58 feet; thence parallel with the West line of said Section 9, North 0 degrees 04 minutes 00 seconds West 470.0 feet to the point of beginning. Subject to the use of Northerly 33.0 feet thereof as Murphy Lake Road.

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

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

Dated: November 18, 2009

Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
248-502-1400
File No. 618.1356
ASAP #3345353

11-18-4

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

Mortgage Sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Virgil R. Cooper and Shondi Cooper, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for BNC Mortgage, INC., A Delaware Corporation, Mortgagee, dated March 12, 2007 and recorded on March 20, 2007 in Liber 1113, Page 1239, Tuscola County Records. Said mortgage was assigned to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Trustee for the registered holders of Structured Asset Securities Corporation Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2007-OSI by an Assignment of Mortgage which has been submitted to the Tuscola County Register of Deeds, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Seventy-Seven Thousand Two Hundred Seventy-Four and 48/100 (\$177,274.48), including interest at the rate of 7.72500% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the Circuit Court in said Tuscola County, where the premises to be sold or some part of them are situated, at 10:00 AM on January 7, 2010.

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

Lots 16 and 17, Block 3, of the Plat of the Village (Now City) of Vassar, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Liber 2, Page 93, Tuscola County Records. Commonly known as: 342 Prospect Street.

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

Dated: November 25, 2009

Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Trustee for the registered holders of Structured Asset Securities Corporation Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Se-

ries 2007-OSI
43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302
248-335-9200
Case No. 09OM100468-1
ASAP #3354969

11-25-4

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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 by David Paul Ricker, a single man, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated September 20, 2001 and recorded on November 14, 2001 in Liber 848 on Page 572, and assigned by said Mortgagee to BAC Home Loans Servicing, L.P. 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 Sixty-Six Thousand Two Hundred Forty-Seven and 47/100 Dollars (\$66,247.47), 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 31, 2009.

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

Lot 117, of Oak Grove Subdivision No. 1, according to the plat thereof as recorded in plat liber 2, page 44, 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: December 2, 2009

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Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #242649F02

12-2-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Adam E. Peet, an unmarried man, to Mac-Clair Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated June 18, 2004 and recorded July 2, 2004 in Liber 999, Page 142, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Chase Home Finance, LLC, successor by merger with Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Two Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Six and 29/100 Dollars (\$102,486.29), 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 front entrance of the Court-house in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on JANUARY 7, 2010.

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

Commencing at the Northeast corner of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 15, Town 11 North, Range 10 East; thence South 24 rods; thence West 19 rods; thence North 24 rods; thence East 19 rods to the point of beginning.

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

TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing 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: December 2, 2009

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Thursday, May 13, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, July 8, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 9, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, Nov. 11, 7:30 p.m.

Planning Commission

Monday, Jan. 4, 7:30 p.m.
Monday, Mar. 1, 7:30 p.m.
Monday, May 3, 7:30 p.m.
Monday, July 5, 7:30 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 6, 7:30 p.m.
Monday, Nov. 1, 7:30 p.m.

Budget Meeting

Thursday, Mar. 25, 7:30 p.m.

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Between Cass City & Bad Axe, nicely remodeled home with garage, tool shed and steel building. Move in day of closing. CY2598

Rick Kerkau succumbs to cancer

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— were honored by the Knights of Columbus earlier this year as the “Family of the Year”.

At Hills and Dales, staff members say they will miss Kerkau.

“It’s been pretty tough for me,” said co-worker Justin Nickrand, who worked with Kerkau in the Information Technology Department for the past 2 years.

“He took his job very seriously. He was very educated — he had a master’s degree — and he was friendly to everyone,” Nickrand said of Kerkau, who also worked as an adjunct instructor in the Davenport University School of Technology. “He was a dedicated worker. I don’t think he ever called in before his sickness.”

Nickrand indicated he will remember Kerkau not only as a friendly co-worker, but also as a man who was driven to never stop learning.

“He always wanted to continue with his education,” Nickrand said. “He loved to learn and he loved to teach people. That was one of his great passions in life.”

OBITUARY

Kerkau, 50, was born May 15, 1959 in Bay City, the son of Ronald V. and Earlene (Keyser) Kerkau.

He married Dorothy M. Savage Aug. 15, 1992 in Cass City.

Kerkau served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1976 to 1979. He received his Associate’s Degree of Applied Science in business

administration in 1998 from Great Lakes College, his Bachelor’s Degree of Business Administration in 2000 from Davenport University, and his Master’s Degree of Business Administration in 2008 from Davenport University. He worked many different places throughout the years, including Erla’s Grocery Store, General Motors, Charmont Restaurant, XO Communications, Agri Valley Communications, as a teacher for Davenport University in Caro, Bad Axe, and Lapeer in the School of Technology, and as an IT network technician for Hills and Dales General Hospital. He was a member of the Cass City/Gagetown Knights of Columbus #8892 and Davenport University Alumni Association.

Kerkau is survived by his wife, Dorothy; a son, Justin Kerkau at home; a daughter, Kendra Kerkau at home; father, Ronald V. (Jerry) Kerkau of Bay City; mother, Earlene (Robert) Jerore of Caro; brothers: Roy Kerkau of Shephard, Ray (Melinda) Kerkau of Burnet, Texas, and Donald Kerkau of St. Louis; a sister, Susan Romanelli of Saginaw; nieces and nephews: Savanna Kerkau, Marsha Kerkau, Jesse Kerkau, Jennifer Romanelli, Alex Romanelli, and Nicholas Kerkau; great nieces: Jamie and Chloe; mother-in-law, Regina Hughey of Grand Marais; a sister-in-law, Charlene (Thomas) Swift of Saginaw; brothers-in-law: David (Jennifer) Savage of Elk Rapids, Jeff (Aun) Savage of Dadaab, Kenya, Africa, Patrick (Lori) Savage of Traverse City, and Kevin Hughey of Grand Marais; step-brothers-in-law: Lonnie (Sue) Dowd of Bay City, Dale (Ardi) Hughey of Caro, Dean (Cheryl) Hughey of Auburn, Darryl (Barb) Hughey of Alanson, Dennis (Ginger) Hughey of Byron Center, and Deanne (Scott) Morin of Wyoming; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his fa-

ther-in-law, Victor Hughey; and a brother-in-law, Darwin Hughey.

Funeral services were held Saturday, at St. Pancratius Catholic Church, Cass City, with Sr. Maria Dina Puddu MC and the Rev. Donald Eppenbrock officiating.

Interment was in the Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Pallbearers for Mr. Kerkau were Justin Kerkau, Ken Baranski, Craig Bellow, Justin Nickrand, Jon Zdrojewski, and Daryl Iwankovitsch. Honorary pallbearers were Chris Hyatt, Tony Malone, Ken Martin, Jr., Donny Doerr, David Savage, and Kevin Hughey.

Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund, Knights of Columbus #8892 Scholarship Fund or Revive Ministries Food Bank.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

Caregivers are invited

Alzheimer’s and family caregivers are invited to attend an informational session about “Dementia and Moving to Assisted Living”.

The meeting will be held Tuesday, Dec. 8, at 1:30 p.m., at Heritage Hill Assisted Living, 1430 Cleaver Rd., Caro.

Christine Trisch, RN, BSN, CCM of Heritage Hill and Kim Wasik, MSW of Human Development Commission (HDC) will be presenting information regarding dementia care, transitioning to assisted living, maintaining your independence, and the emotional challenges of caring for a loved one with memory loss and confusion.

Refreshments and a tour of the facility will follow. Call the HDC at (989) 673-4121 for more information.

Suspect car

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officers apprehended them a short time later. They also seized 300 pounds of Ecstasy tablets and 100 pounds of marijuana.

“The 2 Canadian suspects in this incident currently remain in federal custody under indictment by the federal Drug Enforcement Agency,” Gray said.

Christmas

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Main Street Grill (formerly Gainey’s Grill).

The day also featured another successful craft show, and some 300 people attended the free matinee at the Cass Theatre, according to Dee Mulligan, Cass City Chamber of Commerce administrator.

“What that tells me is that there were a ton of people in town all day long,” she said. “I was very happy. I think it went very well.”



CASS CITY Middle School teacher Jenifer Green (right) accepts the Michigan Farm Bureau’s (MFB) 2009 “K-12 Educator of the Year” Award during last week’s MFB annual meeting in Grand Rapids.

Green named top educator

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ture-based activities into history lessons to supplement traditional reading and writing.

In learning about Native Americans, for instance, the students plant a garden of corn, beans and squash. And to experience Colonial times, they plant herbs that were widely used to flavor food.

If that weren’t enough, Green’s students also maintain a classroom compost bin. They determine the proper level of food waste and the number of worms needed for a good harvest. Throughout the year, the worms are fed to classroom snakes and frogs, which are also part of the

vertebrate/invertebrate curriculum, and the harvested compost is added as nutrients to the soil for the plant projects.

“Mrs. Green has always put the needs of her students first,” said Cass City Middle School Principal Jeff Hartel in endorsing the Tuscola County Farm Bureau nomination.

“She is knowledgeable about grade-level curriculum and implements reading and writing into other core areas. Mrs. Green is very good at using data to identify needs and is proactive in making the changes needed to improve student achievement.”



THIS YEAR’S chili cook-off winners were (from left) Wendy Romain and Steve Delong from Main Street Grill (formerly Gainey’s), third place; Randy and Carol Wright from Chemical Bank, second place; and Al Horne and Scott Tschirhart from Burkhard Plumbing and Heating, first place.



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