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TODAY'S RAWSON Memorial District Library is a modern facility that serves thousands of Cass City area patrons each year by offering everything from a variety of reading materials to access to the Internet to a host of programs geared towards all ages. The library is marking its 100th anniversary.

Rawson Library marking its 100th anniversary in 2010

**by Tom Montgomery
Editor**

No one would blame Barb Hutchinson if she marveled at all of the changes she's witnessed at Rawson Memorial District Library in Cass City, both during her 32-year tenure as library director, and in the nearly 8 years since her retirement. "In the time I was here — when I started — our equipment was a telephone and a typewriter. That was it," Hutchinson recalled.

The Cass City library will mark its 100th anniversary in 2010. Today, the library, staffed by 10 employees, offers its patrons 11 public access computers, a collection of more than 30,000 items, wireless Internet access and interloan options that stretch across the country.

Hutchinson remembers the library's humble beginnings. The facility's first electric typewriter was a thrill, she said, noting the library purchased its first copy machine in 1975. The 1970s also brought audio books.

"That was a big thing," said Hutchinson, who remembers other additions of equipment, including a fax machine.

"We got the video collection started in 1985, and in 1986 we got our first computer. So, a lot went on in the 80s."

The video collection proved to be a great money maker, according to Hutchinson. She recalled the library collected \$724 from March to October via the \$1 rental fees. "It was a major part of our funding at the time," she said, noting a voter-approved millage in the 1980s provided the library with a much more stable funding source.

A grant enabled library officials to tap into Internet access in the mid-1990s, and another grant over 2 years provided an automated circulation system.

Hutchinson's tenure boasted a number of new programs for library patrons, including senior citizen movies and a 10-year run of a popular student competition known as

"Battle of the Books".

The one constant — the key to the library's success — Hutchinson said, has been constant growth and expansion in programs and services. "It has come a long ways, and I'm pleased with the progress that has been made since (I retired)," she added.

LOOKING BACK

In the span of a century, library service has evolved from a handful of books and magazines donated by the Cass City Women's Study Club, to a state-of-the-art facility that has managed to keep up with ever-expanding technological advances, include a myriad of computer and Internet-related services.

According to Cass City Historical Society members, the first mention of library service locally was in 1910, when study club members bought a bookcase for \$5 and each donated one book and magazine.

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Annual Gospel sing on tap at the high school

Everyone is invited to take part in a New Year's Eve tradition in Cass City that now spans more than 4 decades, as the 43rd annual New Year's Eve Gospel Sing gets underway Thursday starting at 7 p.m. at Cass City High School.

The event continues to be sponsored by the Cass City Laymen's Club, although the organization hasn't been an active "club" in the real sense for years. Still, the legacy started by a handful of faithful men back in the 1960s lives on in the community.

And this year's concert promises to continue a number of traditions, including the return of the Calvarymen Quartet from Burton. The faces of the Calvarymen have

changed several times over the years, but the group's faithfulness to the Cass City gathering has not. The Calvarymen appeared at the first-ever New Year's Eve Gospel Sing and have returned to Cass City every year since.

Also returning are The Thurston's from Holt, which appeared last year, and The Master's Touch Quartet from Flint.

All 3 groups represent some of the best Gospel music in Michigan, according to Arthur Severance, whose father, Lloyd, was among the founding members of the Cass City Laymen's Club, and who has since helped to continue that tradition along with family members, including

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Board takes no action on coaching job

**by Tom Montgomery
Editor**

The Cass City Board of Education last week failed to act on a contract that would reinstate Scott Cuthrell as Cass City's head varsity football coach.

The decision came during a lengthy executive session, held in conjunction with the board's rescheduled monthly meeting Tuesday night, to discuss that contract along with a student discipline issue.

After 10 years of service, Cuthrell was dismissed from the varsity football program this past fall, and a 7-member panel was appointed and charged with recommending a coach that would take the local program "to the next level". From an initial list of 10 applications, the committee held interviews with 3 finalists and, in the end, on a split vote, recommended giving Cuthrell his job back.

The coaching issue was brought up earlier in the evening by 2 parents of football players.

Kathy Leslie noted an administrative decision evidently led to Cuthrell's dismissal as coach and that the committee was formed to select a new coach, but that she heard the committee was 5 or 7 members, and that the group later disbanded.

"I'm just a little bit confused," said Leslie, who suggested students must feel the same way when the process

of selecting a new coaching staff remains unclear and has not been adequately explained by school officials.

Another parent, Melanie Nicholas, scolded the board in general, saying she's disgusted and disappointed with the lack of support for the board's newest members. "It seems like when anyone wants to make a change, nothing happens," she said.

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Cass City High bronze medal school

Cass City High School has been ranked among the top high schools in the country, earning a "Bronze Medal" from U.S. World and News Report.

Cass City was joined by high schools in a few other Thumb school districts - Ubyly, Bad Axe, Harbor Beach and Deckerville - in the rankings, released earlier this month by the national publication.

The 2010 U.S. News and World Report on "America's Best High Schools" utilized a methodology developed by School Evaluation Services, a K-12 education data research business run by Standard & Poor's.

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Gifts await first newborn

The arrival of 2010 will have special meaning to couples that are also expecting their own little arrivals, but just when the first baby of the new year will be born is anyone's guess.

Will the first birth take place just minutes or hours after the bells start ringing after midnight, Jan. 1, or will several days or even weeks pass before the blessed event?

Regardless, the first baby of the new year born and reported to the Chronicle by a Cass City area family will be showered with gifts and well wishes from local merchants, a tradition that has continued for many years in the community.

The only question mark each year is timing. In 2003, Michelle Smith of Cass City gave birth to the first baby, Ian Matthew Vasquez, Jan. 23, and in 2005, the first baby, Landyn Frank Schott, was born Jan. 9 to Ben and Tonya Schott of Cass City.

Last year's first baby arrived Jan. 2 at 10:10 a.m., when Chrisinda Bean of Cass City gave birth to a daughter, Anna Haven Bean, at Huron Medical Center in Bad Axe.

As was true last year, the coming year's proud parents will receive a \$10 discount off of a baby prescription from Coach Light Pharmacy, as well as a \$20 floral bouquet from Special Scents Floral Shoppe.

Angel's Hair Studio is chipping in a \$15 gift certificate, and the new VIP Salon in Cass City will pamper mom with a free facial. Erla's Food Center will present the parents with a \$10 gift certificate, and Carmela's Pizzeria will have a \$20 gift certificate waiting.

In addition, 2 area banks will offer their best wishes. Chemical Bank and Thumb National Bank each have a \$10 savings account for the new arrival.

But that's not all; Erla's Food Center has chipped in a \$10 gift certificate, while Plain and Fancy Decorating and ProGraphics each is offering a \$25 gift certificate.

Finally, the family can read about their new arrival and other local news all year long with a free, one-year subscription to the Cass City Chronicle.



At the holiday season, our thoughts turn gratefully to those who have made our success possible. It is in this spirit we say...thank you and best wishes for the holidays and a peaceful & prosperous New Year!

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Calendar of Events

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

Thursday, December 31

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

Friday, January 1

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

Sunday, January 3

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

Gagetown United Methodist Brunch, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. All you can eat. \$6 donation.

Monday, January 4

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.

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Holbrook Area News

Mrs. Thelma Jackson
Phone 989-269-6994

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski were among a group who attended a birthday party for 11-year-old Brooke Depcinski at Longshot Bowling Alley in Bad Axe.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Damm of Pigeon, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson and Mr. and Mrs. Kevin O'Connor of Minden City visited Thelma Jackson on Sunday.

Visitors at the home of Mrs. Curtis Cleland last week were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sturgil of Bad Axe, Lana Puterbaugh and Edith Jackson.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Osentoski of Bad Axe and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski were Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Meyers on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Depcinski were Sunday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski.

Larry Robinson visited Ordean Michalski and Thelma Jackson on Tuesday.

Mrs. Clarence Rumptz and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson visited Thelma Jackson.

Birth Announcement

Lillie Jane Sweeney was born October 9, 2009 at 3:05 p.m. at Huron Medical Center in Bad Axe to Roger and Melissa Sweeney of Owendale. Her older sister is Katie Sweeney. She weighed 6 lbs. 6 oz. and was 19 inches long. Her grandparents are Dave Osentoski of Ubly and Brian and Sally Sweeney of Ubly.

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Approach New Year’s resolution with caution

If you tend to bite off more than you can chew, making a challenging New Year’s resolution might not be the best idea.

On the other hand, if you approach this age-old tradition with realistic expectations and a plan, there’s a better-than-average chance for success.

New Year’s Eve has always been a time for looking back on the past and, more importantly, focusing on the coming year. It’s a time to reflect on one’s life and to consider making changes for the better.

According to a variety of polls, the most popular New Year’s resolutions cover the gambit of changes in an effort to better a person’s lifestyle, health and/or family life.

They include: spending more time with family and friends, starting a regular exercise regiment, losing weight, quitting smoking, enjoying life more, giving up alcohol, eating better, getting out of debt, learning something new, helping others and getting organized.

There are many other resolutions out there, of course, and they all share a common denominator; although the spirit may be willing, the body is often weak, especially after a few days pass and you find yourself getting nowhere as January turns into February. How many of us have made a resolution only to break it?

So, how can you improve your chances for success?

Well, a host of experts have offered several tips over the years in an effort to help those trying to dump a bad habit or to pick up a new, healthy one.

Here are a few of them:

•*Be realistic — Strive for a goal that can be reached. In other words, set yourself up for success rather than failure. For example, if weight loss is the goal, chances are good that deciding that you can drop 50 pounds in a matter of a few weeks probably isn’t going to happen, especially during the holidays. Set goals that are attainable.*

•*Be specific — If you decide it’s time to put those cigarettes away, and you can’t do it cold turkey or even stop altogether with the patch, gum, etc., cut down. Start out by reducing your cigarette habit by 4 or 5 smokes a day and then go from there.*

•*Plan ahead — Give yourself a little time to decide on your resolution (rather than waiting 2 minutes before the stroke of midnight Dec. 31). Consider ways to avoid temptation or think about WHY you want to make a change.*

•*Share your resolution — Tell friends and families about your New Year’s resolution. Okay, they may snicker or give you a hard time, but support can be a great tool in making a change. Better yet, search out a friend or acquaintance who might be considering the same resolution, and then provide support to one another.*

•*Reward yourself — If you’re giving up sweets, this doesn’t mean it’s okay to grab a big box of doughnuts and “go to town” every once in a while. Instead, give yourself a reward that won’t get in the way of your resolution. Maybe treat yourself to a nice dinner out or a movie.*

•*Keep tabs on your progress — Short-term goals are easier to keep than your ultimate goal, and by taking a few notes on your small successes, you may be motivated to keep going, in spite of those times when you struggle.*

•*Don’t give up — Slip-ups can be an easy excuse to drop that resolution like, well, a bad habit. But there’s much to be said about taking it one day at a time and sticking to your goals. The experts say it takes roughly 21 days for a new activity, such as exercising, to become a habit, and 6 months for it to become a part of your personality.*

•*Try, try again — Even if you fail, there’s no reason you can’t start again. There’s no rule that New Year’s resolutions can be made only just prior to the new year.*

To all area residents who plan to take on the challenge of tackling their own, personal New Year’s resolution, we wish you the best of luck.

And, Happy New Year!

Reporter’s notebook

Chronicle’s mission won’t change in ‘10

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

It’s been a difficult year for the Chronicle.

The death of longtime Publisher John Haire was obviously a horrible shock to his family, including his son, Clarke, who now serves as owner and publisher. But John’s loss continues to be felt by the newspaper’s staff members, some of whom worked with him for decades. We still think about him often — whether it’s memories of him wandering around the building, asking for Rabbit Tracks ideas, or a member of the editorial staff going head-to-head with him on a story decision.

For me, John’s absence stripped away some of the confidence I thought I had as a newspaper editor, even after 23 years here. John was always there when I had a question or concern about how to handle a touchy issue. I took for granted that his advice was always available.

As I said, it’s been difficult. However, we’re moving on in a direction I’d like to think John would have been pleased with.

It’s been weeks now since we debuted our new editorial page (page 3), and the response has been very positive, although admittedly Clarke and I are still learning about writing editorials, and we’re trying to improve the content of that page week by week.

There are other changes on the way, but those adjustments won’t affect the Chronicle’s content or our resolve to continue serving as the community newspaper we’ve built a strong reputation on for many years.

I’ve heard it said in casual conversations that the days of the weekly newspaper are numbered, what with the Internet (if you haven’t checked our website, please do so at: www.ccchronicle.net), and the trend of much larger newspapers folding or drastically cutting their staffs and the number of days they publish.

But I’m not convinced the weekly, community newspaper has outlived its usefulness.

My response to those predictions is this: as long as the Chronicle continues to provide the local

news that other, more distant members of the media have no space or time for, we’ll be valued by our readers. Village council and school board meeting coverage, feature stories, births, marriages, deaths, even honor rolls and photos of area spelling bee winners are just a few examples.

Of course, advertising revenue will ultimately decide whether our doors stay open or close in the future, which is why we truly appreciate all of the area businesses that have continued to support the Chronicle, as we continue to support them.

With a new year approaching, I’m optimistic the light will continue to go on at the corner of Main and Oak streets for a long time to come, even with economic forecasts that indicate the state and, ultimately, our small community and many others in the Thumb aren’t likely to see a significant upswing anytime soon.

The bottom line is that we’re ready to enter 2010 with the same energy and dedication we’ve always had when it comes to doing our job.

I hope our faithful readers will remain just that — faithful and willing to continue offering us suggestions, story ideas, editorial submissions and, yes, even criticism well into the new year as we look forward to our 111th year of existence as the Chronicle.

It’s no secret the paper has had its fair share of critics in 2009 in terms of how we handled certain stories — that’s nothing new, folks — and the fact that we again stuck to our guns with our “letter to the editor” policy. But, I’m reminded of the many times that John would smile after listening to me getting reamed up one side and down the other by an irate reader. His response? “Don’t worry about it,” he’d say. “They’re reading the paper.”

He was right, of course. I never mentioned it to him, but I take many readers’ comments — positive and negative — to heart and apply their ideas to the way I approach subsequent stories.

That won’t change in 2010, and rest assured the Chronicle’s mission and devotion to this community won’t change, either.



The back forty

by Roger Pond

There’s always a problem with bats. A U.S. District Court Judge has ruled a West Virginia wind farm needs a permit to safeguard some bats.

“Like death and taxes, there is a virtual certainty that Indiana bats will be harmed,” the judge says. “The development of wind energy can and should be encouraged, but wind turbines must be good neighbors.”

This wind farm hopes to install 122 turbines and there are estimated to be 457,000 Indiana bats in West Virginia.

Some folks might wonder what Indiana bats are doing there, but we need to remember: They probably have relatives, and they want to go back to visit.

My last encounter with a bat was many years ago. My wife scampered downstairs and said, “There’s a bat on the living room wall. Get the broom and try to shoo him outside like you did the last one.”

It’s not that simple, of course. Shooing a bat involves a lot of ducking and dodging, and flailing the air with one’s weapon of choice. I was hoping the bat would exit through a window or door.

This bat went downstairs, upstairs, and sailed around for awhile — before landing on a large beam in the dining room.

I was reminded of some bats we used to shoot off the rafters in our old dairy barn. They weren’t a protected species in those days, but we needed a good rafter for a backstop to avoid putting a hole in the barn roof.

I wondered if some folks might have got out their .22 rifle and shot this bat off the beam in my house. I couldn’t do that, of course.

Bats are an important part of the ecosystem, eating thousands of bugs a day and contributing to the balance of nature. Besides, it was too dark to see through my scope.

The whole thing reminded me of a country doctor in my old hometown. Doc was a good physician, but he had a mischievous streak. One evening he got upset at a mouse in his office and decided to take a shot at the critter.

The mouse had been spotted in the office numerous times and Doc’s nerves were wearing thin. He took a firm rest over the examination table and touched one off. My dad described Doc’s rifle as an “elephant gun,” but I suspect it was more like a deer rifle. If Dad told the story a few more times the rifle would have been mounted on wheels.

Either way, the blast caused quite a stir in that part of town. Nobody knows if the waiting room was empty when the shot was fired, but everybody knows it was vacant afterwards.

A few folks said, “I’d still go in for a cold or a case of the flu, but I sure wouldn’t go into that office with a broken leg.”

This was before modern firearms laws, gun control, and animal rights became a big issue. People had their own code of ethics. Most were more concerned that Doc missed the mouse than anything else.



Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

In the 110 years since the Cass City Chronicle’s first issue (May 19, 1899) there have been just 3 publishers - Herb Lenzer, John Haire and Clarke Haire, the latter taking the reins in July of this year.

Since the early 1990s the Cass City Chronicle has been printed at facilities in Caro, Sandusky, Bad Axe, and starting with today’s issue now Midland.

While we would prefer to spend our print dollars in the Thumb area that’s not possible, as our 3 previous printers have all closed their web press operations.

With the Chronicle’s new printers at the Midland Daily News, our weekly readers should notice some changes. One difference is the physical page size, which because of press limitations is a couple of inches narrower.

That’s not to say our new printer’s machinery is in any way inferior to those used in the past. Quite the opposite and you can expect nearly double the amount of full color pages each week in 2010.

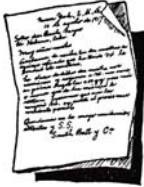
In addition to more color, the overall quality of our printing, including black and white photos, art work, tints and solids (both on display in the Crossroads Restaurant advertisement on page 5.) should be improved.

However, as with most changes there’s a learning curve. Fortunately, the Chronicle’s composition staff of Deb Severance, Harmony Doerr and Tina Pallas has been down this road before and I am confident that any bumps along the way will be quickly ironed out.

Finally, the Chronicle would like to give a shout out to Jerry Gibbard, Brad Wehner and Mandy Reinke, employees of our former printer at the Huron Daily Tribune, for all of their assistance over the years in helping us produce each week’s issue.

We can only hope to receive the same type of commitment from the staff at the Midland Daily News. Considering both publications are Hearst newspapers, it should be a given.

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2009 was a good (difficult) year

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

It's been a tradition at the Chronicle for years to take a look back on the past year's biggest stories before diving into a new year of news and feature reporting in the community. This year is no different. Few would argue that the area continues to struggle in the midst of one of the worst recessions in Michigan's history, with families facing job losses and local governmental units and schools trying to cope with ever-decreasing revenue figures and climbing expenses. But, as is true every year, there have been many positive notes to look back on, whether they involved friends and neighbors rallying around a family facing cancer, or those same friends and neighbors organizing food drives/pantries to help the less fortunate get by during tough times. The Chronicle's mission for more than 100 years now has been to serve the community by reporting on local events and people, good news and bad, and our aim is to carry on that legacy in the year to come. Having said that, we present a few of what we consider to have been the most important local/regional stories of 2009, in no particular order, for your review.

SCHOOL FINANCES

Cass City School officials, along with their counterparts throughout the Thumb and across the state, were forced to continue to endure state funding cuts in 2009 thanks to Michigan's budget woes and a continued decline in enrollment that has seen the local school district's enrollment shrink by some 400 students or so over the past few years. Those cuts prompted local school officials to cut 5 teaching positions last February, although the district's share of federal stimulus dollars (roughly \$440,000) enabled the school to recall 3 teachers and hire another along with several para-professionals in August. Unfortunately, most of those positions will be funded only through the end of this school year.

In recent months, state officials announced a proration (cut in funding) of \$165 per student for the state's schools, costing Cass City about \$205,000. However, school Supt. Ron Wilson noted during a monthly board of education meeting this month that there may be reason for optimism. Michigan School Business Officials (MSBO) Director David Martell recently informed schools that the Senate Fiscal Agency's latest revenue estimate on the January Consensus Revenue Estimating Conference (CREC) "confirms that the combination of revenue and expenditure adjustments to the May CREC numbers eliminates the need for (an additional) \$127 proration for 2009-10 in the School Aid Fund." In fact, Martell reported the revenue estimate for 2010-11 shows a smaller-than-expected state aid budget shortfall of \$339.4 million, which translates into a projected loss of about \$215 per student for schools next year. Michigan districts have been told for months now to expect a cut of \$600 or more per pupil in 2010-11. For now, Cass City School officials are holding the line on finances, opting to spend a portion of the district's \$880,000 fund equity rather than make mid-year program cuts.

SCHOOL-UNION RELATIONS

The relationship between the Cass

City Public Schools and the unions representing its employees were strained, to say the least, in 2009. After months of negotiations, several mediation sessions and hard feelings on both sides, the Cass City Education Association and the school district came to terms on a new contract over the summer. The union, representing 64 teachers, whose previous contract expired in August 2008, ratified the agreement in June. The pact called for a 2-year wage freeze, required teachers to pay more for prescription drug coverage, and rolled back health insurance limits. The labor agreement totals 3 years, with the first year retroactive. School officials said the union agreed to a true freeze in pay and step increases, while the district agreed to continue paying premiums of \$1,397 for Michigan Education Special Services Association (MESSA) health insurance during the second year of the contract, with any increase to a total premium contribution of \$1,440 in the final year. Health insurance was a major stumbling block in negotiations, as school officials wanted the union to dump MESSA in favor of a less expensive plan, while the teachers stood firm in their desire to maintain their existing carrier and coverage. School-union relations were further strained in June when a sharply-divided board of education approved a motion to privatize custodial services on a vote of 4-3. The move saved the district thousands of dollars, but cost 6 Cass City custodians their jobs. Dozens of residents bitterly protested the move to hire D.M. Burr Facilities Management, citing the local custodians' proven willingness to reopen their contract and accept concessions in order to save the school money. However, in the end, those savings didn't come near to matching the reduction in costs provided by contracting the service out, school officials said. Residents and members of the custodial staff have continued to protest the board's decision in the months since, and the custodians have since filed a civil lawsuit against D.M. Burr. LOCAL BUSINESS Cass City's business community saw several ups and downs over the course of the past year, including the rise and fall of 2 major industrial developments that never materialized. In spite of the village's efforts to land a Dairy Farmers of America dairy plant, officials representing the cooperative committed to, but never followed through with plans to build in Cass City's industrial park. The same goes for the owners of a Marlette-based poultry processing facility, who recently opted to look for an existing building in the village of Caro rather than construct a new plant in Cass City. On the other hand, Main Street benefited from several individuals who backed up their faith in the village with investments in hopes of running successful small businesses and drawing customers from throughout the region. Examples aren't hard to point out. The Lathrup Village-based Excell Group set up shop in the former Millennium building last spring. The company's new call center operation currently employs about 37 area residents. Gjon (pronounced John) Camaj, who refurbished the former Hardee's building and opened Nick's Country Oven, has since enjoyed overwhelming success after Camaj made good on promises to offer the community a varied menu at reasonable prices. Proof of his success can be seen just

about any day in the number of vehicles parked at the restaurant. Likewise, Nancy Braun, owner of Plain and Fancy Decorating invested in Cass City's Main Street and took advantage of a \$5,000 U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Business Enterprise grant to purchase a new paint shaker for her business. At the corner of Main and Seeger streets, meanwhile, the owners of Coach Light Pharmacy have begun renovations to expand into the former Old Wood Drug building, and Julie Carpenter Moore has purchased the building that last housed the Cass City Antique Mall. She plans to operate a day care center. As for the owners of the Cass City Antique Mall, they are in the process of reopening in the former NAPA building at the corner of Main and Oak. MURDERS Murder investigations are few and far between in the Thumb, thankfully. But 2009 saw one such case come to an end in Sanilac County, while another, even more bizarre investigation, was initiated in the same county. A trial scheduled a year ago for Austin Township resident Mark John Soule, 50, who was accused of fatally stabbing his live-in girlfriend and her daughter, was canceled when Soule entered pleas of guilty to 2 counts of second degree murder. Soule was subsequently sentenced to 40 to 60 years in prison in Sanilac County Circuit Court. The case unfolded in March 2008, 2 days after Soule murdered his girlfriend, Janice Boal, 50, and her 30-year-old daughter, Stacey A. Kredell of Bad Axe. It was Soule himself who contacted authorities and reported that he had just killed 2 people at his residence. Sanilac deputies responded and located both victims inside a pole building near the residence in the 1300 block of Charleston Road. Soule, a native of Tyre, later underwent a mental competency examination at the Michigan Center for Psychiatry in Ypsilanti, where he was deemed competent to stand trial and criminally responsible for his actions. The latest murder investigation also involved fatal stabbings - this time at the hands of 47-year-old Gary Lee Gould of Crosswell, who is charged with open murder in the deaths of his stepfather, Jacob P. Wurmlinger, 70, and Harry "Ted" Reynolds, 68, of Lexington, and 2 counts of assault with intent to murder in the stabbings of his mother, Doreen Wurmlinger, 64, and Cynthia Reynolds, 67. The alleged crimes occurred last July in the Crosswell home Gould had shared with his mother and stepfather since his release from prison in the fall of 2008 after serving a 12-year term on a conviction of assault with intent to commit great bodily harm less than murder. Court proceedings for Gould were placed on hold after he requested a psychiatric evaluation at the Michigan Center for Forensic Psychiatry. COACH CHARGED Criminal sexual conduct cases are not unusual in the Thumb, but allegations that arose earlier this year, involving a former Owen-Gage High School coach and a former student, raised eyebrows across the region. Corey D. Fritz, 26, of Sebewaing, faces 20 counts of third degree criminal sexual conduct, a felony punishable by up to 15 years in prison. A 2001 Owen-Gage High School graduate, he faces a jury trial scheduled to get underway Feb. 17 in Tuscola County Circuit Court. The charges stem from allegations that Fritz had multiple sexual encounters in 2005-06 with a 14-year-old who was attending Owen-Gage High School at the time. At the time, Fritz was 22 years old. Michigan State Police detectives are investigating not only the alleged sex crimes, but also a possible missing infant allegedly fathered by the suspect with the victim. Prosecutors have alleged the victim buried the remains of the baby. According to testimony already entered into the record, Fritz has admitted to having sex with the then-high school sophomore on multiple occasions. However, he has denied having any knowledge of a child being born. DRUG TRAFFICKING The Thumb is no stranger to drug trafficking, but the stories aren't always considered "local", although drugs seized by law enforcement authorities miles away are often targeted for users/dealers in the Cass

City area. One of the biggest drug trafficking stories of the year unfolded last month at the Sandusky City Airport, where county and state law enforcement officials assisted federal authorities in apprehending 2 Canadian men suspected of being involved in the operation. The Please turn to page 7.

Cass City a bronze medal school

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Poors. According to the publication, that methodology is based on the key principles that a great high school must serve all its students well, not just those who are college bound, and that it must be able to produce measurable academic outcomes to show the school is successfully educating its student body across a range of performance indicators. The publication awarded gold, silver and bronze medals as well as honorable mention to a host of high schools across the country. "We analyzed 21,786 public high schools in 48 states plus the District of Columbia. This is the total number of public high schools that had 12th grade enrollment and sufficient data, primarily from the 2007-08 school year," U.S. News and World Report writer Robert Morse explained. "A 3-step process determined the best high schools," he said. "The first 2 steps ensured that the schools serve all their students well, using state proficiency standards as the benchmarks," Morse wrote in his story. "For those that made it past the first 2 steps, a third step assessed the degree to which schools prepared students for college-level work." The top 100 schools nationwide with the highest college readiness index scores were ranked numerically and awarded gold medals. The next 461 top-performing high schools nationwide - based on their college readiness index scores - earned silver medals. An additional 1,189 high schools in 48 states plus the District of Columbia, including those listed from the Thumb, that passed the first 2 steps were awarded bronze medals, and 37 other schools in 12 states received an honorable mention.

Board takes no action on contract

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adding the Cass City Schools have become a laughing stock in the Thumb, with school officials firing and then rehiring employees. "Why is there so much indecision, and why can't people be heard?" Nicholas asked. "We'll follow the rules (for being included on the monthly board agendas). Tell us what they are. But, remember, you are our board, you're not Mr. (school Supt. Ron) Wilson's board. "We don't feel like we're being heard," she continued. "You're accountable to our community. Remember that when you make decisions."

GOOD NEWS

Turning to finances, Wilson reported school officials have received some good news in the form of an update on the state's overall financial picture. David Martell, director of the Michigan School Business Officials (MSBO), last week informed schools across the state that the Senate Fiscal Agency's latest revenue estimate on the January Consensus Revenue Estimating Conference (CREC) "confirms that the combination of revenue and expenditure adjustments to the May CREC numbers eliminates the need for the \$127 proration for 2009-10 in the School Aid Fund. In fact, the revenue estimate for 2010-11 shows a shortfall of \$339.4 million, or about \$215 per pupil." Schools have already been docked \$165 per student in state funding this fiscal year, which began July 1, costing the Cass City Schools roughly \$205,000. Had state officials implemented the additional \$127-per-pupil cut, the district would have seen its \$880,000 fund balance reduced to \$750,000 by the end of the year, according to Wilson. As for the projection that schools could lose another \$215 per student next year, he pointed out that the figure is far more optimistic than previous estimates that Michigan's districts should brace for a funding reduction of \$600 or more per student in 2010-11. In a related matter, the board okayed a resolution authorizing Wilson and board President Doug Lautner to approve a memorandum of understanding with state education officials to accept a portion of federal "Race to the Top Fund" money. That resolution won't be approved, however, until state officials finalize rules of the program, considered the largest-ever federal competitive investment in school reform. The goal is to reward states for past accomplishments and create incentives for future improvements, including adopting standards and assessments that prepare students for success in college and the workplace; recruiting, developing, retaining and rewarding effective teachers and principals; building data systems that measure student success and inform teachers and administrators how they can improve their practices; and turning around the lowest-performing schools. The biggest concern, Wilson explained, is that the money will come with requirements that could cost Cass City Schools more than the \$125,000 the district could receive in funding. And, until that question has been answered, school attorneys are advising against approving memorandums of understanding by the Jan. 7 deadline.

IN OTHER BUSINESS

In other business, the board: •Approved payment of monthly bills on a split vote, 5-1, after Trustee Sloane Stimpfel questioned a \$350 bill to replace Wilson's cell phone, which was accidentally damaged beyond repair. The bill exceeds the budgeted amount for such expenses, according to Stimpfel, who said she doesn't feel it's the district's responsibility to replace the phone. Other board members, including Lautner, disagreed. "The board purchased that item," said Lautner, who noted accidents happen, and school officials purchased the phone for Wilson's use and to provide a way to contact him 7 days a week, 24 hours a day if needed. Stimpfel cast the lone dissenting vote. Board member Randy Severance was not in attendance Tuesday night. •Approved a new board policy regarding the use of district-issued credit cards, again on a vote of 5-1, with Stimpfel dissenting. The policy would enable school officials to make purchases from businesses where the district does not have established accounts, according to Wilson, who said there would be no interest charges provided the school covers all charges within a 30-day grace period. Stimpfel argued that use of such cards would not be significant enough to save the district money. Trustee Jim Veneziano disagreed, saying they would streamline purchases. •Heard from teacher Mary Keroson, who reported the Cass City Middle School seventh grade teaching team has been awarded a \$180 grant for transportation costs for students to attend a field trip to Caro in the spring. The focus of the trip will be to study water cycle and watershed issues, she noted. Keroson also reported the middle school staff has adopted a new spelling curriculum that will compliment a curriculum already in place at the elementary school. •Approved the hiring of Joellen Bukoski to fill a para-professional position at the elementary school. The position was vacated by Yvonne Edzik, who retired. •Approved Connie Iwankovitsch's request to schedule the all-school play performances for March 19 and 20 in the high school cafeteria. •Approved the district's annual Disclosure Report to the Michigan Department of Education. Wilson explained the report provides an overall financial picture of the Cass City Public Schools, including information related to school finances, enrollment history, labor relations, history of state equalized valuation and retirement contributions, state aid payments and tax rates.



CASS CITY Middle School teacher Jenifer Green was honored as the 2009 Michigan Farm Bureau "K-12 Educator of the Year".



THE RECIPIENTS OF the December Red Hawk Award of Excellence are (from left) Jalene Krol, third grade; Rebecca Graff, seventh grade; and high school sophomore Nicole Kelley.

Krol, Graff and Kelley earn excellence award

Three Cass City Public School students and their families enjoyed an early Christmas present last week when the students were honored as the second recipients of the coveted “Red Hawk Award of Excellence” for the 2009-10 school year.

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

The nominees are then invited to attend a Cass City Board of Education meeting, where they are presented with a maroon ribbon and certificate, and are personally congratulated by each school board member.

The latest recipients include third grade student Jalene Krol, daughter of Joe and Jamie Krol.

“Jalene is the student that always has a smile on her face. She is a great worker. She excels at academics and takes her work seriously. Jalene does not give up if an assignment is difficult. She perseveres until she has the problem or assignment figured out,” commented teacher Kris Milligan, who nominated Krol for the award.

“You can count on her to always be doing the correct behavior,” Milligan said. “Jalene is always willing to help others. When asked, she will take on the task of helping a classmate.

“Jalene is a student to watch for in the future. She will be successful in whatever path she chooses to go.”

Representing the middle school is Red Hawk award recipient Rebecca Graff, daughter of Barbara and Chris

Graff.

“Becca is an outstanding seventh grader in our district and an outstanding citizen in our community. She works hard in her school activities and is involved in many extracurricular activities as well,” states the letter of nomination submitted by the building’s seventh grade teaching team.

“When you are looking for someone who exemplifies the traits of good character, you need not look any further than Becca. (She) excels academically because she works hard and acknowledges her desire to achieve requires that hard work.

“The teaching team was impressed with the number of community activities Becca is involved in along with her family. Becca volunteers to work at the Octagon Barn events, has participated in the Christmas in July activity with her family, including her grandparents, since age 5, and sings at benefits with her mother as well as working with the Tom Thumb Singers. Additionally, Becca indicated a concern for the environment and animal welfare.”

At Cass City High School, sophomore Nicole Kelley, daughter of Randy and Sandra Kelley, was selected for the honor.

“Nicole is a student who, throughout her first 2 years in the high school, has demonstrated her leadership abilities,” states the nomination submitted on her behalf. “She is active in student council and in all class activities.

“She is a pleasant person who is always willing to lend a helping hand. Nicole is very responsible and is a student you can count on to get the job done in an efficient and complete way. Nichole has the respect of the students and the staff.”

Still time to enroll at Baker College

Officials at Baker College of Cass City, a satellite campus of Baker College of Flint, report that there’s still plenty of time to enroll for winter quarter 2010. The Cass City admissions office hours are as follows:

- Wednesday, Dec. 30, from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.
- Thursday, Dec. 31, and Friday, Jan. 1, Baker College is closed in observance of the holiday

To accommodate all students, hours have been extended beginning Monday, Jan. 4:

- Monday, Jan. 4, through Thursday, Jan. 7, from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m.
- Friday, Jan. 8, from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m.
- Saturday, Jan. 9, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.
- Monday, Jan. 11, through Thursday, Jan. 14, from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m.
- Friday, Jan. 15, from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m.
- After hours: appointments available upon request

Classes for winter quarter begin Monday, Jan. 11, with registration continuing through Jan. 15.

Many financial assistance opportunities are available. For more information, call Baker College of Cass City at (989) 872-1129. Students may schedule an appointment via the Baker College website: www.baker.edu.

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Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas

5 YEARS AGO

Cass City High School senior Jesse Rader will walk the halls of Harvard University next fall. Harvard recently accepted the 17-year-old Cass City area resident for admission with the Class of 2009.

Christmas came a little early this year for Decker resident Corey Ulfig. On December 7th, the Cass City graduate bagged a huge 5-year-old bull from northern Michigan’s managed elk herd. The impressive 6x6 trophy field dressed at over 600 pounds. Actually, Ulfig’s Christmas gift came weeks earlier when he found out that he had drawn a precious Michigan elk tag. “Out of 400,000 applications, they issue only 120 permits, 40 bulls and 80 cows,” said Ulfig.

Five is a big number for the Cass City Red Hawk basketball team this year. The Hawks remained undefeated with victory number 5 over the Caro Tigers last Tuesday, 56-44. Justin Glaza became the 6th winner of the most valuable player award in the annual M-81 clash and the award was number 5 in a row for Cass City players.

Owen-Gage’s Brandon Dubs has game. The Bulldog’s leading scorer tossed in a game-high 19 points Tuesday during the hosts’ come-from-behind victory over visiting Peck.

10 YEARS AGO

Months of planning and preparing locally and on the county level will be tested Friday night at the stroke of midnight. “I hope it’s the biggest non-event we’ve ever had.” Tuscola County Emergency Management Director Dep. Patrick H. Finn commented last week, referring to fears stemming from the so-called Millennium or Y2K Bug.

Two new members joined the ranks of Paul Harris Fellows Tuesday, sponsored by the Cass City Rotary Club. Honored were Rotarians Ben Varney and Valarie Hartel. Persons become Fellows when \$1,000 is contributed by them or in their name to the Rotary Foundation. Varney and Hartel earned entry because of donations made by Cass City Rotary in their names in honor of their service to the club. The Foundation uses the money for projects such as the program that has been successful in a battle to eradicate polio worldwide. Varney joined Rotary in 1993 and Hartel joined in 1994.

In over 2 decades of coaching, Owen-Gage mentor Leon Westover believed he had seen it all. But his Bulldog cagers proved differently in their final tilt before the Christmas break, Tuesday, during a North Central Thumb League thriller in Port Hope. Sophomore Nathan Kain scored 19 of his team-high 21 points in the final frame, including the game winner, to lift the visitors to an unbelievable 82-80 come-from-behind win over the Blue Stars. “(It was) the most incredible come-from-

behind win in my 20 years of coaching basketball,” commented Westover. While Kain had the hot hand in the final frame, teammate Corbin Swiastyn was cool. Swiastyn helped set-up the Bulldogs’ comeback effort when he went to the foul line and converted 3 tosses after being fouled on a 3-point attempt. Swaistyn’s final toss evened the game at 80 with about 40 ticks remaining on the clock.

25 YEARS AGO

Santa made a hospital stay for 6-year-old Sarah Nicholson brighter last week when the jolly old elf visited her room. Sarah, daughter of Tom and Marty Nicholson, Cass City, was released in time for Christmas.

Sophomore Kurt Bliss caught fire in the last half against Thumb B Association defending champion and league leading Vassar Friday, but his heroics fell just short of pulling out a come-from-behind victory for Cass City. The final score of 52-47 doesn’t tell how close it was. Bliss, looking like a young Larry Bird, made shots from the outside, inside and in between as he racked up 23 of his 26 points in the last half, 17 in the final 8 minutes.

If you think that feeding and caring for a horse is as simple as throwing them a bale of hay and a pail of grain, talk to Dave and Rose Bullock about it. They have a different approach. For them, it is a proven winner. The Bullocks raise and train quarter horses for show competition. Their top horse, Classic Country, has beaten horses in halter competitions that have sold for over \$1 million.

A Cass City resident recently opened a new chapter in his working career by writing and publishing his first book. Lawrence Wright, 41, began writing “Diamonds in the Snow,” a 92-page soft covered book, about two years ago. Although he has just received copies of the new book, he is almost finished with his second book, “The Paralyzed Mind.” Wright said that he began writing “Diamonds in the Snow” for people

who possessed suicidal tendencies. While writing the book he realized that everyone could benefit from reading it. “It ended up being an inspirational, self-help book for the reasonably normal individual who wants to work out their own problems,” Wright explained.

35 YEARS AGO

Four area singers are defying the odds and right now are flirting with the big time. Four fellows who started singing for their own amusement in neighborhood churches just three short years ago. The big time in Gospel and Country singing, of course, is Nashville and the “Grand Ole Opry” and that’s the show where you’ll find Christ’s Ambassadors performing live Jan 5. Among the quartet only one has any professional connection with music. He’s Dorland Kuntz, the vocal music instructor at Cass City Schools. He is joined by a grocery store worker, a construction worker and a farmer. The accompanist, Dean Bell, works in an auto parts store. All except Kuntz live in Caro. Dave Smith is in construction with Smith Builders and is the bass. Baritone is Jerry Montei who works for a grocery chain in Caro. C.R. Smith is the lead singer and farms in the Colwood area while Kuntz is the tenor and handles the bookings from his Cass City address.

Jill Field, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Field of Deford, has been nominated as 1975 Campus Sweetheart Candidate representing Cass City High School. Miss Field won the nomination in a four-way race that included Linda Battel, Marie Hobart and Cindy Tuckey. All girls are seniors. The 1975 Thumb Sweetheart pageant will be held Feb. 8, at Marlette High School, at 8 p.m. Miss Field will compete with 15 other high school seniors in the Thumb area for 1975 Campus Life Sweetheart Queen. Becky German, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl German of Deford, is Miss Field’s campaign manager.

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Cass City Church of Christ 6743 E. Main St., Cass City, MI 48726 Contacts 872-2367 or 872-3136 Worship Service Sunday 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. Bible Study Sunday 10:00 a.m. & Wednesday 7:00 p.m.	First Baptist Church (Independent, Fundamental) Barrier Free 6420 Houghton St., Cass City, MI 48726 989-872-3155 Sunday School All Ages 9:45 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship Service 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meetings & Bible Study 7:00 p.m. AWANA Clubs 6:45 p.m. During School Year Thursday Teen Club 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Pastor: David G. Hill Website: www.fbccc.us	Novesta Church of Christ 2896 N. Cemetery Rd., Cass City, MI 48726 872-3658 or 872-1195 Bible School 9:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. Worship Service 9:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. Youth Group & Sunday Evening Services 6:00 p.m. Ministers: Brad Gniewek & Brad Speirs Visit our website at: www.novestachurch.org
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Cass City United Methodist Church 5100 N. Cemetery Rd., P.O. Box 125, Cass City, MI 48726 872-3422 Worship: 11:00 a.m. (Summer 9:30 a.m.) Sunday School - Sept.-May 9:30 a.m. Community Dinner - Monthly (2nd Wed. at noon) Pastor: Rev. Paul G. Donelson	Good Shepherd Lutheran Church 6820 E. Main St., Cass City, MI 48726 872-2770 Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Bible Class & Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Pastor: Michael Boyer	

Library marking its 100th anniversary

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They immediately began raising money in hopes of securing a building.

In 1911, I.B. Auten donated use of rooms over his bank (the former Cass City State Bank at the corner of Main and Seeger streets) to the club, rent free. That year they purchased 400 new books and obtained the use of a traveling library from Michigan Agricultural College (now MSU). Members of the club served as librarians and, in 1913, they began to draw a wage of 50 cents a week.

By 1922, the group had 938 books and a building fund totaling \$521.

In 1945, the library was moved into the council room on the ground floor of the old fire hall. That space is now the drug store building on the corner of Main and Seeger.

Library records show that in 1943, Francis DuFord was librarian for a year, followed by Zuleika Stafford, who served until 1950. Reva Little began in 1950 and served until 1971. Sometime after 1954, the study club turned the operation of the library over to Elkland Township. In 1967, the village council in Cass City resolved to join with the township to establish a district library, serving Elmwood, Novesta, Evergreen and Greenleaf townships in addition to Elkland Township.

In 1969, the dream of a new library became reality with a gift from the Rawson Foundation. Construction of the 2,900-square-foot building at the corner of Pine and Seeger streets

was completed in the fall of 1970, and the facility was named Rawson Memorial Library.

A 1,500-square-foot addition featuring a large meeting room was completed in 1978, and in 1995, the Pinney Foundation's \$250,000 gift helped make it possible to expand again — this time with a 3,600-foot-addition.

BIG CHALLENGE

Kate VanAuken, who took over as library director in 2002 after serving 2 years on the library board, recalls she faced some challenges when she started as director.

"The first thing I had to do was go to the voters and get a 20-year millage renewal and also ask for .35 mills more," she said, adding she quickly found she had the backing of not only a strong, supportive staff and board, but also a community that loves its library. "Not only did those millages pass, but each subsequent millage after has," she said. "In fact, the renewal this past August passed with nearly a 90-percent approval rating."

VanAuken made the creation of a young adult/teen section a priority, and with the help of then-middle school librarian Judy Brown, formed a committee of middle school students to help redesign a space in the library.

"The next step was to gather grant money to upgrade our circulation system. We needed to be online so patrons could access their account

and our catalog from wherever there was Internet access. I was able to accomplish this with a very generous grant," VanAuken said.

In 2007, Rawson Memorial District Library was honored with the State Librarian's Award of Excellence.

"I still feel this is one of the best accomplishments that this library and staff can ever receive," she commented. "It means that we are not only providing the services that our patrons deserve, but other libraries around the state should be emulating some of these very programs."

TECHNOLOGY

"Obviously, library service has changed by leaps and bounds due in great part to the Internet," VanAuken said. "We have always been in the business of providing information, but the format is changing and expanding."

She is quick to add that the library is embracing and utilizing technology, in spite of predictions by some that the Internet will be the death of libraries.

"We are more important than ever to our communities because we are

still the main information providers to communities," she said. "Information can be found in many different forms: books, magazines, CD-roms, databases and, of course, on a billion different websites available to us."

"Technology is a good thing and it will continue to play a larger role in all our lives whether we like it or not," VanAuken continued. "So many companies and the government are forcing the public to use online resources and file things like unemployment online. That is where we can and do help; I feel libraries today should embrace all the wonderful things that technology provides society."

"That being said," she noted, "with all the advances, librarians need to be more tech savvy. We need to be able to troubleshoot software application issues, hook up hardware to the network, and in many cases be the main source of education when it comes to technology resources and reference for our patrons."

LOOKING AHEAD

"That is where we are going in the

next decade," she said. "Those that feel the book is not as important as it once was, will probably tell you the library will fold up and go away, that everyone will have a Kindle and never have to check out another book from the library. This is where I say that we are so much more than books."

"For those people who don't use libraries or who don't feel we are viable to society because the 'book' is not as popular as it once was — I say, just watch us grow in other directions."

And, those directions are virtually limitless.

For example, VanAuken said, "We will be adding a wonderful new service to our website and library collection. It is a virtual branch library where audio books can be downloaded to iPods, mp3s and computers, or burned right onto CDs."

"I feel this will help us reach so many more people who may not use the library now, those who typically purchase these items off the Internet. Now they can do it for free," she added. "We are just starting with audio books, but in the future I see us expanding into other media."

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investigation centered on a border helicopter crew that observed a small plane land at the airport and dump several large bags onto the runway before picking up one bag and taking off again. The crew also observed 2 men on the runway who attempted to load the bags into an SUV. The suspects fled the scene, only to be picked up a short time later by Sanilac County Sheriff's deputies. At the airport, meanwhile, officials seized the bags, which contained a whopping \$10 million worth of Ecstasy pills and marijuana. More recently, investigators discovered a secret compartment in the suspect vehicle that, they say, contained several thousand dollars in cash and evidence of powder cocaine.

H1N1 FLU SCARE

Many area residents have been forced to wait for an H1N1 flu vaccination, in spite of frightening reports of a pandemic that has claimed thousands of lives across the country.

Until recently, the limited vaccine available has been reserved for the very young, the elderly and other groups, including pregnant women, health care providers, those living with or caring for young children, and those battling chronic illnesses. Earlier this month, the Michigan Department of Community Health along with local health departments announced plans to enter into the next phase of flu vaccine distribution by expanding vaccination programs to all Michigan residents by Dec. 14. According to the latest statistics compiled by the Michigan Disease Surveillance System (MDSS), the number of flu-like illnesses reported in the state from Jan. 1 through Dec. 19 totaled 686,903, compared to 416,972 in 2008 and 404,476 in 2007. The number of hospitalizations has totaled 1,990 since Sept. 1, and 64 people have died from influenza during the same period.

TOP TEACHER

The Cass City Public Schools recently enjoyed the opportunity to

boast its second Michigan Farm Bureau "K-12 Education of the Year" award in recent years, with middle school teacher Jenifer Green presented with the honor in Grand Rapids. Campbell Elementary School teacher Kris Milligan previously was honored with the same accolade. Green, nominated by the Tuscola County Farm Bureau, was recognized for her efforts to incorporate agriculture into the school curriculum. "Mrs. Green grew up on a farm and understands the importance of educating students on the roles agriculture plays in their lives and the world around them," said Cathy Healy, who chairs Tuscola County Farm Bureau's Promotion and Education Committee. "The agriculture industry is such an important part of the economy in Tuscola County. Even though the students are surrounded by agriculture, they may not always realize how the food and fiber that they use every day gets from the farm to their homes. Mrs. Green also helps them realize the time and

effort that farmers spend in taking care of the animals and the land to protect and conserve it for generations to follow." Examples of Green's innovative classroom projects include growing Wisconsin "fast plants" and introducing Brassica butterfly eggs to the plant to demonstrate the symbiotic relationship between the plants and butterflies. Green's students also care for various animals in the classroom and hatch chicken eggs in the spring.

ANNIVERSARY

The Elkland Township Fire Department marked a "legacy of lifesaving" in 2009 and at the same time prepared to say goodbye to longtime Chief Ron Pawloski. That legacy spans 125 years. The department didn't become part of the township until consolidation between it and the village department took place in 1950. Earlier, in 1884, it had been known as the Cass City Fire Department, and in 1887, as the Cass City Fire Company.

While today's well-trained firemen are summoned to duty by individual pagers, in the beginning, a sledgehammer slamming against a railroad rail announced a fire in progress. In between these extremes came a whistle atop the then-Elkland Roller Mill on Main Street, and later phones ringing in each volunteer's home plus the fire whistle. Over the years, modern pumpers, tankers and rescue vans have replaced the hose carts pulled by volunteers back in the 1800s through 1915 or so, according to historical accounts. One thing hasn't changed; today's volunteer fire fighters are every bit as dedicated and willing to risk their own safety for others as their predecessors were, according to Pawloski, who considers the Elkland Township Fire Department among the best in the Thumb. Pawloski, who will officially retire Thursday, has served with the Cass City department for the past 36 years, including 12 years as chief. He also put in 28 years working for various ambulance services in the village.



VILLAGE AND Tuscola County EDC officials welcomed representatives of the Excell Group to Cass City, where the company opened a new call center last spring. Today, Excell employs about 37 people at the Cass City location.



SANILAC COUNTY Sheriff Garry Biniecki surveys the suspect vehicle in a multi-national drug smuggling operation in which authorities seized \$10 million worth of Ecstasy and marijuana in Sandusky last month.



THE ELKLAND Township Fire Department in Cass City marked its 125th anniversary in 2009.



LONGTIME Cass City fire fighter Ron Pawloski closed the books on a 36-year tenure with the Elkland Township Fire Department in 2009. Pawloski, who served as fire chief for the past 12 years, is handing the reins over to fellow veteran fireman and new Fire Chief Glenn Guilds.

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State championship highlights decade

During the decade that ends Thursday, the Cass City Red Hawk sports teams compiled several championship banners while making history along the way. Among the highlights were:

In 2000
Cass City recorded its second straight Greater Thumb Conference wrestling championship and also captured its first district crown in boys' basketball since 1994.
On the hardwood floors, the Red Hawks defeated Millington, 44-42, to advance to regional play at Central Michigan University and were sparked by sixth man Joel Brinkman who came off the bench and provided instant offense for the

champions. The district crown, which came while competing as a Class B school for the first time since 1972, would result in Cass City's last March Madness trophy of the decade.
On the mats, Cass City snapped Yale's hold on league titles with a gutsy performance during the GTC league meet at Croswell-Lexington. Previously, Yale had held league banners every year, with one exception, since 1987. Yale joined the GTC in 1997.
The Red Hawk grapplers were led on the season by state qualifiers Travis Schneeberger, Roy Davis, Scott Moore, Chris Dubay, Aaron Dorland and Adam Dorland.
In 2001

The Lady Red Hawk track team made history, recording Cass City's first-ever state championship in any sport. Among the team leaders were Jamie Fluegge, Holli Cooper, Ashley Ouvry, Sara Homakie, Amanda Sullins and Annjea Tanton.
In 2002
Seniors Deidre Deering, Lindsey Hendrick, Becky Hartel, Alissa Pasant, Courtnay Green and Estee LaFave led Cass City to back-to-back Greater Thumb West titles in girls' basketball with an impressive 11-1 mark.
In 2003
Cass City claimed its first league volleyball title in 26 years. Paced by

Becky Hartel and Amy Howard, the Red Hawks claimed a share of the Greater Thumb West championship and also recorded the school's first-ever invitational tournament championship at their own 8-team invite by topping the fields at invitationals hosted by league rivals Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port and Unionville-Sebewaing during the regular season.
In 2004
Cass City made its first appearance in the state's gridiron playoffs. Behind all conference picks Paul Hoelzle, Jeff Stoutenburg, Nick Nanney, Justin Glaza, Scott Meeker, Brad Langenburg, Cody Halasz, Jarod Stoutenburg and Danny Mittlstat, the Red Hawks traveled to Birch Run and defeated the heavily favored Panthers, 22-8.
In 2005
Cass City's girls' basketball team captured both league and district championships. The Lady Red Hawks' all conference players Emily Schinnerer, Courtney Rabideau, Kalen Trischler, Ashley Hendrick, Sara Meeker and Jenni Brinkman recorded the undisputed Greater Thumb West title and then went on to record Cass City's first district championship in 26 years.
The Hawks were coached by John Maharg who entered tournament play with a career mark of 107-22,

which included 3 undisputed titles and one co-championship over the last 5 years.
In 2006
The Cass City volleyball team captured its first district crown in 29 years, claiming the Class B title in Birch Run without much of a struggle. The Red Hawks, under Coach Beth Howard, recorded a mark of 40-15-2 and were led by senior Ashley Hendrick who was named to the Greater Thumb West all-conference squad for a third straight year.
In 2007
Coach Don Markel's Cass City wrestling team captured the Red Hawks' first district championship in 10 years. Among the team leaders was Kyle Sieradzki who went on to become Cass City's all-time career victory leader with a 4-year mark of 175-53.
In 2008
Both the girls' and boys' Red Hawk cross county teams recorded Greater Thumb West championships. Regional medalist Alex Varney led the boys, while the Lady Hawks were paced by senior Jennica Richards.
In 2009
Matt Hallwood led the Cass City golf team to the Greater Thumb West championship for a second consecutive year en route to all-league honors.

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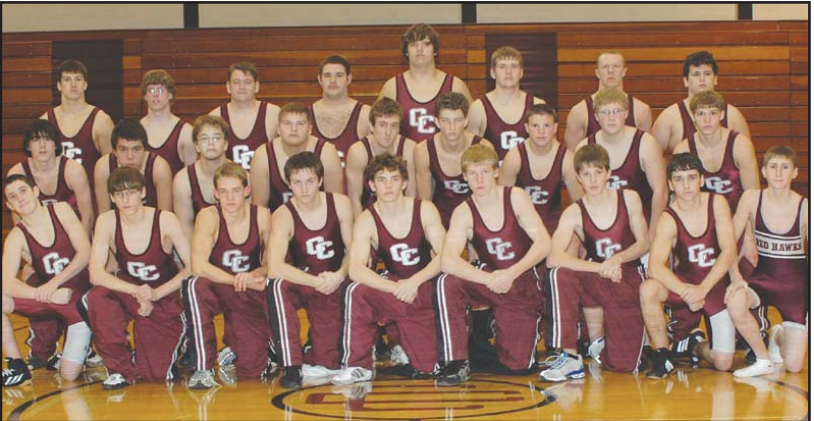
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Obituaries

Keith Goslin

Keith Joseph Goslin, 77, of Gagetown, passed away Monday, Dec. 21, 2009.

He was born Aug. 31, 1932 in Cass City, the son of Alfred and Charlotte “Lottie” (Fournier) Goslin.

He married Marie Shannon Dec. 1, 1956.

Keith served in the U.S. Air Force from 1952 to 1956, where he was an instrument technician. He was employed with Nicholas and Foss in Bay City as a meat salesman and with the Mechanics Laundry as a salesman for 5 years. The career he was most successful at and that he loved the most was farming. Keith farmed from 1962 until his retirement in 1998. He served on the Sugar Beet Association Board for 9 years as well as on the board of directors of Hills and Dales General Hospital for 9 years. Keith was a lifelong member of St. Agatha Catholic Church, Gagetown. He was a member of the church council for several years.

Keith is survived by his loving wife of 53 years, Marie; children: Brad (Ann) Goslin of Gagetown, Patricia (Jim) Topham of Freeland, Brenda (Phil) Bader of Findlay, Ohio, Mark Goslin of Grand Rapids, and Leslie (Brian) Miller of Saginaw; grandchildren: Shannon (Mike) Randall, Dr. Brent (Krysta) Goslin, Brian, David and Steven Topham, Amy (Dr. Paul) Romanoski, Renee Bader and Caden Miller; great-grandsons: Nicholas and Christian Randall; a brother, Patrick (Mary Ann) Goslin; sisters: Ila Seurnyck, Helen Wood, Marianne (Al) Beebe and Constance Goslin; sisters-in-law: Margaret Goslin and Eva Goslin; and brothers-in-law, Gary Goebel and Wayne Greyerbeihl.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Marsha Goslin in 1977; brothers: Harold, Clarence and Al Goslin; sisters: Dorothy Goebel, Felice (Frank) Vermeersch, Evelyn Greyerbeihl and Jane Goslin-Rhodes; and brothers-in-law: Leo Seurnyck and Lee Wood.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Wednesday, Dec. 23, at St. Agatha Catholic Church, Gagetown, with Father Donald Eppenbrock and Sr. Dorothy Ann Blasko officiating.

Interment was in the church cemetery.

Those who wish to make an expression of sympathy are asked to consider the St. Agatha Cemetery Fund or the Keith J. Goslin Memorial Fund.

Funeral arrangements were made by Gagetown Funeral Chapel, Gagetown.

Janice Orton

Janice Marie Orton, 55, of Deford, died Tuesday, Dec. 22, 2009 in Covenant Medical Center, Cooper Campus, Saginaw.

She was born Sept. 5, 1954 in New Albany, Ind., the daughter of Leon and Alberta (Bland) Burlingame.

She married Kenneth Lee Orton March 6, 1976 in Caro.

Janice was formerly a nurse for Northwood Meadows. She belonged to the Thumb Area CB’ers Club. Janice enjoyed gardening and crafts, especially painting birdhouses. She loved the holidays, especially decorating for the holidays.

Janice is survived by her husband, Kenneth; a son, Jess Lee Orton of Deford; brothers: John Tetrick and Roy Vernon Tetrick, Jr.; aunts and uncles: Charlotte (Jack) Riedel of Vassar and their children, George “Boe” (Rosie) Bland of Jeffersonville, Ind., Donald (Shirley) Bland of Flint, Leslie “Polly” Bland of Fenton, Bonnie (David) Spooner of Clio, and Bud (Judy) Bland of Genesee; mother and father-in-law: Kenneth and Agnes Orton of Moss Point, MS; sisters-in-law: April Orton of Kinde, Daryl Jeannette (Ron) Seeley of Mosspoint, MS, and Amanda (Thomas) of Sterling; brothers-in-law: Darrell James (Ella) Orton of Gagetown, Thomas (Melissa) Orton of Moss Point, MS, and Alva (Rebecca) Orton of Virginia Beach, VA; many nieces and nephews; her best friend, her dog Lucy.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Connie Darlene Tetrick.

Funeral services were held Monday, Dec. 28, at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with the Rev. Judy Eskilson of Cass City Church of the Nazarene officiating.

Interment was in the Novesta Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund.

Arrangements by were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.



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

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

Commencing at the Northeast corner of Section 5 Town 14 North, Range 9 East; thence South 0 degrees 00 minutes West 865.0 feet along the East line of said Section 5 to the point of beginning; running thence South 0 degrees 00 minute West 265.0 feet along the East line of said Section 5; thence North 89 degrees 25 minutes 20 seconds West 164.0 feet; thence North 0 degrees 00 minutes East 265.0 feet; thence South 89 degrees 25 minutes 20 seconds East 164.0 feet to the point of beginning.

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

Dated: December 9, 2009

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12-9-4

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

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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
ASAP #3368263

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Sharon Slater, a married woman, and James Slater, her husband, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated May 1, 2003 and recorded May 6, 2003 in Liber 929, Page 916, 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 One Hundred Fifty-One Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-Eight and 38/100 Dollars (\$151,268.38), 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 14, 2010.

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

Part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 25, Township 10 North, Range 7 East, Arbel Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as beginning at a point on the West Section line that is South 0 degrees 30 minutes 0 seconds East 1231.00 feet from the Northwest corner of said Section 25; thence continuing South 0 degrees 30 minutes 0 seconds East 295.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 8 minutes 39 seconds East 1751.00 feet, thence North 0 degrees 30 minutes 0 seconds West 193.01 feet, thence along the North line of the South 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4, North 89 degrees 9 minutes 39 seconds West 760.26 feet; thence along the East line of the West 3/8 of the North 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4, North 0 degrees 22 minutes 19 seconds West 96.55 feet; thence North 88 degrees 49 minutes 49 seconds West 91.10 feet to the point of beginning, including that part used as Belsay Road, so-called.

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 16, 2009

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ASAP #3375051

12-16-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Richard T. Wiczorek, an unmarried man, to Union Federal Savings Bank of Indianapolis, a Federal Savings Bank, Mortgagee, dated January 6, 1999 and recorded February 22, 1999 in Liber 763, Page 1202, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by CitiMortgage, Inc. by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Seventeen Thousand Three Hundred Forty-Seven and 15/100 Dollars (\$117,347.15), including interest at 7.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on JANUARY 14, 2010.

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

Part of the Northeast fractional 1/4 of Section 5, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, Millington Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as: Beginning at the North 1/4 corner of said Section 5; thence along the North line of said Section 5 North 89 degrees 24 minutes 29 seconds East, 268.44 feet; thence South 00 degrees 17 minutes 28 seconds East, 1641.16 feet to the East and West 1/4 line of said Section 5; thence along said East and West 1/4 line North 89 degrees 45 minutes 13 seconds West, 268.44 feet to the interior 1/4 corner of said Section 5; thence along the North and South 1/4 line of said Section 5, North 00 degrees 17 minutes 28 seconds West, 1637.24 feet to the point of beginning.

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

TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing 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 16, 2009

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Timothy Dembowske, a single man, original mortgagor, to Washington Mutual Bank, FA, Mortgagee, dated March 24, 2006 and recorded on April 18, 2006 in Liber 1077 on Page 1054, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Wells Fargo Bank, NA as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Two Thousand Two Hundred Eighty-One and 58/100 Dollars (\$82,281.58), 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 January 14, 2010.

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

Part of the North 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 11, Town 13 North, Range 9 East, known and designated as follows: Beginning at a point on the East line of said Northeast 1/4 which is South along said East line, 963.00 feet; thence continuing South, along said East line, 356.70 feet; thence West perpendicular to said East line 209.00 feet; thence North parallel with said East line 356.70 feet to the South line of a previously recorded survey (recorded in Liber 467 Page 794 of Tuscola County Records); thence East perpendicular to said East line and along said South line, 209.00 feet to the Point of

Beginning. Subject to the use of the Easterly 33 Feet thereof as Remington Road.

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 16, 2009

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Dana Hultz, husband and wife, all as tenants in common, and Rodney Hultz, husband and wife, all as tenants in common, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated July 15, 2005 and recorded on July 28, 2005 in Liber 1047 on Page 1055, and assigned by said Mortgagee to The Bank of New York as Trustee for the Certificate holders CWABS, Inc. Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2005-10 as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand Five Hundred Twenty-Eight and 73/100 Dollars (\$135,528.73), including interest at 8.28% 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 January 14, 2010.

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

Lot 7, Iva's Acres, Township of Millington, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Liber 3, Page 37, Tuscola County Records

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

Dated: December 16, 2009

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Mike R. McNiel and Rebecca A. McNiel, Husband and Wife, original mortgagors, to Mac-Clair Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated February 2, 2007 and recorded on February 13, 2007 in Liber 1110 on Page 1248, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Trustee for the Certificate holders of Soundview Home Loan Trust 2007-OPT1, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2007-OPT1 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 Ninety-Four Thousand Six Hundred Eighty-Six and 11/100 Dollars (\$94,686.11), 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 place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on January 14, 2010.

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

Lot 3 and 6, Block C, Lynnhurst Annex to the Village of Mayville, as recorded in Liber 1, Page 52, Changes to 53A of Plats, 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 16, 2009

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the

conditions of a mortgage made by Frank Rouse, a married man, and Dora M. Rouse, his wife, original mortgagors, to Citizens Bank, Mortgagee, dated September 10, 2001 and recorded on November 9, 2001 in Liber 847 on Page 1313, and assigned by mesne assignments to Chase Mortgage Company, An Ohio Corporation as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Five Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-Eight And 84/100 Dollars (\$45,868.84), 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 January 14, 2010.

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

The West 100 feet of the East 500 feet of the South 20 acres in the Southwest 1/4 of Section 29, Town 10 North, Range 7 East, Arbel Township, Tuscola County, Michigan.

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

Dated: December 16, 2009

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Daniel D. Samdal and Teresa L. Samdal, his wife, original mortgagors, to Mac-Clair Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated April 27, 1998 and recorded on May 6, 1998 in Liber 738 on Page 711, and assigned by mesne assignments to Fidelity Bank a Federally Chartered Savings Bank as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Four Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-Five And 51/100 Dollars (\$64,755.51), including interest at 9% 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 January 14, 2010.

Said premises are situated in Township of Arbel, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 67, of Oak Grove Subdivision, according to the plat thereof as recorded in plat Liber 2, Page 40, 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 16, 2009

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Daniel C. Story, a married man, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated August 20, 2008 and recorded on September 2, 2008 in Liber 1156 on Page 1476 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to BAC Home Loans Servicing, L.P. as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-Nine and 10/100 Dollars (\$69,869.10), 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 January 14, 2010.

Said premises are situated in Township of Vassar, 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 Jeffery Fader, a single man, original mortgagor, to Bank of America, N.A., Mortgagee, dated August 2, 2006 and recorded on August 10, 2006 in Liber 1091 on Page 52 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Six Thousand Two Hundred Seventy-Two and 88/100 Dollars (\$56,272.88), including interest at 7.375% 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 January 14, 2010.

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

Lot 22 and West half of Lot 21, Block 6 of Charles Montague's Subdivision, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 10

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 16, 2009

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File #292467F01

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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 Andrew Fifield, a single man, original mortgagor, to Bank One, N.A., Mortgagee, dated July 1, 2003 and recorded on August 29, 2003 in Liber 951 on Page 721 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Eight Thousand Two Hundred Two and 81/100 Dollars (\$78,202.81), including interest at 6.85% 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 January 14, 2010.

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

Lot 21 and the East 1/2 of Lot 20, Block 6, Harrington's Addition, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1, Page 22 of Plats, 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 16, 2009

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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File #294596F01

12-16-4

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by GUADALUPE TARKOWSKI and STEVEN L. TARKOWSKI, WIFE AND HUSBAND, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated August 25, 2007 and recorded on September 18, 2007 in Liber 1130 on Page 458, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Forty-Two Thousand Seventy-Three Dollars and Two Cents (\$142,073.02), including interest at 6.750% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, front entrance of the Courthouse Building in the City of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM o'clock, on January 14, 2010.

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

LOTS 13 AND 14, BLOCK 1 OF THE VILLAGE OF GATES (NOW REESE), ACCORDING TO THE PLAT OF THE VILLAGE THEREOF RECORDED IN LIBER 29 OF PLATS, PAGE 115 OF TUSCOLA COUNTY RECORDS.

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

Dated: December 11, 2009

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

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

12-16-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Dairick M. Best, a single man, and Tricia A. Stadler, a single woman, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated August 28, 2007 and recorded on September 6, 2007 in Liber 1129 on Page 147 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to US Bank NA as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Two Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-Six and 41/100 Dollars (\$82,946.41), 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 January 21, 2010.

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

Lot 1, Block 1 of Gaway Subdivision, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 103, now being Page 53B.

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 23, 2009

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Blake A. Hall and Marcia A. Hall, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated October 9, 2006 and recorded on October 24, 2006 in Liber 1100 on Page 327 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to US Bank National Association, as Trustee for BAFC 2007-1 as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Four Thousand Three Hundred Four and 16/100 Dollars (\$124,304.16), including interest at 7.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on January 21, 2010.

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

Part of the Southwest Quarter of Section 26, Town 13 North, Range 9 East, described: The West 148.35 Feet of the South 593.40 feet of the East Three Quarters of the South half of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 26, Town 13 North, Range 9 East.

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

Dated: December 23, 2009

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Stephen C. Joseph, a single woman, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated October 6, 2006 and recorded on October 13, 2006 in Liber 1099 on Page 292 in instrument 200600888002, and assigned by said Mortgagee to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association 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 Ninety-One Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-Two and 17/100 Dollars (\$91,362.17), including interest at 7.08% 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 January 21, 2010.

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

Part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 16, Township 10 North, Range 8 East, described as: Beginning at a point which is North 01 degrees 03 minutes 40 seconds West, 1275.60 feet

along the North and South 1/4 line from the interior 1/4 corner of said Section 16; thence continuing along said North and South 1/4 line North 01 degrees 03 minutes 40 seconds West, 66.00 feet to a point which is also South 01 degrees 03 minutes 40 seconds East, 1341.60 feet from the North 1/4 corner of said Section 16; thence North 89 degrees 30 minutes 06 seconds East, 285.00 feet along the North, East and West 1/8 line of paid Section 16; thence South 01 degrees 03 minutes 40 seconds West, 66.00 feet parallel to the North and South 1/4 line of said Section 16; thence South 89 degrees 30 minutes 06 seconds West, 285.00 feet parallel to the North, East and West 1/8 line of said Section 16 to the point of beginning.

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

Dated: December 23, 2009

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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File #294448F01

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Mark Main and Kelly Main, Husband and Wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated March 10, 2004 and recorded on August 10, 2004 in Liber 1003 on Page 1246 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Wells Fargo Bank, NA as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Three Thousand Six Hundred Eighty-Four and 69/100 Dollars (\$93,684.69), including interest at 6.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on January 21, 2010.

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

Lot 25 of Fred Huston Subdivision No. 2, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Liber 3, Page 2, 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 23, 2009

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jimmy M. Capps and Betty A. Capps, Husband and Wife, original mortgagors, to Mac-Clair Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated September 29, 2003 and recorded on October 1, 2003 in Liber 957 on Page 1058, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Eight Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-Eight and 11/100 Dollars (\$88,478.11), including interest at 6.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on January 21, 2010.

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

Beginning 550 feet North of the Southwest corner of Section 20, Town 11 North, Range 9 East, running thence North 154 feet, thence East 340 feet; thence South 154 feet, thence West 340 feet to the point of beginning.

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

Dated: December 23, 2009

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by John E. Weber, a single man, original mortgagor, to Flagstar Bank, FSB, Mortgagee, dated July 7, 2000 and recorded on July 12, 2000 in Liber 805 on Page 1212 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Eight Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-Two and 85/100 Dollars (\$58,292.85), including interest at 4% 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 January 21, 2010.

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

Parcel 1: Commencing at a point 12 Rods West of a stake standing 59 Rods North and 32 Rods East of the South 1/4 stake of Section 9, Town 10 North, Range 8 East; thence North 8 Rods; thence West to M.C.R.R. right of way; thence Southeasterly along the right of way of said railroad to a point directly West of place of beginning; thence East to the Place of Beginning.

Parcel 2: The Westerly 5.34 feet of the following described Parcel of land, commencing at the South 1/4 corner of Section 9, Town 10 North, Range 8 East; thence North 973.50 feet along the North and South 1/4 line of Section 9; thence East 330.00 feet to the Point of Beginning; running thence East 99.00 feet; thence North 132.00 feet; thence West 99.00 feet; thence South 132.00 feet to the Point of Beginning. Being part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 9, Town 10 North, Range 8 East.

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

Dated: December 23, 2009

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by James M. Fiset, a married man, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated March 30, 2005 and recorded on April 29, 2005 in Liber 1036 on Page 800, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Four Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-Nine and 21/100 Dollars (\$84,459.21), including interest at 6.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on January 21, 2010.

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

Lots 6, Block 7, Johnson's Addition to the City of Vassar, according to the recorded Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 29 of plats, Page 88.

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 23, 2009

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File #151741F03

12-23-4

Addition to the Village of Mayville, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 19 now being Page 30A; Thence South 89 degrees 49 minutes 23 seconds West, 92 feet, more or less, to an established fence; Thence North 4 rods; Thence East to a point that is 10 rods North of the Northeast corner of said Block 6 of Turner's Second Addition; Thence South to the point of beginning.

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

Dated: December 30, 2009

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
FC X (248) 593-1302
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12-30-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Virginia I. Lafond and Robin Lee Lafond, Jr., wife and husband, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated September 22, 2005, and recorded on September 27, 2005 in Liber 1055 on Page 656, and assigned by said Mortgagee to HSBC MORTGAGE SERVICES INC as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred One Thousand Nine Hundred Eighteen and 36/100 Dollars (\$101,918.36), including interest at 5.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on January 28, 2010.

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

Commencing 447.5 feet East of the Northwest corner of the Northeast quarter of Section 22, Town 12 North, Range 10 East, thence South parallel with the North and South quarter line 16 rods; thence East parallel with North Section line 309.5 feet, thence North 16 rods to the North Section line, thence West 309.5 feet to 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: December 30, 2009

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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File #124497F02

12-30-4

NOTICE PURSUANT TO MCL 600.3205a(4)

NOTICE is hereby provided to Gary A Blattner and Kathleen A Blattner, the borrowers and/or mortgagors (hereinafter "Borrower") regarding the property located at: 5113 Green Rd, Cass City, MI 48726-9726.

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 28, 2009, foreclosure proceedings will not be commenced until 90 days after December 28, 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 30, 2009

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:

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File # 229819F03

12-30-1



Legal Notices

NOTICE PURSUANT TO MCL 600.3205a(4)

NOTICE is hereby provided to Daniel Dulaney Jr., the borrowers and/or mortgagors (hereinafter "Borrower") regarding the property located at: 955 Day Rd, Vassar, MI 48768-9264.

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.

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

If the Borrower requests a meeting with the agent designated above by contacting an approved housing counselor within 14 days from December 28, 2009, foreclosure proceedings will not be commenced until 90 days after December 28, 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 30, 2009

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File # 301457F01

12-30-1

NOTICE PURSUANT TO MCL 600.3205a(4)

NOTICE is hereby provided to Kevin L Summersett and Jaime Summersett, the borrowers and/or mortgagors (hereinafter "Borrower") regarding the property located at: 143 W Gamble St, Caro, MI 48723-1711.

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/mshda or at (866) 946-7432.

If the Borrower requests a meeting with the agent designated above by contacting an approved housing counselor within 14 days from December 28, 2009, foreclosure proceedings will not be commenced until 90 days after December 28, 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 # 218432F02

12-30-1

NOTICE PURSUANT TO MCL 600.3205a(4)

NOTICE is hereby provided to Burton Wayne Twigg and Shirley A Twigg, the borrowers and/or mortgagors (hereinafter "Borrower") regarding the property located at: 5760 Chambers Rd, Mayville, MI 48744-9769.

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/mshda or at (866) 946-7432.

If the Borrower requests a meeting with the agent designated above by contacting an approved housing counselor within 14 days from December 28, 2009, foreclosure proceedings will not be commenced until 90 days after December 28, 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.

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File # 301807F01

12-30-1

Edison offers winter weather safety tips

Winter brings with it the possibility of severe weather.

Detroit Edison continually prepares for the aftermath of winter storms that may hit Southeastern Michigan and urges its customers to do the same. Customers are reminded to keep safety as their top priority and to always stay away from any downed power lines that may result from winter storms.

When a power outage occurs, customers are encouraged to first check breaker panels or fuse boxes for tripped circuit breakers or blown fuses. If the home's electrical system is intact, determine the extent of the outage by checking to see whether neighbors also have a problem.

Report power outages and downed power lines by contacting Detroit Edison at (800) 477-4747 or online at dteenergy.com from a location that has power. Don't assume the utility knows you are without power. Your report and those of your neighbors help the utility identify the scope of power outages and aid in electric service restoration efforts.

Detroit Edison offers the following suggestions for preparing for and coping with a winter power outage: Remove dead or dying ash trees

Dead and dying ash trees are a widespread problem due to the emerald ash borer, an insect that has invaded ash trees in several states. As a result of this infestation, ash trees, which may grow to heights of 60 feet, have become structurally unstable and may fall at any time, especially during a storm.

Because Detroit Edison is seeing more and more incidents in which ash are falling and damaging power lines, the company is encouraging people to remove these trees from their property. Although there is an expense involved with the tree removal, the potential for injury or death and damage to homes, vehicles

or property is far worse.

Steps to take before a storm

- Assemble an emergency kit that is easily accessible. It should include a battery-powered radio or television, a flashlight and extra batteries, candles and matches or a lighter, a first-aid kit, a fire extinguisher, bottled water and non-perishable food. In addition, keep a corded or cell phone on hand because cordless telephones need electricity to operate.
- Select a small, well-insulated room with a fireplace, wood stove or fuel-burning heater to use as emergency living quarters. Keep an emergency supply of fuel or wood handy. For safety, always store fuel in a dry place away from the house. In case of extended outages, blankets or cardboard can be hung over windows and doors to minimize heat loss.

After a storm

- Stay at least 20 feet away from a downed power line and anything it contacts, especially metal fences. Treat every downed power line as if it is energized and keep children and pets out of the area.
- Don't open refrigerators and freezers more often than absolutely necessary. A closed refrigerator will stay cold for 12 hours. Kept closed, a well-filled freezer will preserve food for two days. Partially thawed food or food that has ice crystals usually can be refrozen.
- Open faucets slightly so they constantly drip to prevent pipes from freezing.
- A fuel-burning heater - such as kerosene - requires an area with proper ventilation to prevent buildup of harmful fumes. Keep portable heaters away from furniture, draperies and other flammable materials.
- Never use a gas range for heating or charcoal as an indoor heating or cooking source.

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Notwithstanding, if the debt secured by this property was discharged in a Chapter 7 Bankruptcy proceeding, this notice is NOT an attempt to collect that debt. You are presently in default under your Mortgage Security Agreement, and the Mortgage Holder may be contemplating the commencement of foreclosure proceedings under the terms of that Agreement and Michigan law.

You have no legal obligation to pay amounts due under the discharged note. A loan modification may not serve to revive that obligation. However, in the event you wish to explore options that may avert foreclosure, please contact our office at the number listed below. Attention: The following notice shall apply only if the property encumbered by the mortgage described below is claimed as a principal residence exempt from tax under section 7cc of the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.7cc.

Attention Nathan B Williams & Lynette K Williams, regarding the property at 1209 W. Barnes Rd., Fostoria, MI 48435.

You have the right to request a meeting with your mortgage holder or mortgage servicer. Potestivo & Associates, P.C. is the designee with authority to make agreements under MCL 600.3205b and MCL 600.3205c, and can be contacted at: 811 South Blvd., Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123.

You may also contact a housing counselor. For more information, contact the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) by visiting www.michigan.gov/mshda or calling (866) 946-7432. If you request a meeting with Potestivo & Associates, P.C. within 14 days after the notice required under MCL 600.3205a(1) is mailed, then foreclosure proceedings will not commence until at least 90 days after the date said notice was mailed. If an agreement to modify the mortgage loan is reached and you abide by the terms of the agreement, the mortgage will not be foreclosed.

You have the right to contact an attorney and can obtain contact information through the State Bar of Michigan's Lawyer Referral Service at (800) 968-0738.

Dated: December 30, 2009

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Rochester Hills, MI 48307
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12-30-1

NOTICE PURSUANT TO MCL 600.3205a(4)

NOTICE is hereby provided to Anselmo Zarazua, the borrowers and/or mortgagors (hereinafter "Borrower") regarding the property located at: 9710 Saginaw St, Reese, MI 48757-9407.

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If the Borrower requests a meeting with the agent



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

As 2009 comes to an end and students anticipate the New Year, many feel the need to review the year through lists. There are lists of the top songs, books, music, movies and TV shows. Really the categories go on and on.

In lieu of all these lists, here are just 9 of the most memorable moments at Cass City Public Schools:

1. A special moment that came from sophomore, Megan Parrish. "My favorite part of the year was hitting my first home run," she said.
2. Receiving the bronze medal award as a high school as per the rankings of U.S. News and World Report. Over 20,000 schools were reviewed in America and about 1,800 nationally ranked, and CCHS made the cut as one of the best in the nation.
3. The unusual surprise for students last spring when acrobats performed at school. It was unexpectedly nice and everyone was wowed at the dazzling balancing acts and gymnastics they displayed.
4. This next moment is not one all students were happy about, but one that still generated buzz and reverberates in the minds of those who saw it. This moment was the inauguration of our country's first black president. Emily Martin, a senior, summed up eloquently why this moment makes the list by saying, "It was more about the excitement, build up, and the event. Even if you didn't agree that Obama should have been there, the day was still magical."
5. The numerous moments seniors experienced when finding out they were accepted to college. Jacob Ballard explained his very own. "I was sitting in the car going to volunteer at a benefit dinner and my dad called me. He told me I got my letter from Rose Hulman Institute of Technology-my dream school-and he told me I was in. It was an awesome feeling," he recalled.
6. Another standout is the moment when our baseball team played at Dow Diamond. Last spring baseball teams from around the area were invited to play at the mid-Michigan field and it was an experience for team members and sports fans alike. Steffin Bader commented, "It was probably one of the best times in my year."
7. Mrs. Zawilinski, a history teacher, spoke of a memorable moment from a teacher's perspective. Speaking of the rewarding aspects of teaching, she mentioned her best moment was when Renae Janssen, one of her students, received the Red Hawk Award of Excellence.
8. After taking the ACT and MME as juniors, this year's seniors got their very own senior day. Students were treated to a day of life-like laser tag in the woods behind the school, complete with "guns" of all sizes that could shoot far distances. This reward day sticks out in the minds of seniors because it let everyone take a break from everyday schoolwork.
9. A moment from Turkish foreign exchange student Cansu Cabucak concludes this list. As she puts it, "This whole school year so far is good. Meeting new people and having new experiences every day has made every moment I've been here memorable."

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Dated: December 30, 2009

Notice given by:
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Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302
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Case No. 09MI02906-1

12-30-1

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Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Brenda C. Ritchey, a single woman, of 1502 S. Kingston, Deford, MI 48729, as Mortgagor, to Northstar Bank, f/k/a Community Bank, a Michigan Banking Corporation, whose principal office is in Bad Axe, Michigan, as Mortgagee, dated September 16, 2004 and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on November 16, 2004 in Liber 1017, pages 790, et.seq.. A Memorandum of Land Contract dated June 1, 2006 was recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on June 2, 2006 in Liber 1083, pages 917, et seq, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of Forty Six Thousand Three Hundred Forty One and 36/100 (\$46,341.36) Dollars and no proceedings having been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative;

NOW THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage, and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, the said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described or so much thereof as may be necessary, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the main entrance of the Tuscola County Building in the City of Caro, and County of Tuscola, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on Thursday, January 21, 2010, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., local time, in the forenoon of said day, and the premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said Mortgage, together with interest, legal costs, attorney's fees and any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee does pay on or prior to the date of said sale; which said premises are described in said Mortgage as follows, to-wit:

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Commonly known as: 2155 Underwood Road, Caro, MI 48723

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the period of redemption shall be one (1) year from the date of sale pursuant to MCL 600.3240.

Dated: December 21, 2009

NORTHSTAR BANK
Mortgagee

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

12-23-5

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Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Adam Spencer and Brooke Spencer, husband and wife, of 2715 Hoppe Road, Gageton, MI 48735 as Mortgagors, to Northstar Bank, a Michigan Banking Corporation, whose principal office is in Bad Axe, Michigan, as Mortgagee, dated January 25, 2008 and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on February 11, 2008 in Liber 1141, pages 273, et.seq., on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of Thirty One Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Nine and 70/100 (\$31,689.70) Dollars and no proceedings having been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative;

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Commonly known as: 4101 Joshua Road, Cass City, MI 48726

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Dated: December 21, 2009

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Completely remodeled home set in Sebewaing. This home has 3 bedrooms and a full basement. Move in day of closing. Take a look! TO749

HANDYMAN SPECIAL! This 4 bedroom brick home built around the 1900s needs complete renovations. Close to schools and churches. TCC1565

Location, Location, Location -

Yes, this turn of the cen- tury home features over 3,000 sq. ft. of living space. 4 bed- rooms, 3 bathrooms, formal dining room, living room, fireplace, country kitchen plus a lot more - updated through- out. On close to 3 acres.

CY2577



Best Wishes at the New Year

*Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring, happy bells, across the snow:
The year is going, let him go;
Ring out the false, ring in the true.
~Alfred, Lord Tennyson, 1850*

*from our family to yours...
Have a Safe & Happy
New Year's!*

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