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**OFFICIALS REPRESENTING the Cass City Public Schools and the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan met Thursday to finalize plans for the local district's Backpack Program, which is scheduled to get underway later this month at Campbell Elementary School. Pictured above are (from left) school secretary and volunteer Deidra Zdrojewski, school Nurse Kathy LaPonsie, Principal Aaron Fernald, food service Director Shari Bock and food bank Program Coordinator Kathleen Payton and Programs Manager James Richardson.**

## New Backpack Program takes aim at pupils' weekend hunger

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

As food service director for the Cass City Public Schools, Shari Bock knows that many area families are struggling financially.

Bock has seen the number of students qualifying for free and reduced lunches soar since she joined the district, and she's watched the free summer lunch program she spearheaded a few years ago grow in popularity.

Now, Bock is gearing up to kick off the latest in her efforts to serve the needs of children in the Cass City Schools by adopting and organizing a local Backpack Program. And she's hoping the community will support the project by making cash donations.

The Backpack Program, an undertaking of the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan, provides children with backpacks filled with nutritious foods to supplement weekend meals at home. The backpacks, each containing a breakfast, lunch, dinner and a snack for both Saturday and

Sunday, are distributed to students on Fridays throughout the school year. The children then return the backpacks on Monday to be repacked for the next weekend.

Designed to provide extra support for kids who typically receive free or reduced priced lunches at school, this innovative program is currently helping families in Tuscola County as well as Saginaw, Lapeer, Genesee and Midland counties.

The project began in 2004 with 50 backpacks in 2 elementary schools. Today, the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan serves nearly 2,500 children in 32 schools.

According to Kathleen Payton, program coordinator for the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan, food provided to students is child-friendly, nonperishable, easily consumed and vitamin fortified, and the backpacks are discreetly distributed to the kids.

The program, Payton said, costs a minimum of \$100 per child for an entire school year, which includes the food, backpack and deliveries.

Youngsters love the backpacks, said

Payton, who pointed out the effort is meeting a critical need.

"Proper nutrition is a necessary tool for any student to achieve his or her Please turn to page 8.

## Cuthrell out as high school football coach

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

The Cass City Board of Education last week bucked the recommendation of Supt. Ron Wilson and Athletic Director Don Markel to retain Scott Cuthrell as the district's varsity football coach.

Wilson set a deadline of 2 p.m. Friday for board members to sign a contract renewal for Cuthrell.

In the end, trustees Craig Bellew, Sloane Stimpfel and Randy Severance signed the pact, while board President Doug Lautner and trustees Jim Turner, Jim Veneziano and David Osentoski did not.

Wilson then instructed Markel to prepare a contract for the next candidate in line for the post - veteran Cass City JV football Coach Ed Stoutenburg. Board members had not acted on that contract as of press time.

Wilson set a deadline for the trustees after the board failed to sign Cuthrell's contract during a rescheduled monthly meeting in December.

Cuthrell was dismissed as the coach last fall after 10 years on the sidelines. School officials subsequently appointed a 7-member panel and charged it with recommending a new coach who would take the local program "to the next level".

From an initial list of 9 applicants, the committee interviewed 3 finalists, including Cuthrell, and, on a split vote, recommended retaining Cuthrell.

According to Wilson, a majority of board members expressed concern about the football program, which prompted he and Markel to recommend that Cuthrell be retained, but make some staffing changes. "That recommendation was questioned, so we went ahead and didn't renew any of the contracts," Wilson said, adding the position was posted and a committee was formed to interview prospective varsity football coaches.

Wilson acknowledged appointing a committee - something that hadn't been done before to recommend the hiring of a coach - turned out to be a poor idea. But he also pointed out that the goal was to involve the community in the decision.

After the committee recommended Cuthrell on a 4-3 vote, some committee members pushed to have the committee disbanded and to start the process over again, but Wilson said that wasn't an option.

During last month's meeting, the board opted to take no action on Cuthrell's contract, in effect kicking the decision back to Wilson and Markel. Which led to Friday's dead Please turn to page 8.

## Schools sign up for funds to implement new reforms

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

A number of area school districts, including the Cass City Public Schools, opted last week to sign memorandums of understanding (MOUs) in hopes of cashing in on a share of up to \$400 million in federal "Race to the Top" (RTTT) school reform funding.

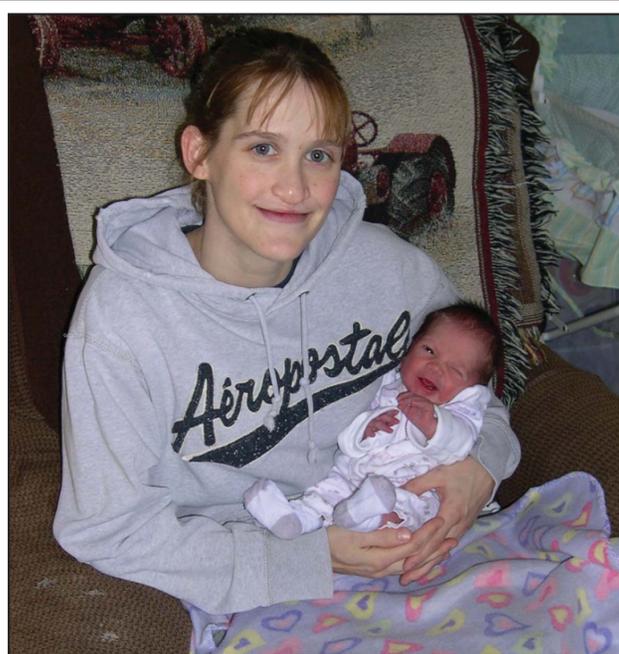
School officials still have questions about the funding and the strings that will be attached, as well as what the new education reforms will cost them to implement.

However, those concerns, which prompted the Cass City Board of Education to put off its decision to participate during a rescheduled monthly meeting in December, were largely made moot when Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm signed a 5-bill legislative package last week that reforms Michigan's education system and allows the state to compete for the federal dollars.

Cass City School Supt. Ron Wilson said he and board President Doug Lautner signed an MOU to participate after reviewing the latest information on the program last week. The board in December authorized the pair to act on its behalf.

In the end, Wilson said, schools are going to be forced to implement the reforms, regardless of whether or not they apply for RTTT money.

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## Welcome, Hailey!

**AMY MARTIN OF Cass City gave birth to the area's first baby of the new year. Hailey Marie Upthegrove was born Tuesday, Jan. 5, at Huron Medical Center in Bad Axe. She weighed 5 pounds and 5 ounces and measured 18 inches in length. She was welcomed by her father, Ryan Upthegrove of Port Austin and 2 sisters, Melanie, 5, and Lillyann, 1 1/2, as well as grandparents, David and Cyndi Martin of Cass City and Linda and Robert Upthegrove of Port Austin. As the first baby of the new year, Hailey and her parents will be showered with a host of gifts by area businesses, including the Chronicle, which donated a free, one-year subscription.**

## Canadian authorities arrest drug suspects

Canadian authorities have made several arrests in connection with the investigation of a major drug trafficking ring that made headlines in the Thumb after federal, state and local agencies foiled the attempted drop-off of \$10 million worth of illicit drugs in Sandusky.

The investigation in the Thumb began Nov. 6 at the Sandusky City Airport and resulted in the arrests a short time later of 2 Canadian men.

According to reports recently published in the Kapuskasing Northern Times, Ontario, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, several Greater Toronto Area police forces and the Canada Border Services Agency are investigating the ring and have made a total of 7 arrests so far. They say the suspects utilized small aircraft to make several flights from Canada to Michigan, delivering large amounts of Ecstasy and marijuana to small airfields.

The newspaper reported that authorities have seized a small airplane belonging to one of the suspects.

Investigators allege the group dropped off some 100 pounds of marijuana and 300 pounds of Ecstasy pills in Sandusky last November. U.S. federal Please turn to page 8.



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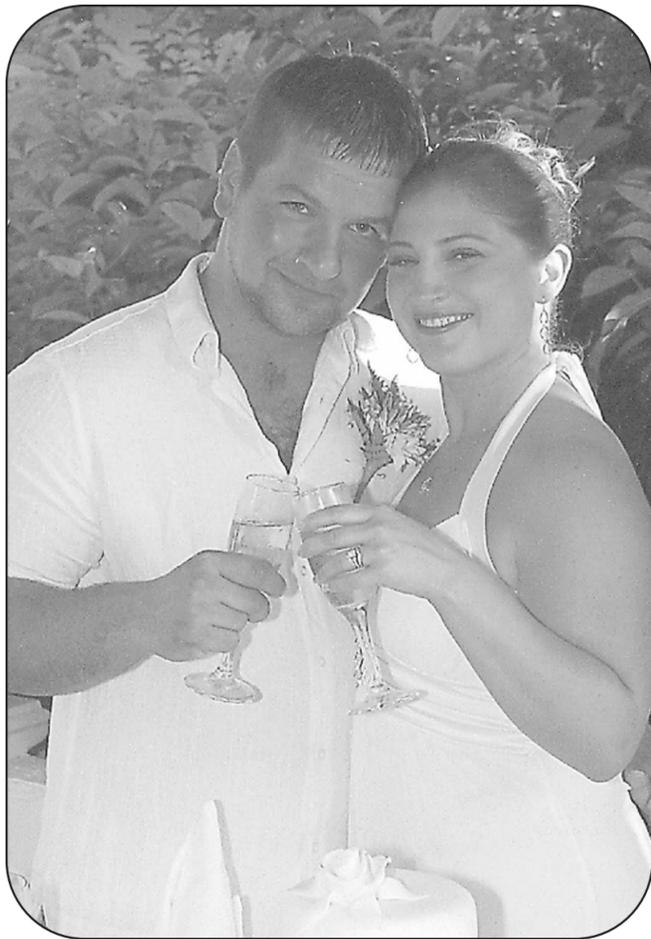
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Andrea and Ben Schember

## Bresky and Schember marry on beachside

Gerald and Martha Bresky of Caro, and Sue Schember of Bad Axe announce the marriage of their children. Andrea is the daughter of Jerry and Martha Bresky of Caro, and Bennie is the son of Sue and the late Ed Schember of Bad Axe. Ben and Andrea were united in a

beachside ceremony in Jamaica Dec. 5, 2009. The couple are residing in their country home near Bad Axe.

A reception honoring their vows will be held this summer. The date and location will be announced at a later date.

## Engaged



Brent Schermerhorn and Tara Lenhard

Brent Schermerhorn and Tara Lenhard announce their engagement.

Tara is the daughter of Donna Lenhard of Cass City, and James Lenhard of Flagler Beach, Fla. Brent is the son of Kent and Judy Schermerhorn of Clarkston.

A September wedding at Castle Farms in Charlevoix is being planned.

## It's a girl!



Mia Kanaby

Richard and Rebecca Kanaby of Lansing announce the birth of their daughter, Mia Marie.

Mia was born Dec. 12, 2009 at Sparrow Hospital in Lansing around 10:30 p.m. She weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces and was 21 inches long.

Paternal grandparents are Francis and Marilyn Kanaby of Ubyly, and great-grandparent Marie Wheeler of Bad Axe. Maternal grandparents are Dennis and Linda Heling of Milford, and great-grandparent Vera Heling of Milwaukee, Wis.

Mia is the 10th grandchild for Francis and Marilyn and the 5th grandchild for Dennis and Linda.

## 61 donate blood

Sixty-one people recently donated blood at a drive sponsored by the Hills and Dales General Hospital Auxiliary and VFW Post #3644, Cass City.

Receiving a one-gallon pin was Joseph McCoy; 2-gallon pin: Dawn Deering and Crist Shrock; 8-gallon pin: Ellen Stoutenburg; 9-gallon pin: Chris Diegel; 10-gallon pin: Melvin Shrock; and 16-gallon pin: Owen Pierce. Daniel McComb, Elizabeth Ann Carlson Finley and Louise Wright were first-time donors.



Kallee and Scott Karr

## Rubottom and Karr marry in Tulsa, Okla.

Kallee L. Rubottom and Scott J. Karr were married Nov. 21, 2009, at the Central Center at Centennial Park in downtown Tulsa, Okla., with Minister Rick Brinkley officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Kevin and Lori Rubottom of Owasso, Okla. She is a graduate of the University of Central Oklahoma, where she graduated Summa Cum Laude and earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree with a major in dance. She is currently employed at Center Stage Performing Arts in Jenks as the director of modern and contemporary dance and at Rhythmic Notions in Owasso as a competitive instructor.

The groom is the son of Michael and Dawn Karr of Cass City, and Lora Zumwalt of Tulsa, Okla. He graduated from the University of Oklahoma with a Bachelor of Science Degree in health studies and is currently a graduate student at OU Tulsa completing a Masters Degree in physical therapy.

The maid of honor was the bride's sister, Sara Pitts, of Tulsa. The best man was the groom's brother, Marc Stahl, of Tulsa. The flower girl was Katelyn Neuberger, cousin of the groom. The ring bearer was Conner Keech, friend of the bride. Ushers were Blade Pitts, nephew of the bride, and Bryan Neuberger, cousin of the groom.

The couple resides in Broken Arrow, Okla.

## K. Jackson awarded memorial scholarship

Caro resident Karmen Jackson has been awarded a \$3,500 Dairy Memorial Scholarship by the Michigan Dairy Memorial and Scholarship Foundation, Inc.

Jackson is one of 11 Michigan State University students to receive these scholarships. Awards are based on academics, extracurricular activities and interest in dairy industry careers. In all, 32 students received more than \$90,000 in dairy scholarships for the 2009-10 academic year.

The Michigan Dairy Memorial and Scholarship Foundation, Inc. oversees the largest scholarship program in the MSU College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. It is the university's second largest scholarship program; only the athletic scholarship program is larger.



## Holbrook Area News

Mrs. Thelma Jackson  
Phone: (989) 269-6994

Allen Farrelly spent 5 days with June Rutz and family at Madison Heights. Mr. and Mrs. John Mika of Oxford and Mrs. Tino Benitez of Cass City visited Thelma Jackson on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Krozek were Christmas supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Greg Krozek.

June Rutz and Allen Farrelly had dinner and spent New Year's Eve at Cousins Bar in Bad Axe.

Mrs. Ray Depcinski and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson visited Thelma Jackson on Thursday.

Kevin Sweeney of South Lyon spent Sunday with Bertha Sweeney at Courtney Manor and Mr. and Mrs. Brian Sweeney on Sunday at Ubyly.

Thelma Jackson received word of the death of a former area man, Harvey Thornton. Harvey had a lot of relatives and friends in this area before living in Antioch, California for the past 20 years.

Mrs. Ray Depcinski and Mrs. Allen Depcinski visited Thelma Jackson on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwin Richardson and Brenda of Snover visited Thelma Jackson.

On Christmas Day forty-one family members gathered at the home of Vivian Rumpitz of Ubyly for Christmas dinner, giving of gifts, playing games and visiting. Among the group were: Marie Grifka, Mr. and Mrs. David Grifka and family, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Rumpitz and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson, all of Ubyly, Tina Grifka and family of Davidson, and Staff Sgt. And Mrs. Josh Rumpitz of Cadillac. Other family members came from Lake Orion, Sterling Heights, Shelby Township and Chicago, IL.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Kulish of Shelby Township dropped by Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson's on Christmas morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Golomb and family, of Chicago, IL, spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Tony Tittjung.

Mrs. Bob Jackson visited with Vivian Rumpitz on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Deachin of Oakland, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson and Mrs. Ray Depcinski visited Thelma Jackson on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Prill and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski were brunch guests of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Depcinski on Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom O'Henley, Mr. and Mrs. Paul O'Henley and family of Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Laming and family, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Depcinski and Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Eisler of Port Hope were Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Depcinski and Ervin.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Jackson visited Thelma Jackson at Courtney Manor.

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# In Our OPINION..

Clarke Haire  
Publisher

Tom Montgomery  
Editor

## Backpack Program deserves our support

*Veteran public school teachers will tell you their job involves much more than filling young minds with information.*

*Chances are good they'll say being an educator today involves wearing many hats - teacher, parent, counselor, mentor, and more - in part because of changes in society and family structure over the years. Good teachers, not to mention other school staff members, try to fulfill all of those roles because they understand the importance of making sure their students are ready to learn.*

*Good schools pay attention to the whole student, including their physical needs, which is why we applaud the Cass City Public Schools for implementing the Backpack Program.*

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

*A \$100 donation provides enough food for one child for the entire school year.*

*If there was ever a need for this sort of program, it's now in Michigan, where hard times have eroded incomes, and unemployment and poverty rates are among the worst in the nation.*

*According to the latest figures from the Michigan League for Human Services, the state's poverty rate jumped to 17th highest in the county in 2008, up from 23rd in 2005. Roughly one in every 7 Michigan residents lives in poverty - that's about \$22,000 a year or less for a family of 4. Young children are especially affected, with more than 22 percent living in poverty.*

*"These numbers mean that many families are newly poor and many more need help meeting their basic needs," said Sharon Parks, president and CEO of the Michigan League for Human Services. "Unfortunately, it also means that at a time when our resources are strained, services are not easily stretched to help all those who need it."*

*The organization's report, issued in late December, found that the median household income in Michigan has fallen below the average of other states. When adjusted for inflation, it declined more than 10 percent since 2001.*

*The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act alleviated some of the pain with additional food and unemployment benefits assistance, but the fast-rising traditional poverty rates, high unemployment rate and falling incomes are still affecting many families.*

*"These numbers are not just statistics - they represent real people. We constantly hear from emergency food and shelter providers that demand is rising so fast they can't keep up," said Karen Holcomb-Merrill, director of the league's state fiscal policy project. "For all of us lucky enough to have a job or other means, we need to make sure to donate to local food banks and shelters."*

*We agree, and area residents can start by donating to the local school district's Backpack Program. All it takes is a phone call to Shari Bock, director of food services for the Cass City Public Schools, at (989) 872-5729.*

*In return, you'll have the satisfaction of knowing that you helped to ensure that no youngster goes hungry.*

## School board cares for district's kids

Your editorial addressing the Cass City School Board and our school district inspired me to write this letter to you today. Bravo to you!

I worked in the education system for 24 years, many of which I had to manage budgets. People that work with budgets in the business and industry have a very difficult time understanding how schools have to deal with their finances.

As you stated, schools set their budgets for the beginning of each school year and hope there are not cuts, which by most circumstances the school officials do not find out until after school has started in September. Then there is the daunting task of making revisions and decisions. How do they deal with less money? Some years there may be more money and that's wonderful, you're a hero, but lately that has not been the case.

As for the school board, I appreciate all you do. I don't stand up in public and tell them this and I should; they deserve to hear it. It's a volunteer position and I am sure much more stress than

they need in their lives. They do it because they care about our children! No other reason is better than that. I applaud them for their efforts to please all of us taxpayers and still have the best programs possible for our children.

I've had the pleasure (and I mean that, pleasure) of subbing in our middle school. Let me tell you, what a wonderful atmosphere to work in. Jeff Hartel is so lucky to have the staff that he does. There are so many positive programs for the children. Their needs are met on every angle, including breakfast, intervention for those that need a little extra help, after school academic study guidance, encouragement and so many other kind and helpful actions to make things the best that they can be for our children.

I hope your editorial inspired others to appreciate all the school board does and give a "that a boy/girl!"

Sincerely,  
Lynda McIntosh  
Cass City

## Pobanz left great legacy in Cass City

I read with sadness of the passing of Mr. Keith Pobanz in this week's Chronicle and felt the urge to share my thoughts about one of the finest gentlemen I have encountered in my life.

I remember Keith from my Little League years both as a coach and as a father and father figure to many of my friends. In addition, I knew Keith from his many years at Rabideau Motors. He always treated me, despite my youth and not so wise ways, with respect, dignity and if needed, a fatherly boot to the butt when I obviously needed it. In later years when I would see Keith, he would never fail to call me by name and make me

feel welcome and valued as a person whose opinion he valued.

However, I believe Keith's greatest legacy will be the fine family he and his wife, Joann, raised and the way they did it. Keith is one of the men, along with both my father and stepfather, whom I strive to be like and whom I have tried to learn many of life's lessons on the never ending journey to be a man.

Cass City is poorer from the loss of this man, but richer for the footprint he has left on this village and in this world. I will miss Keith Pobanz.

Joel Palmateer  
Hanover, Penn.

## How do these people function in real world?

Just 44 percent of Americans want this health care bill passed.

I have no idea how these people function in the real world. How can anyone agree to buy something when you don't know what it is that you're buying? This is just as stupid as what Hillary Clinton did when she spoke in Copenhagen at the Global Warming Conference when she said that United States should agree to give \$100 billion to the underdeveloped countries to help them clean up the pollution that they're creating.

Hillary, whether you know it or not, China is considered an underdeveloped country. Are you saying to the American taxpayer that we are going to print this \$100 billion or borrow it from

China so they can clean up their air pollution from the jobs that should have stayed in the United States?

Your husband, President Bill Clinton, signed a bill 14 years ago to let all these jobs leave the United States to the underdeveloped countries. Hillary, when you and all those idiots we have in Washington end up making the United States a third world country, where are we going to get the money from to help ourselves?

People that say Sarah Palin couldn't be president because she doesn't have enough education to be president is really confusing to me. What they're really saying is that you have to be well educated to make a lot of Please turn to page 8.



## The back forty

by Roger Pond

I hear that consumer confidence is down again. That's one piece of news we can bank on: Consumer confidence is always down in the winter.

The last time consumers were confident they put everything on their credit cards. It might be some time before that exuberance returns.

This doesn't surprise me any. Consumer confidence is always low when the bills come due. Most folks lose their fiscal bravado several times a year.

I get a kick out of TV reporters interviewing Christmas shoppers. Each fall the reporters show up in shopping malls to get a grip on consumer sentiment.

They talk with storekeepers and shoppers to see how everyone feels about all the stuff they're buying. Then we hear about it on the evening news.

Invariably the news people show a lady with her arms full of packages and saying, "Oh, I don't know. The economy is so bad, I don't think we are going to buy much this year."

I always want to shout, "Then, what are you doing in the stores? Get out of the mall. Go home and save some money!"

That's kind of old fashioned, I guess. What is consumer confidence if not the ability to buy things we can't afford?

Just recently I read that consumer confidence is so puny these days that people are actually saving

money. There's a vicious rumor for you. The last time folks saved their money was years ago.

Those were the days before credit cards, government grants, and deficit financing. People paid cash, made due, or did without. It all seems sort of quaint now.

Years ago my wife and I stopped at a little grocery in northern California to buy something for lunch. A sign behind the counter said, "Sorry we can not put deli sandwiches on credit." And a sign on the register said, "All grocery accounts must be paid by the 15th of each month."

"Can you imagine someone charging a sandwich?" I asked my wife. "If I couldn't afford a deli sandwich, I think I would find something a little less expensive."

Then, we drove down the road to San Francisco and spent the night. The hotel charged us to park the car, and a cup of coffee cost more than I expected the next morning. Folks were running around like crazy — wanting \$20 for this and \$30 for that.

I kept thinking about the plight of the cities and their need for more funds, but I couldn't feel sorry for them. I can't imagine why city people choose to live the way they do.

I just wanted to ask, "Hey, what's the matter with you folks? If you'd move up the road a couple hundred miles you could park your car for nothing — and buy deli sandwiches with the money saved."



## Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

The Chronicle's 2009 intern, Patricia Emenpour, dropped a note informing us she has applied for a position with the Flint Journal.

I am quite sure she is capable, having benefited from her time under the wing of Editor Tom Montgomery last summer while living in Cass City.

I'd bet her interviewer at the Journal feels that way also. It was Marjory Raymer, the Chronicle's summer intern in 1994, who has been the Community Editor for the Flint publication for the past 9 years.

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There's still time to submit nominations for Cass City's 2010 Citizen of the Year.

Although no date has been set for the annual Chamber of Commerce event as of this writing, recommendations of individuals worthy of the honor must be submitted to the chamber office by Feb. 5th.

The office is located in the downtown business district at the southeast corner of Main and Seeger streets.

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Despite chilly temperatures over the weekend, the Cass City Gun Club and the sledding hill, located east of the middle school, both drew large crowds Sunday.

Over 50 youngsters, including my 12- and 9-year-old children, were enjoying time sledding in the park, while at the Gun Club a registered skeet shoot used 2 different courses that allowed groups of 10 plenty of practice.

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Who knows the difference, in navigational terms, between a heading and a bearing?

Maybe these clues will help. Have you ever heard the phrase "I need to get my bearings", or how about "where are you headed"?

According to manuals accompanying my hand held Garmin GPS unit, a gift from Santa, the direction you are traveling is called your heading; the direction to get to your destination is called a bearing.

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

## Wednesday, January 13

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

## Thursday, January 14

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

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

## Friday, January 15

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

Senior Citizen Movies, 1:30 p.m., Rawson Memorial District Library.

## Saturday, January 16

United Sportsmen's Alliance 8th Annual Deer Contest and Banquet, 5 p.m.-?, Uby Fox Hunters Club. Tickets are required, and can be purchased at Randy's Hunting Center or any United Sportsmen's Alliance member. For more information, call (989) 872-2398.

## Sunday, January 17

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

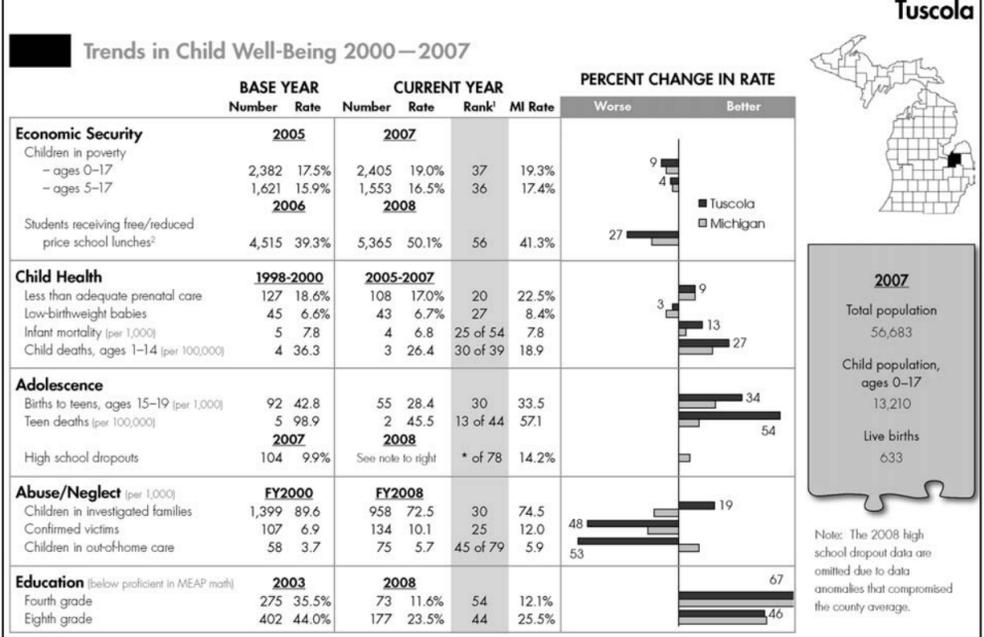
## Monday, January 18

Alcoholics Anonymous, "Monday at a Time," 8 p.m., Parkside Cafe, 2031 Main St., Uby. 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.

## Tuesday, January 19

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



# Childhood poverty, abuse on the rise in state and county

Childhood poverty, abuse and neglect continue to rise in Michigan, but child deaths are down dramatically, the latest Kids Count report finds.

The Kids Count in Michigan Data Book 2009, released Tuesday, examines county-level trends in child well-being with a focus on Place Matters - looking at trends in rural, mid-sized and urban counties. The report ranks the 83 counties on 15 measures of child well-being, with No. one ranking being the best in the state.

"The data certainly show a mix of trends both good and bad," said Jane Zehnder-Merrell, a senior research associate at the Michigan League for Human Services and director of the Kids Count in Michigan project. "Michigan's high unemployment and declining family income take a toll on kids' lives, but we are seeing improvements in some areas of health and education."

Childhood poverty rose by 6 percent between 2005 and 2007, with nearly one in every 5 children in Michigan living in poverty. The number of students receiving free or reduced-priced lunches rose 14 percent between 2006 and 2008-more than 2 of every 5 public school K-12 students now participate in the School Lunch Program at free or reduced prices.

Confirmed victims of abuse or neglect jumped an alarming 16 percent between 2000 and 2008, with nearly 30,000 children found to be abused or neglected in 2008.

But the report also found positive trends. Childhood deaths dropped 18

percent, teen deaths fell by 11 percent and infant mortality declined 4 percent between 2000 and 2007. Births to teens declined 20 percent over the decade.

The report tracked dramatic differences among the county groups, based on population size.

Teens living in rural areas with total population under 20,000, for example, had much higher death rates (82 deaths per 100,000 teens), in part due to the danger of high-risk country roads. The rate of deaths in urban and mid-sized areas was 56 deaths and, 64 deaths, respectively, per 100,000 teens.

Among other county group trends:

- Rural counties had much higher rates of child poverty and higher participation in the Medicaid program;
- Mid-sized (population between 20,000 and 65,000) and rural counties had much higher rates of abuse and neglect than urban areas;
- Urban counties (population over 65,000) had significantly higher rates of low birth weight babies.

The largest improvements were in education. The share of students not considered proficient in math improved dramatically between 2003 and 2008 - 65 percent improvement for fourth graders and 47 per-

cent for eighth-graders.

On a national test, however, Michigan student math achievement for these same grades remained flat over roughly the same period.

The rate of high school dropouts also declined, by 6 percent, between 2007 and 2008. Michele Corey, director of community advocacy for Michigan's Children, a partner in the Kids Count in Michigan project, said Michigan is poised to keep improving the dropout rates.

"We have unprecedented engagement of the private sector, supporting research, innovation in Michigan and around the nation, and renewed public sector attention," she said. "Unfortunately, if we continue to cut programs that support students, we won't be able to take advantage of this unique opportunity."

This is the first data book that omits trends for juveniles in custody. As the number of juvenile delinquents in state custody declines and the number in county custody increases, there is no uniform collection of statewide data concerning the custody of juvenile delinquents.

"It's troubling that we know so little about juveniles in custody while policymakers are making critical adjustments to the system," Zehnder-Merrell said.

# Several appear last week in circuit court

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

•Adam J. Rhein, 20, Mayville, pleaded guilty to violating the Sex Offenders Registration Act by failing to notify law enforcement of a change in address within 10 days between March 2008 and Nov. 7, 2009, in Juniata Township.

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

•Shawn C. Warden, 39, Caro, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Dec. 7 in Fremont Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered. Sentencing is to be set.

•Jonathan A. Strauss, 28, Leonard, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Sept. 5 in Dayton Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$15,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Matthew E. Davis, 23, Vassar, pleaded guilty to assaulting a police officer July 10 in Vassar Township, and to domestic violence May 26, 2008, also in Vassar Township. He

was also convicted of being an habitual offender (2 prior felony convictions).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered. Sentencing is to be set.

•Inmate Michael S. Anderson, 34, pleaded no contest to first degree home invasion and possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony April 10, 2007, in Dayton Township.

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



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# Our library through the years...100 years and going strong

by Kate VanAuken, director  
Rawson Memorial District Library

Welcome to the "Library through the years"! Each week during 2010 this space will highlight an event, topic or person of special interest to the library as we celebrate our 100th year of library service to Cass City and the surrounding area.

According to the Cass City Chronicle dated May 19, 1899, the first mention of a library in Cass City dates to 1896, or 114 years ago. Local ladies of the community, calling themselves the Cass City Women's Study Club, would meet at different area



homes. The members wanted to start a free library but this proved not to be as popular as the original members thought. After a few years, The Ladies Library Association of Port Huron suggested turning over the books, which had been collected, to Elkland Township so that "we should have in a few years time, a first class library free to all people of Elkland Township." This dream would become a reality in April 1910.

Cass City Chronicle, May 19, 1899.

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## Red Hawk News & Views

Cass City Public Schools  
by Paige Lester

In 2003 legislation passed requiring "vertical licenses" for those under 21. Today, every person in Michigan doesn't receive a horizontal or regular license until they are 21. And where did this idea come from? Straight from a high school senator.

Yes, a high school senator wrote the bill and got it through a committee, the House of Representatives and the Senate, not only once, but twice.

Maybe, though, to better explain this, I should back up and start where this proactive student started, with Youth in Government, a political gathering held in different states and now attended in Michigan by our school.

Michigan Youth in Government, or 'YIG' is simply an interactive 4-day forum at the capitol in Lansing where students from all over Michigan meet and are assigned jobs as either senators, representatives, lobbyists, or news people. Some are even lucky enough to be elected the governor or a member of the governor's cabinet.

This year, March 3-7, 8 Cass City High School students will make the trip under the guidance of teacher Mrs. Folk and student advisors Amanda Kaake and YIG veteran Chelsea Green.

Each student attending has already written a bill. Amanda's is on state citizenship requirements and Chelsea is on the disposal of dead deer. Then each bill is sent to the organization who compiles them into a folder each student, (or should I say "Congressman"), receives upon arrival in Lansing.

With these folders each student then finds out everything they need to know about their time and their services at the capitol. They receive their

schedule, committee assignments, and learn whether they will serve in the house or the senate. After a joint session with every school present, it's off to work for these budding congressional representatives.

Multiple sessions take place at once, with committees facing decisions on issues such as education, environment and transportation. Once a bill is passed in its respective committee, it lands on the floor of the House where each representative can either listen to or join in the debate. Parts are amended. A final vote is taken and off it goes across the hall to the Senate. And if this bill is lucky enough to also clear its way through the Senate, the decision is left in the hands of one person—the governor (the junior governor, that is).

Chelsea Green, a junior, who has attended since her days in middle school (even serving as lieutenant governor one year), says being a part of this debate is one of the very reasons she has gone year after year. "I feel most passionate about bills related to education and environment, but when civil rights issues are brought up the controversy is always exciting to see," she commented.

Amanda Kaake spoke of why she decided to attend, saying, "I was always interested in being a lawyer and politics and I like getting to go and see how it all works."

The bills that do make it past the governor get attention from the actual state government as evidenced by the story behind the vertical under-21 licenses.

Who knew that getting involved in your government could render such results? Obviously, the Youth In Government students do.



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# Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



### 5 YEARS AGO

Marcel W. Helland, son of Annette Helland of Deford and Wayne Helland of Kingston, recently enlisted in the U.S. Navy under the Delayed Entry Program at Navy Recruiting District, Detroit. Helland, who is completing his senior year at Cass City High School, will report for active duty to undergo basic training at the Navy's Recruit Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill.

Cass City area residents Marv and Janice Winter enjoyed their first taste of hosting an exchange student more than 20 years ago, but the friendship they built that year has continued to grow and expand. In fact, the couple is currently hosting the nephew of their first exchange student for a 2-month visit. The Winters will host 16-year-old Gabriel Baggio until the end of this month, when he will return to his native Brazil. He is the nephew of Paulo Leme, who stayed with the area couple some 23 years ago through the Cass City Rotary Exchange program.

It took a little fire from the Hawk bench to shake the team out of a discouraging performance in the opening half of a Greater Thumb West game with Bad Axe Friday and register a 59-38 decision. The fire was provided by Andrew Schinnerer, who burned the Hatchets for 21 points. That's not easy to do coming off the bench, coach Aaron Fernald said.

### 10 YEARS AGO

Coach Mike Rea's undefeated Kingston Cardinals used a 11-0 run during the final 2 minutes to close out Friday's North Central Thumb League contest in Owendale en route to a 83-65 win. The Cardinals received a game-high 23 points from standout transfer student Josh Presnell to help record the victory. Presnell provided the winners with whatever was needed, whenever it was needed, over the course of the game.

A jubilant Cass City wrestling team with their jubilant coach Don Markel returned home Saturday with the first place trophy from the 8-team Yale Invitational. The team had its best showing of the season, Markel said, with 11 of the 13 members placing. Markel said "our good practice work ethic paid huge dividends Saturday. We won several matches in the late going simply by being in shape. Many of the Hawks wore their opponents down." Cass City finished first in 4 events headlined by Adam Dorland, 135 pounds, who set a new record by posting his

130th career match win, breaking the mark set by Bob Lefler. For the season, Adam Dorland is 19-0.

Four Cass City gymnasts have qualified for regional competition following their efforts Saturday at the Traverse City Invitational. Red Hawks Laura Laming, Johanna Hoelzle, Katie Wood and Michelle Kropewnicki will be among the competitors at this year's regional slated for March 4th in Heartland.

### 25 YEARS AGO

After being elected to 3 consecutive terms as Register of Deeds for Tuscola County, John Marshall retired at the end of 1984. "It has been the best 12 years of my life," Marshall said about the time spent serving the residents of the county. "It is the type of work that I always enjoyed. You learn a lot." Marshall, 69, and his wife Mickie plan to travel now that retirement has arrived. Their first trip will be to Arizona this winter.

Gary J. Louks, Cass City, who attends Delta College at University Center, MI, was formally pledged a member of Delta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa. Louks, who is majoring in elementary education, has maintained a 4.0 grade average since beginning his studies at Delta in 1982. He and his wife, Beverly and family live at 6632 Pine St., Cass City.

Judy (Haag) Davis was featured on the front page of the Fort Ord, Calif., "Panorama." It's a newspaper devoted to the activities on the base. The paper pictured her receiving the training her husband, E-3 Mark Davis, was receiving. Mrs. Davis even wore her husband's Army clothing. No it wasn't a case of "anything you can do, I can do better." The reason? To give wives a better understanding of their husbands' jobs. (From Rabbit Tracks)

### 50 YEARS AGO

The name of the new hospital in Cass City was changed by the board of trustees to Hills and Dales General Hospital at the regular meeting of the board Tuesday night at the municipal building. The change was made necessary when the Federal Securities Exchange Commission refused to accept the title Cass City Community Hospital because it was too similar to the Cass City Hospital. In other action, the board accepted the medical staff bylaws and applications of several doctors on the staff. Included were Dr. Nigg and Dr. Miles of Caro and Dr. James Ballard

and Dr. H.T. Donahue of Cass City.

Close contests marked the opening games in the newly organized Cass City Merchants Basketball league Thursday night at Cass City High School. With Don Erla and Chuck Guinther showing the way with 12 and 10 points, respectively, Erla's topped Walbro, 39-38. John Meininger whipped in 14 points in a losing cause for the factory five. Led by 12 points by J.D. Alexander, Sherman's edged Tuckey's in a thriller, 32-30. Dean Hoagg netted nine for the losers. The Mac and Leo - Farm Produce contest was decided by a single point and it was the Produce five who came roaring back in the last half after trailing by 11 points at half time to register a 41-40 victory. Harry Miller canned 18 points and Ken Nye 10 for the losers. Big guns for the winners were Roy Wagg with 15 and Don Root with 12.

Cass City must be growing. Village Clerk Wilma Fry reports that 58 persons died in the village in 1959 and 380 babies were born in the Cass City and Pleasant Home hospitals. It's an all-time high for births for any year on record, Mrs. Fry said.

### 100 YEARS AGO

W. J. Campbell, township clerk, telephoned from Caro Thursday morning that the state is offering a bounty of two cents each for sparrow heads during January and February and requests that all boys who may deliver heads for bounty during this time will bring them to him on Saturday forenoons.

W.A. Seeger has secured the county and local agency of the Buick automobiles and has received three of these machines. Mr. Seeger has placed an order for 15 of these autos to be delivered this season.

On Friday night, January 21st, the High School chorus will render the cantata, "Jolly Farmers" at the opera house. The cantata consists of solos, quartettes and choruses, and is a musical description of the joyous and beautiful scenes of country life. Characters in the cantata: Mr. Happyway - Harold Weaver; Sam Pitcher - Marcus McIntosh; Pat Murphy - Earl McKim; Mose Raykitt - Eugene Schwaderer; Mrs. Happyway - Ida Johnson; Miss Scrubber - Bessie Young; Miss Dustin - Mabel Brian; Miss Baker - Maud Paarott; Annie (chambermaid) - Jessie McCallum; Charley (aged 10) - Jason Kitchin; Ella (aged 9) - Lena Rice; Johnnie (the fat chore boy) - Mr. Sutton; Mr. Workwell (a neighbor) - Clifford Gracey.

# Cass City Area Church Directory

**Calvary Bible Fellowship**  
an Independent Baptist Church  
4446 Ale St., Cass City, MI 48726  
989-872-4088  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday -  
Pray/Bible Study & Youth Group 7:00 p.m.  
Pastor - Chuck Carr  
Transportation available

**Cass City Church of Christ**  
6743 E. Main St., Cass City, MI 48726  
Contacts 872-2367 or 872-3136  
Worship Service Sunday 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.  
Bible Study -  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. & Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

**Cass City Church of the Nazarene**  
6538 Third St., Cass City, MI 48726  
872-2604 or (989) 912-2077  
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study -  
& Children's Activities 6:00 p.m.  
Rev. Judy A. Eskilsen

**Cass City Missionary Church**  
4449 Koepfgen Rd., Cass City, MI 48726  
989-872-2729  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Service & Youth Group 6:30 p.m.  
Wednesday Family Night 6:30 p.m.  
Pastor - Bob Sweeney  
www.casscitymc.org

**Cass City United Methodist Church**  
5100 N. Cemetery Rd.,  
P.O. Box 125, Cass City, MI 48726  
872-3422  
Worship: 11:00 a.m.  
(Summer 9:30 a.m.)  
Sunday School - Sept.-May 9:30 a.m.  
Community Dinner - Monthly (2nd Wed. at noon)  
Pastor: Rev. Paul G. Donelson

**Evangelical Free Church of Cass City**  
6430 Chestnut Blvd., Cass City, MI 48726  
872-5060  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Midweek Bible Studies  
Biblical Counseling  
Pastor: Rev. Todd R. Gould

**First Baptist Church**  
(Independent, Fundamental)  
Barrier Free  
6420 Houghton St., Cass City, MI 48726  
989-872-3155  
Sunday School All Ages 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship Service 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Service 6:30 p.m.  
Wednesday -  
Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 7:00 p.m.  
AWANA Clubs 6:45 p.m. During School Year  
Thursday Teen Club 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
Pastor: David G. Hill  
Website: www.fbccc.us

**First Presbyterian Church**  
Barrier Free  
6505 Church St., Cass City, MI 48726  
872-5400  
Sunday School - Sept.-May 10:45 a.m.  
Worship Service 10:45 a.m.  
Pastor: Dave Blackburn

**Fraser Presbyterian Church**  
3006 Huron Line Rd., Cass City, MI 48726  
872-5400  
Sunday School - Sept.-May 10:30 a.m.  
Worship Service 9:30 a.m.  
Pastor: Dave Blackburn

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

**Novesta Church of Christ**  
2896 N. Cemetery Rd., Cass City, MI 48726  
872-3658 or 872-1195  
Bible School 9:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.  
Worship Service 9:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.  
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Services 6:00 p.m.  
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**Potter's House**  
**Christian Fellowship Church**  
Corner of 6th and Leach, Cass City, MI 48726  
872-5186  
Thursday Evening 7:00 p.m.  
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Pastor: F. Robert Tucker

**St. Pancratius Catholic Church**  
4292 S. Seeger St., Cass City, MI 48726  
872-3336  
Saturday Liturgy 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday Liturgy 9:00 a.m.  
Pastoral Administrator:  
Sr. Maria Dina Puddu MC

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# Obituaries

## Edward Bilicki

Edward Peter Bilicki, 89, of Deford, died Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2010 in his son's home in Oriental, North Carolina.

He was born July 27, 1920 in Caro, the son of John and Valeria (Pawlak) Bilicki.

He married Virginia M. Kapala Oct. 2, 1943 in St. Michael Catholic Church, Wilmot.

Ed served as a staff sergeant in the U.S. Army during World War II. He graduated from Central Michigan

University with a Master's Degree in elementary education and special education administration. Ed taught in the Deford School and later for Caro Community Schools retiring after 43 years as special education teacher. During many summer vacations from teaching Ed worked for Defoe's Ship Building in Detroit. He was a consummate educator; always teaching grandchildren and area neighbor children with math games, card games and puzzles. Ed was a member of St. Michael Catholic Church where he served as an usher,

Parish Council member, and Eucharistic minister. He served as the sexton for St. Michael Cemetery for many years. Ed was a member of the Cass City/Gagetown Knights of Columbus #8892, Michigan Association of Retired Personnel, Association of Retired Person, Polish American Club and was a member of the Kingston Community Schools Board for 8 years. He enjoyed golfing, gardening, bowling, reading and woodworking.

Ed is survived by his wife, Virginia; children: Karen (Gareth) Smith of Brighton, Lynn (Steve) Duriga of Tucson, Ariz., Edward John (Rainell) Bilicki of Oriental, NC, and Jane (Tom Harris) Bilicki of Kalamazoo; grandchildren: Edward, Jed, Carrie, Sarah, Julie and Heather; great-grandchildren: Green, Braden, Gavin, Linnea, Aven and Brady; a sister-in-law, Terry Bilicki; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters and brothers-in-law: Victoria (Joseph) Hank, and Lottie (Edward) Legienze; brothers and sisters-in-law: John (Helen) Bilicki, Anthony (Mary) Bilicki, and Chester Bilicki.

Funeral services were held Jan. 11, at St. Michael Catholic Church, Wilmot, with the Rev. Charlie Hammond of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Sandusky officiating.

Interment was in the church cemetery. Memorials may be made to United Hospice of Marlette.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Kingston.

## Shirley Hoffman

Shirley A. Hoffman, 61, of Deford, passed away Saturday, Jan. 2, 2010 at United Hospice Residence, Marlette.

She was born Aug. 13, 1948 in Flint.

Shirley loved her dog, Mister. She enjoyed cats and time with her friends, especially Jannaeya, and church activities at Deford Community Church.

Shirley is survived by her sister, Mary Hoffman of Deford.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Louise.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held Sunday, Jan. 24, 2010 at 4 p.m. at the Deford Community Church, Deford. Arrangements were made by Thabet Funeral Home, Cass City.

## Bessie Muntz

Bessie Audrey Muntz, 89, of Cass City, died Friday, Jan. 8, 2010 in Covenant Harrison, Saginaw.

She was born May 23, 1920 at home, the daughter of William and Margaret "Maggie" (Gascho) Craig. She married Chester V. Muntz May 25, 1940 in her parent's home in Elkton. He died Jan. 25, 2006.

Bessie worked for Walbro for 27 years, time card #1. She was a member of Cass City First Presbyterian Church and a member of Elmwood Quilter's Club. Bessie was a Brownie helper and a Sunday school helper. She enjoyed reading and was an avid quilter making over 30 quilts, in addition she worked on many donated quilts through the Presbyterian Church.

Bessie is survived by her daughters: Connie Ann (Jerry) Vandemark of Deford, and Judith Carolyn Knoph of Cass City; grandchildren: Brian (Kaylene) Vandemark, Annette Sue (Bryan) Toner, Jodi Knoph and Jackie (Rob) Thomas; great-grandchildren: Bridgett and Andrew Vandemark, Brenda (Chad) Middaugh, Justin (Ashley) Toner, Chantell Toner, Robbie, Audrey and John Thomas; great great-grandchildren: Trinity and Jacob Middaugh; a brother, Glenn (Ethel) Craig of Elkton; sisters-in-law: Fay Craig of Cass City and Thelma Craig of Pigeon; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by 2 brothers: Blake Craig and Donald Craig.

Funeral services were held Monday, Jan. 11, at Cass City First Presbyterian Church, Cass City, with the Rev. David Blackburn officiating.

Interment was in the Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Memorials may be made to Rawson Memorial District Library.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

# Schools seek funding

Continued from page one.

"The bottom line is, most of the stuff they have contained in the state legislation is contained in the Race To The Top (requirements), and many items in the agreement, the school is already doing," he added. "We're going to have to follow the rules. We might as well get some money."

The Race To The Top program was designed 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.

Cass City's share of the federal dollars would add up to roughly \$125,000, according to Wilson.

The education reforms signed into law by Granholm last week will:

\*Allow the state to intervene in the lowest-performing schools.

\*Permit new, high-quality charter schools to open if they meet certain standards, and permit the closure of low-performing charter schools.

\*Require administrators to be certified.

\*Require an annual evaluation of teachers and administrators using data on student growth.

\*Create alternative routes to teacher certification to help bring the best and brightest educators into the classroom.

\*Raise the dropout age from 16 to 18, effective for the high school class of 2016.

"These reforms make it clear that improving student achievement will be the driving force in Michigan's education system," Granholm said. "We will make student academic growth a key part of how we evaluate teachers, principals and schools, and in the process, enable Michigan to successfully compete for federal Race To The Top funds."

"These education reforms will make it possible for children throughout Michigan to receive the first-class, 21st century education they need to compete in a global economy."

Participation in the RTTT program hasn't been met with enthusiasm by Michigan Education Association (MEA) officials, who encouraged their local union representatives to

not sign off on the program because of deadlines that forced school officials to make a decision to participate without knowing all of the details.

"The final plan that we're all signing on to, isn't done yet. So, local school districts and their respective unions are having to take a leap of faith that this plan is a good idea. They don't know what they're signing on to," Doug Pratt of the MEA said Thursday. "They're essentially signing a blank contract."

For some districts, Pratt said, the proposed plan will mean major changes, with only a modest benefit in return.

Although state education officials initially required local union representatives to sign off on their district's participation in the RTTT program, Mike Flanagan, Michigan's superintendent of public instruction, announced last week that schools could file their paperwork to qualify for the federal funding without their local union reps' signatures.

Kyle Olson, vice president of the Education Action Group (EAG) lauded that decision.

"The RTTT ship is about to leave port, and virtually everyone, except the unions, is happy to be on board," Olson said. "Flanagan invited the unions to come along, but he wasn't willing to let them intentionally sink the ship with their childish stall tactics."

Aside from Cass City, several Tuscola County districts, including Caro, Kingston, Mayville, Millington and USA, had signed and filed MOUs last week. Among those, Kingston was the only district whose paperwork included the signature of its union president.

In the Owen-Gage School District, Supt. Dana Compton said school officials have also filed an MOU to participate.

Compton indicated part of the reason for that decision is Flanagan's assurance that schools that change their minds will be allowed to back out. "When that happened, that really left us with an open field to say, okay, let's see where this is going," he said.

However, Compton figures the education reform measures included in the bills signed by Granholm last week will, eventually, amount to another series of unfunded mandates.

"Basically that's what it's going to become," he said, adding the estimated \$20,000 or so Owen-Gage stands to receive would at least lessen the cost of implementing some of the new reforms.

# Senior movies scheduled

Rawson Memorial District Library is hosting Senior Citizen Movies Friday, Jan. 15, at 1:30 p.m.

**Herod's Lost Tomb:** Herod the Great, king of the Holy Land during the time of Christ, is best known for the Massacre of the Innocents: the Book of Matthew's account of the slaughter of Bethlehem's male infants. But Herod's bloody reputation has always hidden another side of one of the Bible's greatest villains. He was an architectural mastermind of breathtaking proportions. Herod built more and larger monuments than virtually anyone in ancient times, perhaps in all time. Now, Israeli archaeologist Ehud Netzer claims to have found Herod's grandest creation of all - his burial tomb. At his self-named palace, fortress Herodium, Herod's Lost Tomb explores Netzer's decades-long search for the King of the Jews' fabulously carved mausoleum and coffin. With in-depth examinations of classic Herodium sites such as Masada, Caesarea, and Jerusalem's Second Temple, National Geographic probes deep into the architectural brilliance of one of history's most despised men. (50 minutes)

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

# Holiday to close offices

All Secretary of State branch offices and the Office of the Great Seal will be closed in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day Monday, Jan. 18.

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

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# Legal Notices

## Company recalls vaccine

MedImmune, the maker of the nasal spray monovalent 2009 H1N1 flu vaccine, is recalling about 4.7 million doses of the product because the potency has slightly decreased.

Michigan has received more than 114,000 doses of the vaccine. Health departments, clinics or private doctors' offices across the entire state received the recalled doses, but there are no safety concerns.

While the antigen content of these doses is now below the specification limit for the product, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Federal Drug Administration are in agreement that the small decrease in potency is unlikely to result in a clinically significant reduction in immune response among persons who have received the vaccine. For this reason, there is no need to revaccinate people who have received vaccine from these batches.

Providers are being asked to return any vaccine that remains unused to the manufacturer from the specified lots. The CDC also notes the following:

- All doses successfully passed pre-release testing for purity, potency and safety.
- There is no need to re-administer a dose to those who received vaccine from these batches. The vaccine potency is only slightly below the "specified" range. The vaccine in these batches is still expected to be effective in stimulating a protective response despite this slight reduction in the concentration of antigen.
- All children less than 10 years old should get the recommended 2 doses of H1N1 vaccine approximately a month apart for the optimal immune response. Therefore, children less than 10 years old who have only received one dose of vaccine thus far should still receive a second dose of 2009 H1N1 vaccine.

The Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) encourages residents to get the H1N1 vaccine as it is available to everyone in the state. In addition to being vaccinated, residents can help stop the spread of the virus by washing hands thoroughly and often; covering mouths when sneezing or coughing; and staying home from work or school if sick.

For more information on vaccine availability, check the MDCH website at [www.michigan.gov/MDCH](http://www.michigan.gov/MDCH). You can also follow MDCH on Facebook and Twitter by going to the website.

## Nominations of seniors requested

The Michigan Office of Services to the Aging is requesting nominations to honor 2 older adults as Senior Citizens of the Year.

They will be recognized at the state capitol building June 10, the third Annual Older Michiganders Day in Michigan.

Sponsored by the Michigan Office and Commission on Services to the Aging, the awards will be presented to 2 individuals, age 60 and older, one for leadership in the community, and the other for service to others. Selections will be determined by service or leadership contributed during the past year.

"These awards are presented every year to recognize the special, unpaid contributions of 2 older individuals," said Sharon Gire, director of the Office of Services to the Aging. "They highlight the valuable contributions made by dedicated citizens to civic and social life in our state."

Nominees must be age 60 or older on or before April 12, 2010, and all nominations must be submitted by an organization. A presiding officer of the organization must sign the nomination. Nominees can be employed

at the time of the nomination, but applicants will be judged on service or leadership in unpaid positions.

Nominations must be postmarked by Monday, April 12, 2010, and mailed to: 2010 Senior Citizen of the Year Award Program; Michigan Office of Services to the Aging; P.O. Box 30676; Lansing, MI 48909-8176.

Only the provided nomination form or a photocopy will be accepted. It must describe the nominee's accomplishments during the past year.

For more information or to obtain a nomination form, call (517) 373-8230 or go to [www.michigan.gov/miseniors](http://www.michigan.gov/miseniors) to download the form.

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

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

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NOTICE is hereby provided to David Holden and Brenda Holden, the borrowers and/or mortgagors (hereinafter "Borrower") regarding the property located at: 235 Ellis St, Caro, MI 48723-1907.

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

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

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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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FIFTH AND SIXTH grade students at Cass City Middle School, including (front row, from left) Ilana Blattner, Brent Baker, Chase Winter, (middle row, left) Hope Wilson, Jose Loomis, Shaede Perzanowski, Kaitlyn Ball, (back row, left) Lauren Potter, Carley Stone, Tara Nicholas and Parker Haire, organized a food drive to supplement the new Backpack Program at Campbell Elementary School. (See story, page one)

# Letter to the Editor

## How do they function?

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stupid decisions, then you qualify to become president. It seems like it's true to me, just take a good look at Washington and all the idiots we have there now running our country.

Here's why the Democrats and the Republicans in with the United Nations don't want Sarah Palin to become president; it's because she will destroy the 30- to 40-year plan they have where they want America to be.

And here is how President Obama will try to get elected for a second

term, in 2011 he will turn loose all the stimulus money, plus they're going to try to get another stimulus package passed and he will create a false economy with all this money. And, he will tell the American people that the stimulus package is finally starting to work, which will be a big lie.

When these idiots keep saying that we have to get more competitive, here is how they have to degrade us to be competitive; top labor in India is \$1,016 per year and a doctor makes \$5,546 per year.

Robert Peruski  
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# Cuthrell out as coach

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line for board members to sign the contract, rather than wait until the next regular school board meeting.

"I really didn't want to prolong it anymore. For the sake of the students and the program, we need to bring this to closure," Wilson said. "Unfortunately, this is something that's polarized the board."

Wilson said he has and continues to support the recommendation made by his administrator - in this case, Markel.

Severance said Monday that he opted to sign Cuthrell's contract Friday for the same reason.

"I signed because...Don (Markel) is who we pay to make that decision," Severance said. "I'm not into micro-managing. That's why we hire administrators."

"The board has never been involved in making coaching decisions, and I don't think we want to start getting into that now unless we're going to do it for all the coaches," he added.

Lautner indicated his decision not to sign was based on school officials' initial goal to hire a coach who would take the football program in another direction. "With Scott returning, that was not going to give us that change," he said.

# Backpacks target hunger

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highest potential. When children are hungry, the ability to learn decreases dramatically," she explained. "It is imperative to stop the cycle of poverty and this begins with nutrition and education. A high percentage of...elementary children are at a critical stage of growth and development. They are the most in need of food and the least able to secure it on their own."

"The leveraging ability of the food bank allows us to provide backpacks at an extremely affordable price," Payton said. "At the current time, the Backpack Program, while nationwide, is not federally funded. Therefore, with the amount needed, we must rely on the generosity of various organizations and individuals who believe in our mission."

### GETTING STARTED

Bock plans to implement the program at Campbell Elementary School starting later this month. She had hoped to start out by serving 100 children — about half of the number of kids who are receiving free or reduced lunches at the elementary — but at this point she has enough funding to provide backpacks to about 48 children for the entire second semester.

The cafeteria staff along with volunteers will do the packing, according to Bock, who said employees at Hills and Dales General Hospital and Millennium Industries have also offered to help. She emphasized that all of the money collected will go directly to the program — all participants, including school staff members, are volunteering their time.

To-date Bock has collected \$2,650 to fund the project, and the Cass City Rotary Club has pledged another \$1,000. She noted that the Cass City High School National Honor Society donated \$200, while students at the middle school organized a food drive to supplement the program.

It's a good start, acknowledged Bock, who appreciates the Backpack Program's attention to the same sort of confidentiality the school district

emphasized when it comes to administering its free and reduced meal programs, meaning that students participate without their peers knowing about it.

Bock figures anonymity is one of the factors that has spurred the growth she's seen in free and reduced lunch participation.

"I started in January 2000 and the district rate for free/reduced was about 30 percent," she recalled. "Each year since I have been here it has continued to rise. In March 2007 we hit 50 percent at Campbell. In 2008 we hit 50 percent as a district and are currently holding at 52 percent district-wide. The middle school and Campbell are both averaging about 57 percent this year (and) the high school is at about 45 percent this year."

"I feel that our free/reduced program has grown both because of our current economic situation and with our POS (point of sale) system for lunch," Bock continued. "Confidentiality is so much better than it used to be. Although we have always used as much discretion as possible to not identify our free/reduced (meal) children, now I think the parents have even more confidence in the privacy our system has."

Bock encourages parents who are struggling financially to apply for the free and reduced lunch program, even if they have in the past and didn't qualify at that time.

"This program can be a huge help (in) keeping more money at home to pay for heat and food. Allowing children to eat breakfast and lunch at school at a free or reduced price can be a real savings."

"As always, we encourage parents to come in and join their child for breakfast or lunch and see what our program has to offer."

*Editor's note: Anyone interested in learning about the Backpack Program or other meal options in the Cass City School District, or who would like to make a financial contribution towards the Backpack Program, can contact Bock at (989) 872-5729.*

# Drug suspects arrested

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agents, assisted by the Sanilac County Sheriff's Department and other area police agencies, arrested 2 men in Sandusky after they attempted to pick up the drugs in an SUV.

Sanilac County Drug Task Force officials announced last month that investigators were processing the suspect vehicle as evidence when they discovered the SUV has a hidden compartment located under a false floor built into the rear storage well.

"The compartment was constructed from one-eighth inch welded steel plates and measured 36 inches by 39 inches by 11 inches deep, weighed 80 pounds and was disguised to

appear exactly like a factory standard Toyota floor," Gray reported. "Access into the compartment was through use of a remote control device that activated 2 small hydraulic lifts, which raised the false floor to expose the compartment's interior."

Gray said investigators discovered \$8,500 in cash inside the compartment along with trace amounts of powder cocaine that indicated a very large amount of cocaine had been stored in the compartment at some point in time.

The Canadian suspects arrested in Sandusky remain in federal custody under indictment by the Drug Enforcement Agency.

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## Lady Red Hawks fall to Deckerville and USA Patriots

The Cass City Lady Red Hawks continue to show improvement as the season progresses, but remain winless as Coach Lloyd Schinnerer's squad prepares for tonight's Greater Thumb West tilt with the visiting Bay City All Saints.

The Red Hawks nearly notched their maiden victory Friday during a non-conference affair with visiting Deckerville, but a third quarter scoring drought proved too much for the hosts to overcome.

The Eagles led 12-7 after the opening quarter and maintained their margin for much of the opening half. However, when McKensie Parrish was fouled attempting a 3-point shot as time was expiring in the initial half, she stepped calmly to the foul stripe and converted 3 straight tosses that had Cass City within 2 points, 22-20, at the half.

Carleah Kramer heated up after the intermission and tossed in 10 markers as her Eagle squad built a 34-26 lead entering the final 8 minutes.

Parrish led Cass City with 16 points, while Logan Rowell chipped in 10.

For the Eagles, Chelsea Kritzman recorded a team-high 11 points.

### GTW OPENER

Earlier in the week, Wednesday, the Red Hawks entertained Unionville-Sebewaing and were defeated 46-37 to open Greater Thumb West play.

The Patriots built an 18-10 margin after 8 minutes of play and then held Cass City to just one tally - a Rowell free throw - to take a commanding 24-11 edge into the last half.

The Patriots then added 4 points to their lead entering the final period, where Cass City outscored their guests 18-10 to the final whistle.

Despite trailing 36-19, the Red Hawks never quit and were able to close to within 4 points, 41-37, with just over a minute remaining. It would be as close as the hosts would get on the night.

Britany Gruehn led the Patriots with 12 points, while freshman Miranda Fuerst matched her career high, also scoring a dozen.

Megan Parrish had 15 points to lead Cass City, while Rowell added 11.

CASS CITY - Megan Parrish 4-1 (4-4) 15; McKensie Parrish 4-0 (0-0) 8; Clifton 0-0 (1-2) 1; Hendrick 1-0 (0-0) 2; Rowell 4-0 (3-5) 11.

TOTALS - 13-1 (8-14) 37.  
USA - Valentine 1-0 (0-0) 2; Gruehn 6-0 (0-0) 12; Ewald 3-1 (2-2) 11; Gremel 1-0 (0-0) 2; Williamson 0-0 (1-2) 1; Fuerst 5-0 (2-3) 12; Eisengruber 2-0 (2-4) 6.

TOTALS - 18-1 (7-11) 46.  
CASS CITY - Megan Parrish 1-0 (2-2) 4; Martin 2-0 (0-1) 4; McKensie Parrish 6-0 (4-4) 16; Leslie 1-0 (0-0) 2; Hendrick 0-0 (1-2) 1; Rowell 2-0 (6-6) 10.

TOTALS - 12-0 (13-15) 37.  
DECKERVILLE - Nichol 2-0 (1-4) 5; Sampson 1-0 (0-2) 2; K. Smith 1-0 (0-2) 2; Paape 3-0 (0-0) 6; Kramer 3-0 (4-4) 10; McVittie 2-1 (0-2) 7; Guza 0-0 (1-2) 1; T. Smith 1-0 (3-4) 5; Kritzman 2-0 (7-10) 11.

TOTALS - 15-1 (16-30) 49.

### GIRLS' STANDINGS

GREATER THUMB WEST				
Team	W	L	W	L
Reese	2	0	6	0
EPBP	2	0	4	4
USA	1	1	3	5
Bad Axe	1	1	2	6
Vassar	0	1	5	2
Cass City	0	1	0	8
BCAS	0	2	1	7

GREATER THUMB EAST				
Team	W	L	W	L
Sandusky	3	0	10	0
B. City	1	0	8	0
H. Beach	1	0	6	1
Marlette	1	1	6	4
Mayville	0	1	4	4
Deckerville	0	2	5	2
Ubyly	0	2	1	6

NCTL NORTH				
Team	W	L	W	L
Port Hope	6	1	8	1
N. Huron	4	2	5	3
A-F	3	4	3	5
O-G	3	5	4	5
Caseville	1	6	2	6

NCTL SOUTH				
Team	W	L	W	L
Memphis	7	0	7	1
Kingston	5	2	6	2
CPS	5	2	5	4
Dryden	1	5	1	8
Peck	0	7	0	9

### FRIDAY'S RESULTS

Bad Axe 52, BCAS 45  
EPBP 54, USA 43  
Reese 59, Vassar 40  
Deckerville 49, Cass City 37  
Marlette 65, Ubyly 16  
Sandusky 53, Mayville 32



CASS CITY senior Emily Martin looks for a cutter in Friday's non-conference action against Deckerville. Defending for the Eagles is Kelsey Paape.



CAMERON DUNNUCK slips a pass around Ubyly's Steven Weber during play on the first Tuesday in 2010. The Bearcats had little problem with Cass City and posted a 70-44 decision.

## Ubyly cagers defeat Hawks

Cass City's first game back after the holidays provided Red Hawk fans a glimpse of what Coach Jim Green hopes his cage program can eventually become.

Despite graduation losses that cost the Ubyly Bearcats their leading scorer, rebounder and playmaker from last year, Coach Joel Leipprandt had plenty of returning letter winners last Tuesday to defeat visiting Cass City 70-44 during a Greater Thumb Conference crossover battle.

With the win, Ubyly improves to 4-1, while Cass City slips to 1-5. Both teams, Ubyly in the Greater Thumb East, and Cass City in the Greater Thumb West, are slated to enter conference play this week.

For Leipprandt, who enters his 10th season in charge, a balanced attack that featured 5 players with 8 or more points more than made up for the Bearcat graduation toll that includes Jordan Kaufman, the team's leading scorer and rebounder in 2008-09, and Mitchel Cleary, the team leader in assists last season.

Still left on the Bearcat roster from a year ago are returning frontcourt players Tyler Kubacki, 6-foot-8, and Steven Weber, 6-foot-6, who had an easy time converting shots in the lane and combined for 13 first quarter points to help build a 21-14 edge.

The Bearcat advantage could have been much larger entering the second quarter if not for the play of senior reserves Aaron Bader and Paul Rubey. Bader was on the mark early and hit a pair of jumpers to help Cass City remain close, while Ruby nailed a trey to end the scoring after 8 minutes.

"Aaron Bader and Paul Rubey came off the bench and provided us with a spark," Green said. "But Ubyly's big men controlled the paint on offense and defense."

Kubacki continued to have his way in the lane until the break, while Cass City was limited to a pair of field goals from Alex Varney and a solo basket by Justin Ketterer that resulted in a 42-20 spread at the intermission.

In the final half the winners outscored their guests 28-24 to produce the final outcome.

Kubacki recorded game scoring honors with 19 points, while sophomore Marshal Leipprandt came off the bench to chip in a dozen. Finishing with 8 points apiece for the winners were Justin Cleary, Adam Glaza and Weber.

For Cass City, Varney and Bader split 22 markers, while Ketterer added 8.

Up next for the Red Hawks is visiting Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port Thursday, while Ubyly will travel, also on Thursday, to face Mayville.

CASS CITY - Varney 4-1 (0-0) 11; Bader 4-1 (0-0) 11; Dunnuck 1-0 (2-2) 4; Ketterer 2-1 (1-2) 8; Rubey 1-1 (1-1) 6; Morgan 1-0 (2-2) 4.

TOTALS - 13-4 (6-7) 44.

UBLY - Cleary 4-0 (0-0) 8; A. Glaza 1-2 (0-0) 8; Sorenson 1-0 (0-0) 2; B. Glaza 3-0 (0-0) 6; Peruski 2-0 (0-0) 4; Booms 1-0 (1-2) 3; Leipprandt 5-0 (2-2) 12; Kubacki 9-0 (1-1) 19; Weber 2-0 (4-4) 8.

TOTALS - 28-2 (8-9) 70.

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### BOYS' BASKETBALL

#### Thursday, January 14

Vassar at Bad Axe	Vassar	Vassar	Vassar	Vassar
Lakers at Cass City	Lakers	Lakers	Lakers	Lakers
BCAS at USA	BCAS	BCAS	BCAS	BCAS
Sandusky at Reese	Reese	Sandusky	Reese	Reese
Deckerville at H. Beach	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach
Ubyly at Mayville	Ubyly	Ubyly	Ubyly	Ubyly
Brown City at Marlette	Brown City	Marlette	Brown City	Brown City

#### Friday, January 15

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

### GIRLS' BASKETBALL

#### Wednesday, January 13

Reese at Bad Axe	Reese	Reese	Reese	Reese
BCAS at Cass City	BCAS	BCAS	BCAS	BCAS
Vassar at USA	USA	Vassar	Vassar	Vassar
H. Beach at Lakers	Lakers	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach	Lakers
Deckerville at Marlette	Marlette	Marlette	Marlette	Marlette
Ubyly at Sandusky	Sandusky	Sandusky	Sandusky	Sandusky
Brown City at Mayville	Brown City	Brown City	Brown City	Brown City

#### Thursday, January 14

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

#### Friday, January 15

Bad Axe at Vassar	Vassar	Vassar	Vassar	Vassar
Cass City at Lakers	Lakers	Lakers	Lakers	Lakers
USA at BCAS	USA	USA	USA	BCAS
Reese at Sandusky	Sandusky	Sandusky	Reese	Sandusky
H. Beach at Deckerville	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach
Mayville at Ubyly	Ubyly	Mayville	Mayville	Mayville
Marlette at Brown City	Brown City	Brown City	Brown City	Brown City

Last Week's Results	21-6	17-10	17-10	14-13
Season's Results	40-14 (74%)	35-19 (65%)	38-16 (70%)	30-24 (56%)

## Schmidt hits game winner

Senior Christy Schmidt's 10-foot jumper with 19 seconds left on the clock Thursday lifted host Owen-Gage to an exciting 35-34 win over Dryden in North Central Thumb League action.

During an evenly matched contest, the visiting Cardinals were able to take a 14-11 edge after 8 minutes, only to trail at the intermission, 22-21.

The visitors then held the Bulldogs to a trey from Megan McLaren and a solo free throw by Mandy Muntz during the third stanza and took a 30-26 difference into the final frame.

There Owen-Gage held the Cardinals to a Kayla Worley field Please turn to page 10.



BULLDOG LACIE Prich is pressured by Dryden's Maddy Couch during Thursday's North Central Thumb League action in Owendale.

# Cass City wrestlers remain perfect in Greater Thumb Conference play

Are the Cass City Red Hawk wrestlers pretenders, or contenders?

Coach Don Markel may have the answer following tonight's double dual Greater Thumb Conference match up in Pigeon.

On Thursday, Markel's Red Hawks remained undefeated in conference play with a pair of easy wins in Vassar, setting up Wednesday's critical midseason outings with Saginaw Nouvel and host Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port.

The Cougars sit one game back in the loss column from GTC front runners Cass City and Marlette.

Paced by 8 double winners in their

latest conference affair, Cass City defeated Brown City, 63-12, and host Vassar, 73-6, to improve to 4-0 in the GTC.

"We were a little rusty coming out of Christmas vacation without having competed for 2 weeks. Our timing is a little off and needs to improve in order to be successful in the upcoming week," Markel said.

Double winners for Cass City included Jon Crouch, 119-pound weight class, Cody Crouch, 130-pound weight class, Kevven Dorland, 140-pound weight class, Jim Merchant, 145-pound weight class, Dean Rabideau, 160-pound

weight class, Mike Milligan, 189-pound weight class, Eric Reif, 215-pound weight class, and Nick Adkins, 285-pound weight class.

## NORTH BRANCH TEAM TOURNEY

Cass City improved to 18-10 overall Saturday with a runner-up showing at the 12-team North Branch Team Tournament.

Cass City went 3-0 in their pool play matches, squeaking past host North Branch, 40-39, to open the day before defeating Brandon, 43-36, and Otisville-Lakeville, 70-12.

In the championship pool, Cass City was defeated by eventual champion Hartland, 40-37, before rebounding to defeat Imlay City, 39-30.

The final team standings were: Hartland, Cass City, Imlay City, Lapeer East, Brandon, Frankenmuth, North Branch, Midland, Saginaw Carrolton, Crosswell-Lexington and Chesaning.

Jon Crouch, Josh Jensen, Reif and Milligan all recorded perfect 5-0 marks over the weekend, while Dorland, Merchant and Adkins posted 4-1 records for Cass City.

## Bulldogs earn NCTL victory

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goal and 2 Maddy Couch free throws before Schmidt hit the game winning shot.

For the Bulldogs, Schmidt recorded 11 points, while Kayla Montreuil, McLaren and Ashley Rockefeller all added 5 markers.

Couch recorded game scoring honors for the Cardinals and finished with 13 tallies. Amanda Wood scored 10 points for Dryden as the game's only other double-digit performer.

"We were fortunate to win," said Bulldog Coach Doug Hyatt. "Angie Kopas got off about 4 shots to end the game in the paint, but they fell off the mark and we escaped with a victory."

**OWEN-GAGE** - Montreuil 1-0 (0-0) 2; Harris 0-1 (2-3) 5; Prich 1-0 (0-0) 2; Mroz 1-0 (0-0) 2; Schmidt 2-0 (7-10) 11; Muntz 1-0 (1-4) 3; McLaren 1-1 (0-6) 5; Rockefeller 2-0 (1-2) 5.  
**TOTALS** - 9-2 (11-25) 35.

**DRYDEN** - Couch 3-0 (7-8) 13; Town 1-0 (0-0) 2; Wood 5-0 (0-0) 10; Warner 0-0 (0-2) 0; Worley 1-0 (0-0) 2; Kopas 3-0 (1-1) 7.  
**TOTALS** - 13-0 (8-11) 34.

## Sled safety class offered

A snowmobile safety class will be offered for those children ages 8 to 16 who ride snowmobiles. In order to ride across roads in Michigan, this class must be attended and a certificate received.

The instructors will cover safety issues and Michigan laws that pertain to snowmobiles. The class is book-work only, there is no riding involved.

The class date and time is: Saturday, Jan. 23, at the Knights Of Columbus Hall, 1038 S. Van Dyke Rd., Bad Axe, from 4 to 8 p.m.

Pre-registration is required. There is a \$25 fee per student, with family discount available, and parents are encouraged to attend free of charge.

Call Theresa Woody at (810) 688-4417 for more information.

## Banquet slated

The United Sportsmen's Alliance (USA) will be holding its eighth annual Banquet and Deer Contest Saturday, Jan. 16, at the Uby Foxhunters Club.

Social hour begins at 5 p.m., and dinner is at 6 p.m., followed by raffle drawings and a silent auction.

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Dec. 10	Mayville 41, Cass City 56
Dec. 15	Harbor Beach 51, Cass City 32
Dec. 17	Marlette 58, Cass City 55
Jan. 5	Ubyly 70, Cass City 44
Jan. 12	BCAS
Jan. 14	EPBP Lakers
Jan. 22	Vassar
Jan. 27	Reese
Jan. 29	Bad Axe
Feb. 3	USA
Feb. 5	Deckerville
Feb. 10	BCAS
Feb. 12	EPBP Lakers
Feb. 17	Caro
Feb. 19	Vassar
Feb. 24	Reese
Feb. 26	Bad Axe
Mar. 2	USA
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January 12 -  
Cass City vs. Freeland

January 19 -  
Cass City vs. Vassar

**Wrestling**

January 20-  
Cass City vs. Bad Axe/Marlette

GIRLS' BASKETBALL	
Dec. 1	Ubyly 50, Cass City 42
Dec. 4	Brown City 61, Cass City 27
Dec. 9	Sandusky 62, Cass City 25
Dec. 11	Mayville 50, Cass City 38
Dec. 16	Harbor Beach 43, Cass City 24
Dec. 18	Marlette 48, Cass City 31
Jan. 6	USA 46, Cass City 37
Jan. 8	Deckerville 49, Cass City 37
Jan. 13	BCAS
Jan. 15	EPBP Lakers
Jan. 19	Open
Jan. 21	Vassar
Jan. 26	Reese
Jan. 28	Bad Axe
Feb. 2	USA
Feb. 4	Deckerville
Feb. 9	BCAS
Feb. 11	EPBP Lakers
Feb. 16	Open
Feb. 18	Vassar
Feb. 23	Reese
Feb. 25	Bad Axe
Mar. 1,3,5	Districts

GYMNASTICS	
Dec. 17	Vassar
Jan. 12	Freeland
Jan. 19	Vassar
Jan. 26	Vassar
Jan. 30	St. John's Invite
Feb. 13	Freeland
Feb. 16	Vassar Invite

WRESTLING	
Dec. 2	Imlay City
Dec. 5	Cros-Lex Team Tourney
Dec. 9	Caro/Freeland/Nouvel
Dec. 12	Marlette Team Tourney
Dec. 15	Sandusky/Mayville
Jan. 6	Brown City/Vassar
Jan. 9	North Branch Team Tourney
Jan. 13	Nouvel CC/ EPBP Lakers
Jan. 16	Imlay City Invite
Jan. 20	Bad Axe/Marlette
Jan. 23	Mayville Team Tourney
Jan. 27	Pinconning/Oscoda/Standish
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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

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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

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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.

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Dated: December 23, 2009

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**MORTGAGE SALE -** Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by James M. Fissette, 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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**MORTGAGE SALE -** Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Lawrence J. Dluze, Jr., a married man, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated January 12, 2007 and recorded on January 19, 2007 in Liber 1108 on Page 1185 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 Eighty-Eight Thousand Two Hundred Seventeen and 87/100 Dollars (\$88,217.87), 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 28, 2010.

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

Part of the Northeast Quarter of Section 36, Township 11 North, Range 9 East, described as: Commencing at a point 6 rods North of the Northeast corner of the 1/6 of William Turner's Second 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

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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

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**MORTGAGE SALE -** Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Coleen R. Crossen and John A. Crossen Jr., (wife and husband), original mortgagors, to M&I Bank, Mortgagee, dated April 5, 2007 and recorded on April 23, 2007 in Liber 1117 on Page 524, and modified by Affidavit or Order received by and recorded, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirty Thousand Fifty-Eight and 67/100 Dollars (\$130,058.67) including interest at 8.45% 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 February 4, 2010.

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

Commencing at the Northwest corner of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 4, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, thence East 125 feet, thence South 348.50 feet, thence West 125 feet; thence North 348.50 feet to the place of beginning, 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: January 6, 2010

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**MORTGAGE SALE -** Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Robert Lee Hudson, a married man, and Cynthia Hudson, Husband and Wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage

Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated November 10, 2005 and recorded on November 21, 2005 in Liber 1062 on Page 82 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 Four Hundred Nine and 54/100 Dollars (\$93,409.54), including interest at 6.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by 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 February 4, 2010.

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

Lot 6, 7, 8, Block 5, Plat of Johnson's Addition to the Village of Fairgrove, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 28A, 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: January 6, 2010

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**MORTGAGE SALE -** Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Judith A. Pierson, a single woman, original mortgagor, to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc., Mortgagee, dated July 10, 2006 and recorded on August 4, 2006 in Liber 1090 on Page 438 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Two Thousand Five Hundred Seventeen and 45/100 Dollars (\$72,517.45) 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 February 4, 2010.

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

The South 44 feet of Lot 5, Block 21 and Lot 6 Block 20, Plat of Village of Fostoria, Watertown Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, according to the Recorded Plat thereof, as Recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 45a, Tuscola County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.324

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Danny L. Steinmann and Mishelle J. Steinmann, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated June 16, 2006 and recorded on July 14, 2006 in Liber 1088 on Page 193, and assigned by said Mortgagee to US Bank National Association, as Trustee for the Structured Asset Investment Loan Trust, 2006-BNC3 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-Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Seven and 81/100 Dollars (\$97,707.81), 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 February 4, 2010.

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

Lot 11, Foster Dam Subdivision, Wells Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 32, 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: January 6, 2010

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Tim L. Rich and Patricia D. Rich Joint Tenants with right of survivorship, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated March 10, 2006 and recorded on April 28, 2006 in Liber 1079 on Page 485 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 One Hundred Nine Thousand One Hundred and 97/100 Dollars (\$109,100.97), 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 February 4, 2010.

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

Part Of The Northwest 1/4 Of Section 35, Town 11 North, Range 10 East, Dayton Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, Described As Beginning At A Point On The North Section Line That Is South 89 Degrees 48 Minutes 07 Seconds West 1133.52 Feet From The North 1/4 Corner Of Section 35; Thence Continuing Along Said North Section Line, South 89 Degrees 48 Minutes 07 Seconds West 187.28 Feet; Thence South 00 Degrees 16 Minutes 34 Seconds West 1317.77 Feet Along The West Line Of The Northeast 1/4 Of Northwest 1/4 Of Section 35; Thence North 89 Degrees 51 Minutes 57 Seconds East 187.28 Feet; Thence North 00 Degrees 16 Minutes 34 Seconds East 1317.98 Feet To The Point Of Beginning, Including That Part Reserved For Mayville Road, So-Called, Being Subject To Any Restrictions, Easements, And/Or Right Of Ways Of Record.

Also Including A 1997 Four Seasons Mobile Home, Serial Number Wd400096

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: January 6, 2010

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Linda Bernice Fick, An Unmarried Woman, original mortgagor, to Cendant Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated August 12, 2004 and recorded on October 11, 2004 in Liber 1011 on Page 1224, and modified by Affidavit or Order executed on March 27, 2009 and received by and recorded, and assigned by mesne assignments to CitiMortgage, 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 Ninety-Three Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-Five

and 14/100 Dollars (\$93,335.14), including interest at 6.3% 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 February 4, 2010.

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

Commencing at a point that is South 89 degrees 53 minutes 44 seconds West 33.80 feet and North 89 degrees 55 minutes 58 seconds West 2376.35 feet from the Northeast corner of Section, thence continuing North 89 degrees 55 minutes 58 seconds West 244.81 feet, thence South 00 degrees 20 minutes 01 seconds West 803.70 feet, thence North 89 degrees 15 minutes 30 seconds East 339.43 feet, thence North 01 degrees 53 minutes 29 seconds East 630.41 feet, thence North 89 degrees 54 minutes 46 seconds West 110.89 feet, thence North 00 degrees 03 minutes 30 seconds East 168.77 feet to point of beginning.

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

Dated: January 6, 2010

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Amanda Ball, a single woman, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated August 22, 2003 and recorded on August 29, 2003 in Liber 951 on Page 468 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Three Thousand Four Hundred Twenty-Nine and 35/100 Dollars (\$73,429.35), including interest at 5.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on February 11, 2010.

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

Parcel 1: The East 52 feet of Lot 13 and the West 10 feet of Lot 14, of Block No 2, of Westdale Subdivision, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Liber 1, Page 74, now being Page 24B, Tuscola County Records.

Parcel 2: Beginning at the Northwest corner of the East 52 feet of Lot 13 of Block No. 2, of Westdale Subdivision, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Liber 1, page 74, now being page 24B, Tuscola county records; thence from said place of beginning along the Northerly line of said Lot 13, North 89 degrees 17 minutes West, 24.5 feet, more or less, to a point 3 feet East of the easterly face of an existing concrete block retaining wall, thence parallel with said retaining wall 3 feet Easterly therefrom, South 75 feet, more or less, to the curved Northerly line of Sherman Street as shown in plat, thence Southeasterly along said Northerly line of said curve (said curve having a radius of 381.2 feet) an arc distance of 29.8 feet; thence North 0 degrees 28 minutes East 92 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning.

Parcel 3: Part of the Northwest fractional 1/4 of section 3, township 12 north, range 9 East, described as: beginning on the Northerly line of the East and West portion of Sherman street in the plat of Westdale Subdivision, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in plat Liber 1, page 74, now being page 24b, Tuscola County Records. Said place of beginning at the southerly extension of the East line of the West 10.00 feet of lot 14 of block 2 of said plat; thence from said place of beginning, North 89 degrees 32 minutes 00 seconds West, 83.15 feet along said street line to a point situated north 1662.36 feet along the West line of said Section 3 and South 89 degrees 32 minutes 00 seconds East, 185.00 feet from the West 1/4 corner of said section 3; thence North 00 degrees 05 minutes 19 seconds east, 74.66 feet along the southerly extension of a line which is 3.00 feet easterly of the East line of an existing concrete block wall to a point on a 381.20 foot radius curve concave Northeasterly on the northerly line of the curvilinear portion of said street shown on said Westdale plat; thence South 60 degrees 17 minutes 06 seconds East, 95.87 feet along a sub chord of said curve subtending a central angle of 14 degrees 26 minutes 51 seconds and producing an arc length of 96.12 feet; thence South 00 degrees 28 minutes 00 seconds West, 27.62 feet to the place of beginning.

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

Dated: January 13, 2010

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Terry Caruthers, a/k/a Terry J. Caruthers, a married man, and Cathy

Caruthers, his wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated December 18, 2003 and recorded on January 30, 2004 in Liber 977 on Page 183, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Weststar 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 One Hundred Seventeen Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-One and 21/100 Dollars (\$117,221.21), 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 February 11, 2010.

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

Part of the West half of the Northwest quarter of Section 32, Township 12 North, Range 9 East, Indianfields Township, Tuscola County, Michigan; described as beginning at a point which is Northerly along the West line of said Northwest quarter 33 feet and Easterly, parallel with the South line of said Northwest quarter 733 feet from the West quarter corner of said Section 32; thence continuing Easterly, parallel with said South line 170 feet; thence Northerly parallel with said West line 667 feet; thence Westerly parallel with said South line 170 feet; thence Southerly parallel with said West line 667 feet to the point of beginning. Subject to easements, rights of way, and restrictions of record. Also, subject to and including Easement A for ingress and egress as described below.

**Easement A:** An easement for ingress and egress described as beginning at a point on the West line of Section 32, Township 12 North, Range 9 East, Indianfields Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, which is Northerly 333 feet from the West quarter corner of said Section 32; thence continuing Northerly along said West line, 66 feet; thence Easterly parallel with the South line of said Northwest quarter, 1113 feet; thence Southerly; parallel with said West line 66 feet; thence Westerly parallel with said South line, 1113 feet to the point of beginning.

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Kimberly R. Hendrick, a single woman, original mortgagor, to R-B Financial Mortgage, Inc., Mortgagee, dated April 14, 2000 and recorded on April 17, 2000 in Liber 798 on Page 1234 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by mesne assignments to EverBank as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-Five Thousand Thirty-Seven and 42/100 Dollars (\$35,037.42), 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 February 11, 2010.

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

Part of the Northwest Fractional Quarter of Section 3, Town 12 North, Range 11 East, Described as: beginning North 89 Degrees 57 Minutes 42 Seconds West (assumed) 33.80 Feet along the North line of said section and North 89 Degrees 55 Minutes 58 Seconds West 2234.98 Feet, continuing along said section Line, from the Northeast corner of said section, thence from said Place of Beginning, South 02 Degrees 51 Minutes 23 Seconds West 168.95 Feet along the Approximate Centerline of the Retherford (County) Drain So- Called, thence North 89 Degrees 55 Minutes 58 Seconds West 133.07 Feet, thence North 00 degrees 04 minutes 00 seconds East 168.75 to North section line, thence South 89 Degrees 55 Minutes 58 Seconds East 141.29 Feet along said section line to the Place of beginning.

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Mark Kevin Neumann, Kimberly J. Neumann, a/k/a Kimberly Neumann, a/k/a Kimberly Jane Neumann, Husband and Wife, original mortgagors, to Independent Mortgage Co. East MI, Mortgagee, dated June 11, 2003 and recorded on July 30, 2003 in Liber 946 on Page 560 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Sixteen Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy and 93/100 Dollars

(\$116,770.93), including interest at 5.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on February 11, 2010.

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

Parcel C: Part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 8, Town 11 North, Range 11 East, Koylton Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as: Beginning at a point on the North line of Section 8, which is West 297.00 feet from the North 1/4 corner of Section 8; Thence along said North line of Section 8, West 132.00 feet; Thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes 06 seconds East, 660.00 feet; Thence East, 132.00 feet; Thence North 00 degrees 00 minutes 06 seconds East 660.00 feet to the Place of beginning.

Parcel D: Part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 8, Town 11 North, Range 11 East, Koylton Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as: Beginning at a point on the North line of Section 8, which is West 165.00 feet from the North 1/4 corner of Section 8; Thence along said North line, West 132.00 feet; Thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes 06 seconds East, 1317.27 feet to the North, East and West 1/8 line; Thence along said 1/8 line, North 89 degrees 55 minutes 21 seconds East, 132.00 feet; Thence North 00 degrees 00 minutes 06 seconds East, 1317.09 feet to the Place of beginning.

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

Dated: January 13, 2010

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Melvin L. Olds and Joanne K. Olds, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc., Mortgagee, dated November 16, 2001 and recorded on January 24, 2002 in Liber 858 on Page 962 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Five Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-Four and 62/100 Dollars (\$95,454.62), including interest at 6.625% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on February 11, 2010.

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

Lot 6 and the East 1/2 of Lot 7, all in Block 6 of the Plat of the Village of Millington, also commencing at the Northeast corner of Lot 5 of said Block 6; thence West 6 Rods; thence south to the North line of Lot 4, block 6; thence East to the Northeast corner of said Lot 4; thence North to point of beginning, according to the recorded Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Liber 1, page 41, now being page 42A, Tuscola County Records, Section 9 and 16 Township 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: January 13, 2010

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Adam A. Rooney and Angela L. Rooney, 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, 2003 and recorded on October 20, 2003 in Liber 960 on Page 407 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-One Thousand Six Hundred Nineteen and 88/100 Dollars (\$61,619.88), 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 February 11, 2010.

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

The East half of the following described property: Commencing at the Southwest corner of the East half of the Southeast quarter of Section 7, Township 11 North, Range 8 East, thence East 8 rods; thence North to State Road; thence Westerly on line of said State Road to the West line of the East half of the Southeast quarter of said Section 7; thence to the place of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the

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

Dated: January 13, 2010

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NOTICE PURSUANT TO MCL 600.3205a(4)

NOTICE is hereby provided to William J. Gomez Jr, the borrowers and/or mortgagors (hereinafter "Borrower") regarding the property located at: 3904 Clifford Rd, Silverwood, MI 48760-9780.

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

The Borrower may contact a housing counselor by visiting the Michigan State Housing Development Authority's website or by calling the Michigan State Housing Development Authority at http://www.michigan.gov/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 January 7, 2010, foreclosure proceedings will not be commenced until 90 days after January 7, 2010.

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

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

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Dated: January 13, 2010

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Farmington Hills, MI 48334-2525  
File # 302493F01

1-13-1

NOTICE PURSUANT TO MCL 600.3205a(4)

NOTICE is hereby provided to Melodee A Hauger and John H Hauger, the borrowers and/or mortgagors (hereinafter "Borrower") regarding the property located at: 8659 Fulmer Rd, Millington, MI 48746-9702.

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

# Legal Notices

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

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by 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:

Land situated in the Township of Wells, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as follows:

Part of the Northwest quarter of Section 20, Town 12 North, Range 10 East, described as: beginning at a point on the West line of said Section 20 which is North 00 degrees 23 minutes 02 seconds East 990.65 feet from the West quarter corner of said Section 20; thence continuing along said line, North 00 degrees 23 minutes 02 seconds East 331.50 feet to the North, East and West eighth line of said Section; thence along said line, South 89 degrees 53 minutes 12 seconds East 1315.35 feet to the West, North and South eighth line of said Section; thence, along said line, South 00 degrees 18 minutes 57 seconds West 331.50 feet; thence North 89 degrees 53 minutes 12 seconds West 1315.74 feet to the West line of said Section 20 and the point of beginning.

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  
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12-23-5

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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 Richard A. Miller and Brenda L. Miller, Husband and Wife, original mortgagor(s), to National City Mortgage a Division of National City Bank of Indiana, Mortgagee, dated February 10, 2006, and recorded on February 22, 2006 in Liber 1072 on Page 371, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Thirteen And 37/100 Dollars (\$93,813.37), including interest at 5.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on February 4, 2010.

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

Lot 4 and the South 18 Feet of Lot 5, Block 1, Bullard's Addition to the City of Vassar, According to the Recorded Plat thereof, as Recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 23, Now being Page 24A

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: January 6, 2010

For more information, please call:  
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1-6-4

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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;

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:

Land situated in the Twp. of Ellington, Tuscola Co., MI: Parcel F - Part of the South half of the Northwest quarter of Section 11, Town 13 North, Range 10 East, described as commencing at the West quarter corner of said Section 11; thence South 89 degrees 45 minutes 54 seconds East along the East and West quarter line, 990.75 feet to the point of beginning; thence North 00 degrees 35 minutes 05 seconds West parallel with the North and South quarter line 1,321.32 feet to the North 1/8 line; thence along said North 1/8 line South 89 degrees 45 minutes 34 seconds East, 330.33 feet; thence South 00 degrees 35 minutes 05 seconds East parallel with said North and South quarter line, 1,321.29 feet; thence North 89 degrees 45 minutes 54 seconds West along the East and West quarter line, 330.33 feet to the point of beginning.

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

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.  
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Karen Helen Psyche, a married woman, sole, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated February 25, 2005, and recorded on April 12, 2005 in Liber 1034 on Page 704, and assigned by said Mortgagee to SunTrust Mortgage, Inc. as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirty-One Thousand Three Hundred Ninety-Five And 82/100 Dollars (\$131,395.82), including interest at 5.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on February 4, 2010.

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

All of the following described property except the South 175.00 feet and except the West 300.00 feet thereof, which is described as follows: Beginning at the Northeast corner of Section 9, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, thence South 775.78 feet; thence West 623 feet; thence North 799.56 feet, thence East 623.50 feet to the point of beginning.

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

Dated: January 6, 2010

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\*All meetings are held in the **Novesta Township Hall** located at 5772 Deckerville Road, Deford, Michigan 48729 at 7:30 p.m.  
\*\* Novesta Township Board Annual Budget meeting will be held on **March 1, 2010, at 7:30 p.m.**, prior to the regular Board meeting.

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**Joann Tauber**  
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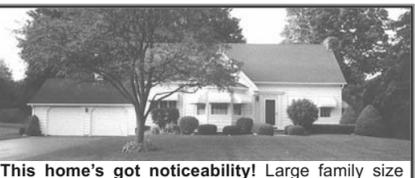
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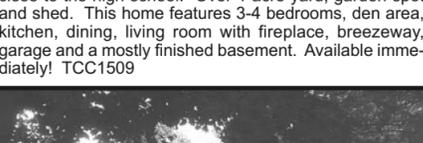


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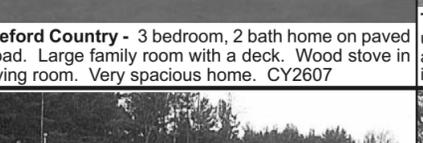
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