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**TWO DOZEN AREA youth, including (from left) Dalton Prieskorn, Dalton Mellendorf, Dakota Hartel, Breanna Burns, Crystal Hill and Brett Deering, took part in the "After Hours: Fear Factor Edition" event at Rawson Memorial District Library Saturday afternoon. The activities included rolling a die to choose a gross food item to eat (brussels sprouts, oysters, sardines, head cheese, etc.), and spaghetti search, in which contestants had to pick nasty food items out of spaghetti without using their hands.**

## Michigan fails to make cut in race for federal school money

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Michigan schools have been left out in the cold again — this time by the federal government.

The state's schools, still reeling from another round of funding cuts at the state level in 2009, learned last

week that Michigan didn't make the cut in the first round of federal Race To The Top grants.

States that did were: Colorado, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Massachusetts, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina and Tennessee, which will share in a portion of the \$4.3 billion federal funding package considered the centerpiece of the Obama administration's education efforts.

The announcement means Michigan schools won't be getting \$400 million in federal Race To The Top dollars, prompting some educators to say they're worried that they're now stuck with expensive education reforms without the money to pay for them.

Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm signed those reforms into law last year in an effort to bolster the state's application for a share of the Race To The Top cash.

The reforms include:

- Allowing the state to intervene in the lowest-performing schools.
- Permitting new, high-quality charter schools to open if they meet certain standards, and permitting the closure of low-performing charter schools.
- Requiring administrators to be certified.
- Requiring an annual evaluation of teachers and administrators using data on student growth.
- Creating alternative routes to teacher certification to help bring the best and brightest educators into the classroom.
- Raising the dropout age from 16 to

18, effective for the high school class of 2016.

The Race To The Top program was designed to reward states for past accomplishments and create incentives for future improvements in education, 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 students' success and inform teachers and administrators how they can improve their practices; and turning around the lowest-performing schools.

Cass City School Supt. Ron Wilson, whose district stood to collect roughly \$125,000 had Michigan been selected for the federal money, noted there will be additional funding rounds. However, fewer than 10 states are expected to be named winners next month, and U.S. Education Secretary Arne Duncan has invited those falling short to improve their applications for a second round to be named in September, and possibly a third set in 2011.

The question for now, according to Wilson, is will Michigan districts be stuck with funding state legislative reforms on their own, forcing school officials to make even deeper cuts in the wake of shrinking enrollments, rising costs and red ink at the state level that has been offset, in part, on the financial back of the state's schools.

"Here's the downside that I see; the Legislature passed all these laws in anticipation of the Race To The Top funds, and I'm afraid it's going to

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## Mother and son arrested in the death of man, 69

A former Cass City woman and her 25-year-old son were arrested last month in connection with the death of a former Caro man in Las Vegas.

Officers with the North Las Vegas Police Department arrested Rosemary Vandecar, 54, and her son, Daniel. Each was booked into the North Las Vegas Detention Center on one count of murder with a victim over the age of 60.

According to published reports, the Clark County Coroner's Office has identified the 69-year-old victim as Roy Schutzler of North Las Vegas. Schutzler, who was found dead in his apartment, is a former resident of both Caro and Cadillac, and worked for several years as a rehabilitation counselor for the state of Michigan.

The coroner's office said a cause of death hasn't been determined, but an autopsy revealed evidence of strangulation, which prompted authorities to reclassify the case as a homicide investigation.

Police initially responded to a report of an unresponsive man in his

apartment. Officers were led to believe Schutzler's death was possibly medical related,

but physical evidence led them to open an investigation.

According to reports, the Vandecars were live-in caregivers for Schutzler and were not related to him. Police have not determined a motive in the case.



Rosemary Vandecar



Daniel Vandecar

## Authorities tight-lipped over shooting investigation

The investigation into a recent altercation that led to a Sandusky police officer fatally shooting a suspect is continuing, but authorities are releasing few details.

"The status of the on-going investigation into the shooting...is being relayed to Sanilac County Prosecutor James V. Young as it progresses," Sanilac County Sheriff Garry Biniacki said last week.

"In order to maintain the integrity of the investigation, at Prosecutor Young's request, no information will be released by this agency regarding this case, except through his office."

The shooting took place during the early morning hours of Saturday, Feb. 27, in Sandusky, after the officer responded to a traffic-related incident.

Biniacki, whose department is investigating the shooting, reported the incident occurred at the intersection of Dawson and West Sanilac streets. An initial investigation revealed that the suspect, 29-year-old Kent Douglas Kramer, of Burton, formerly of Kingston, became belligerent and resisted verbal commands from the officer. "The incident further escalated and the officer attempted to gain control of the suspect by the use of a Taser," Biniacki said.

He added, however, that the Taser did not put an end to the altercation.

"The suspect continued resisting the officer's commands and, with the officer retreating, the suspect began to pursue the officer, causing the officer to resort to the use of his/her duty weapon," the sheriff said.

The name of the officer has not been released.

## Benefit set for local fire fighter

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Bill Younglove has dedicated more than 3 decades of his life to helping and protecting his community as a member of the Elkland Township Fire Department in Cass City.

Now, his brothers and sisters on the department are reaching out with a helping hand for him.

Elkland Township Fire Chief Glenn Guilds last week announced the department is organizing a benefit spaghetti dinner for Younglove, who has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.

The dinner will be held Sunday, March 14, from 4 to 8 p.m. at Northwood Meadows, 6086 Beechwood Dr., Cass City.

"He's a good fire fighter," commented Guilds, who said Younglove has faithfully served the department for 31 years, and he put off retirement last year to continue volunteering his time and efforts.

"I wanted to get involved in helping people," Younglove said of his decision to join the fire department.

Younglove, who has worked in the housekeeping department at Huron Medical Center for the past 30 years, said he was diagnosed with cancer a few weeks ago after having his gall bladder removed. During the procedure, he explained, doctors discovered some spots on his liver, and they traced those signs of cancer to his pancreas.

In the weeks prior to surgery, Younglove said he had lost some 50 pounds, and he knew something was wrong.

Today, he confided he's feeling weak, having just started the first of 10 weeks of chemotherapy.

But he's hanging in there.

"I just pray for one year. I'll take more, but that's all I want right now, to be with my wife and my daughters and granddaughters," he said, referring to his wife, Betty, his daughters, Tina and Jackie Younglove, and granddaughters, Breanna, 7, and Nikki, 10.

## Strong trial set for May

A trial date has been scheduled for a Cass City man charged in the alleged sexual assault of an 11-year-old girl more than a year ago.

Philip Jordan Strong, 21, has been set for Tuesday, May 11, at 8:30 a.m. in Tuscola County Circuit Court.

A 2007 graduate of Cass City High School, Strong faces one count each of first and second degree criminal sexual conduct.

First degree criminal sexual conduct is a felony punishable by up to life in prison or any term of years, while the second charge, also a felony, carries a maximum penalty of up to 15 years in prison.

Bond in the case was set at \$50,000 (10 percent cash). Strong is free on bond.

Few details have been released regarding the alleged incident, which Cass City police say took place Feb. 21, 2009, during a party at a home on Hospital Drive where the victim was a house guest. Village Police Chief Craig Haynes said the alleged assault was not reported to police until 3 days later.

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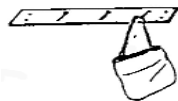
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Where's the videographer when a scene worthy of America's Funniest Videos is being enacted?

Usually these scenes are not at all humorous at the time, but in retrospect, or to those not involved, they're hilarious.

One such scene occurred at the park while I was walking my dog, Shadow. I've been very faithful in taking her to the park twice a day. We go to the park because we have an underground wireless fence around our yard that keeps her from straying. We've been told that walking her through it (without her electronic collar on) to stroll around the neighborhood would be confusing for her.

It's really hard walking through the snow when it has a fine crust, which may or may not hold your weight. Sometimes it does, and other times you sink in after a split second.

It's also tricky when you can't tell how deep the snow actually is because of drifts.

This particular day we were nearing the parking lot by the football stadium. It's very deep there for a few feet before you get to the lot. That's where I went down on one knee. Trying to get up, the other foot sank in and I found myself on both knees.

Shadow loves to play in the snow, and whenever she sees me down on her level, she assumes I'm ready for a romp. This was no exception.

Did I mention that our dog is a German Shepherd/Lab mix? She's still a pup, but she's a big pup!

I tried throwing treats as far away from me as possible, hoping to get on my feet before she came back.

Using one hand for balance, I managed to get that stuck in the snow bank too. Grab another treat, throw it, try to get up. Shadow's there again, ready to wrestle in the snow, and pushing me back down.

I decided to try to use her for balance to try to get up. She immediately decided this was a fun game and slipped out from under my grasp.

Picture this "mature" grandmother on her hands and knees trying to inch her way through a snow bank, while staving off attacks by a large energetic canine.

If it had been some other grandmother, I'd think it was funny.

Even while in the snow, I was reminded of another episode that should have been filmed.

We were visiting our son and his family in Pennsylvania several years ago. Our daughter-in-law Shelley and I returned from shopping with our grandsons, Drew and Spencer.

When I got out of the car in the garage, I stepped on a skateboard and started rolling. Frantically trying to regain my balance, I succeeded in going back and forth several times before finally landing on my butt in a trash can.

I can still see Drew's face pressed against the car window observing the scene. He didn't laugh. It was more like a look of astonishment.

That could have been a winner.

Another might be the film of a friend who got stuck between the bars of a push mower inside a shed and wondered if she'd ever succeed in extricating herself or if they'd eventually find her bones in that awkward position.

Man! I really would like to see that on video.

## Deford Christian Academy announces honor roll

Officials at Deford Christian Academy announce the second quarter honor roll.

Swoish, Rylee Thane, Elise Young and Renee Young.

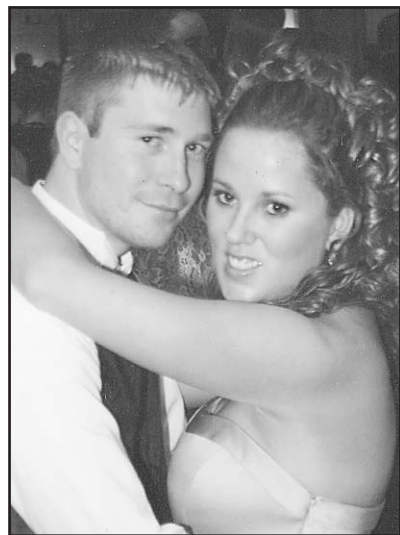
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## Engaged



**Donald Spencer and Angie LaForest**

Donald and Deborah Spencer of Cass City announce the engagement of their son, Donald, to Angie LaForest, daughter of Jesse and Kim LaForest of Essexville.

Donald is a 2003 graduate of Cass City High School. He is currently employed at Tendercare Cass City as a physical therapist assistant.

Angie is a 2003 graduate of Essexville-Garber High School.

A June 12, 2010 wedding is currently being planned in Essexville.

## It's a girl!



**Ellie Bostian**

Scott and Monica Bostian of Kingston announce the birth of their daughter, Ellie Grace.

Ellie was born Dec. 18, 2009 at Huron Medical Center in Bad Axe. She weighed 5 pounds, 4 ounces and was 18 1/2 inches long.

Her grandparents are Tim and Lorna Dorland of Deford, Mark and Renae Judd of Caro, and Dave and Debbie Bostian of Otter Lake. Great-grandparents are Arlene and the late Gerald Lowe of Deford, Otis and Donna Dorland of Decker, Ray and Vi Bowerson of Sterling, Pat and the late David Bostian, Sr. of Lapeer, the late Keith and Ruth Judd of Lapeer, and Wayne and Kay Ulman of Marion.



## Holbrook Area News

Mrs. Thelma Jackson  
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Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Robinson visited Ordean Michalski at Courtney Manor Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Tittjung of Sterling Heights spent Wednesday and Thursday with Vivian Rumpetz of Ubyly.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Sweeney visited Frances Tschirhart and Thelma Jackson Sunday at Courtney Manor.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Farrelly, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Farrelly and sons and Allen Farrelly had breakfast at The Crossroads Restaurant Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Tittjung of Sterling Heights, Marie Grifka and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson had supper with Vivian Rumpetz Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sageman and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson visited Thelma Jackson Thursday.

Allen Farrelly spent 3 days with June Rutz and family at Sterling Heights and came home Friday.

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

## Wednesday, March 10

Civil War Roundtable, 7-9 p.m., Uby Library. Everyone welcome to attend. Call (989) 658-8324 for more information.

Roast Pork 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, March 11

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, March 12

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

## Saturday, March 13

Annual Wild Game & Roast Beef Dinner, 4:30-7 p.m., Shabbona United Methodist Church (corner of Decker and Severance roads). Freewill offering.

## Sunday, March 14

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

## Monday, March 15

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, March 16

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

## Wednesday, March 17

United Sportsmen's Alliance meeting, 7 p.m., Cass City Gun Club, 2676 Englehart Rd. All are invited to attend. For more information, call (989) 872-2398.

# Feds sentence Bad Axe man in dog fighting investigation

Barbara L. McQuade, U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan, last week announced that Martin Phillips of Bad Axe was sentenced to 6 months in custody followed by a 2-year term of supervised release on charges of buying, selling, delivering or transporting animals for participation in an animal fighting venture, and one count of promoting an animal in a fighting venture.

This was the first federal prosecution of its kind in the Eastern District of Michigan.

The defendant was charged alongside co-defendants B. Jay Rodriguez and Joshua Gates with engaging in a conspiracy to promote and engage in an animal fighting venture in which American pit bull terriers were bred, sold, trained, and promoted for the purpose of engaging in dog fighting matches. The defendants also admitted to sponsoring dogs in fighting matches.

On June 17, 2009, federal agents together with state and local law enforcement executed 3 simultaneous search warrants at the defendants' residences in Lenawee and Huron counties. Officers seized a total of 49 dogs in the raids, along with training equipment, veterinary supplies, and underground dog fighting publications. The U.S. Humane Society assisted in the execution of the search warrants.

The plea agreement also mandated that the defendants forfeit their interest in the seized dogs and have no future contact with any animals used to participate in an animal fighting venture of any kind.

McQuade praised the work of the East Lansing Office of the U.S.

Department of Agriculture, Office of Inspector General, Special Agents Robert Bell and Jeffrey Nickols as

well as the efforts of Lenawee and Huron counties' state and local law enforcement agencies.

# Walbro raises \$27,030 for earthquake victims

A donation plan established by Walbro Engine Management to help the victims of the devastating January earthquakes in Haiti has netted \$27,030 for the American Red Cross, a major provider of aid to the stricken country.

The total represents a combination of employee donations and a corporate matching program. For each employee's \$1 contribution, Walbro Engine Management added \$5.

Tony Martin, president and chief executive officer, Walbro Engine Management, commended the gen-

erosity of Walbro employees throughout the world.

"Our employees have demonstrated their concern for the victims of this tragic earthquake," he said. "We are pleased to build on their generosity at the corporate level in support of the important efforts of the American Red Cross in Haiti."

The Red Cross is playing a critical role by providing assistance in the form of water sanitation services, family linking and reunification, and relief supply distribution to victims and emergency workers in Haiti.

# "Skate for a Cause" on tap in Cass City

"Just Say No" is a neat and tidy phrase when it comes to teens and drinking, but local school officials know that words alone aren't always enough.

The Tuscola County Underage Drinking Prevention Coalition (TCUDPC) is partnering with Cass City Middle School in hosting a "Skate for a Cause" activity during the week of March 22-25.

Cass City Middle School students will be treated to a free skating party, from 3:30 to 4:45 p.m. in the gym, followed by snacks and a message in the cafeteria, delivered by high school students, local law enforcement and area community leaders.

Parents are encouraged to attend and support the activity, although there will only be enough skates for student use.

The event will conclude each evening at 5:30 p.m. Parents are asked to have a ride available for their children.

Each grade will have its own skating party. The dates/grades are: eighth grade, Monday, March 22; seventh grade, Tuesday, March 23; sixth grade, Wednesday, March 24; and fifth grade, Thursday, March 25.

The event is free. More information is available by calling the school at 872-4397.

# Committee still seeking nominations for "stars"

The "Celebrating Tuscola's Stars Committee" is searching for individuals, businesses, or groups whose efforts have improved the quality of life of the people in Tuscola County.

In addition to these awards, organizers will be honoring an employed individual that has consistently gone "Above and Beyond" the call of duty; this can be anyone that goes beyond their regular job duties and expectations for the benefit of Tuscola County.

All nominees will be recognized at a breakfast Thursday, April 22.

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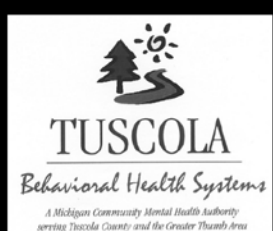
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by Kate VanAuken, director  
Rawson Memorial District Library

The social climate and culture in the 1930s was more reserved than the roaring '20s, but Americans were enjoying big band music, 10 cent movies, and comic books. The Wizard of Oz and Gone with the Wind were the big box office draws as were G i n g e r Rogers, Fred Astaire, Will Rogers, Joan Crawford and Shirley Temple. Superman even made his debut in the 1930s comics.



n't have a comic book collection, but something similar. Graphic novels are narrative works where the story is conveyed to the reader using a comic format. They are bound like a book, which makes them more durable than the familiar comic magazine. These items are very popular with middle and high school patrons and some college English classes are highlighting graphic novels as another genre of material available to readers.

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## Grandparents left impression

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probably without knowing it, what a real, lasting marriage is all about. I recall my grandmother being diagnosed with breast cancer, and after undergoing a radical double mastectomy, he was by her side as she woke up after surgery. My grandpa was not an outwardly emotional man, but the redness in his eyes left no doubt

about his fear and concern for the woman who was his life. They were not only lifelong partners, but also soul mates in the truest sense. When my grandmother awoke from surgery, she instantly put her own pain and needs on the backburner, held his hand and said, simply, "Are you alright, Ray?" Now that's love.

## Weight restrictions are now in effect

Effective 8 a.m. Monday, March 8, weight restrictions for commercial truck traffic were imposed and enforced on state roadways from the southern Michigan border north to and including the Mackinac Bridge. There are no restrictions for legal axle weight loads on roads designated as "all-season trunklines." On routes designated as "seasonal," there will be a posted reduction of 25 percent for rigid pavements and 35 percent for flexible pavements. All extended permits will be valid for oversized loads in the weight-restricted area on the restricted routes. Single-trip permits will not be issued for any overweight loads or loads exceeding 14 feet in width on the restricted routes. For weight restriction information and updates, call 800-787-8960, or you can access this information on MDOT's Mi Drive Web site at michigan.gov/drive; on "Truckers". All-season routes are designated in green and gold on the MDOT Truck Operators Map, which is available online. You may also sign up to receive e-mail alerts.

## State doesn't make funding cut

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mean more unfunded mandates for the schools," he said, adding many of the reforms, such as staff evaluations and reporting financial information, are going to take time, and time is money.

"One of the things that I see, that continues to loom on the horizon, is we haven't seen anything from the Legislature to address school funding," Wilson said, referring to the failure of Proposal A to adequately fund schools in a weak economy because the legislation largely

depends on sales tax revenue. "At some point in time, they're going to have to add some equilibrium." A revamping of the formula for raising revenue earmarked for education couldn't come too soon for the Cass City Public Schools along with most of their counterparts across the state. In Cass City, school officials are looking at the prospect of having to trim spending by about \$1 million next year to balance their budget. Wilson explained he arrived at that figure by taking into account a reduction in state funding of \$433 per student (\$525,000), plus a projected additional loss of 44 students

when the next statewide student tally is conducted in the fall (\$300,000), plus an increase in the district's required state retirement fund contribution of 2.47 percent (for a total of more than 19 percent), which adds up to an extra \$150,000. At this point, Wilson said, school officials believe they can cut expenses by some \$700,000 without adversely impacting student achievement. It will be up to the board of education, he added, to determine where the other \$300,000 will come from. One option is to spend down the school system's \$925,000 fund balance.

## Edison tree trimming crews heading for Huron County

Detroit Edison line-clearance crews will be working in 54 Southeastern Michigan communities in March and April, continuing their year-round effort to maintain service reliability by keeping trees and branches away from power lines.

The work will include trimming in the following areas in Huron County: Bloomfield Township, Gore Township, Harbor Beach, Huron Township, Paris Township, Port Hope, Rubicon Township, Sand Beach Township, Sherman Township and Sigel Township.

"We trim trees for 2 very important reasons - to ensure our customers have dependable electric service and to prevent safety hazards," said Vince Dow, DTE Energy vice president of Distribution Operations. "By maintaining a 10-foot clearance between tree branches and our power lines, we can significantly reduce tree-related power outages."

Tree interference is responsible for about two-thirds of the power outages that occur during storms. That's why Detroit Edison employs more than 500 professional tree trimmers to maintain the estimated 3.5 million trees in its service territory.

The company's tree-trimming crews follow International Society of Arboriculture standards to maintain the health of trees. The company has received the National Tree Line USA Award for quality tree care for 15 consecutive years.

"Our goals are to keep customers' trees alive, healthy and out of harm's way," explained Dow. "The directional pruning method we use removes only the branches that pose a threat to power lines, and helps ensure that future growth is directed

away from power lines. After we trim, trees are less susceptible to disease and insect problems, and because they're stronger, they're more resistant to high winds and heavy ice."

Detroit Edison removes from customer property the small branches and debris that result from its tree trimming work. Larger trimmed branches are cut into firewood length and left behind for customer use or disposal. Detroit Edison will not, however, remove diseased tree debris.

Debris caused by a severe storm also is not removed. In the aftermath of a storm, Detroit Edison crews must work quickly to remove downed wire hazards and restore power to thousands of customers. They will cut broken and uprooted trees in order to reach locations that need repair. In such emergency situations, customers are advised to contact their local Department of Public

Works, trash collector or a professional tree-removal company for advice on disposing of debris.

Customers are responsible for keeping tree branches away from their service drops, the lines that run from utility poles to their homes. Although the voltage running through the service drop is significantly lower than that of pole-to-pole wires, Detroit Edison recommends that customers hire a professional tree service to do this trimming.

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# Alzheimer's care is focus of series

Providing care to a loved one with Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, or other dementia can be demanding and difficult. Having the right tools to effectively cope with the situation, however, makes a big difference.

In Tuscola County, several organizations have joined forces to sponsor a caregiver education series in March that focuses on the basics and provides practical tips for caregivers.

The series will be held on Wednesdays, March 17, 24 and 31, from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Tuscola Technology Center on Cleaver Road in Caro.

The series is sponsored by the Human Development Commission (HDC), Tuscola Behavioral Health, and Caro Community Hospital/CCH Endowment Foundation. Although there is no charge for this series, participants must pre-register by calling HDC at (989) 673-4121.

The series will begin March 17 with session one, entitled "Understanding Alzheimer's Disease, Dementia and Parkinson's Disease". Dr. Aquil will provide an overview of the 3 diseases that affect older adults and their families, including symptoms, diagnosis, care and treatment. Attendees will receive a book, "Caring for a Person with Alzheimer's Disease" provided by the National Institute on Aging.

Session two, "Caring for the

Caregiver", will focus on issues such as stress, depression, guilt and coping strategies. Susan Holder from Tuscola Behavioral Health will be presenting this information.

The last session, March 31, will focus on the hands-on skills needed to physically care for loved ones. Physical therapist Gary Raymond, RPT of Caro Community Hospital (CCH) will address wheelchair use, using a gait belt, how to move someone in bed, etc. Tammy Gugel, RN, also of CCH, will address infection control issues.

To pre-register for this series, contact HDC at (989) 673-4121.

## N. Froede graduates at Albion

Area resident Nicole Froede recently graduated from Albion College, receiving a degree in economics and management with a minor in communication studies.

Froede is the daughter of Bryan Froede of Bad Axe and Gloria Froede of Cass City, and is a graduate of Cass City High School.



**CASS CITY VILLAGE officials joined in a ribbon cutting ceremony Friday at the VIP Salon's new home in the former Hendrian's Floor Covering building, also known as the former Kritzman's building on Main Street in Cass City. Pictured above are (front row, from left) Lisa Santhany, village President Carl Palmateer, Joey Kreeger, Kristen Cherniawski, (back row, left) Jessica Warren, Melissa Patch, Jodi Naegele and Michelle London.**

## Rose society planning for '10

Officers for the Thumb Rose Society met recently to draw up plans for 2010. The public is invited to all meetings to learn the basic care and maintenance of roses.

Meetings are scheduled for 7 p.m. at The Flower Farm meeting room, 236 W. Pigeon Road, Bad Axe, March through November, unless noted below. There will be a "question and answer" and a consulting rosarian recommendation session at each meeting to help members and guests successfully grow roses. There is no registration fee.

• Monday, April 5 - "The Basics of Spring Clean Up" gives information on uncovering, pruning, fertilizing and spraying.

• Monday, May 3 - "Going, Going, Gone! Sold to \_\_\_\_\_?" Plant Auction, 6:30 p.m. Bad Axe area. Past offerings included: plants, bulbs, shrubs, perennials, houseplants, gardening tools. A fun-filled evening with our Auctioneer Clayton Kauffman.

• Monday, June 7 - "Bring Home the Gold." Rose Show prep. Jean and Jon Bradley will demonstrate their expertise in presenting the finer points in exhibiting plus arrangements.

• Sunday, June 20 - "Blue, Red, Yellow or White?" Thumb Rose Society's Rose Show. 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. 1) Prep period is 7 to 10:30 a.m., 2) Judging starts at 11 a.m., 3) Open to the public 1:30 to 3 p.m.

• Monday, July 5 - "Regale or

Commiserate?" Review of Rose Show results and review the Rose Show schedule as to revisions for next year. PowerPoint presentation on "A Salute to the American Spirit." ROSIE Bingo.

• Sunday, Aug. 8 - "Let's Hit the Road." Rose Tour of local gardens, starting at 12:30 p.m. at the Medical Care Facility Rose Garden. A dinner after the tour is planned.

• Wednesday, Sept. 8 - "Save your Pop Bottles!" The annual "Pop Bottle Rose Show" with prizes to be awarded. A video presentation on "David Austin English Roses" will be presented while judging takes place.

• Monday, Oct. 4 - "Picture Perfect." Bring your picture(s) of your garden and roses and share your photos with the members. We'll have the best 2-3 pictures selected by a photographer and have prizes awarded. Nomination committee selected. Short report on winterizing roses by Erv Ignash.

• Monday, Nov. 1 - 6:30 p.m. "ROSIE Christmas Party!" Bring a wrapped gift (Value from \$7) and let's see what you end up with after playing ROSIE Christmas Bingo. Of course, we will have our famous Potluck Dinner first, public invited. Installation of officers.

Two extra activities the Thumb Rose Society is involved in are held at the Medical Care Facility Rose Garden (weather permitting, cancellations/postponement info will be on

WLEW 1340 radio station):

• Saturday, April 17 - "What has Mother Nature Left Us?" Uncovering, pruning and fertilizing roses, 10 to 11 a.m. (approximately). Public is invited to observe and ask questions. Volunteers will uncover, prune and give the first feeding to the roses in the garden. Refreshments afterwards.

• Saturday, Nov. 13 - "Let's Wrap It Up" - Volunteers will winterize roses, 10 a.m. Public invited.

The public is invited to both activities to watch, participate and learn the techniques used to care for roses throughout the year.

Thumb Rose Society meetings are open to everyone; and membership in the Thumb Rose Society is open to all interested lovers of roses.

For more information on the meetings or the society, call Jim at (989) 269-7154, Carol at (989) 553-2992, or Erv at (989) 269-8490.

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*Notice for*

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*a Planning Commission Meeting will be held to review and update the Greenleaf Township Master Plan*

**Thursday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.**

*at the Greenleaf Township Hall*  
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*Judy Doerr*  
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**TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:**

On or about March 1, 2010 the above named Village of Cass City will request the State of Michigan to release Federal funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-383) for the following project:

2010 Church Street Repair  
To Repave Church Street  
Village of Cass City, Tuscola County, Michigan  
\$138,867 - Estimated cost of project

**Finding of No Significant Impact**

It has been determined that such request for release of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and accordingly the above-named Village of Cass City has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190).

The reasons for such decision not to prepare an EIS are as follows:

*Minor construction activity causing no significant short or long term impact.*

An Environmental Review Record respecting the proposed project has been made by the above-named Village of Cass City which documents the environmental review of the project and more fully sets forth the reasons why an EIS is not required. This Environmental Review Record is on file at the above address and is available for public examination and copying upon request at the Municipal Building between the hours of 8:30 and 4:30. No further environmental review of such project is proposed to be conducted prior to the request for release of federal funds.

**Public Comments on Finding**

All interested agencies, groups, and persons disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the Village of Cass City to the Office of the Undersigned on or before March 16, 2010. All such comments so received will be considered and the Village of Cass City will not request the release of federal funds or take any administrative action on the proposed project prior to the date specified in the preceding sentence.

**Release of Funds**

The Village of Cass City will undertake the project described above with Community Development Block Grant funds from the State of Michigan under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. The Village of Cass City is certifying to the State of Michigan that the Village of Cass City and Peter Cristiano in his official capacity as Village Manager consent to accept the jurisdiction of the federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision-making, and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval the Village of Cass City may use the Block Grant funds and the state will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

**Objections to State Release of Funds**

The State of Michigan will accept an objection to its approval only if it is on one of the following bases: (a) that the certification was not in fact executed by the certifying officer or other officer of applicant approved by the State of Michigan; or (b) that applicant's environmental review record for the project indicated omission of a required decision finding or step applicable to the project in the environmental review process. Objections must be prepared and submitted to the State of Michigan, MEDC, 300 North Washington Square, Lansing, Michigan 48913.

Objections to the release of funds on bases other than those stated above will not be considered by the state. No objection received after February 26, 2010, will be considered by the state.

*Peter Cristiano, Village Manager*  
6506 Main Street, Cass City, MI 48726  
Date Published 3/10/2010



JACOB BALLARD (from left), Jalen Ferris and Emily Shawley get messy during the library's "After Hours: Fear Factor Edition" event Saturday. (Related photo, page one)

## Tendercare joins national initiative targeting excellence

Tendercare Cass City Health and Rehab Center has joined thousands of nursing homes across the country in a voluntary national initiative, the Advancing Excellence in America's Nursing Homes campaign.

The campaign seeks to accelerate the rate of quality improvement in nursing homes by promoting excellence in caregiving for nursing home residents, monitoring key indicators of quality in nursing homes, and acknowledging the critical role of staff in providing high quality care.

The Advancing Excellence in America's Nursing Homes campaign targets 8 measurable clinical quality and organizational improvement goals. Tendercare Cass City Health and Rehab Center has chosen to focus its quality improvement efforts on: pressure ulcers, pain, and family and resident satisfaction.

"We strive every day to provide the highest quality of care to our residents and we are always working on new ways to promote quality," said Jan Nowak, administrator, Tendercare Cass City Health and Rehab "This campaign allows us to be a part of a broad national effort and signal, through data and measurable accomplishments, that our efforts are paying off for our residents."

The campaign is different from existing national quality initiatives in

several respects. It encourages consumer involvement as an important aspect to achieving success. The campaign also acknowledges organizational culture elements, such as the critical role of consistent staffing assignments and resident and family satisfaction, in achieving goals.

"We will also be encouraging our residents and families as well as all

staff to take an active interest in the goals of the Advancing Excellence in America's Nursing Homes campaign," added Nowak. "Consumers can sign up to participate in the campaign via the Advancing Excellence web site [www.nhqualitycampaign.org](http://www.nhqualitycampaign.org) and we can find ways to work together to meet our goals of improved care."

## MFB seeking youth for citizenship event

The Michigan Farm Bureau is seeking students for its 46th annual Young People's Citizenship Seminar (YPCS).

YPCS is a 5-day seminar, which teaches young people about the democratic political process and how to become informed, active citizens. The event will be held June 28 to July 1 at Northwood University in Midland.

This year's seminar is unique in that it occurs in what will be an historic election year for Michigan, said Matt Kapp, YPCS co-organizer and MFB land use and elections specialist. On top of a whopping 72 percent turnover of legislators in the 2010

general election, for the first time in Michigan's history the state will have all new leadership, including a new governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, secretary of state, speaker of the House and Senate majority leader.

"With YPCS we want to build on this political fervor and help teenagers understand the power of their vote and the freedoms that Americans enjoy in a democratic society," said Kapp.

To accomplish this, attendees participate in mock political elections and other fun, interactive activities designed to hone leadership skills and teach government principles and economics. Students also enjoy recreational and social activities as well as motivational presentations by guest speakers.

YPCS is open to all 2010-2011 high school juniors and seniors. Applications are being accepted through April 23.

Although the majority of YPCS participants hail from Farm Bureau families, Farm Bureau membership is not a requirement.

"County Farm Bureaus select participants from local applications received, but YPCS is open to all students regardless of their Farm Bureau involvement," said Kapp.

Cost this year is reduced to \$230 per student. Generally, county Farm Bureaus or a local business sponsor the seminar fee; however, a small commitment fee may be required.

More information on YPCS, including a downloadable brochure and promotional video, is available online at [www.michfb.com/ypcs](http://www.michfb.com/ypcs). Information can also be obtained from high school principals, guidance counselors and county Farm Bureau offices, as well as by calling MFB at (800) 292-2680 (ext. 2027).

### Abuse play slated

Second graders in Sanilac County will learn about the sense of touch this month while watching the play, "Babylonian Encounter," sponsored by the Sanilac County Child Abuse Prevention Council.

Performed live by Theater Arts Production for second graders at each of the county's elementary schools, the play is fun-filled, interactive, entertaining, and designed to educate children about the difference between good, bad, confusing and forced sexual touch.

The Sanilac County Child Abuse Prevention Council is a non-profit organization dedicated to the promotion of the safe and healthy development of children and families through community education and enrichment. This play was funded by the council.

# Obituary

## Marian Linderman

Marian Blanche Linderman, 83, of Caro, formerly of Cass City, died Thursday, March 4, 2010 in Tendercare Nursing Facility, Cass City.

She was born Nov. 26, 1926 in Detroit, the daughter of Marion George and Blanche May (Miller) Scott.

She married Frederick John Linderman Oct. 26, 1946 in Cass City. He died July 8, 1990.

Marian worked for General Cable, retiring after nearly 28 years. She attended Caro First Baptist Church. Marian enjoyed needlepoint and tating. She loved to shop. Marian loved spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren and visiting with her friends.

Left to cherish her memories are her daughters: Marian (Ronald) Badgley of Harbor Beach, and Freida (Dale)

Daniels of Caro; grandchildren: Sheila (Jerome) Wolschleger of Cass City, Shelly (Brian) Gentner of Lake Orion, Tina Daniels of Essexville, and Lisa Daniels and her fiancé Cody of Deford; great-grandchildren: Robert, Ronald, Gabrielle and Jack.

She was preceded in death by a son, Fred Linderman.

Funeral services were held Saturday, March 6, at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with the Rev. George Harmon, officiating.

Interment was in the Novesta Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Pallbearers for Ms. Linderman were Brian Gentner, Jerome Wolschleger, Robert Wolschleger, Ronald Wolschleger and Cody Engler.

Memorials may be made to Ronald McDonald House of Detroit or Tendercare Cass City.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

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THE THUMB Area USBC Women's Bowling Association Champions for 2010 are the Whoo Whoo Girls from Pigeon Lanes. They are, from left, Sylvia Avalos, Esther Hill, Linda Lutz and Candy Avalos.

# Sophomore Jensen enters record book of Hawk wrestling

Sophomore sensation, junior jinx? Not likely for Cass City Red Hawk 10th grader Josh Jensen.

Still, there's no denying Jensen, Coach Don Markel's 171-pound wrestling star, had a banner year that ended Saturday at the Palace of Auburn Hills during the Michigan High School Athletic Association's Division 3 state finals.

"Josh placed 8th to become the first sophomore in the history of Cass City High School wrestling to medal at the state finals," Markel said, noting Jensen finished his second season on the varsity with a lofty 49-8 record.

Jensen opened his maiden state final appearance Thursday defeating highly ranked D'mario Lewis, of Whitehall, 8-7, advancing him into Friday's competition where he advanced into the medal rounds with a 1-1 record on the day.

Jensen met up with Goodrich's Parker Lovell in the quarterfinals and stumbled to the eventual state champion by pin before defeating Capac's Ed Niemi, 14-6.

"Josh had lost earlier in the year to Niemi. That made advancing even more special," Markel said.

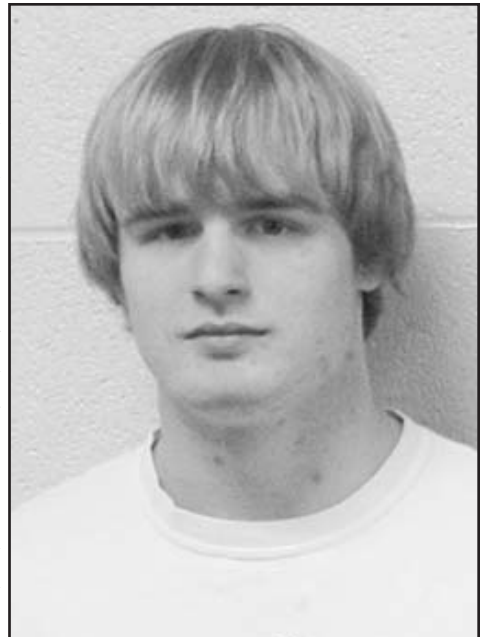
On Saturday, Allendale's Jared Groenveld pinned Jensen before Dustin Bushouse, of Berrien Springs, posted a 15-3 victory to end Jensen's day.

"On the way home we were talking and Josh has a good chance of becoming Cass City's all time career win leader," Markel said.

Cass City's top 3 career win leaders, and their totals, are Kyle Sieradzki, 175, Aaron Dorland, 167, and Adam Dorland, with 159.

Jensen's career mark entering his junior season is 94-20.

"Josh is a solid kid. It's rare that (underclassmen) are strong enough to compete with seniors," Markel said.



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at 45-33. The Cardinal scoring spurt ended when Sovereign connected on a top-of-the-key jump shot, but the damage had been done.

Any comeback hopes the Knights were entertaining quickly vanished in the final stanza as Kingston expanded the scoring gap to 59-39 following a corner jump shot from Terry Edwards.

With just under 3 minutes remaining, both coaches emptied their benches.

For Kingston, Josh Wenzlaff and Joe Strauel split 20 markers and 12 rebounds, while Taylor Nicol registered team highs in assists and steals with 7 and 4, respectively.

Knight forward Josiah Weber chipped in 13 points in vain.

# Thumb area bowlers honored

The Thumb Area USBC Women's Bowling Association held its annual tournament recently. As in the past few years, the tournament was held at each house so bowlers could bowl on their own league night in their own house, if they choose.

The winners of each house tournament were then invited to a Championship Roll Off. The following teams placed first in each individual house tournament:

Uby Lanes - Smigielski's - 2485, Longshot Lanes - Murray's Home Furnishings - 2479, Pigeon Lanes - Whoo Whoo Girls - 2455, Minden City Rec - Buds & Blossoms - 2433, Biff's Bowling - Blue Water Inn - 2417, Charmont Lanes - All or Nothing - 2333.

The Championship Roll Off was held Saturday, February 20, at Biff's Bowling in Kinde. The Association Champs for 2010 are the Whoo Whoo Girls from Pigeon Lanes who rolled a 2635 with handicaps.

# Cass City Bowling

<b>Merchanettes</b> as of March 4	Paulette Maurer 190-180 (500); Deidra Zdrojewski 190-176 (527); Krista Maurer 193-170 (523).
All or Nothing 37	Team High Games & Series: Thumb Octagon Barn 616-587 (1740).
Thumb Octagon Barn 34	Splits: Deidra Zdrojewski 4-5; Elaine Romain 3-10, 2-7, 4-7-9.
Just One More 20	
Northstar Allstars 7	
Individual High Games & Series: Elaine Romain 199-177 (516);	Strikes: Renee Mallory 4 in a row; Peggy Hellwig 3 in a row.

# Benefit basketball game planned

The Detroit Lions are coming to Caro to play the annual benefit basketball game against the Tuscola County 4-H Horse Leaders. The game will be Wednesday, March 31, at 7 p.m. at Caro High School.

The highlight of the contest is the halftime autograph session, when the Lions set up tables and sign footballs, jerseys, trading cards and helmets for all the kids.

Proceeds from the event go to the Tuscola County 4-H Horse Leader projects. For tickets and game information, call the ticket hotline, 1-800-205-7174 or (989) 673-3360.













**CHARLES DAVID AND David Anthony, authors of the "Heroes A2Z and Knightscares" book series, recently spent the day with Campbell Elementary School students in conjunction with Young Authors Day. The assembly marked the kick-off of March is Reading Month. The authors entertained as well as reinforced their slogan, "Real Heroes Read".**

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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.

William Graham and Rachel Graham also has/have the right to contact the Michigan State Housing Development Authority ("MSHDA") at its website www.michigan.gov/msbda or by calling MSHDA at (866) 946-7432 (Tel). If Borrowers requests a meeting, no foreclosure proceedings will be commenced until the expiration of 90 days from the date Notice was mailed to the Borrowers pursuant to Section 3205(a) of HB 4454, Public Act 30 of 2009.

**MORTGAGE SALE -** Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by David Brigham and Sheri Brigham, husband and wife, as joint tenants, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgage, dated February 28, 2007 and recorded on March 8, 2007 in Liber 1112 on Page 1458 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgage to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Trustee for the Certificate Holders, Mastr Asset Backed Securities Trsut 2007-NCW Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates Series 2007-NCW as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty Thousand One Hundred Thirty-Six and 90/100 Dollars (\$60,136.90), including interest at 11.1% per annum.

If Designated Agent and Borrowers agree to modify the mortgage, the mortgage will not be foreclosed if the Borrowers abide by the terms of the modified mortgage. Borrowers have the right to contact an attorney or the State Bar of Michigan Lawyer Referral Service at (800) 968-0738 (Tel).

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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on April 8, 2010.

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

Part of the Northeast quarter of fractional Section 1, Town 14 North, Range 8 East, described as; Commencing at the Northeast corner of said Section 1; thence along the North line of said Section 1; North 87 degrees 03 minutes 00 seconds West, 990.00 feet to the intersection of the centerline of Staley Street and said North line of Section 1; thence along said centerline of Staley Street, South 02 degrees 31 minutes 10 seconds West, 627.00 feet to the point of beginning, thence continuing along said centerline of Staley Street, South 02 degrees 31 minutes 10 seconds West, 66.00 feet; thence North 87 degrees 04 minutes 40 seconds West 189.74 feet; thence parallel with the centerline of Staley Street, North 02 degrees 31 minutes 10 seconds East, 66.00 feet; thence South 87 degrees 04 minutes 40 seconds East, 189.75 feet to the point of beginning.

NOTICE PURSUANT TO MCL 600.3205a(4)

NOTICE is hereby provided to Kathleen Rondo and Robert Rondo, the borrowers and/or mortgagors (hereinafter "Borrower") regarding the property located at: 4267 Church St., Akron, MI 48701-2501.

The Borrower has the right to request a meeting with the mortgage holder or mortgage servicer. The agent designated by the Mortgage Servicer and/or Mortgage Holder to contact and that has authority to make agreements under MCL sections 600.3205b and 600.3205c is: Trott & Trott, P.C., 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200, Farmington Hills, MI 48334-2525 at (248) 593-1302.

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

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

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Dated: March 10, 2010

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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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INITIAL FORECLOSURE NOTICE AS REQUIRED BY MICHIGAN PUBLIC ACT 30 OF 2009.

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