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A 27-YEAR-OLD Deford area man died in a house fire early Sunday morning, according to Elkland Township fire fighters, who were called to the scene of the blaze - on Warner Road in Novesta Township - at about 6:30 a.m.

## **Kingston fire fighters bag 2** grants, gearing up for move

#### by Tom Montgomery **Editor**

good to the Kingston Fire Department, which has not only successfully written a pair of grant (FEMA). requests, but is also looking forward

with the state and village each pitch- Assistant Chief Rob Phillips and ing in \$6,400.

In addition, the Kingston Fire The past few months have been Department has secured a nearly \$67,000 grant from the Federal

> Emergency Management Agency Mallory said the total includes a underway at the former Jenlay

Captain Bill Skinner.

"I think it's been 5 or 6 years since we've gotten any grants," he said. "We try every year."

As for the department's new digs, Mallory said renovation work is to moving into a more spacious \$3,000 match from the village. In Products lamination factory building ship/village hall, which is located across from Kingston Elementary School.

Blaze claims life of Deford man Sunday

> by Tom Montgomery Editor

A house fire claimed the life of a Deford area man over the weekend. Elkland Township fire fighters were dispatched to a reported fully-engulfed 2-story wooden house fire Sunday at about 6:26 a.m., according to Fire Chief Glenn Guilds, who said the blaze was located at 2595 Warner Rd., just west of Cemetery Road, between Delong and Severance roads.

"The information we have on it right now is that (the victim) was Kyle Spencer," Guilds said.

Tuscola County Undersheriff Glen Skrent confirmed the report.

"The fire victim is believed to be 27-year-old Kyle Spencer of Cass City," Skrent said. "An autopsy is pending on the victim to determine the actual cause of death." The autopsy, Skrent reported Monday, revealed that Spencer died from smoke inhalation.

'No other persons were in the house at the time of the death," he added. "It is unknown whether there were smoke detectors in the residence. The cause of the fire remains under investigation."

Guilds said the cause of the fire has been ruled "undetermined", although officials believe the blaze originated in the living room area. "We had the fire marshal and also the medical examiner" at the scene, he noted.

The chief said he doesn't know if the victim lived alone or not. "As far as we know, some friends dropped him off at 2:30 or 3 in the morning," he said, adding the residence is owned by Dennis Hendrick, a Severance Road resident.

The Caro, Kingston and Elmwood Township-Gagetown fire departments assisted at the scene, according to Guilds, who lauded his assistant chief, Scott Wright, for his leadership at the scene. "He did a great job. The whole department did a great job today.

Fire department officials estimated the property loss at \$95,000, including \$85,000 for the structure.

Guilds noted that an area business, Wild John's, located just south of the intersection of M-81 and M-53, treated fire fighters to pizza and pop during their time on the scene, which lasted 7 hours.

Guilds acknowledged that fatal fires, while rare in the Thumb, require some special attention when it comes to helping firemen deal with the trauma, especially young fire fighters.

'What we do after, at the hall...is we do a type of debriefing thing," he explained. Volunteers who need to talk about the experience are encouraged to call a veteran fireman to discuss their concerns, he said.

home later this year.

"We got 2 grants this year, (including) a DNR grant for a skid mount unit," said Kingston Fire Chief Jeff Mallory. He explained a skid mount is a molded plastic tank and pump unit designed to fit into the bed of a pickup truck. The unit holds 200 ment)," Mallory said, noting his gallons of water and enables firemen to battle grass fires in remote areas where other sources of water are not available.

The department received a 50/50 matching grant for the equipment,

return, the award will pay for new just northeast of the existing townturnout gear — pants, coats, boots, helmets, gloves and Nomax hoods - for 30 fire fighters. "You're looking at \$2,200 a set, roughly," Mallory added.

"They're overdue (for replacedepartment's current turnout gear is 10 years old, and experts recommend replacement every 7 years.

Mallory pointed out that both successful grant applications were written by 2 of his officers; First

"I've had a purchase agreement for (the building) for 3 years. We just patiently waited," said Mallory. He added the building is 60 feet by 220 feet (about 1,300 square feet), and the property totals 6.1 acres. "It's a lot bigger. Right now we have a 50by-50 area."

The new fire hall will solve the Please turn to page 7.

## School delays action on recommended cuts

aren't yet ready to recommend specific cuts, as proposed by 3 ad hoc meet again in early May to prioritize committees, because too many question marks remain regarding funding in the coming year.

Instead, the Cass City Board of

Cass City School officials say they Education asked members of the ad hoc committees Monday night to their recommendations, with a promise to provide them with more specific figures tying most of the pro Please turn to page 7.

### Annual chamber dinner scheduled Saturday night

A tradition of honoring Cass City's top citizens returns this weekend with the annual Cass City Chamber of Commerce Community Dinner, Saturday at Northwood Meadows.

The event will get underway at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door and are available at Chemical Bank, Independent Bank, Thumb National Bank, Coach Light Pharmacy and Rawson Memorial District Library.

The program will include the presentation of the awards for "Citizen of the Year" and "Junior Citizen of the Year", as well as entertainment featuring a comedian.

The tradition of honoring the village's top citizen dates back to 1963, when the late Willis Campbell was the first to receive the award. Two years later, Betty Kennedy was named the first "Junior Citizen of the Year".

In 2009, Rawson Memorial District Library Director Kate VanAuken was named Cass City's "Citizen of the Year", while Sarah Reed was honored as the community's top junior citizen.



by Tom Montgomery Editor

More than 4 million people visit Arlington National Cemetery each year, but most of them don't have the opportunity and privilege of laying a wreath there in honor of the men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

Four Cass City Middle School students will be joining the company of those chosen to lay a wreath at Arlington.

Each of the students earned the right to do so by submitting winning essays in an annual contest organized by the tour company that arranges the annual Cass City eighth grade trip to Washington, D.C.

Judging by their essays, all 4 students have a real appreciation for the honor they will share.

Take Shania Chambers, for exam-Chambers' great-great-greatple. Please turn to page 8.



STATE REP. TERRY Brown (D-Pigeon), who represents Tuscola and Huron counties, talks to FFA members from the Thumb at the Capitol recently. The students were in Lansing for the Michigan FFA Convention and later presented Brown with an award. (See story, page 10)



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

#### Wednesday, March 24

Ravenous Readers Book Club, noon, Rawson Memorial District Library.

Senior Lunch, noon, Shabbona United Methodist Church. Spaghetti Dinner, 4-6:30 p.m., VFW Hall, Cass City.

#### Thursday, March 25

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

#### Friday, March 26

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 27

Craft Show, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Kingston Elementary School Cafeteria, 3644 Ross St. (south parking lot entrance). No admission fee. Lunch served from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. For more information, contact Sandy Balzer at (989) 674-2643.

#### Sunday, March 28

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

#### Monday, March 29

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

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

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No decorative stones around markers or monuments.

One arrangement per grave site.

## Owen-Gage Honor Roll announced

Officials at Owendale-Gagetown Schools announce the second marking period honor roll.

#### Grade 4

Emalee Bach, Aaron Fahrner\*, Madison Mandich, Morgan Ondrajka\*, Dalton Powell, Luke Retford\* and Zane Schember.

Grade 5 David Binder, Falicia Fackler, Isaac Fahrner, Abigail Jeffery, Cara Morrish and Jacob Warack\*.

Grade 6 Daniel Good\*, Kyle Miller, Larissa Miller\*, Andrew Muntz\* and Adrianna Woodward.

Grade 7 Sidney Bencheck, Andrea McCreedy\*, Rachel Mroz and Adam Retford\*.

Grade 8 Benjamin Good and Amaris Janos.

#### Grade 9

Andrew Fahrner, Jeremy Jamieson, Tiffany Jamieson, Michael Mandich, Courntey McCreedy\*, Justin Miller\*, Kayla Montreuil\*, Eric Rievert\* and Sarah Volk.

#### Grade 10

Rochelle Apley, Mariah Blackmer\*, Hunter Champagne, Christin Harris, Alexis Morrish, Erika Mroz\* Amanda Muntz, Lacie Prich, Carll Warack and Marissa Woodruff.

Grade 11 Mitchel LaPratt, Megan McLaren\*, Dylan Powell and Victoria Wright.

Grade 12 Danielle Irion\*, Zach Mroz\*, Devin Prich, Kelsey Quick\*, Ashley Rockefeller\*, Christine Schmidt\*, Carin Seibel, Erin Seibel, Alexis Slavick and Amanda Woodruff.

\*Denotes all A's

Story times scheduled at Rawson during April

times will be offered at Slory Rawson Memorial District Library in Cass City during the month of April. Toddlers, age 18 to 36 months, are invited to join the fun as organizers embark on an exploration of numbers. During each session the children and their caregivers will enjoy stories, songs, finger-plays and crafts that will further strengthen counting skills and number comprehension. These "number explorations" will be held every Tuesday from 10 to 10:30 a.m. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5 years old, are also invited on an adventure of their own as they enjoy stories, songs, finger-plays and crafts that incorporate numbers one through 10. Preschool story times take place Thursdays, April 8, 15, 22 and 29 from 10 to 11:00 a.m. Both programs are free of charge, but the children must be pre-registered. To participate in toddler or preschool "Number Exploration" story time, register in person at the library, or call, 872-2856.



## Holbrook Area News

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

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sageman of Ubly visited Thelma Jackson on Sunday before Frank played the piano for a sing along in the dining room at Courtney Manor.

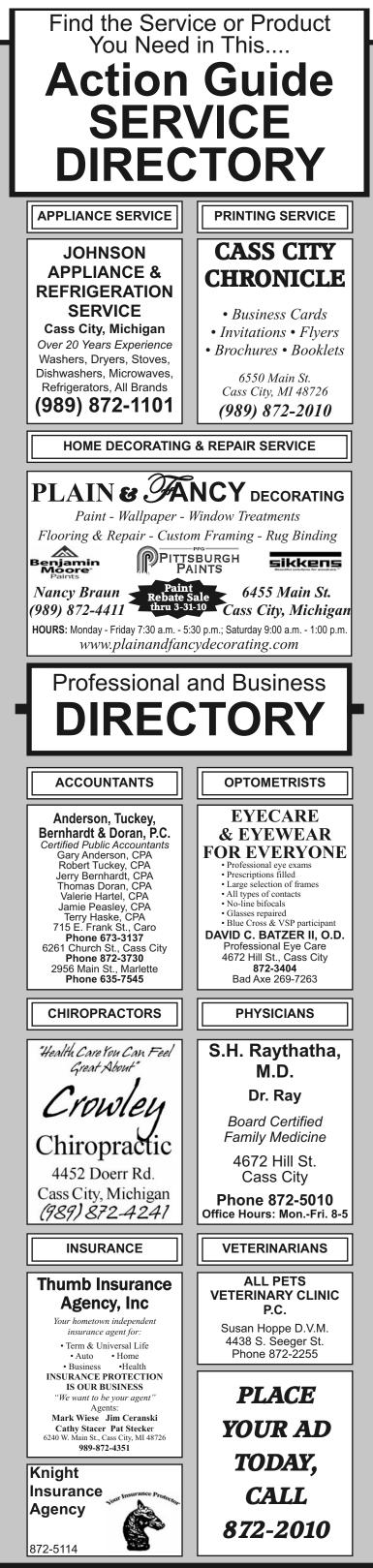
Ray Depcinski attended a meeting at the K of C Hall in Caro for new member Roy Guigar.

Sharon Depcinski of Grand Rapids was an overnight guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski after having supper at Rachel's in Bad Axe.

Mrs. Harold Ballagh of Cass City, and Ordean Michalski and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson visited Thelma Jackson on Thursday.

Sharon Depcinski of Grand Rapids was a supper guest and attended a birthday party for Tim and Ryan at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Carpenter of Caro.

Sharon Depcinski of Grand Rapids was a Saturday overnight guest of Nancy and Dean Carpenter of Caro.



All flowers must be in containers.

All glass jars or bottles used for arrangements are prohibited.

Monuments and markers are to be installed by sexton.

All lots will be cleaned off on April 1st, and remain clean until May 1st.

The township shall not be financially responsible for damage to flowers, shrubs, lots, stones, objects or articles removed from any grave in this cemetery.

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Fun By The Numbers Like puzzles? Then

you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

#### Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!



Holy Week events scheduled for Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Holy Week begins at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church with the Palm Sunday service at 9:30 a.m., Sunday, March 28.

A potluck dinner is slated for 6 p.m., Maundy Thursday, April 1, followed by the worship service at 7 p.m.

The Good Friday service will be April 2 at 1:30 p.m. The Easter sunrise service is at 7 a.m. followed by breakfast served by the youth of the congregation. A second worship service is set for 9:30 a.m.

The public is invited to these activities.

### Confectionary manufacturers

In a typical year, confectionary manufacturers use 1 billion pounds of milk and milk products, 2.3 billion pounds of sugar, and 1.4 billion pounds of corn syrup.

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## You really dropped the ball, governor

Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm dropped the ball, and this time the state's farmers have taken offense. And rightly so.

Here's the story: Granholm proclaimed March 20 as "Michigan Meatout Day", touting the benefit of a diet consisting of only vegetables, fruits and whole grains, which "promotes good health and reduces the risk of heart disease, stroke, cancer, diabetes and other chronic diseases". The proclamation stated that reducing the consumption of meat or not eating meat at all can significantly decrease the exposure to infectious pathogens such as salmonella and E. coli.

Ironically, our governor also proclaimed March 20 as Michigan Agriculture Day.

In that proclamation, Granholm pointed out that Michigan's food and agriculture industry is the state's second largest economic driver, contributing more than \$71.3 billion to Michigan's economy each year, with production agriculture, food processing and related business EMPLOYING some one million people and producing more than 200 commodities on a commercial basis (making the state second only to California in agriculture diversity).

"Michigan's agriculture industry expanded at a rate of more than 5 times faster than the rate of the general economy (11.9 percent versus 2 percent) between 2006 and 2007, making agriculture a cornerstone to diversifying Michigan's economy in the future," Granholm said.

She also noted that "Michigan's agriculture industry provides a variety of wholesome and healthy products, including but not limited to beef, dairy, field crops, fruits, horticulture products, pork, poultry, sheep (and) vegetables." Huh?

Understandably, Michigan Farm Bureau (MFB) officials were furious with Granholm's signing of the "meatout" day proclamation.

"It's inconceivable to us that the governor could stoop to this level of telling people what they should and shouldn't eat based on the philosophies of 'food elitists'," MFB President Wayne H. Wood said in a statement to the media. "The governor clearly crossed the line in recklessly singling out meat products for non-consumption and belittling this wholesome source of protein when, in fact, the USDA Food Pyramid Guide, our country's most respected dietary guideline, recommends 2 to 3 servings of lean meat per day, depending on your age," Wood said. "The fact that Granholm's proclamation states unfounded facts and allegations towards meat products indicates the governor's desire and willingness to court special interest groups to the demise of a major state industry." Some Michigan legislators agreed. Among them was state Rep. Terry Brown (D-Pigeon), who represents *Tuscola and Huron counties.* "We need to continue to do everything we can to support our farmers and the hundreds of thousands of people who are employed because of agriculture," Brown said. "I am disappointed that the governor chose to speak out against some of our farmers during a time when we should be celebrating all the great things they do. "Huron County is number one in Michigan in total area of farmland, with 440,967 acres, as well as total acres for sugarbeets, dry edible beans and wheat. Huron County tops the state in revenue from dairy at more than \$107 million," he pointed out, adding, "Tuscola County has 30 organic farms, the most in Michigan, and is second in the state for the number of acres in dry edible beans and sugarbeets.' We realize that our governor probably has her eye on an appointment of sorts in Washington, D.C., in the future, but why do anything that casts a shadow on an industry that has continued to strengthen what's left of Michigan's economv?

Letter to the Editor **Cass City students** are a special group

\$250 to give to the family.

Finally, after the earth-

quake in Haiti, students

generously donated a total

of \$500 to the Red Cross

There have been other

examples also. The fifth

and sixth grade student

council held a food drive

in December to donate to

the local food pantry. Also

in December, the seventh

grade advisories adopted

needy families in our

community. They pur-

chased Christmas gifts as

well as necessities for

As you can see the stu-

dents at the middle school

are thoughtful and caring

young adults who should

be recognized for their

actions. I hope their par-

ents, teachers and the

community in general

realize how lucky we are

to have these students

City

attending Cass

Laura Schinnerer

Student Council advisor

Middle School.

Sincerely,

these families

for Haiti relief.

Dear Mr. Haire, I would like to tell you about a great group of students that I have the pleasure of knowing. The group I am referring to is the student body at Cass City Middle School.

Whether it was in the classroom or coaching, I have always enjoyed working with students at middle school. the However, this year's group of students has been, in my opinion, exceptional.

These students have been asked on 3 separate occasions to donate to a worthy cause, and they have hit a home run each time.

In the fall students were asked to help out a needy family. We held a "Red Hawk Magic Minute" and collected almost \$200 to help this family out. Not long after, the high school suffered a tragedy with the loss of Cory Sanders. Again, the middle school held a "Magic Minute" and was able to collect

#### **Reporter's notebook**

## Sources are key in this business

#### by Tom Montgomery Editor

The Chronicle is my employer, but I depend on my sources for a living.

Don't get me wrong. The Haire family has been good to me. The late John Haire gave this green reporter a shot many years ago, and he didn't fire me when he had every reason to early on in my career here. I will never forget the lesson I learned on that particular occasion. But I digress.

My point is this: reporters, especially those working in small communities, must pay special attention to establishing and keeping — good sources if they hope to do a good job.

Like I said, good sources are key in this business.

But establishing those relationships takes time. And trust.

A reporter who promises one thing and delivers another won't do well, particularly in a small town, where word spreads faster than a grass fire in the spring. The same thing goes for a reporter who can't get his/her facts straight.

I've always figured the best way to cultivate sources is to interview them, write the story and then let them decide if I'm



by Roger Pond

This has been a bad year for colds. I got a nasty cold in January, finally got rid of it; but caught it again in February.

I don't know if a person can catch the same cold twice, but it sure felt the same. I probably should have gone to the doctor, but you know how that goes.

I grew up in the days of the old country doctors, and you didn't go see them if you didn't have to. Our doctors were always nice people, but they didn't want to see you if you weren't really sick.

We have to give the old doctors credit. They knew when to treat you and when to leave you alone.

That's how it was when a bunch of fellows from town got together for a fishing trip on Lake Erie. Our town wasn't very big; so it didn't matter if you were a doctor, minister, or a suspected horse thief, everyone was invited for the big fishing trip.

Most of the men in town went, including my dad and brother, who provided an eyewitness account. Spirits were high as the charter left the dock and headed for open water. Everyone chipped-in with a dollar for the first fish, most fish, and biggest fish.

Doc suggested they have a pool for first sick, too; seeing as how he would probably get that money one way or another. This drew a big laugh from everyone. Everyone except Dwight.

Dwight came along for the camaraderie. He was

feeling the sway of the boat more than most. The captain cut the

engine, and the boat began to drift with the waves. Dwight reached in his pocket for a little bottle of Dramamine. (His other bottle was emptied earlier.)

Soon they were into fish. Nothing big, but a few walleye and some perch. My brother, Kenny, caught a walleye and unhooked another for Dad.

The second fish was hooked pretty deep, and Kenny got some blood on his arm. The blood didn't bother him, but it had an effect on Dwight.

He had given up fishing and was sitting in a deck chair, staring at the horizon. Dwight looked kind of puny, and his coloring was bad. His normally ruddy complexion had turned to ashen gray.

Soon it was lunchtime, and my brother got out the boxed chicken furnished by the charter. He took out a drumstick and began to gnaw on it.

Dad looked over at Dwight. The combination of fish blood on Kenny's arm and the chicken leg in his hand was the last straw for Dwight. His gray turned to green.

Dad yelled at Doc. "Hey, Doc. Do you suppose there's anything you can do for Dwight here?"

Doc put down his fishing rod and made a big scene of examining the patient. Then he said solemnly, "I'm afraid there's nothing I can do."

"What he's going to do, he can do all by himself.



The recent Cass City Lions Club sunken car raffle was a huge success according to association spokesman Dave Weiler. Helping to push the fundraiser over the top was contest runner-up Steve Meeker, who donated his \$750 winnings back to his local civic organization.

*C'mon, Jennifer, whose side are you on?* 





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And I have some great sources.

Take a good friend of mine who alerted me a week ago about a pair of hikers finding the Thumb's wolverine dead in the Minden City State Game Area. Without his call, I probably would have been reading that story in one of my competitors' editions last week, instead of being the first to report it.

That may not seem like a big accomplishment, but when your competitors have the advantage of publishing twice or more times a week - not to mention a "staff" of reporters — it can mean the difference between being first and simply being an "also ran".

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trustworthy and accurate.

I also set ground rules. For example, I occasionally accept information "off the record", but I make it clear that if I can get the same information from a different source that is willing to be quoted, I'm going to use it.

Most sources are willing to let me use their names in a story, but I also have a few that I never quote. Why? They provide me with information that allows me to understand why an issue is unfolding the way it is. Their tips are often invaluable.

Do I make mistakes? Of course! And most sources are willing to forgive an error here and there, especially when you're willing to own up to them in print. The bottom line is, good sources are everything in this business. A reporter who forgets that fact might as well start looking for another career.



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The Tuscola County Sheriff's Office will be using an internet based program called: Nixle, to give out information to the public. Nixle is a free, web based program that enables officials to give out information to the public concerning law enforcement issues.

Citizens can sign up for text messages to be sent to their cell phones and/or have messages sent to their email at www.Nixle.com, reports Undersheriff Glen Skrent.

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If Friday's fishing trip to Newaygo for steelhead on



the Muskegon River is any indication, the peak spring runs for chrome bullets are still about a week

away We spent 8 hours chasing steelies last week resulting just in hookups, including the day's best fish, this big buck landed by Tom Howard.

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SANILAC COUNTY Sheriff Garry Biniecki (far right) and Undersheriff Brad Roff present a "Deputy of the Year" Award to Deputy Doug Shagena, who works in corrections.



BINIECKI AND ROFF present a "Deputy of the Year" award to Deputy Cassandra Lindberg, who works in dispatch.





THE SANILAC COUNTY Sheriff's Department recently honored its own during an annual awards ceremony. Among those receiving awards was (above) Sgt. Charlene Washkevich in uniform services, pictured above with Sheriff Garry Biniecki (center) and Undersheriff Brad Roff. Washkevich was honored as both a "Deputy of the Year" and as the 2009 "Distinguished Deputy" award winner.

## Several appear on charges

Tuscola County Circuit Court last week on various criminal charges:

•Edward A. Mazurowski, 46, Akron, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influ-ence of liquor, third offense, Feb. 5 in Wisner Township.

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

•Amy A. Frohriep, 31, Caro, was sentenced to 90 days in the county jail, with work release and worksite privileges, for her plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor - with an occupant under the age of 16 years Nov. 2 in Almer Township.

She was also placed on 60 months probation and ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$2,128.

•Thomas A. McKindles, 44, Attica, was sentenced to 90 days in jail and 18 months probation for his plea of no contest to identity theft Oct. 31 in Watertown Township.

He was also ordered to pay \$1,628 in costs and fines plus restitution of \$675.45.

•Brian K. Bables, 43, Vassar, was Fairgrove, was sentenced to 180 ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$456 for his plea of guilty to for his plea of guilty to possession of driving while license was suspended or revoked, subsequent offense, and operating an ORV on a highway or right-of-way Oct. 7 in Vassar. •Gregory C. Leahey Jr., 21, Caro, was sentenced to 90 days in jail for his plea of guilty to possession of marijuana on school property, subsequent offense, April 29 in Caro. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (2 prior felony conviction). In addition to jail time, he was ordered to pay \$728 in costs and fines. •Thomas A. Lemke, 29, Caro, pleaded guilty to aggravated stalking Feb. 11-12 in Caro. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convictions). A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$10,000. Sentencing is scheduled for May 17. •Timothy A. Leahy, 34, Deford, pleaded guilty to violating the Sex Offenders Registration Act by failing to notify law enforcement of a change in address within 10 days between July and October 2008 in Kingston Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convictions). A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and sentencing was to have been scheduled for Monday. •David M. Mihalko, 47, Caro, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Dec. 14 in Caro. He was also convicted of

The following people appeared in being an habitual offender (3 or more and worksite privileges, for his plea prior felony convictions).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and sentencing was to have been scheduled for Monday.

•Ryan N. Olds, 39, Millington, pleaded guilty to absconding or forfeiting bond Oct. 13 in Caro, 2 counts of writing a no-account check March 10-12, 2009, in Millington Township, 2 counts of writing a noaccount check Feb. 3-8, 2009, in Arbela Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convictions). A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and sentencing was scheduled for May 17.

•Sirena M. Lyttaker, 41, Flint, pleaded guilty to malicious destruction of police or fire department ing \$128. Restitution in the case is property, and 2 counts of assaulting a police officer Aug. 14 in Caro. She was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$3,000. Sentencing was to have been scheduled for Monday.

•Christopher C. Sipes, 18, days in jail and 36 months probation in costs and fines.

of guilty to assaulting a police officer Dec. 29 in Indianfields Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convictions).

In addition to jail time, he was placed on 24 months probation and ordered to pay \$2,228 in costs and fines

•Daniel T. Ellesin, 33, Cass City, was sentenced to 18 months to 15 years in prison for his plea of guilty to unlawfully driving away an automobile Nov. 7 in Ellington Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convictions).

In addition to prison time, he was ordered to pay costs and fines totalto be determined.

•Calli Jo Reniff, 22, Fostoria, was sentenced to 90 days in jail and 60 months probation for her pleas of no contest to fourth degree criminal sexual conduct involving a victim at least 13 years of age but under 16 years, and third degree child abuse between January and May 2009 in Watertown Township.

She was also ordered to pay \$4,628

•Brian L. Yoe, 32, Cass City, pleada controlled substance Dec. 29 in ed guilty to assaulting a police offi-

#### **ELLINGTON TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS**

NOTICE

The Annual Township Board Meeting will be held at the Township Hall located at the corner of M-81 and Dutcher Road starting Saturday, March 27 at 1:30 p.m.

The township board will be reviewing the proposed budget for the fiscal year 2010-2011. The township board will also review road improvements for 2010. There will also be a public hearing for "Truth In Taxation" for the tax year 2010-2011.

Duane Lockwood Ellington Township Supervisor



### **CASS CITY HIGH SCHOOL** SAT., MARCH 27, 2010

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    - Cotton Candy
      - Lunch
        - Prizes

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### **Blood** drives scheduled

Upcoming American Red Cross blood drives will include collections in both the Cass City and Kingston communities.

Kingston High School will host a blood drive Wednesday, March 31, from 1:30 to 7:15 p.m., while the Cass City VFW Hall will be the site of a drive planned for Tuesday, April 13, from 1 to 6:45 p.m.

Prospective blood donors must be at least 17 years of age (16 with parental permission), weigh a minimum of 110 pounds and be in generally good health. Donors must also present their Red Cross blood donor card or other form of positive identification.

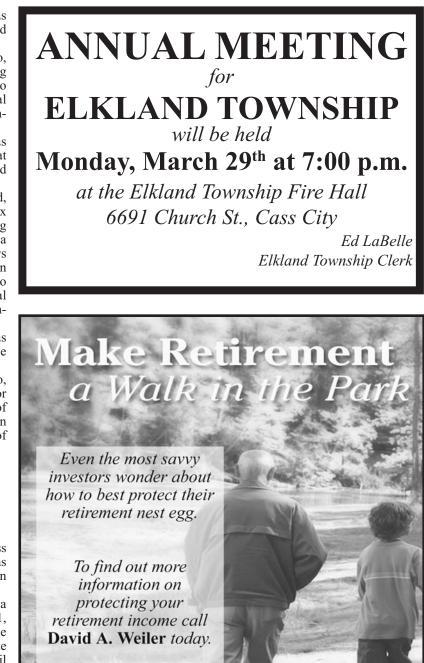
being an habitual offender (one prior the city of Caro and Juniata felony conviction).

In addition to jail time, he was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,628.

•Ronald C. Christian III, 34, Caro, was sentenced to 180 days in jail (90 days deferred), with work release uled for May 17.

Caro. He was also convicted of cer and domestic violence Dec. 19 in Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felonies).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$6,000 and sentencing was sched-



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## **UPI set to offer 16 scholarships**

United Producers Inc. is supporting veterinary medicine or other agriculthe future generation of agriculture through a new scholarship opportunity.

UPI will offer 16 scholarships, each valued at \$1000, to deserving high school students pursuing agriculture degrees.

"The future of agriculture depends highly on those who are currently considering and pursuing a career in this critical industry," said Dennis Bolling, president and CEO, United Producers Inc. "We want to do all we can to encourage students who have more information and to download an interest in agribusiness, farming,

ture-based industries to pursue their careers and this is our way of helping them do so."

Applicants must be a "preferred member" of UPI or a child of a preferred member, a graduating high school senior, and enrolled in a college or technical school studying an agriculture-related field. Completed applications and essays must be postmarked by April 1, 2010.

Visit www.uproducers.com for an application form.

#### Cass City's 8th grade volleyball team completed a highly successful season by winning the Bad Axe Tourney. Team members, coached by Sally Pergande, are Jennica Richards, Cassandra Parker, Cassady Frank, Brittany Loomis, Carly Rabideau, Amanda Miller, Carly Howard, Taryn Vatter, Amanda Langenburg, Sarah Howard, Megan VanVliet, Abby McCallum and

**5 YEARS AGO** 

You may not know Kay Warner, but if you've ever attended Summer Mania in Cass City, or taken part in any of the many Christmas in the Village events, you've enjoyed a taste of her talent. Warner has served as administrator of the Cass City Chamber of Commerce since the position was created 8 years ago. Warner recently retired from her job with the chamber, but remains active as coordinator of the Cass City Downtown Development Authority Economic Development and Corporation.

Adrianna Devine.

Brandon Wyckoff of Kingston, a sophomore majoring in computer science, has been named to the dean's list for the fall semester at Lake Superior State University, Sault Ste. Marie. To be named to the list, a student must achieve a 3.5 grade Ft. Madison, Iowa. point average or higher.

#### **10 YEARS AGO**

A group of familiar names to fans of the Greater Thumb West basketball wars highlighted the all-conference teams selected by league coaches. All of the players honored played key roles in the success of their teams. Cass City is represented by junior Craig Emmert, the Hawks' leading scorer. Also on the first team are USA's big two, senior Kevin Vermeersch, the Patriots' go-to-player, and junior Isaiah Gainforth. Bret Lubaczeski of Reese, a senior, carried the Rockets all year and Matt LePage, a senior, capped an outstanding career at the Lakers by leading his team to the district championship.

Cass City placed sophomore Sara team as selected by league coaches. five percent will come from RHC. Also honored was Monica Dorland a junior, who received honorable mention. Others named to the first team were: Stephanie Drury and Kristin Wisenbaugh, both Laker juniors; Leigh Ann Wagner, senior, and Jame Johnson, junior, both of Bad Axe.

held March 11. Honored as Family of the Year was the Duane Henn family of Cass City. The family, which has been very active in a number of programs involving youth along with charitable activities, was nominated because of their commitment to their church and community. Also honored was Lavern Rutkoski, also of Cass City, who was named Knight of the Year. Officials said "for his dedication to the church, our council and charitable activities in and Cliff Ferguson. the community. Lavern has been most active in helping our council with its many programs, such as the fish frys, bingo, rentals of the building and other activities."

**Down Memory Lane** 

by Tina Pallas

#### **25 YEARS AGO**

Reverend Ralph Imhoff has no doubts about his duties as the new minister at the Novesta Baptist Church. "The word minister means servant," Rev. Imhoff said, adding that his duties as the new minister include preaching, teaching, counseling and visiting the sick. "Just the things that go with the loving and caring of people." He replaces John Lang, who left the Novesta church last October to accept a pastoral position with the Faith Bible Church,

Joan O'Dell has done her bit to make a Weekly Reader writing pals contest in Cheboygan a success. It started with a balloon found in a 20acre field near the O'Dell home Monday. In it Walter Chamberlain asked the finder to get in touch. Mrs. O'Dell promptly mailed a note to the youngster she figures will be in about the second grade and enclosed a pin showing where Cass City is located. (From Rabbit Tracks)

Construction of a new 24-unit senior citizen apartment complex at the and Lisle Koepfgen, all members of south end of Woodland Street, Cass the music class of Mrs. Caroline City, is more than half completed, Fenn-Bigelow. with occupancy expected for May. The apartments are being built by Rural Housing Corporation (RHC), East Lansing. Funding for the project has been provided by the Farmers Home Administration (FmHA). The Homakie on the Greater Thumb FmHA agreed to fund 95 percent of West volleyball all-conference first the \$695,000 project. The remaining

Thumb Council Awards Banquet, location. The new location is a 132 foot by 132 foot lot at the southeast corner of Church and Sherman

Mrs. John W. West, Cass City. Two salesmen of Auten Motor Sales, Cass City, will be presented Ford Motor Company's 300-500 Club award at a banquet in Lansing March 29, honoring high-ranking Ford dealership car and truck salesmen of 1959 in Ford Division's Rutkoski was nominated and elected Lansing sales district. The local Ford salesmen are Orval Hutchinson

streets. The optionors are Mr. and

Airman William N. Merchant, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Merchant of Cass City, has been assigned to a unit of the Tactical Air Command at Cannon AFB, N.M. for training and duty as a weapons mechanic. He recently completed basic military training at Lackland AFB, Texas.

#### **100 YEARS AGO**

W.T. Swartwout, who stands six feet nine inches, came up from Kingston and looked over Cass City citizens Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Swartwout sought medical advice while in the city and was examined by an X-ray machine in one of the offices of our doctors. In his younger days, Mr. S. measured six feet ten and he feels the loss of the one inch in his stature greatly.

A probe stunde will be held Mondav evening, March 28, in the M.E. church at 8:00 o'clock, to which all persons interested in music are cordially invited. Piano solos by Joy Parent, Gladys Hitchcock, Laura Striffler, Florence Moore, Kate Crawford, Mabel Fay, Lola Gray, Irene Renshler, Zeila Weaver. Clayton Palmer, Margaret Striffler, Marion Weaver, Lena Gallagher and Miss Croop, with vocal solos by the Misses Ora Higgins and Maud Parrot





**Red Hawk** News & Views

Cass City Public Schools by Paige Lester

What do juggling, dyslexia, basketball, inspiration, reading and hard work all have in common? Not much, unless of course you are talking about Jim "Basketball" Jones, a motivational speaker who is coming to our school next week.

The PEP, or Post Education Preparation, committee has enlisted him to come visit our area Monday, March 29, as a part of their emphasis on getting kids to continue their education after high school.

The committee, run by an assortment of community members, teachers and administration from Cass City Public Schools, consists of Mary Keroson, Paula LeValley, Ron Woloshen, Jill Rowland, Ron Wilson, Shari Bock and Kate Van Auken. Their focus lies on encouraging students to embrace learning their whole life.

To really get the message across to all students, they have set the week of March 29 as 'PEP week'.

The main event is a presentation given by Jim Jones who tells of his own personal battle with education. This battle began when he was diagnosed with dyslexia and told by his teacher that he was special, so special in fact that he got to spend the next five years of his life with that same teacher while his friends progressed to fifth grade without him. He went through school taunted for being obese, slow and a misfit.

Obviously, these events left an impact on Jones' life, so much so that today he gives speeches to schools across America. Going from school to school, he tells of how he went from being unable to master the alphabet and phonics to making the dean's list in college.

Where does basketball fit into all of this? The answer lies in his act, which is spinning basketballs and juggling. Throughout school he was able to development this talent, so much so that today he uses it as an example of something he was good at. So while he gives his "Three Pointers for Life" speech on motivation, determination, and hard work, he nonchalantly spins balls on his fingers, shoots hoops, or even juggles.

Mrs. Rowland, our guidance counselor and member of the PEP committee, said, "I think the great thing about this program is that we are getting all of the students involved, kindergarten through 12th grade. This way parents can see how important it is to start planning for life after high school early."

The program is financed by Title One parent involvement federal dollars, so that everyone who attends the show can get in free of charge. These shows are not just limited to students and are not during school hours. Instead, the 2 performances will take place at 6 p.m. and 7 p.m., with a light dinner supplied.

Jim "Basketball" Jones has a story to tell. He learned from the many expe-

riences in his life how important education is and he is coming to our schools to spread the word, to ignite students to work harder. His philosophies will be learned by students young and old so that the message of education may be spread to everyone.

a local family as well as the Knight

#### **50 YEARS AGO**

Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield announced today that a new Post Office has been authorized for Cass City. This announcement, the Postmaster General advised, coincides with the optioning by Post The Knights of Columbus honored Office Department regional officials of a site, meeting departmental of the Year during the Central requirements as to cost, area and



# **Cass City Area Church Directory**

Calvary Bible Fellowship an Independent Baptist Church 4446 Ale St., Cass City, MI 48726 989-872-4088 Sundav 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.

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. Esckilsen

Cass City Missionary Church 4449 Koepfgen Rd., Cass City, MI 48726 989-872-2729 Sundav 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 EFCA 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

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church 6820 E. Main St., Cass City, MI 48726 872-2770 Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Bible Class & Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Pastor: Michael Boyer

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. Youth Group & Sunday Evening -Services 6:00 p.m. Ministers: Brad Gniewek & Brad Speirs Visit our website at: www.novestachurch.org

#### 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

Visitors always welcomed .... Please join us today!



#### **Benjamin Gruber**

Benjamin Gruber, 75, of Cass City, died, Sunday, March 14, 2010 in St. Mary's Medical Center, Saginaw following a lingering illness. He was born July 29, 1934 in

Argyle Township, the son of Joseph and Susie (McDow) Gruber.

Ben was a U.S. Army veteran based in Germany, serving as a medic. He worked for Grand Trunk Railroad as a Switchman/Breakman from 1955 until his retirement in 1985. Ben enjoyed hunting, traveling, mechanical work and spending time in his shed. He enjoyed social events and visiting with people. He was a member of the Cass City Missionary Church.

Ben is survived by his long-time friend, Marcia Schember; a daughter, Kim (Michael) Low of Oklahoma City, Okla.; grandchildren: Meleia (Steven) Meyer, Whittney Bacon, Chris (Christina) Low, Shannon Low, and Cory (Dana) Low; 5 greatgrandchildren; a brother, John (Velma) Gruber; and a brother-inlaw, Jack Davison.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters: Genevieve Gruber, Dorothy Davison and Delilah Zimawski; and brothers: Jake and Joseph Gruber.

A memorial service was held Thursday, March 18, at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with Pastor Bob Sweeney, Cass City Missionary Church, officiating.

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

#### **Ruth Hoffman**

Ruth M. Hoffman, 82, of Cass City, died Monday, March 15, 2010 at Tendercare in Cass City.

She was born July 12, 1927 in Montrose, the daughter of Evelyn and Gertrude (Eastman) Anderson.

She married Arlington "Barney" Hoffman Oct. 26, 1946 in Trinity United Methodist Church, Cass City.

Ruth graduated from Montrose High School and later attended Central Michigan University. She worked for Frutchey Bean Company, General Cable, Old Wood Drug, Cass City Village Clerk and the American Cancer Society where she retired in 1990. Ruth was a member of the Cass City United Methodist Church, Lewiston Lioness, Red Garter Girls, Eastern Star and Tom Thumb Singers. She enjoyed knitting, crocheting, sewing, working with stained glass, dolls and other arts and crafts, but her primary interest was music.

Ruth is survived by her husband, Arlington "Barney" Hoffman; chil-dren: Gail Ian of Northville, Kell (Shirley) Hoffman of Cass City, Robbin (John) Rice of Caro, and Randy (Kim) Hoffman of Harrisburg, Va.; grandchildren: Bethany Wicksall, Robert Gengler, the flowers at the Tuscola County

Davis, Patty Halverson, Roger Hoffman, Hoffman, Daniel Christopher Hoffman, and Ryan Kline; and great-grandchildren: Victoria, Joey, Katie, Zach, Sulley, Parker, and Charlie.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and brothers: Kinsey and Maynard Anderson.

Funeral services were held Thursday, March 18, at the Cass City United Methodist Church, Cass City, with the Rev. Paul Donelson of Cass City United Methodist Church officiating.

Interment was in the Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund. Arrangements were made by Kranz

Funeral Home, Cass City.

#### Mary Lagos

Mary E. Lagos, 88, passed away Monday, March 15, 2010 at Caro Community Hospital, Caro. She was born April 1, 1921 in Caro,

the daughter of the late Steven and Elizabeth (Stisklo) Urban.

She married Stanley Lagos Jan. 25, 1941 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Caro. He preceded her in death June 3, 1990.

Mary was a homemaker and farm wife who raised three sons. She thoroughly enjoyed arranging flowers from her garden and working with

at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, she was a member of the Caro V.F.W. Auxiliary, the Tuscola County Polish American Club, and for years had been a "Pink Lady" as a member of the auxiliary at Florida Hospital, Heartland Division. Stanley and Mary were avid bowlers, shuffle boarders, and enjoyed playing golf. (Paula) Lagos of Cass City, Richard (Linda) Lagos of Caro and Michael Lagos of Cass City; 4 grandchildren: Doug (Beth) Lagos of Cass City, Terri (Tom) Dillabough of Freeland, Jeff (Sandy) Lagos of Sunbury, Ohio, and Brenda (Bradley) Bigham of Caro; 3 great-grandchildren: Amanda Lagos, Rebecca Lagos and Alexandria Lagos; her siblings: Ann Will of Vassar and Steven (Josephine) Urban of California; and several nieces and nephews.

great-granddaughter, Ashley Lagos; 2 sisters and 2 brothers: Theresa Putman, Pete Urban, George Urban and Lucille Hanzak; and a brotherin-law, Al Will.

Funeral liturgy was held Thursday, March 18, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Caro, with the Rev. Dennis Kucharczyk officiating.

Rite of committal was in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Caro V.F.W. Auxiliary.

Arrangements were made by Collon Funeral Home, Caro.

#### **Eldon Stilson**

Eldon Gerald Stilson, 55, of Cass City, passed away Thursday, March 18, 2010 at his home.

He was born June 17, 1954 in Cass City, the son of Gerald and Betty (Bruce) Stilson.

Eldon work for Wesley Milk recently at Erla's Market. He officiating. enjoyed hunting and fishing.

Eldon is survived by his children: Jared and Jade Stilson of Caro; his mother, Betty Stilson of Cass City; sisters: Jill (Elmer) Parrish of Gagetown, Mary King of Deford and Jerri (Dan) Rummel of Unionville; and special friend, Gloria Bartnik. He was predeceased by his father,

Gerald, October 27, 2004.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund.

Arrangements were made by Thabet 2010 after a long illness; and was Funeral Home, Cass City.

Esther Sutherland

Memorials may be made to Revive Erin Hiiter, Tom Davis, Robert Fair. In addition to her membership lastly as a food inspector. At one point Larry, both sons, a brother and cousin were all serving in the Guard at the same time. Larry and his sons won the prestigious William Conlev award for food service. Larry had his chauffeur's license since he was 16 years old. He helped his dad with his milk route and eventually owned a dairy company and milk route. He Mary is survived by 3 sons: David then worked for the Ionia County Road Commission for 6 years. Larry also drove school bus for the Greenville School District for 4 years. He retired Oct. 31, 2001 from Alvan Motor Freight after 23 years as a professional truck driver. Larry was a member of Cass City United Methodist Church where he served as Trustee and many other positions. He was a member of the American Legion Post #7 in Caro. He managed Concordia Christian Youth Camp in Gowen for many years. Larry She was preceded in death by a enjoyed Lionel model railroading, fishing and building with wood, and spending time with the morning coffee group at McDonald's. He enjoyed life and loved people. He was a very positive person. He was a great husband, father and grandfather and loved his family very much. Left to cherish Larry's memory: his wife, Mary; children: Michael (Dawn "Shelley") Wheeler of Sheridan, Mark (Kristin) Wheeler of Rochester, Ill., and Wendy Wheeler of Portage; grandchildren: Branden, Bethany, James, Eric, Nicholas, and Susan; parents: Leo and Anna Mae Wheeler of Coral; a brother, Dennis (Edith) Wheeler of Fort Wayne, Ind.; a sister, Marilyn (Richard) Biller of Lakeview; and several nieces and

nephews. Funeral services were held Monday, March 22, at the Cass City United Methodist Church, Cass City, with

the Rev. Paul Donelson and Pastor James Vandewarker of Evergreen Company, Super Foods and most Free Methodist Church, Sheridan,

Interment was in the West Pine Cemetery, Sheridan.

Pallbearers for Mr. Wheeler were Mike Wheeler, Mark Wheeler, Dennis Wheeler, and Alex Wheeler. Memorials may be made to the Cass City United Methodist Church.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

#### **Stephen Ziemba**

Stephen Michael Ziemba Jr., 80, of Decker, died Saturday, March 20, surrounded by his family.

He was born Aug. 15, 1929 in Detroit, the son of Catherine and



OWENDALE LIONS Club officers, Secretary Ed Good (far right) and Treasurer Fred Sullivan (second from left) recently presented a check to **Owen-Gage School Supt. Dana Compton and Food Service Director Karen** Gaeth in memory of deceased Lions members Omar Hafner, Walton Brown and Stan Kain. The donation will be used to cover the costs incurred in the purchase and installation of a new steam table.



Ann Ypma, Office Coordinator Steve Padden, DPT, ATC, Physical Therapist

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Esther Elaine Sutherland, 97, of Cass City, died Wednesday, March 17, 2010 in Tendercare Nursing Facility, Cass City.

Royal Oak, the daughter of Theodore and Hattie (Moshier) LaRoque.

She married Silas Sutherland of Snover. They had 6 children.

Carl (Linda) Sutherland of Mio, Ruth (Joe) Senopole of Detroit, Barbara Poe of Orlando, Fla., Merl Sutherland of Ocala, Fla., Louise (Dale) Buehrly of Cass City, and Donna (Gene) Wilson of Nashville, Tenn.; one daughter by Ernie Thurman, Pam (Tim) Kemmis of Florida; a sister-in-law, Doris of Lupton, Michael (Sandy) Ziemba LaRoque; 19 grandchildren, 37 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her brothers: Ted and Gene LaRoque; a sister, Irene Gernicki; and a son-inlaw, Robert Poe.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, May 29, at her graveside in Mosher Cemetery in Hemans.

Memorials may be made to the Cass City United Methodist Church or the Thumb Octagon Barn.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

#### Larry Wheeler

Larry James Wheeler, 64, of Cass City, died following a short illness Thursday, March 18, 2010 in Brian's House, Bay City.

He was born May 29, 1945 in Coral, the son of Leo and Anna Mae (Altimus) Wheeler.

He married Mary Alice Hansen Dec. 11, 1965 in Cowden Lake Bible Church in Coral.

Larry served in the U.S. National Guard, retiring after over 22 years Stephen Ziemba Sr.

He married Josephine Oleski Aug. 26, 1950, at St. Pancratius Catholic Church, Cass City.

Steve was a dairy farmer and busi-She was born Sept. 15, 1912 in ness owner; and actually never retired. He was a graduate of Cass City High School. He was an active member of St. Michael Catholic Church in Wilmot where he was an Esther is survived by her children: usher and served on parish committees. Steve was a member of the Knights of Columbus in Cass City. He enjoyed spending time with his family and friends, his traditional "Polish" Christmas and Easter celebrations, and helping others.

Steve is survived by his wife, Josephine; children, Kathy Ziemba of Decker, and Linda (Kim) Vaughan of Vassar; 6 grandchildren; 4 great grandsons; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and a brother Leonard Ziemba, all of Decker.

Funeral services were held today (Wednesday), at St. Michael Catholic Church in Wilmot, with Father Andrzej Boroch and Sister Riccardina Silvestri, Pastoral Administrator, officiating.

Interment was in the church cemetery

Pallbearers were Michael Ziemba, son; Dennis Ziemba, nephew; Jeff Millwood, Bryan Millwood and Joe Kazmouz, all grandsons; Jessie Ziemba, Godson; Larry Wood and Don Lapeer, long-time friends.

Steve was active on the building committee at St. Michael and still has a list of undone projects, one of them being handicap access to the parish rectory and the family request donations to St. Michael Catholic Church in lieu of flowers.

Arrangements were made by Marsh Funeral Chapel, Marlette.

### **Energy efficiency** webinars scheduled

DTE Energy will be conducting a ventilation and air conditioning series of free energy efficiency webi- options; energy audits; and much, nars throughout 2010 to help small much more. businesses learn how to save money on their utility bills.

ety of subjects, including rebates and p.m. EST, and registration is incentives for energy efficiency required. For information or to regismeasures; the best lighting options ter for one of the sessions, go to for various business needs; heating, dteenergy.com/webinars.

The free hour-long webinars will be held the third Thursday of each The free webinars will cover a vari- month. Each webinar will start at 2

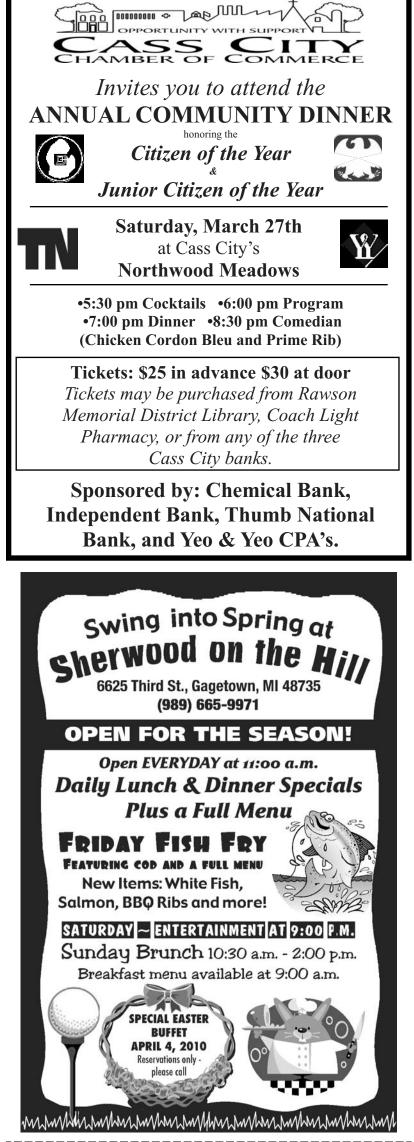




Photo courtesy of Cass City DDA

CASS CITY VILLAGE officials and the owners of Busy Bees in Cass City recently attended a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the new daycare center. Pictured above are (front row, from left) village Trustee Jenny Zawilinski, village President Carl Palmateer, Busy Bees owner Julie Moore, Madelynn Thorley (the business' first student), Busy Bees Director Jessica Thorley, employee Tawn Schumaher, DDA member Geraldine Prieskorn, (back row, left) Dee Mulligan of the Cass City Chamber of Commerce, and employee Ashleigh Moore.

### School delays action on proposed cuts

#### Continued from page one.

posals to dollar figures in terms of expected savings.

The decision came during an hourlong meeting with members of the ad hoc committees, which were appointed weeks ago to explore creative cost-saving ideas in the areas of transportation, staffing and extracurricular activities, including athletics.

The session was held prior to the school board's March regular meeting

The plan was for the school board's finance committee to review the committees' suggestions and make final recommendations this month. However, school officials backed off on taking any action Monday.

Members of the committees indicated they're irritated with the delay, and with what they described as a lack of specific numbers when it comes to how much their proposals would save the school system.

staffing committee, questioned the inconsistency in projections school how much the district needs to cut in the coming year. Another committee member, school board Trustee Sloane Stimpfel. pushed for specific numbers, saying, We don't have figures. We have ideas, but we still don't have figures.'

"We don't know if it's (the amount we need to cut) going to be \$600,000 or a million," responded school Supt. Ron Wilson. "It's really going to depend on what happens over the next 30 days."

Wilson explained there are a number of financial issues still being ironed out at the state level, including a proposed increase of 2.5 percent in schools' retirement contribution, which could cost the Cass City Public Schools \$175,000.

School officials also don't have a firm handle on how much they will receive in state aid in the coming year, he said, adding the state is considering legislation that would require all public employees to pay 20 percent of their own health insurance costs, which would save roughly \$200,000 in Cass City.

And, he continued, another piece of legislation would force many teachers and administrators to retire Community resident Joe because, if approved, it would VanAuken, who has headed up the require those with an adequate combination of age and years of service tion of Ken Martin as Cass City's to either retire or face the loss of nomination for the honor of "Friend officials have made with respect to cost-of-living increases along with vision and dental coverage, and prevent them from drawing their benefits until age 65. "It might be another 30 days before we have closure from the state" on these questions, Wilson said. "Right now we don't know. We've gone as far as we can, with the pieces of the puzzle that are missing.' Board members vowed to take the committees' suggestions seriously and to provide them with more definite revenue estimates by early May. The board also asked them to prioritize their recommendations.

in revenues and \$10,991,973 in expenditures, leaving a projected vear-end fund balance of nearly \$865,000.

•Heard a brief report from Athletic Director Don Markel, who was previously asked by the board to approach other Great Thumb Conference athletic directors regarding the possibility of considering a league-wide "pay-to-play" policy, should the need arise in the future.

No area district has implemented such a policy to-date, according to Markel, who said the athletic directors felt such a decision should be a matter of school board policy decisions.

•Learned administrative and support staff evaluations have been completed. Wilson reported all of the principals along with Ets Terbush, secretary to the superintendent; Ed Pasant, special projects coordinator; and Linda Bennett, bookkeeper, all received positive evaluations.

•Unanimously approved the selec-

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#### **IN OTHER BUSINESS**

In other business Monday, the board:

•Approved an annual state aid operating loan resolution to accept bids to borrow nearly \$1.6 million, nearly a million less than the school borrowed last year. Wilson explained the loan is used the tide the district over during the months of July, August, September and most of October until the state resumes making state aid payments Oct. 20.

•Received Wilson's monthly budget update. As of the end of February, he reported, the Cass City Public Schools budget totaled \$10,787,729

of Youth" during the upcoming Thumb Meet of Champions in Caro. Martin, a Cass City High School graduate, has remained very active in Cass City athletics as both a coach and supporter, Markel pointed out.

•Listened to a report from Linda Stec and Donna Emerson regarding authors and illustrators the school has hosted in conjunction with March is Reading Month. Emerson described the Cass City district's Young Authors Program, which is the longest running such program in the Thumb.

•Recognized Campbell Elementary School fourth grade students who represented the district at the Tuscola County Spelling Bee. They are Joey Sieradzki, Darren Hutchinson, Lauren Dickinson and Savanna Walker, and alternates Joseph Skiles, Megan Graham, Alexis Long and Tiffaney Matson.

 Recognized board member James Veneziano for achieving the Michigan Association of School Boards' Award of Merit.

•Heard briefly from district resident Mike Falatko, who congratulated the board, administration and staff on the recent outstanding Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) exam scores achieved by Cass City elementary and middle school students.

### **Kingston firemen bag grants**

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issue of being in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, includes space for 3 offices, and will put an end to quarters that are so cramped that fire fighters have to maneuver to dress in their turnout gear in between fire trucks, according to Mallory.

Village officials are paying \$149,000 for the building and will lay out another \$149,000 for renovations such as installation of overhead doors and cement pads. But the cost is modest compared to the \$1 million it would have cost to construct a new hall, he said.

Mallory said the department hopes to host a grand opening sometime late this summer.

It will be a celebration, especially for the volunteer fire fighters.

"Now there will be room in between the trucks and the gear will be in back," Mallory said. "It will be more organized and safer."

### 2 from area on dean's list

The 2009 fall semester dean's list at with 12 or more semester hours. Bethel College in Mishawaka, Ind.,

carries the names of 474 students. Among those on the list are Jeremiah Eligibility for the dean's list requires Fritz and Kurt Hanby, both of Cass a 3.50 grade point average (GPA) City.

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

by Kate VanAuken, director Rawson Memorial District Library

dated March 4, 1938: "The Woman's Study Club, at its library boasts over 32,000 items in

From the Cass City Chronicle library has approximately 1,500 books on its shelves." Today the

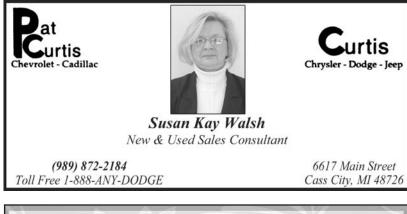
the collection.

meeting Tuesday at the home of Mrs. L.I. Wood, voted to petition the village council to accept the club library as a gift from the club. The object of such a proposition is to make the library eligible for state aid.

The library canlibrary, the use of books is available to village citizens without a ment of a library board. The City.

"Public library aid is paid July 1 and the appropriation here under proposed the arrangement would be approximately 10 cents per capita of the village popula-tion." Today, due

to the many cuts capita for our library district, down from 39 cents just last year. The







CASS CITY STUDENTS whose essays earned them the right to lay a wreath at Arlington National Cemetery this summer are (from left) Shania Chambers, Brock Thane, Michael Mulligan and Kristin Ewald. Also pictured is Audrey VanAuken, winner of the Kally Maharg Scholarship, which will cover a portion of her expenses to attend this year's eighth grade trip to Washington, D.C.

## Pupils chosen to lay wreath

#### Continued from page one.

uncle, Earnest A. Berry, was part of an elite group of soldiers called the Polar Bear Unit, which was sent to fight the communists after the fall of Russia in World War I. Her greatuncle, Burwyn E. Wilcox, was an Army paratrooper, and another great-uncle, Frank L. Shaver served in the Army when America was at war with Korea. And, her oldest brother, Nicholas Chambers, served in Iraq.

"(These) men...were not generals, high-ranking officials or buried in Arlington National Cemetery. They were just every day citizens serving their country," Chambers wrote in her essay.

"I am grateful to live in America because no other country in the world provides me or any other per-son with as much freedom," she said. "I have the right to speak my mind about anything that affects me, and that includes 'pledging allegiance to the flag'. I have the right to practice any religion that I choose with no government restriction. I have the died serving their country. right to pursue my dreams and to build a good life.

"I have always been taught how blessed I am to live in America and the great price that was paid for the freedoms I now enjoy," Chambers said.

Family also played a key part in

wreath at Arlington.

Ewald talked about how her ancestors were German immigrants who fled to Russia when war broke out, who died for me to be here," then sought a new beginning in America.

served our country directly through the armed services, but they have had to endure the hardships of leaving their families and old lives behind," she said. "Hearing the stories of my ancestors' journeys has not be a you or a me. Then, if there made me realize how hard it is for a isn't a you or a me, there is no tomorfamily with a person serving in the row. In the long run, without these war, especially if they die.

"I think it would be a great experience to be able to visit (Arlington) and place the wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier," Ewald added. "I would feel very honored because laying the wreath on this tomb would be a tribute to those men who sacrificed themselves so that our nation would be free."

Another essay winner, Brock Thane, said laying a wreath would be a great way to show respect for the servicemen and women who have

"Both of my grandpas, at least one of my uncles, and one of my brothers all served in the military, which going to be one of the best things I have and probably will ever do."

The fourth essay winner, Michael Mulligan, agreed.

Kristin Ewald's desire to lay a about," he continued. "It is here to remind us of what we have done, and how we have done it.

"I will not forget any of the soldiers Mulligan said. "Without these men and women, I might not be here, you "None of my close family has might not be here, or our country might not even be here.

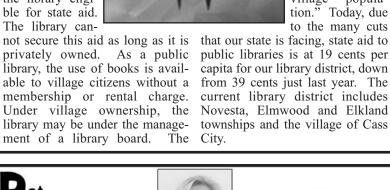
"Don't just remember the presidents, admirals or generals. Remember the common foot soldier, because without them, there might soldiers, there wouldn't be anything."

The 14th annual eighth grade trip to Washington, D.C., is slated for June 10-25, with the wreath-laying planned for June 12 at 3:15 p.m.

Arlington Mansion and 200 acres of ground immediately surrounding it were designated officially as a military cemetery June 15, 1864, by Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton.

More than 260,000 people are buried at Arlington Cemetery — the second largest number of people buried in any national cemetery in the United States - including veterans from all the nation's wars, from the American Revolution through the gives me an even bigger respect for Persian Gulf War and Somalia. Pre-U.S. troopers," he wrote. "This is Civil War dead were reinterred after 1900. In all, the cemetery records some 5,400 burials annually.

The Tomb of the Unknowns is one of the more-visited sites at Arlington "Arlington is more than just a National Cemetery. The tomb, metery: it is a memorial to all of where 3 unknown servicemen are quarried in Colorado. It consists of 7 pieces, with a total weight of 79 tons. The tomb was completed and opened to the public April 9, 1932, at a cost The tomb is guarded by the U.S. year. The 3rd U.S. Infantry (The Old Guard) began guarding the tomb





the men and women who fought and buried, is made from Yule marble died for our country," said Mulligan, who hopes to one day be accepted to the Army, Navy, or Air Force academies.

"I will always think of that of \$48,000. Unknown Soldier as a hero. He is an example of how we always lose Army 24 hours a day, 365 days a something. Even if we win the war or conflict, there will always be loss-That is what Arlington is all April 6, 1948. es.



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## SEVERAL LADY RED HAWKS HONORED



**McKensie Parrish** 



**Megan Parrish** 



**Carley Hendrick** 



Logan Rowell

## **Red Hawks land** 4 underclassmen among GTW stars

Cass City junior McKensie Parrish team all-conference players are was named to the 2009-10 Greater Thumb West all-conference girls Kraft, Harbor Beach, Jenna Hirsch, basketball first team, highlighting 4 Red Hawk choices for post season awards.

Parrish is joined by Amber Gotham and Jade Ackerman, from conference Gierman, Brown City, Jenna champion Reese, Ashley Hatfield and Taylor Comment, Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port, and Kayla Verbeek and Hilary MacKay, Vassar, on the dream team.

Selected as second team all-conference performers are Jenny Williamson, Brittany Gruehn, Unionville-Sebewaing Area, Julie Spyhalski, Bay City All Saints, Taylor Breault, Rita Maurer, Bad Axe, Emily Aranyos, Vassar, and Shelby Tafoya, Reese.

A trio of Red Hawk sophomores, Megan Parrish, Carley Hendrick and Logan Rowell, are among the Greater Thumb West honorable men-

Lauren Krause, Sandusky, Tori Marlette, Chelsea Kritzman, Deckerville, and Amy Elenbaum and Chelsea Roehl, Mayville.

Kari Burton, Alena Sanson, Sam Stauffer, Sandusky, Heidi Grekowicz, Hannah Wilson, Harbor Beach, Shelby McVittie, Carleah Kramer, Mandy Nichol, Cheyenne Sampson, Deckerville, Nicole Franzel, Jennifer White, Caitlyn Holdwick, Ubly, Tessa Buhl, Mayville, and Rachel McEwen, Marlette, all earned honorable mention recognition.



THE CASS CITY 6th grade girls' basketball team recently captured the Lapeer City Parks & Recreation League championship with a perfect 7-0 record. Team members are: (front, l-r) Kelly DeLong, **Carley Stone, McKenzie Kus, Macy Dickinson, Lauren Potter (back)** Taylor Rasmussen, Coach Steve Stone, and Maegan LeValley.

**North Central Thumb League** All Conference Girls' Basketball 2009-10

**North Central Thumb League All Conference Boys' Basketball** 2009-10

tion picks. Completing the list are Sarah Spiekerman, Jillian Gerow, FIR and Kaitlyn Squanda, Reese, Chris Chelsey Ewald, Unionville-Rebe Sebewaing Area, Elayna Wichert, Erica McDonald, Bad Axe, Erika Alys Saral Matteson, Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port, and Amberie Hauger, Vassar, Meg Sara In the Greater Thumb East, co-Allys

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champions Brown City and Sandusky each landed a pair on the first team. From the Green Devils, Kristen Greene and Sarah Murray, along with Redskins Marissa DeMott and Whitney Fox, headline a talented fantasy squad that also includes Bri Woycehoski, Harbor Beach, and Amara Wilson, Marlette.

The Greater Thumb East second



**Merchanettes** as of March 20

Thumb Octagon Barn	
All or Nothing	
Just One More	
Northstar Allstars	

Individual High Games & Series: Chris Little 219 (489); Krista Maurer 204-181 (516); Marlene Sieradzki 193.

Team High Game & Series: Thumb Octagon Barn 617; All or Nothing (1671).

Splits: Elaine Romain 2-7; Joan Montgomery 3-10; Marv Cunningham 5-7, 5-6-10.

Strikes: Chris Little 3 and 4 in a row.



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## **Brown** welcomes farmers to Lansing

welcomed farmers from across Michigan to the Capitol recently to the Governor chose to speak out recognize one of the state's largest against some of our farmers during a industries and celebrate National time when we should be celebrating Agriculture Week.

Brown also blasted the Governor's decision to declare Saturday - has an annual economic impact of National Ag Day - as "Michigan more than \$71 billion on Michigan's Meatout Day," a move that Brown called extremely out of touch.

making agriculture a bright spot durabout everything that goes into a balanced diet - and that includes meat.

'We need to continue to do everyand the hundreds of thousands of second in the state for the number of state's future leaders.

State Rep. Terry Brown (D-Pigeon) people who are employed because of acres in dry edible beans and sugaragriculture. I am disappointed that all the great things they do.'

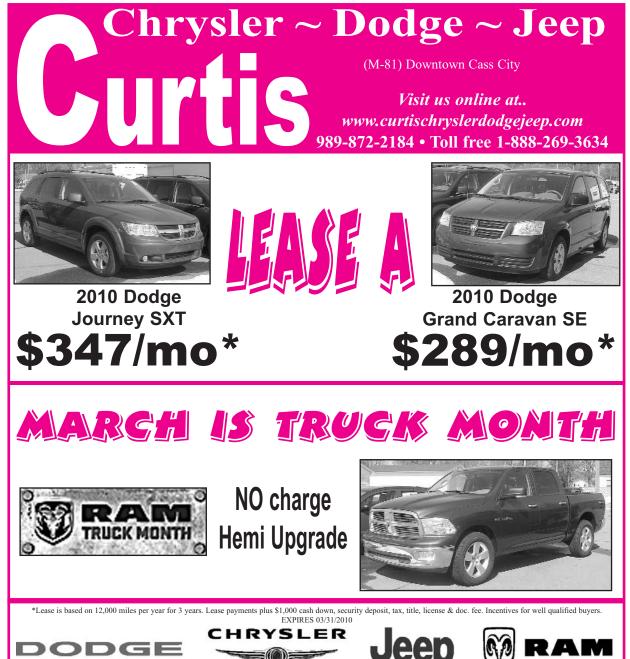
Michigan's agribusiness industry economy and supports one million jobs for Michigan workers, accord-"Farmers in the Thumb are the ing to the Michigan Department of nation's best and play a vital role in Agriculture (MDA). Huron County is number one in Michigan in total ing tough economic times," Brown area of farmland with 440,967 acres, said. "Thanks to the hard work of our as well as total acres for sugarbeets, farmers, Michigan produces just dry edible beans and wheat. Huron County tops the state in revenue from dairy at more than \$107 million. Tuscola County has 30 organic

beets.

National Ag Week 2010 took place from March 14 through March 20, which was National Ag Day.

Among other things, the nationwide campaign strives to educate residents on how food is produced, how agriculture supports a wide variety of jobs and industries and the vital role agriculture plays in a strong economy. If every Michigan family spent just \$10 a week on locally grown produce and other goods, it would generate \$38 million each week that would stay in Michigan.

Brown, a longtime advocate for farmers and the agriculture industry, also was recognized last Thursday by the Michigan FFA Association for thing we can to support our farmers farms, the most in Michigan, and is his support of agriculture and the





**BROWN RECEIVES an appreciation award from** the Michigan FFA Association for his commitment to helping prepare the next generation of Michigan's farmers. He's pictured above with Vice President Emily Walker (left) and President Tiffany Rogers. (Related photo, page one)

## Weight restrictions lifted in Michigan

22, weight restrictions were lifted on routes. Single-trip permits will not all state trunkline highways from the be issued for any overweight loads southern Michigan border, north to or loads exceeding 14 feet in width and including the Mackinac Bridge. on the restricted routes. State trunklines are freeways with M, I, or US designations.

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.

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For weight restriction information There are no restrictions for legal and updates, call 800-787-8960, or you can access this information on MDOT's Mi Drive Web site at michigan.gov/drive; click on "Truckers." All-season routes are designated in green and gold on the MDOT Truck Operators Map, which All extended permits will be valid is available online. You also may





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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jeffery R. Cunningham, a single man, and Jeffery M. Cunningham, a married man, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated October 22, 2004 and recorded on January 12, 2005 in Liber 1023 on Page 1166, and assigned by said Mortgage to Wells Fargo Bank, NA as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Two Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty and 84/100 Dollars (\$102,960.84), including interest at 6.75% 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 venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on April 1, 2010.

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

Parcel A: Part of the South 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Fractional Section 5, Town 11 North, Range 9 East, described as: Commencing at the East 1/4 corner of said Section 5; thence along said East line of Section 5, North 00 Degrees 03 Minutes 23 Seconds West 902.16 Feet to the Point of Beginning; thence perpendicular to said East line of Section 5, South 89 Degrees 56 Minutes 37 Seconds West 403.33 Feet; thence parallel with said East line of Section 5, North 00 Degrees 03 Minutes 23 Seconds West 216.00 Feet; thence perpendicular to said East line of Section 5, North 89 Degrees 56 Minutes 37 Seconds East 403.33 Feet to said East line of Section 5; thence along said East line of Section 5, South 00 Degrees 03 Minutes 23 Seconds East 216.00 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: March 3, 2010

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Edward R. Fritz and Cheryl R. Fritz, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns. Mortgagee, dated September 26, 2006 and recorded on October 5, 2006 in Liber 1098 on Page 15, and assigned by said Mortgagee 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 Fifty-Two Thousand Four Hundred Ten and 44/100 Dollars (\$52,410.44), including interest at 8.55% per annum.

Tuscola County, Michigan; thence continuing North 00 degrees 44 minutes 27 seconds West 320.28 feet; thence North 89 degrees 56 minutes 13 seconds West 1128.67 feet; thence South 00 degrees 46 minutes 32 seconds East 320.28 feet; thence South 89 degrees 56 minutes 13 seconds East 1128.47 feet to point of beginning. Subject to private road right of way for Maple Grove Lane and right of ways and easement of record.

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: March 3, 2010

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Ladonna M. Osmon, a married woman, and Bruce W. Osmon, her husband, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated June 18, 2004 and recorded on July 8, 2004 in Liber 999 on Page 1329, and assigned by mesne assignments to Nationstar Mortgage LLC 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-Nine Thousand Two Hundred Thirteen and 72/100 Dollars (\$139,213.72), including interest at 7.5% 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 April 1, 2010.

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

Part of the fractional Northwest 1/4 of Section 4, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, Millington Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, being further as follows: Commencing at the Northwest corner of said Section, thence North 89 degrees 59 minutes 40 seconds East, 225.44 feet along the North line of said Section to the point of beginning, thence continuing North 89 degrees 59 minutes 40 seconds East, 448.00 feet, thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes 20 seconds East, 290.00 feet, thence South 43 degrees 55 minutes 22 seconds East, 365.08 feet, thence South 89 degrees 59 minutes 40 seconds West 311.79 feet parallel with the North line of said Section, thence North 39 degrees 56 minutes 04 seconds West, 246.27 feet, thence South 55 degrees 18 minutes 40 seconds West, 68.17 feet, thence South 61 degrees 52 minutes 51 seconds West 66.00 feet, thence South 72 degrees 21 minutes 00 seconds West, 77.24 feet, thence North 15 degrees 39 minutes 00 seconds West, 171.22 feet, thence North 00 degrees 40 minutes 28 seconds East, 290.00 feet to a point on the North line of said Section being the

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Andrea Robinson, a single woman, and Diana Robinson, a single woman, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated December 29, 2005 and recorded on January 5, 2006 in Liber 1067 on Page 772 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-Seven and 10/100 Dollars (\$70,367.10), 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 April 1, 2010.

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

Commencing at a point 27 rods East of the intersection of Gamble Street and the Section line on West side of Section 3, Town 12 North, Range 9 East, thence South 8 rods, thence East 6 rods, thence North 8 rods, thence West 6 rods to the place of beginning.

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

Dated: March 3, 2010

File #174228F02

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Gary W. Hiltz and Denita C. Hiltz, husband and wife, to Chase Bank USA, N. A., Mortgagee, dated August 7, 2006 and recorded September 26, 2006 in Liber 1096, Page 1216, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Chase Home Finance LLC by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Forty-Four Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-Three and 98/100 Dollars (\$144,963.98) including interest at 8.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on APRIL 1, 2010.

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

Commencing at a point on the East line of Section 12, Town 10 North, Range 7 East, 21 rods North of the Southeast corner of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter; thence North 12 rods, thence West 26 2/3 rods, thence South 12 rods, thence East 26 2/3 rods to the point of beginning. Also commencing at a point on the Section line, 346.5 feet North of the Southeast corner of the Northeast one-quarter; thence West 440 feet; thence South 49.5 feet to the point of beginning.

Section 8, Town 13 North, Range 8 East, Township of Fairgrove, Tuscola County, Michigan described as: commencing a point that is South 538.38 feet from Northeast corner of said Section; thence continuing South 120 feet; thence South 89 degrees 48 minutes 06 seconds West 330 feet; thence North 120 feet; thence North 89 degrees 48 minutes 06 seconds East 330 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: March 10, 2010

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Randell C. Fielder and Rebecca J. Fielder, 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 23, 2003 and recorded on June 25, 2003 in Liber 938 on Page 808 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Chase Home Finance LLC as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Nine Thousand Four Hundred Six and 95/100 Dollars (\$69,406.95), including interest at 6.125% per annum.

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

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

Part of Lot 20, Block 24 of the Plat of Centerville (now Caro), according to the plat recorded in Liber 11 of Deeds, Pages 362-363, now being Liber 1, Page 56, now being Page 59A, described as: Commencing at a point on the Southerly side of Grant Street in said Village of Caro, 4 rods Southeasterly from the North corner of Lot 20, Block 24 of the Village of Caro; thence Southeasterly along the Southerly line of Grant Street to Frank Street: thence West along Frank Street to Lot 11, Block 24; thence Northwesterly along the line between said Lots 11 and 20 to a point on said line 4 rods Southeasterly from the West corner of Lot 20; thence Northeasterly to the place of beginning, EXCEPT commencing on the Southerly side of Grant Street in the Village of Caro; 125 1/2 feet Southeasterly from the North corner of Lot 20, Block 24 of the Village of Caro; thence Southeasterly along the Southerly line of Grant Street to Frank Street; thence West along Frank Street, 162 1/2 feet; thence Northeasterly 117 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.

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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 Karrie J. Colman, f/k/a Karrie J. Giddings, a married woman, and Jeremy D. Colman, her husband, original mortgagors, to Michigan Residential Mortgage Services, Inc., Mortgagee, dated April 8, 2002 and recorded on April 18, 2002 in Liber 874 on Page 1012, and rerecorded on May 8, 2002 in Liber 877 on Page 169, and modified by Affidavit or Order executed on February 25, 2008 and recorded on March 6, 2009 in Liber 1169 on Page 63, and assigned by said Mortgagee 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 Sixty-Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Two and 81/100 Dollars (\$69,802.81), including interest at 7.5% 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 April 8, 2010.

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

Commencing at a point on Section line, 167.5 feet South of intersection of the East Section Line and the South Line of C and O Railroad in Section 14, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, Township of Vassar, Tuscola County, Michigan; thence South on Section Line 150 feet; thence Westerly parallel to C and O Railroad, 532 feet; thence North 150 feet; thence Easterly parallel to C and O Railroad, 532 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: March 10, 2010

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Heath R. McDonald and Lisa L. McDonald, 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 7, 2007 and recorded on May 30, 2008 in Liber 1150 on Page 1239 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 Twenty-Five Thousand Four Hundred Thirty-Seven and 71/100

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 1, 2010.

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

Commencing at a point 110 rods West of the Northeast corner of Section 1, Township 14 North, Range 8 East, thence South 11 rods 10 1/2 feet, thence West 4 rods, thence North 11 rods 10 1/2 feet, thence East 4 rods to the place of beginning.

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

Dated: March 3, 2010

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Anthony J. Heinlein, a single man, original mortgagor, to Flagstar Bank, FSB, Mortgagee, dated April 4, 2002 and recorded on April 11, 2002 in Liber 873 on Page 929 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date here-of the sum of Fifty-Six Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty-Nine and 61/100 Dollars (\$56,829.61), 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 April 1, 2010.

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

Commencing a point that is North 00 degrees 44 minutes 27 seconds West 2034.68 feet from the South 1/4 corner of Section 27 of Vassar Township,

point of beginning.

TOGETHER WITH AND SUBJECT TO Private Road Easement:

Part of the fractional Northwest 1/4 of Section 4, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, Millington Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, being further described as follows: Commencing at the Northwest corner of said Section, thence North 89 degrees 59 minutes 40 seconds East, 231.51 feet along the North line of Section to the point of beginning, thence continuing North 89 degrees 59 minutes 40 seconds East, 66.00 feet, thence South 00 degrees 44 minutes 10 seconds West, 131.66 feet, thence 143.03 feet along a curve tot eh left having a radius of 284.00 feet along chord bearing and distance of South 13 degrees 41 minutes 30 seconds East, 141.52 feet, thence South 28 degrees 07 minutes 09 seconds East, 319.06 feet, thence 134.96 feet along a curve to the left having a radius of 257.00 feet along chord bearing and distance of South 43 degrees 09 minutes 47 seconds East, 133.41 feet, thence South 58 degrees 12 minutes 24 seconds East, 189.81 feet, thence 107.18 feet along a curve to the right having a radius of 323.00 feet along chord bearing and distance of South 48 degrees 42 minutes 03 seconds East, 106.69 feet, thence South 39 degrees 11 minutes 42 seconds East, 677.60 feet, thence 23.80 feet along a curve tot eh left having a radius of 25.00 feet along chord bearing and distance of South 66 degrees 28 minutes 11 seconds East, 22.91 feet, thence 378.43 feet along a curve to the right having a radius 75.00 feet along chord bearing and distance of South 50 degrees 48 minutes 19 seconds West, 87.00 feet, thence 23.80 feet along a curve to the left having a radius of 25.00 feet along chord bearing and distance of North 11 degrees 55 minutes 10 seconds West. 22.91 feet. thence North 39 degrees 11 minutes 42 seconds West, 677.60 feet, thence 85.28 feet along a curve to the left having a radius of 257.00 feet along chord bearing and distance of North 48 degrees 42 minutes 03 seconds West, 84.89 feet, thence north 58 degrees 12 minutes 24 seconds West, 189.82 feet, thence 169.62 feet along a curve to the right having a radius of 323.00 feet along chord bearing and distance of North 43 degrees 09 minutes 47 seconds West. 167.67 feet, thence North 28 degrees 07 minutes 09 seconds West, 319.06 feet, thence 176.27 feet along a curve to the right having a radius of 350.00 feet

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Dated: March 3, 2010

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

Dated: March 3, 2010

Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 209.7044 ASAP #3467765

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Kurt Avila and Cheryl Avila, Husband and Wife, original mortgagors, to Option One Mortgage Corporation, a California Corporation, Mortgagee, dated February 27, 2002 and recorded on March 11, 2002 in Liber 869 on Page 375 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Trustee for Option One Mortgage Loan Trust 2002-3 Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2002-3 as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Two Thousand Six Hundred Two and 65/100 Dollars (\$122,602.65), including interest at 6.95% 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 April 8, 2010.

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

Section 8, Town 13 North, Range 8 East, Township of Fairgrove, Tuscola County, Michigan described as: commencing 418.38 feet South of Northeast corner of Section; thence South 120 feet; thence South 89 degrees 48 minutes 06 seconds West 330 feet; thence North 120 feet; thence North 89 degrees 48 minutes 06 seconds East 330 feet to point of beginning.

Section 8, Town 13 North, Range 8 East, Township of Fairgrove, Tuscola County, Michigan described as: commencing 298.38 feet South of Northeast corner of Section; thence South 120 feet; thence South 89 degrees 48 minutes 03 seconds West 330 feet; thence North 120 feet; thence North 89 degrees 48 minutes 06 seconds East to point of beginning. Dated: March 10, 2010

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by James A. Blakely and Bonnie L. Blakely, Husband and Wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated December 10, 2007 and recorded on December 14, 2007 in Liber 1137 on Page 194 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Bank of America, N.A. as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-One Thousand Two and 53/100 Dollars (\$41,002.53), 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 April 8, 2010.

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

The South 435.60 Feet of the East 100 Feet of the West Half of the East Half of the East Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 33, Town 10 North, Range 7 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: March 10, 2010

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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.

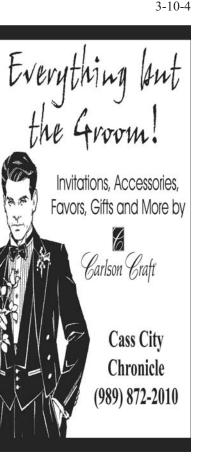
3-10-4 Said premises are situated in Township of Koylton, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

> Part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 33, Town 11 North, Range 11 East, Township of Koylton, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as follows: commencing at the Northwest corner of said Section 33; thence South 02 degrees 27 minutes 50 seconds East 262.38 feet along the West line of said Section 33 to the point of beginning; running thence North 87 degrees 42 minutes 36 seconds East, 459.65 feet; thence South 02 degrees 13 minutes 49 seconds East 200.00 feet; thence South 87 degrees 42 minutes 36 seconds West 458.83 feet; thence North 02 degrees 27 minutes 50 seconds West 200.00 feet along the West line of said Section 33 to the point of beginning. Subject to right of way Kingston Road over the Westerly side thereof.

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

Dated: March 10, 2010

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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 Scott E. Senko and Devona M. Senko, Husband and Wife, and Scott A. Senko, a single man, Joint Tenants with Full Rights of Survivorship, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated June 19, 2007 and recorded on June 28, 2007 in Liber 1123 on Page 1074 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Five Thousand Six Hundred Seventy-Four and 69/100 Dollars (\$105,674.69), including interest at 6.75% 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 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 Township of Dayton, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Commencing at a point about 8 Rods 6 Feet North of the Southeast corner of Section 35, Town 11 North, Range 10 East, Dayton Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, thence North 10 Rods, thence West 151 Feet to the Point of beginning for this description, thence Northwest 146 Feet, thence South 10 Rods to P.M. Railroad Right of Way, thence Southeasterly along Right of Way, 146 Feet, thence North to 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: March 10, 2010

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#### Case No. 09-25605-CH CIRCUIT COURT SALE

In pursuance and by virtue of a Judgment of the Circuit Court for the County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, made and entered on the 7th day of December 2009 in a certain cause therein pending, wherein FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF AMERICA was the Plaintiff and SCOTT NOYCE and JOANNE NOYCE were the Defendants.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I shall sell at public auction to the highest bidder, at public venue, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan (that being the place of holding the Circuit Court for said County), on the 29th day of APRIL, 2010 at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon, Eastern Standard Time, the following described property, viz:

All certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Township of Arbela, County of Tuscola, and State of Michigan, described as follows:

the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 10, 2010

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Mortgage Sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by William M. Dempsey and Barbara J. Dempsey, husband and wife to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., acting solely as nominee for Encore Credit Corn. Mortgagee, dated August 10, 2004 and recorded on October 25, 2004 in Liber 1013, Page 636, Tuscola County Records, said mortgage was assigned to The Bank of New York Mellon, f/k/a The Bank of New York as Trustee for the Certificate holders of CWABS 2004-BC4 by an Assignment of Mortgage which has been submitted to the Tuscola County Register of Deeds, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty Thousand Five Hundred Three and 15/100 (\$50,503.15) including interest at the rate of 7.00000% per annum.

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

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

A PIECE OF LAND COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 6. GOWEN'S ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE OF CASS CITY, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT RECORDED IN LIBER 2 OF PLATS, PAGE 20, RUNNING THENCE EAST 132 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 70.75 FEET; THENCE WEST 132 FEET; THENCE NORTH 70.75 FEET TO PLACE OF BEGINNING. BEING PART OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SEC-TION 33, TOWN 14 NORTH, RANGE 11 EAST. Commonly known as: 4372 BROOKER ST.

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

Dated: March 10, 2010

Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C. Attorneys for The Bank of New York Mellon, f/k/a The Bank of New York as Trustee for the Certificate holders of CWABS 2004-BC4 43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180 Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302 248-335-9200 Case No. 10MI00409-1 3-10-4

sac being part of the easement for ingress and egress purposes. Excepting from said easement a parcel of land described as beginning at a point on the North line of said Section 33, which is North 89 degrees 05 minutes 30 seconds West, 690.87 feet from the North 1/4 corner of said Section 33, thence continuing along said North line, North 89 degrees 05 minutes 30 seconds West, 9.13 feet; thence South 00 degrees 13 minutes 10 seconds East, 300.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 05 minutes 30 seconds East, 6.09 feet: thence North 00 degrees 21 minutes 43 seconds East, 299.96 feet to the North line of said Section 33 and 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: March 10, 2010

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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 Kirk L. Wells, Jr. an unmarried man, original mortgagor, to Mortgago Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns Mortgagee, dated September 14, 2004 and recorded on September 22, 2004 in Liber 1009 on Page 639, and rerecorded on November 19, 2004 in Liber 1018 on Page 434 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to EverHome Mortgage Company as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Two Thousand Three Hundred Ninety-One and 94/100 Dollars (\$82,391.94), including interest at 4.25% 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 April 8, 2010.

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

Commencing 6 rods Southeast of the Southeast corner of Lot 1, Zehnder's Addition to the village of Richville, running thence Easterly along Lower Saginaw or Vassar State Road, 6 rods; thence North 13 rods, 5 feet, 6 inches; thence Northwesterly 6 rods: thence South 13 rods 5.5 feet to the place of beginning. Being part of the Southwest 1/4 of section 29, Township 12 North, Range 7 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.

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Theresa A. Gowatch, a single woman, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated July 23, 2008 and recorded on August 6, 2008 in Liber 1155 on Page 706 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 Sixty-Five Thousand Three Hundred Ninety-Six and 31/100 Dollars (\$65,396.31), 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 April 15, 2010.

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

Commencing 2 rods South of the Southwest corner of Lot 3, Block 1, L. Fox's Second Addition, thence West 100 feet: thence South 75 feet. East on an angle 108 feet. North 104 feet to the point of beginning, being a part of Section 25, Town 11, 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: March 17, 2010

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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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jonathan A. Erdman, a single person, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated January 13, 2006 and recorded on January 23, 2006 in Liber 1069 on Page 537, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Fremont Home Loan Trust 2006-1 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 Twenty-Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty-Nine and 52/100 Dollars (\$128,989.52), including interest at 7.99% per annum

some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on April 15, 2010.

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

Parcel 1: Part of the East 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 26, Town 10 North, Range 7 East, described as; beginning at a point on the East-West 1/4 line of Section 26, which is along said line, South 89 degrees 46 minutes 00 seconds West, 1130.16 feet from the East 1/4 corner of said Section 26; thence continuing along said line, South 89 degrees 46 minutes 00 seconds West, 200.00 feet; thence along the West line of the East 1/2 of said Northeast 1/4, North 01 degrees 13 minutes 50 seconds West 310.00 feet; thence parallel to the East-West 1/4 line, North 89 degrees 46 minutes 00 seconds East 200.00 feet; thence South 01 degrees 13 Minutes 50 seconds East 310.00 feet to the East-West 1/4 line of Section 26 and the point of beginning.

Parcel 2: Part of the East 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 26, Town 10 North, Range 7 East, described as beginning at a point which is along the East-West 1/4 line of said Section 26; South 89 degrees 46 minutes 00 seconds West 1130.16 feet and parallel to and 200.00 feet Easterly of the West line of said East 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4, North 01 degrees 13 minutes 50 seconds West, 310.00 feet from the East 1/4 corner of said Section 26: thence continuing North 01 degrees 13 minutes 50 seconds West, 170.00 feet; thence parallel to said East-West 1/4 line, South 89 degrees 46 minutes 00 seconds West 200.00 feet; thence along the West line of said East 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4, South 01 degrees 13 minutes 50 seconds East, 170.00 feet; thence parallel to said East-West 1/4 line North 89 degrees 46 minutes 00 seconds East, 200.00 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: March 17, 2010

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of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Rebecca L. Trudgeon, an unmarried woman, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated July 1, 2004 and recorded on August 19, 2004 in Liber 1005 on Page 379 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-Eight Thousand Six Hundred Seventy-Three and 22/100 Dollars (\$98,673.22), including interest at 6.75% per

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 15, 2010.

The East 80.00 feet of the West 518.00 feet of the South 667.00 feet of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 21, Town 10 North, Range 7 East, Township of Arbela, Tuscola County, Michigan

Parcel ID No: 003-021-200-1200-00

Commonly known as: 8850 Brewer Road, Millington, Michigan 48746 Including a 1971 Windsor, Serial #65121457

This property may be redeemed during the six (6) months following the sale.

Dated: March 3, 2010

Leland Teschendorf. Deputy Sheriff

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF AMERICA of East Lansing, Michigan, Mortgagee

FOSTER, SWIFT, COLLINS & SMITH, P.C. Benjamin J. Price Attorneys for Mortgagee 313 S. Washington Square Lansing, MI 48933 (517) 371-8253 3-10-7

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Christopher Carr, a single man, original mortgagor, to Household Finance Corporation III, Mortgagee, dated October 16, 2006 and recorded on October 19, 2006 in Liber 1099 on Page 926 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Fifteen Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-Eight and 68/100 Dollars (\$115,968.68), 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 April 8, 2010.

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

Commencing at the West 1/4 corner of section 27. Town 12 North, Range 10 East, Wells Township, Tuscola County, Michigan; thence South 00 degrees 20 minutes 37 seconds East 1067.17 feet along the west line of said section 27 to the point of beginning; Running thence South 89 degrees 40 minutes 08 seconds East 726.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 20 minutes 37 seconds East 120.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 40 minutes 08 seconds West 726.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 20 minutes 37 seconds West 120.00 feet along the West line of said section 27 to the point of beginning. Being a part of the Southwest 1/4 of section 27, Town 12 North, Range 10 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

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Chris Valente, a single man, original mortgagor, to Fentura Mortgage Company, Inc., Mortgagee, dated May 12, 2003 and recorded on October 9, 2003 in Liber 958 on Page 1056 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to PNC Mortgage, a division of PNC Bank, National Association as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Thirty-Seven Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-Nine and 10/100 Dollars (\$237,479,10), including interest at 6% per annum.

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

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

Parcel C: Part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 33, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, Vassar Township, Tuscola, Michigan. Described as beginning at a point on the North and South 1/4 line of said Section 33, which is South 00 degrees 13 minutes 10 seconds East, 978.00 feet from the North 1/4 corner of said Section 33; thence continuing along said North and South 1/4 line, South 00 degrees 13 minutes 10 seconds East, 346.89 feet; thence parallel to and 9.00 feet North of the South line of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of said Section 33, North 89 degrees 06 minutes 39 seconds West, 1215.81 feet; thence North 00 degrees 21 minutes 43 seconds East, 40.50 feet; thence North 89 degrees 06 minutes 39 seconds West, 49.50 feet to the West line of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of said Section 33: thence along said West line of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of said Section 33, North 00 degrees 21 minutes 43 seconds East, 306.76 feet; thence South 89 degrees 05 minutes 30 seconds East, 1261.80 feet to the North and South 1/4 line of said Section 33 and the point of beginning

Parcel D: Part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 33, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, Vassar Township, Tuscola County, Michigan. Described as beginning at a point on the North and South 1/4 line of said Section 33, which is South 00 degrees 13 minutes 10 seconds East, 639.00 feet from the North 1/4 corner of said Section 33; thence continuing along said North and South 1/4 line, South 00 degrees 13 minutes 10 seconds East, 339.00 feet, thence North 89 degrees 05 minutes 30 seconds West, 733.80 feet; thence North 00 degrees 21 minutes 43 seconds East, 338.95 feet; thence South 89 degrees 05 minutes 30 seconds East, 730.35 feet to the North and South 1/4 line of said Section 33 and the point of beginning.

TOGETHER WITH an easement for purpose of ingress and egress, being 66.00 feet wide, 33.00 feet on each side of the following described centerline: Part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 33, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, Vassar Township, Tuscola County, Michigan. Described as beginning at a point on the North line of said Section 33, which is North 89 degrees 05 minutes 30 seconds West, 723.87 feet from the North 1/4 corner of said Section 33: thence along the centerline of said easement, South 00 degrees 21 minutes 43 seconds West, 1045.53 feet to the terminus of said centerline, said terminus point also being the center radius point of a cul-de-sac having a radius of 75.00 feet, said cul-de-

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by David 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, Mortgagee, 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 Mortgagee 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

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.

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: March 10, 2010

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

A Parcel of land in the Northwest 1/4 of Fractional Section 4, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, described as follows: Commencing on the North line of fractional Section 4 at a point 1.066.00 feet. South 89 degrees 59 minutes 40 seconds West, from the North /4 corner of said Section; Thence South 38 degrees 35 minutes 20 seconds East, along the centerline of the Schultz Drain, as recorded and described in Liber 598, Page 568, Tuscola County Records, 267.05 feet; Thence South 31 degrees 40 minutes 06 seconds East, continuing along said Drain centerline, as previously and described, 95.45 feet; Thence South 89 degrees 59 minutes 40 seconds West narallel with said North Section line, 366.65 feet; Thence North 00 degrees 00 minutes 20 seconds West, Perpendicular to said North Section line, 290,00 feet to a point on said North Section line; Thence North 89 degrees 59 minutes 40 seconds East, on said North Section line, 150.00 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: March 17, 2010

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC D (248) 593-1309 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #258488F02 3-17-4

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Edward Simon and Debra Simon, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated February 10, 2005 and recorded on April 21, 2005 in Liber 1035 on Page 950 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 Ninety-Eight Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-Four and 55/100 Dollars (\$198,334.55), including interest at 6.875% per annum.

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

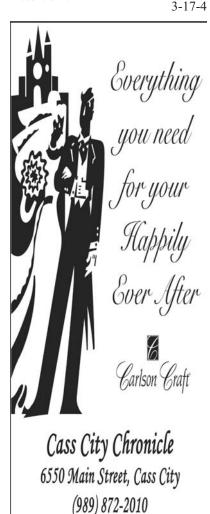
Said premises are situated in Township of Millington, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Part of the South 3/4 of the North 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 21, Township 10 North, Range 8 East, described as: Beginning at the Southwest corner of said South 3/4 of the North 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 21; thence along the West line of said Section, North 175 feet; thence parallel to the South line of said South 3/4 of the North 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4, Easterly 249 feet; thence parallel to the West Section line. South 175 feet to the South line of said South 3/4 of the North 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4; thence along aforesaid line, Westerly 249 feet to the Southwest corner of said South 3/4 of the North 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 21 and 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: March 17, 2010

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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 Edward Urbanski. a single man, original mortgagor, to Financial Freedom Senior Funding Corporation, a Subsidiary of IndyMac Bank, F.S.B., Mortgagee, dated July 6, 2006 and recorded on September 5, 2006 in Liber 1093 on Page 1020 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by mesne assignments to Financial Freedom Acquisition LLC as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Fourteen Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-Two and 89/100 Dollars (\$114,762.89), including interest at 1.91% 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 April 15, 2010.

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

Lot No. 11 and 12 of Carol Acres, a part of the Southwest Quarter (Southwest 1/4) of Section 16, Town 10 North, Range 8 East.

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

Dated: March 17, 2010

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC F (248) 593-1313 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys for Service 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #215289F03 3-17-4

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Stacey J. Kern, original mortgagor, to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc., Mortgagee, dated May 12, 2003 and recorded on June 30, 2003 in Liber 939 on Page 679 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-One Thousand Five Hundred Forty-Six and 46/100 Dollars (\$51,546.46), 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 within Tuscola County, at

Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C. Attorneys for HSBC Bank USA. N.A., As Trustee for the registered holders of Nomura Home Equity Loan, Inc., Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-HE3 43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180 Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302 248-335-9200 Case No. 10OMI00110-1 ASAP #3484895

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the

conditions of a mortgage made by Charles Wirsing

IV and Carolyn Wirsing, f/k/a Carolyn Haack, hus-

band and wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage

Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for

lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated September 22, 2004 and recorded

on October 28, 2004 in Liber 1014 on Page 902, and

assigned by mesne assignments to OneWest Bank

FSB as assignee as documented by an assignment, in

Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mort-

gage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the

sum of One Hundred Ninety Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-Seven and 25/100 Dollars

(\$190,997.25), including interest at 7.75% per

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and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be

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some part of them, at public venue, at the place of

holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at

Said premises are situated in Township of Arbela,

Beginning at the North quarter corner of Section 20,

accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case

the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date

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Dated: March 17, 2010

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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 22, 2010.

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

Parcel 1: Commencing at the South 1/4 corner of Section 14, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, running thence East 137 feet along the South line of said Section 14; thence North 01 degrees 01 minutes East, 264 feet; thence West 137 feet to the North and South 1/4 line of said Section 14: thence South 01 degrees West, 264 feet along the North and South 1/4 line fence to point of beginning, being part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 14. Town 10 North, Range 8 East.

Parcel 2: Part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 14. Town 10 North, Range 8 East, described as: Beginning at a point on the North and South 1/4 line of Section 14 which if North 00 degrees 10 minutes 21 seconds West 264.00 feet from the South 1/4 corner; thence continuing along the North and South 1/4 line. North 00 degrees 10 minutes 21 seconds West. 2015.69 feet to the South line parallel with the East and West 1/4 line, North 89 degrees 43 minutes 02 seconds East 165.00 feet: thence parallel to the said North and South 1/4 line, South 00 degrees 10 minutes 21 seconds East, 2013.07 feet; thence parallel to the South line of Section 14, South 88 degrees 48 minutes 40 seconds West, 165.00 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: March 24, 2010

FOR MORE INFORMATION. PLEASE CALL: FC H (248) 593-1300 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #311504F01 3-24-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the unmarried man, original mortgagor, to Mac-Clair Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated February 21, 2003 and recorded on February 28, 2003 in Liber documented by an assignment, in Tuscola County Eight Thousand One Hundred Two and 63/100

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 22, 2010.

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: March 24, 2010

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC C (248) 593-1301 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #310916F01

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jeffery Schwartz, a single man, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns Mortgagee, dated February 5, 2008 and recorded on March 18, 2008 in Liber 1143 on Page 1353, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Chase Home Finance LLC 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 Five Hundred Twenty-Seven and 40/100 Dollars (\$101,527.40), 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 April 22, 2010.

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

The Northeast one acre of the Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 33, Town 13 North, Range 11 East, described as commencing 1500 feet East of the Northwest corner of said Section 33 and running South 290 feet, thence East 150 feet; thence North 290 feet; thence West 150 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: March 24, 2010

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC S (248) 593-1304 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer

31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #309744F01 3-24-4

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To: Cheryl Smithhart, 5775 Deckerville Road, Deford, MI 48729 County: Tuscola

State law requires that you receive the following notice: You have the right to request a meeting with your mortgage holder or mortgage servicer.

The person to contact and that has the authority to make agreements for a loan modification with you is: Orlans Associates, P.C Loss Mitigation Department, P.O. Box 5041, Troy, MI 48007-5041, (248) 502-1331. You may contact a housing counselor by visiting the Michigan State Housing Development Authority ("MSHDA") website or by calling MSHDA. The website address and telephone number of MSHDA is: (www.mshda.info/counseling\_search/), telephone (866) 946-7432, TTY# 1-800-382-4568.

If you request a meeting with the servicer's designate within 14 days after the Notice required under MCL 600.3205a(1) is mailed, then foreclosure proceedings will not start until 90 days after the date the Notice was mailed to you. If you and the servicer's Designate reach an agreement to modify the mortgage loan, the mortgage will not be foreclosed if you abide by the terms of the agreement.

You have the right to contact an attorney. You may contact attorney of your choice. If you do not have an attorney, the telephone number for the Michigan State Bar Association's Lawyer Referral Service is 1-800-968-0738.

Dated: March 24, 2010

Orlans Associates P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Trov. MI 48007-5041 File Number: 293.0631 ASAP #3494003

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NOTICE PURSUANT TO MCL 600.3205a(4)

NOTICE is hereby provided to Gregory C. Guild and Rebecca A. Guild, the borrowers and/or mortgagors (hereinafter "Borrower") regarding the property located at: 1874 E. Deckerville Rd., Caro, MI 48723-9111.

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 http://www.michigan.gov/mshda or at (866) 946-

If the Borrower requests a meeting with the agent designated above by contacting an approved housing counselor within 14 days from March 19, 2010, foreclosure proceedings will not be commenced until 90 days after March 19, 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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Town 10 North, Range 7 East, thence South 00 degrees 07 minutes 23 seconds West 443.61 feet along the North-South quarter line, thence West 660.61 feet; thence North 00 degrees 11 minute 31 seconds East 443.61 feet; thence East 660.13 feet along the North line of Section to the point of begin-MILITARY DUTY. The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in

conditions of a mortgage made by Terry McClain, an 917 on Page 1459, and assigned by said Mortgagee to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc. as assignee as Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Dollars (\$58,102.63), including interest at 6.375% per annum

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage

the circuit cour 10:00 AM, on April 15, 2010.

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

Commencing at a point that is 297 feet North 86 degrees 00 minutes West along the East and West 1/4 line from the center 1/4 corner of Section 12, Town 11 North, Range 7 East, thence North 86 degrees 00 minutes West 112 feet along said 1/4 line, thence North 5 degrees 50 minutes East, 261.02 feet; thence South 72 degrees 31 minutes East, 105.80 feet; thence South 2 degrees 40 minutes West 222.22 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: March 17, 2010

FOR MORE INFORMATION. PLEASE CALL: FC C (248) 593-1301 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #140354F02

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

Mortgage Sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Bruce A. Lachappelle, Jr., a married man, and Katie Lachappelle, his wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for People's Choice home Loan, INC, Mortgagee, dated January 31, 2006, and recorded on February 27, 2006, in Liber 1072, Page 944, Tuscola County Records, said mortgage was assigned to HSBC Bank USA, N.A., As Trustee for the registered holders of Nomura Home Equity Loan, Inc., Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-HE3 by an Assignment of Mortgage which has been submitted to the Tuscola County Register of Deeds, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy Thousand Six Hundred Eighty-Seven and 05/100 (\$70,687.05), including interest at the rate of 5.62500% per annum

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the Circuit Court in said Tuscola County, where the premises to be sold or some part of them are situated, at 10:00 AM on April 15, 2010.

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

Lot 2 of Cooper Subdivision, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 25, excepting all oil, gas, and mineral rights reserved in a certain Warranty Deed recorded in Liber 647, Page 1483, Tuscola County Records. Commonly known as: 8052 Irish Road.

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

Dated: March 17, 2010

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.

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jennifer Austin, a single woman, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated April 24, 2006 and recorded on May 15, 2006 in Liber 1081 on Page 501 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to HSBC Mortgage Corporation (USA) as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-One Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-Two and 20/100 Dollars (\$51,942.20), including interest at 8.125%

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 22, 2010.

Said premises are situated in Township of Fairgrove, 3-17-4 Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

> Part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 23, Township 13 North, Range 8 East, Described as: Commencing 940 feet East of the Southwest corner of the East 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 23. Township 13 North range 8 East, thence East on the South section line 196.5 feet, thence North at right angles to said south section line 222 feet thence west parallel with said section line 196.5 feet, thence South 222 feet to 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: March 24, 2010

FOR MORE INFORMATION. PLEASE CALL: FC H (248) 593-1300 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #311170F01 3-24-4

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Richard L. Cates and Chervl Cates, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to USAA Federal Savings Bank, Mortgagee, dated June 15, 2007 and recorded on October 11, 2007 in Liber 1132 on Page 235 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-One Thousand Three Hundred Eighty-Six and 23/100 Dollars (\$51,386.23), including interest at 7.09% per annum

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage

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

encing at a point 13 rods 8 feet North and 8 rods 3 feet West of the Southeast corner of the West half of the Northwest quarter of Section 3, Town 12 North, Range 9 East; thence North to the South line of Gibbs Street: thence West on the South line of Gibbs Street 4 rods 5 feet; thence South 8 1/2 rods; thence East 5 feet; thence North 1/2 rod to a point directly West of the place of beginning; thence East to place of beginning. Being part of the Southwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 3, Town 12 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: March 24, 2010

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by David Neeley and Thresa M. Neeley husband and wife, original mortgagors, to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc., Mortgagee, dated October 3, 2002 and recorded on October 10, 2002 in Liber 897 on Page 765 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Two Thousand Seven Hundred Twelve and 52/100 Dollars (\$62,712.52), 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 April 22, 2010.

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

Part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 12, Town 10 North, Range 7 East, described as: Beginning at a point on the South line of said Section 12, West 1066.29 feet along said South line from the Southeast corner of said Section; thence continuing along said South line, West 233.52 feet to the intersection of said South line and the East, North South 1/8 line of said Section 12; thence North 03 degrees 55 minutes 43 seconds West 286.50 feet along said East, North-South 1/8 line; thence North 89 degrees 42 minutes 44 seconds East 233.44 feet; thence South 03 degrees 55 minutes 43 seconds East 287.68 feet to the point of beginning.

Subject to the right of way for Fallahay Road over the Westerly side and Millington Road over the Southerly side thereof.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by ADAM L. SPENCER, A MARRIED MAN, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated July 20, 2007 and recorded on July 25, 2007 in Liber 1125 on Page 1371, and assigned by said mortgagee to U.S. BANK, N.A., as assigned, Tuscola County Records. Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Two Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Dollars and Twenty-Four Cents (\$82,590.24), including interest at 7.250% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, front entrance of the Courthouse Building in the City of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM o'clock, on April 22, 2010.

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

PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SEC-TION 17, TOWN 14 NORTH, RANGE 10 EAST, DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTH QUARTER CORNER OF SAID SECTION 17; THENCE ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SOUTHWEST OUARTER OF SECTION 17. SOUTH 90 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SEC-ONDS WEST, 245.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING: THENCE CONTINUING ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 17, SOUTH 90 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST. 295.00 FEET; THENCE PERPENDICULAR TO SAID SOUTH LINE OF THE SOUTHWEST OUARTER OF SECTION 17. NORTH 00 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST, 443.00 FEET; THENCE PARALLEL WITH SAID SOUTH LINE OF THE SOUTHWEST OUARTER OF SECTION 17, NORTH 90 DEGREES 00 MIN-UTES 00 SECONDS EAST, 295.00 FEET; THENCE PERPENDICULAR TO SAID SOUTH LINE OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SEC-TION 17, SOUTH 00 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST, 443.00 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 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale

Dated: March 17, 2010

U.S. BANK, N.A Mortgagee/Assignee

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

FEDERAL LAW REQUIRES US TO ADVISE YOU THAT COMMUNICATION WITH OUR OFFICE COULD BE INTERPRETED AS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND THAT ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE, PLEASE CON-TACT OUR OFFICE. AS YOU ARE ENTITLED TO SPECIAL PROTECTIONS.

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Date: March 24, 2010

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC S (248) 593-1304 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer and/or Mortgage Holder 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, MI 48334-2525 File # 316579F01

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#### NOTICE PURSUANT TO MCL 600.3205a(4)

NOTICE is hereby provided to Patricia Santamour and Edward Santamour, the borrowers and/or mortgagors (hereinafter "Borrower") regarding the property located at: 10392 Stanley Dr., Clio, MI 48420-7723.

The Borrower has the right to request a meeting with the mortgage holder or mortgage servicer. The agent designated by the Mortgage Servicer and/or Mortgage Holder to contact and that has authority to make agreements under MCL sections 600.3205b and 600.3205c is: Trott & Trott, P.C., 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200, Farmington Hills, MI 48334-2525 at (248) 593-1309.

The Borrower may contact a housing counselor by visiting the Michigan State Housing Development Authority's website or by calling the Michigan State Housing Development Authority 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 March 18, 2010, foreclosure proceedings will not be commenced until 90 davs after March 18, 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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Date: March 24, 2010

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Theodore J. Ambrose, a single man, to Financial Freedom Senior Funding Corporation, a subsidiary of Indy Mac Bank, F.S.B., Mortgagee, dated January 11, 2006 and recorded January 24, 2006 in Liber 1069, Page 817, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Financial Freedom Acquisition LLC by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Five Thousand Four Hundred Twenty-One and 7/100 Dollars (\$75,421.07), including interest at 3.83% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on APRIL 22, 2010.

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

Commencing at the Northwest corner of Section 35, Town 11 North, Range 10 East, thence South 00 degrees 30 minutes East, 421.25 feet along the West Section line to the point of beginning; running thence North 89 degrees 30 minutes East, 387.20 feet: thence South 0 degrees 30 minutes East, 225.0 feet; thence South 89 degrees 30 minutes West 387.20 feet: thence North 0 degrees 30 minutes West, 225.0 feet along the West Section line to the point of beginning. Being at part of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 35

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

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

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Dated: March 24, 2010

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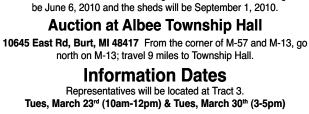
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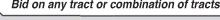


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## Students explore government up close

#### by Tom Montgomerv Editor

Mention politics to teenagers today and their first response might be to roll their eyes and utter a "whatever".

But that wasn't the case for a handful of Cass City High School students, who recently took on the roles of state representatives and senators at the Michigan Capitol Building in Lansing, where they joined hundreds of their peers from across the state in an activity that encouraged them to make a difference by passing some new laws to better life for their fellow residents.

The local students took their roles seriously, introducing a variety of proposed legislation, including a bill that would have made it illegal to smoke while going through the drive-through at a smoke-free restaurant, changing the state fiscal calendar to match the state's school calendar, requiring all expecting couples ator's seat, I knew that's what I said.

all government-funded facilities to recycle.

None of the Cass City students' proposals were "signed into law" during the mock session, but 4 of their bills made it out of committee.

a new appreciation for state government and the challenges lawmakers face on a daily basis.

"It allows the students to see how our lawmaking process works," Cass City High School civics and economics teacher Linda Volz said of the annual YMCA Michigan Youth in Government high school conference, held March 3-7. Volz, who noted youth in government is an extracurricular activity, accompanied the students.

Among them was Cass City junior Chelsea Green, who got her first taste of the activity as a sixth grade student.

"As soon as I sat down in that sen-

to take parenting classes, and forcing wanted to do the rest of my life," commented Green, who has aspirations to one day serve as a member of the U.S. Congress. "We weren't treated like high schoolers, we were treated like legislators."

And, the students left Lansing with sophomore Ali Smith, "but I still learned a lot by going. I learned how to debate things," she said, noting she plans to participate in the activity's Model Judiciary Program next year.

> "The biggest thing I got out of it was, I learned so much about how government works and how hard it is to get a law passed," said senior Amanda Kaake.

> The whole experience was a bit intimidating, according to sophomore Erica Boyd, who along with Cassandra Tomlinson were "first timers".

> "But we just made so many friends. I can't wait to go back next year. It was such a great experience," Boyd

Junior Mark Alfini agreed, saying tice has resulted in some very real his first exposure to the activity turned out to be more satisfying than he expected.

could happen and what you can do to "I want to be a lawyer," added change what isn't right in the state or country," he added.

Volz said the Cass City student contingent began preparing for its participation last fall, researching various topics and preparing their bills. She indicated that doing their homework paid off and was obvious after arriving in Lansing.

"It was just amazing, the information they were pulling in and debating," Volz said.

'One of the cool things is that all the bills that were passed will go to the Michigan (Legislature)," she noted.

Government officials say, that prac- through 12.

new laws being enacted in the state.

"Youth in Government students often come up with innovative ideas "I was really impressed with what that make Michigan a better place," said Executive Director Brent "It was Youth in Veysey. Government students who developed the idea of a vertical driver's license, for example, which the Department of State later implemented."

This year marked the 62nd anniversary of the program, which provides more than 1,600 students annually with the opportunity to learn more about the government process.

Michigan Youth in Government is a branch of the state YMCA of Michigan. Its conferences provide hands-on learning involving the state legislative and judicial processes, as well as leadership development for In fact, Michigan Youth in students across the state in grades 6



CASS CITY HIGH School students who participated in the recent Michigan Youth in Government conference in Lansing are (front row, from left) Amanda Kaake, Chelsea Green, (teacher Linda Volz), Lauren Zdrojewski, (back row, left) Erica Boyd, Ali Smith, Cassandra Tomlinson, Mark Alfini and Alison Blattner.

### Nickens finishes training

history, tradition and core values, combat skills, military weapons, of Kingston.

Army Pvt. Martin A. Nickens has chemical warfare and bayonet traingraduated from basic combat train- ing, drill and ceremony, marching, ing at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. rifle marksmanship, armed and During the 9 weeks of training, the unarmed combat, map reading, field soldier studied the Army mission, tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot physical fitness, and received marches and field training exercises. instruction and practice in basic Nickens is the son of Lottie Nickens



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