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## New kids on the block...

CASS CITY HIGH School Principal Chad Daniels visits with one of 2 young goats born last month at the school. The animals are part of a hands-on project Ashlee Gibson planned for her agriscience students. (Related photo, page 6)

## Snyder's first budget to cost schools plenty, officials say

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

New Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder's first budget, unveiled last week, offered little good news for area educators, with the plan calling for a transfer of K-12 school funding to universities and community colleges.

"If it (state budget) does go through the way it is, it's going to be devastating for our school and every school in Michigan," commented Cass City School Supt. Jeff Hartel, who estimated Snyder's spending plan could cost the local district some \$700 per pupil, which includes increased

retirement contribution expenses, next year. That adds up to roughly \$813,000, which would effectively decimate Cass City's fund balance.

Hartel cautioned against panicking just yet, however.

"I think the first thing we all need to do is take a step back and realize it's a proposed budget. It's still going to have to go through the House and Senate, and I think there may be some changes," he said, adding it's clear more belt-tightening is the future for the state's schools. "Probably everybody in Michigan is going to have to do more with less."

Officials representing both the Michigan Association of School Administrators (MASA) and the Michigan Association of

Intermediate School Administrators (MAISA) expressed alarm at Snyder's spending plan, citing the loss of \$700 per pupil in school funding under the 2-year proposed executive budget.

The loss is especially devastating because, for the first time in years, schools faced stable funding from a relatively healthy School Aid Fund (SAF).

"By raiding school coffers to pay colleges and universities, this move breaks faith with the promise made in 1994 under Proposal A," said William Mayes, executive director of MASA. "We value community colleges and universities, but they have alternative means to raise funds. K-12 schools do not. No sane society robs kindergarteners to pay the tuition for colleges and universities."

Under the proposed budget, community colleges would receive \$196 million in funding earmarked for K-12 schools. Universities would take another \$700 million. Another \$200 million would be lost due to tax changes. All in all, schools would forego a massive \$1 billion.

"No amount of budget trimming or bake sales will fill a hole that deep," said William Miller, who serves as MAISA executive director. He called the cuts especially devastating because they come with no needed reforms addressing school costs.

"Cuts with no reform put schools in impossible situations," Miller said. "If you're going to put us in a hole, at least give us a rope and a ladder so we can dig ourselves out."

School administrators have long called for state reforms that would significantly reduce costs related to employee contracts, health benefits and skyrocketing, mandatory contributions to the state retirement system.

Both Mayes and Miller said Michigan citizens were hoping for transformational ideas, but instead received a proposal that will shut down innovations already underway in Michigan's local and intermediate school districts.

"K-12 leaders have been begging for a brand new model for...education," Mayes said. "This proposal merely strips the wheels off the old one."

"I understand what the governor is trying to do," Hartel added, "but it's a pretty tough pill to swallow when you have to take it all at once."

## To relocate 42 campsites

# Sanilac park officials eyeing state funding

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Camping enthusiasts familiar with Evergreen Park in Sanilac County's Evergreen Township have to be impressed with the improvements county park officials have managed to complete at the facility over the years, thanks in part to hundreds of thousands of dollars in state grant funding.

Now, officials hope to make the campground even more attractive to outdoor enthusiasts.

And area residents are being asked to weigh in with their input on plans to relocate more than 3-dozen campsites to higher ground.

The Sanilac County Park Commission will host a public hearing on a proposal to establish an addition to the existing park. The meeting will be Tuesday, March 1, starting at 7 p.m. at the Sanilac County Commissioner's office, located inside the county courthouse in Sandusky. Public comments will be accepted at that time to assist in the facilitation and implementation of the proposed addition.

Residents can offer their opinions in person or in writing. Those who cannot attend the hearing are encouraged to send their input anytime to Sanilac County Park Vice Chairman Greg Alexander at the office of the Sanilac County Drain Commissioner, also located at the

county courthouse in Sandusky, or by attending a parks board meeting, which are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the board of commissioner's room.

County parks officials say the proposed project is contingent on the park commission seeking grant funding through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund Development Grant Program.

The plan calls for the relocation of some 42 existing sites located in a flood plain adjacent to the Cass River to newly acquired higher ground next the south border of the current park facility. In addition, officials hope to develop a pond for swimming and wading, nature trails and wildlife/bird watching areas.

The 68-acre Evergreen Park offers a quiet and scenic getaway in the heart of Michigan's Thumb area, with 147 grass and shaded sites. Located 9 miles north of M-46 along M-53 (4 miles east and 4 miles south of Cass City), it's adjacent to the Cass River and the 23 species of fish that inhabit the waterway.

The facility is handicap accessible and offers modern bathroom/shower facilities along with modern pull-through sites, some with 50-amp service. Evergreen Park also features several special activity "themed" weekends, hiking, a pavilion, playground equipment and Please turn to page 4.

## Cass City students raise cash for adventure abroad

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Chris Collins is a brave man. How else would you describe a high school teacher who not only organizes trips abroad for groups of teens, but also joins a small army of chaperones in making sure every detail is covered, that every student is safe and, in the process, learns a few lessons that will stay with them for a lifetime?

To hear Collins describe the experience, you might think he was talking about running down to the grocery store for a gallon of milk and a loaf of bread.

But make no mistake; it's a big task, one that Collins has proven more than able to handle over his 6 years as the Spanish teacher at Cass City High School. Collins took a group of students to Spain back in April

2008, followed that trip up with an adventure for "his" kids in Costa Rica last year, and is now gearing up to take nearly 20 students on a European trek in the spring of 2012.

Towards that end, Collins' students recently rallied their families, friends and neighbors to bake their hearts out for a fundraiser hosted by Rawson Memorial District Library in Cass City, where the teens bagged more than \$750 in proceeds they will share to help cover their expenses for next year's trip. In all, the kids have raised a whopping \$3,200 so far.

"Oh, yeah, it was a good one," Collins said of the fundraiser. The proceeds, he added, will be spread out among participating students, who must each come up with \$2,400 to cover the cost of the trip. Previous events designed to raise money have involved selling cookie dough and Please turn to page 8.

## Green, Damrow weigh in on governor's budget

Thumb legislators Senator Mike Green (R-Mayville) and state Rep. Kurt Damrow (R-Port Austin) both weighed in on new Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder's budget presentation to lawmakers Thursday.



Mike Green

"Our state faces some very serious challenges. Over the coming days and weeks, I will work with my Senate colleagues and the administration to discuss the details of the governor's budget plan and to pass a responsible budget in a timely manner," said Green, who represents the 31st District, comprised of Arenac, Bay, Huron, Sanilac and Tuscola counties.

"Throughout this process, I will be looking to answer 4 key questions: Where are taxpayers' dollars going? Are they being spent effectively? Are they being spent efficiently? And, lastly, are we getting good value out of every taxpayer's dollar being spent?" he added.

"I am committed to passing a budget that does not increase taxes, a budget that really reforms the structure of state government and the way it operates," Green said. "Most importantly, I will work for a budget that sets the conditions necessary to bring good-paying jobs back to Michigan and the 31st District. For me, jobs are the number one priority, and that will continue to be my focus going forward."

Damrow, who represents the House's 84th District — Huron and Tuscola counties — agreed this budget will play a key role in Michigan's economic future.

"We are in a very serious situation, and Gov. Snyder's budget and tax reform proposal shows that he recognizes this reality," Damrow said. "I look forward to studying the proposal closely and speaking with residents to gather their input. I fully appreciate his long-term, comprehensive approach to our state's spending, taxation and deficit problems. "My top priority is to create a better economic climate in Michigan and to encourage and attract job providers. I am committed to making necessary changes as long as they are the right changes that will put Michigan families back to work," he added.

"In addition, I have already spoken with the governor in regards to removing commercial wind turbines from any proposed personal property tax cuts, and will work diligently to continue supporting this option for job creation in my district."



Kurt Damrow



CHRIS COLLINS' SPANISH Club students recently raised roughly \$750 during a bake sale hosted by Rawson Memorial District Library in Cass City. The money will be used to offset the students' costs to participate in a European trip next year. "What an awesome community we live in, and what great kids we have going on the trip. This is going to be an amazing trip for them," Collins said.

# Middle school officials announce honor roll

Cass City Middle School officials announce the first semester honor roll.

### Grade 5

Travis Albrecht\*, Dustin Arter, Katie Autry, Kelsey Bouverette\*, Traci Broyles, Bryce Bukoski, Sarah Colton, Dakota Cook\*, Sayge Cuthrell\*, Garrett Deitering, Lauren Dickinson\*, Lauren Fernald, Emily Fritz, Megan Graham\*, Brendan Hamilton, Heaven Hartwick, Errienne Hoyt, Darren Hutchinson\*, Claire Kausch\*, Riley Klein\*, Danielle Kopah, Katelyn Kuenzli, Samantha London\*, Alexis Long, Lydia Monte\*, Ashley Mosher, Baylee Murphy\*, McKenna Nye\*, Layna Oliphant\*, Jaclyn Palmer\*, Nicholas Perry\*, Eric Peters\*, Shaylee Ponder, Kelsey Priestley\*, Seth Roggenbuck\*, Bailee Ross, Alyssa Sangster, Joseph Sieradzki, Connor Sines\*, Joseph Skiles\*, Tristen Smith, Samantha Stern\*, Brittany Stilson, Brooklyn Stilson, CarLee Stimpfel\*, Kate Stimpfel, Savannah Walker\*, Konnar Warren, Rylie Weiler\*, Reed White and Brandon Wright.

### Grade 6

Kelcie Autry\*, Katlyn Babcock, Joel Collins, Evan Craig, Victoria Cumper, Savana Doerr, Eric

Guinther, Bradley Hacker, Josephine Loomis, Zachary McCoy, Hunter McGrath, Katelynne Mester, Adam Michalski, Darren Miller, Seth Osentoski, Joel Patera, Shaede Perzanowski\*, Emily Peters\*, Kelsey Peters, Claudia Riddle, Logan Schenk, Kyle Schmotzer, Olivia Smerdon, Drew Susalla\*, Alexa Torres, Amy Verhines, Travis Williams, Hope Wilson and Chase Winter\*.

### Grade 7

Austin Bennett, Ilana Blattner\*, Alicia Crouch, Chandler Cryderman, Sawyer Cuthrell, Mandy Czekai, Kelly DeLong, Macy Dickinson\*, Mason Erla, Alexander Graham, Matthew Haas, Parker Haire, Erin Hartsell\*, Tyler Hool, Cacealya Horne, Nathan Hutchinson, Shannon Kawecki, Maegan LeValley\*, Victoria Mathewson, Rebecca Mulrath, Matthew Myers, Tara Nicholas\*, Jesse Nye, Jessica Peters\*, Bryan Pinkoski, Lauren Potter\*, Michael Rader\*, Taylor Rasmussen, DeJa Robles, Sophia Romain, Taylor Spencer, Matthew Steely, Bransen Stimpfel, Carley Stone, Courtney Szczepanski, Maria Weilbach and Maricella Zietz.

### Grade 8

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## Engaged



Jessi Lynn Essian and Brad Severance

Jessi Lynn Essian and Brad Severance, together with their parents, announce their engagement.

Jessi is the daughter of Pat and Sheri Lynn Essian of Bad Axe. She is a 2006 graduate of Bad Axe High School, and will graduate from Grand Valley State University in May with a BFA in art and design.

Brad is the son of Randy and Deb Severance of Cass City. He is a 2007 graduate of Cass City High School, and will graduate from Michigan State University in May with a Bachelor's Degree in criminal justice. After graduating he would like to enter into a job in the social science field.

The couple is currently planning an Oct. 1, 2011 wedding at Evergreen Park in Cass City.

## Hilt graduates basic training

Army Reserve Pvt. David V. Hilt recently graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the 9 weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

Hilt is the son of Joe and Julie Hilt of Kingston. He is a 2010 graduate of Kingston High School.

## Loomis named to dean's list

Officials at Northern Michigan University recently announced the dean's list for the fall 2010 semester.

Residents named to the dean's list for achieving a grade point average between 3.25 and 3.99 included Brittany Loomis of Cass City.

## Delta College accepting scholarship applications

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Aid (FAFSA), but others do not; however, it is in the best interest of each student to complete FAFSA. FAFSA may be found online at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

During the 2010-11 fiscal year, 312 students received privately funded scholarships totaling \$301,492. In addition, community organizations and associations provided scholarships to 414 students totaling an additional \$516,987.

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# In Our OPINION..

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## O-G community may want to consider this

Owen-Gage School officials will be deciding the future of their administrative structure over the next several weeks, with interim Supt. Bob Drury committed to the district as a part-time administrator only through the end of June.

School board members have more than one choice here, and we're hopeful the community will keep an open mind and avoid any knee-jerk reactions while considering all of the options before them.

School officials could continue to utilize a full-time K-12 principal and a part-time superintendent, provided they can find an administrator with Drury's experience, not to mention his willingness to work part-time for pay that amounts to less than what a teacher earns.

The board could also go back to an arrangement in which one administrator would act as both K-12 principal and superintendent. Or, they could consider a shared superintendence with another school system in the upper Thumb.

The latter option received what amounted to a cold shoulder when the district explored the possibility a few years ago.

We understand why some folks in the community have no interest in sharing an administrator. We know that because school officials in some other Michigan districts that have explored the same sort of arrangement — and made it work successfully — have run into the same concerns. They include a fear that sharing with another school system would endanger Owen-Gage's independence and identity. Or, worse, that sharing would inevitably lead to further consolidation and the eventual extinction of the mighty Bulldog mascot.

Those concerns are legitimate, but any shared arrangement could be struck in such a way that Owen-Gage would remain just that — Owen-Gage — just as it has while engaging in cooperative athletic agreements with the Caseville School District in which both schools share student athletes in the sports of football, track, soccer and golf.

Perhaps a shared superintendence would not be the best option in terms of cost savings, but if it is, the idea deserves a close look.

The goals here are pretty clear; to maintain an experienced administrative presence in the school building throughout the day, while at the same time keeping an eye on the bottom line. And let's face it; fiscal responsibility is more critical now than ever, with Owen-Gage teetering on the edge of financial disaster because the district has only a few thousand dollars in the bank to support its general fund budget.

Owen-Gage, Huron County's second smallest public school district (above Port Hope) with an enrollment of about 213 kids, already has one piece of the puzzle in place — a full-time K-12 principal. We would submit, however, that it's unlikely school officials are going to find another candidate as qualified as Drury to fill its other administrative needs for what they are paying now.

With years behind him as an educator and administrator in the Lakers School District, Drury was the perfect fit at the perfect time for Owen-Gage. Let's face it, however, he came out of retirement to accept the challenge and has done an outstanding job, but is still interested in, well, retirement.

To its credit, the Owen-Gage community has always been fiercely loyal and protective of its independence. We respect and admire that.

We're also confident, in spite of Michigan's economy, that district residents would not hesitate to approve a bond issue to take care of the capital improvement needs the district is now facing.

But, in the end, the reality is that no amount of loyalty is going to keep Owen-Gage afloat when it comes to meeting operating expenses. If doing that means having to share a superintendent, so be it.

We just hope school officials and the community as a whole will keep in mind their shared goal: to maintain a viable, stable school district offering the best education it can to its students.



## Slices of Life

by Jill Pertler

Living life through my mugs



I never know the person I'll be from one day to another. Heck, most times I can't predict hour to hour. My life is scattered and fragmented.

Depending on the moment or the need or the task at hand, I can be a mom, spouse, friend, daughter, sister, school volunteer, homework helper, shoulder to cry on, pet owner, exercising dieter, trend-follower, consuming shopper, consuming chocoholic and every so often, a writer.

I'm sure you can relate. We wear lots of hats, don't we?

I don't actually own a hat to represent each of my roles; I've never looked good in hats. That's okay, because I do have something perhaps even better: a cupboard full of coffee mugs.

Yep, I can be any given person on any given day and I've got the java jugs to prove it.

Most of my mugs date from years back. I've acquired them one by one. A glance into my cupboard will yield you a synopsis of my past (and present).

Let's start with the obvious. Sitting front and center on the shelf is the mug labeled, "Mom." I wouldn't and couldn't be complete without that identity. Sipping from my mom mug is good for a variety of generalized situations: kissing boo boos, washing a team jersey in time for the afternoon game, contemplating the supper menu, finding lost library books and, of course, helping with homework. Most days my mom mode mug fits in my hand like a well-worn potholder; it does not get a whole lot of shelf time, if you catch my drift.

I can't say the same about the mug from my college days. It's a holdover from my dorm room - and no, it was never a vessel for any beverage that rhymes with

the word, "deer." My college mug touts a message: "Life is a song." It reminds me of free and easy days when one of my biggest responsibilities was getting to class on time. Come to think of it, life was like a song back then - most often one by Bruce Springsteen or Bob Seger, if I remember correctly.

Similar to stray cats, most of my mugs found me; I didn't go out looking for them. This is true of the promotional mug that came packaged with a bottle of coffee liqueur. Like my college mug, it is used only to house drinks of the non-intoxicating variety. Still its essence and vibe makes me feel a little "party-ish." I reach for my liqueur mug on days when I need to escape to a tropical island with white sand beaches. My mug doesn't exactly transport me, but the liqueur reference provides an essence of adventure (well, sort of).

Occasionally (but not often) I reach for the mug decorated with a watercolor version of an iris (my favorite flower). It's a leftover from my heavy-duty gardening days. Not surprisingly, they went by the wayside right around the time I obtained the mom mug. Eventually I hope to return to drinking from my iris-embellished watercolor mug on a regular basis. Some day.

I handpicked my most recent mug acquisition. It is bright yellow and made from the highest quality ceramic. I knew I had to have it when I spotted it - in its golden gilded glory - sitting nonchalantly on the shelf at the dollar store. My daughter left home for college this year and her favorite color is yellow. When I want to be reminded of her, which is often, I grab my new ray-of-sunshine mug.

The mugs in my cupboard are extensions of me. The collection has expanded over the years to meet the evolution that has unfolded as my life. Little parts of me reside in each cup. Depending on the day, I can be anything from a reminiscing ex-college student to a cat-loving pet owner (and everything in between).

Today, I was none of the above. Today was unique and different - more unusual than a watercolor iris or sunshine yellow mug kind of day. Today I went to the cupboard and reached way in the back to find the cup adorned with just one word: "Jill." Despite all the wonderful roles I fill in life, every once in awhile I like to be just me. How boring is that?

Jill Pertler, award-winning syndicated columnist and author of "The Do-It-Yourselfer's Guide to Self-Syndication" is collecting fans on Facebook on her Slices of Life page. Email her at [pertmn@qwest.net](mailto:pertmn@qwest.net); or visit her website at <http://marketing-by-design.home.mchsi.com/>.

### Reporter's notebook

## You should have seen the one that got away

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

I'm going to quit writing about activities I haven't pursued in years and am no longer really interested in, because it only ends in my reintroduction to said activities.

Take ice fishing, the partial topic of a recent column. Haven't gone out for years, largely because I just don't have the desire to sit on the ice for hours, hoping to land a few sad, puny pan fish.

But I ended up doing just that recently at Sebewaing Marina. And you know what? I'm glad I had the opportunity to go fishing with a son-in-law and one of my grandsons, who will celebrate his seventh birthday later this week and now has his first-ever ice fishing trip under his belt.

We spent about 7 hours on the ice and, like a typical 6-year-old, my grandson devoted about 15 minutes of that time (maybe), to actual fishing.

I don't blame him. After all, there were giant ice cubes — left on the ice by spear fisherman who had used chainsaws to cut out large holes through the 2-foot-thick crust of frozen water — to conquer with a heavy spud, which he yielded with surprising strength. And, of course, there were snacks to savor — very important when you're trying to keep up your energy, surviving in a barren, arctic wilderness. And talk about new regions to explore.

He did catch a fish — a "dandy" 4-inch perch — which opened the door for his dad and grandpa to teach him some of the finer points of the sport in general. I hope he learned them well.

Lesson One: When you catch a fish, double the length and weight of your trophy when you're telling your buddies about your success (as in, a 5-inch perch is a 10-inch perch, etc.). There is one exception, of course, and that's

when you're talking to someone who knows nothing about fishing — you double, triple, etc., the length and weight (as in, a 10-ounce fish actually weighed 10 pounds). Pretty simple math, even for someone with my limited mathematical abilities.

My contribution over the course of the day was a bit more subtle. I merely pointed out that, regardless of where you're fishing or what species you're pursuing, the one that got away is ALWAYS the biggest one of the day.

Lessons aside, it was a good day. The weather was beautiful. Well, for February in Michigan, and it reminded me of years — many years — gone by, when I was his size and my grandfather exhausted his patience, but somehow always found a little more, while trying to teach me how to lure a native brook trout out of a crystal clear mid-Michigan stream. I can't even begin to count the number of pairs of waders I ripped during those outings.

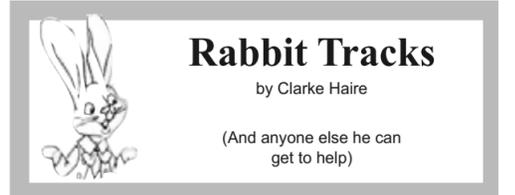
I can still remember some of our trips, fishing side-by-side, as if they had taken place yesterday. No one will ever know how much I miss my grandfather and all of the lessons, fishing-related and otherwise, that he taught me as I was growing up.

Over the years I learned to love fishing, and my grandson will, too, I think.

I had forgotten just how special a "sad" 4-inch perch could be to a 6-year-old who has never pulled one through the ice. That broad grin was worth a fortune. It's a memory I'm guessing will stay with him for life.

He didn't even seem to mind that I had a 10-gallon bucketful of dandies — 18- to 20-inch perch with a couple of 20 pounders tossed in there.

He would have really been impressed had that 30-pounder not slipped off the line at the last minute.



## Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

The Cass City Gavel Club will hold their annual euchre tournament fundraiser on Saturday at the Knights of Columbus hall. Organizers say cards will start flying at 1 p.m.

With a \$30 donation, participants will be provided food and beverage while competing for cash prizes. Any questions can be directed to club members Chris Peters at (989) 872-2902 or Duane Henn at (989) 872-2947.

The Haires hit the slopes at Boyne Mountain over the weekend. In years past, our family took advantage of free lift tickets at the northern Michigan resort, which limited our skiing to one area called Boyne Land.

On Saturday, my wife Karen and I decided to purchase lift tickets, which provided full access to all the ski terrain until 4:30 p.m.

Bad choice. After spending \$226 bucks, for 2 adult lift tickets and 2 junior lift tickets, our foursome skied the gentle slopes in Boyne Land for most of the afternoon.

Regular readers of these trivia items may recall that last week I asked if you thought - like I did - that playing AC/DC's hit song "Hell's Bells" during pre-game warm-up was a bad choice for a high school basketball game.

The text message response from Cole Carbine employee, Jim Hillaker, pretty much summarizes the feedback I received. It read: Yo fuddy duddy, Kenny Gee is comin to Saginaw, you should go.

The American Red Cross Great Lakes Region encourages folks to give the gift of life by donating during the winter months, typically a very difficult time to collect enough blood to meet the needs of patients.

In fact, because of poor weather conditions, the American Red Cross has experienced a shortfall of 28,000 units since the end of January.

To help replenish the local blood supply, during every month in 2011, a new blood donor will be chosen through a drawing to win a month's worth of free groceries from Meijer, a value up to \$250. All presenting donors between now and the end of the month will be entered into a drawing to win a pair of tickets to NCAA Division 1 Men's Basketball 2nd and 3rd Round playoff games in Chicago.

To make an appointment to donate blood, call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

## Thursday, February 24

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

TEA Party meeting, 6:30 p.m., Evangelical Free Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 872-2657.

Senior Lunch, noon, Shabbona United Methodist Church.

## Friday, February 25

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

Fish Fry, 5-7:30 p.m., Cross Lutheran Church & School gymnasium, 200 Ruppert St., Pigeon. Tickets: adults \$8, children 5-12 \$5, children under 5 FREE. Tickets can be purchased from the church & school office between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Proceeds go toward summer youth camps and ministry.

## Saturday, February 26

Thumb Dance Club, 7-11 p.m., Sandusky Maple Valley School. Featuring: The Natural Tones (TNT). Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information, call Leola at (810) 657-9349 or Dorothy at (810) 404-4250.

## Sunday, February 27

Gagetown AA meeting, 8-9 p.m., Gagetown fire hall. For more information, call (989) 325-2592.

## Monday, February 28

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

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

Cass City School Board meeting, 7 p.m.

Hills & Dales General Hospital Auxiliary meeting, 11:30 a.m., Gilligan's.

Tuscola County Right to Life meeting, 6:30-8 p.m., Caro Area District Library, 840 W. Frank St., Caro. For more information, call (989) 872-3259.

Cass City Village Council meeting, 7 p.m., municipal building.

## Tuesday, March 1

Al-anon meeting, 7 p.m., St. Francis Parrish, Pigeon.

## Wednesday, March 2

Spoonfuls of Plenty FREE Community Meal, 4-6 p.m., LeeRoy Clark Building, 435 Green St., Caro. Open to anyone wanting a hot, home-style meal.

Owen-Gage School Board meeting, 7 p.m.

# Walk for Warmth on tap Feb. 26 in Thumb counties

Saturday, Feb. 26, is the 21st annual Walk for Warmth, which raises funds to assist people with utility emergencies. The event is hosted by the Human Development Commission (HDC) and the agency is asking for community support.

Walk for Warmth is a statewide event sponsored by Community Action Agencies, such as HDC, to raise money to help local families in need heat their homes. Local citizens gather pledges and walk a one-mile route in the cold to keep others warm.

Last year, with the support of community volunteers and businesses, HDC raised over \$46,000 to help struggling families and senior citizens in Huron, Lapeer, Sanilac and Tuscola counties.

"With so many people out of work, families are struggling to keep their households afloat," said Ragan Cudney, HDC Community Services manager. "Sometimes it hits a point where they just can't make it happen anymore, and that's when Walk For

Warmth funding is needed to help them get by and keep the heat on until times get better."

"Money raised in each county stays in that county," commented Cudney. "Funds raised truly help your neighbors, not someone in the next county."

While typical local residents spend 7 percent of their income on heating fuel in the winter, Walk For Warmth recipients spend over 30 percent of their budget to heat their homes. More than 62 percent of those who seek HDC's help with fuel payments receive no public assistance, and 56 percent are employed or have become recently unemployed.

The 21st annual Walk For Warmth will kick off with walker registration at 9 a.m., and simultaneous walks in all 4 counties starting at 9:30 a.m.

In Tuscola County, the walk begins at the LeeRoy Clark Center on Green Street in Caro; the Sanilac County walk begins at the HDC office in Sandusky; Lapeer County begins at

the County Historic Courthouse; and Huron County's walk begins at the HDC Adult Day Services/Early Head Start building on Cook Drive in Bad Axe.

There are several ways area residents can help:

\* Gather pledges and walk Feb. 26 (Or if you do not want to walk, gather pledges and HDC will designate a volunteer to walk for you!)

\* Rally your friends, co-workers, employees, family, etc. to gather pledges and walk

\* Make a cash donation, used directly for heating assistance

\* Donate merchandise, gift card or other item to be auctioned off at the fundraising events

To make a donation to the Walk for Warmth fund, obtain more information on the event, or to have a pledge sheet sent to you, call a local HDC office: Huron County (989) 269-9502, Lapeer County (810) 664-7133, Sanilac County (810) 648-4497, or Tuscola County (989) 673-4121.

# HDC claims "Best Chili" honors in 6th annual event

The Sixth Annual Chili Cook-Off to benefit Walk for Warmth was hosted by Bell-Wasik GMC Buick in Caro Feb. 8.

Chili connoisseurs gathered to judge the area's best chili and raise money to support the Walk for Warmth, which helps Tuscola County residents with utility and heating emergencies.

Seven chefs competed for the honors of "Best Chili" and "Most Money Raised." Participants included Paul Harper of Starbrite, Pete O'Brien of P.J. O'Brien's, Maryanne Eagle of Human Development Commission, Gary Bricker of Intermission Deli, John Sauber of J.J. Jamokes, Al Wasik of Bell-Wasik GMC Buick, and Bill Putnam of the Knights of Columbus.

All the chilis were great and judging was tough, but "Best Chili" honors went to Maryanne Eagle of Human Development. Winning for the "Most Money Raised" was Bill Putnam of the Knights of Columbus who raised \$669, including a \$250 donation from Kappen Tree Service. Overall, the event brought in \$1,590.

"We appreciate Bell-Wasik hosting this event for us for each year," said Ragan Cudney, Walk for Warmth coordinator for Human Development

Commission, "and especially thank all the chefs for participating. The money raised during this event will help keep the heat on for people facing utility shut-offs."

The annual Walk for Warmth will be held Saturday, Feb. 26.

Registration begins at 9 a.m. at the LeeRoy Clark building on Green Street, with the one-mile walk starting at 9:30 a.m. Pledge sheets can be obtained by calling or visiting the Human Development Commission office, (989) 673-4121.



**BILL PUTNAM of the Knights of Columbus presents checks to Susie Aberg of Human Development Commission during the Chili Cook-Off to benefit Walk for Warmth. Putman raised \$669 for the cause.**

# Funding sought for area park

Continued from page one.

nature trails. The campground is open May 1 through Dec. 1.

The park was originally developed, in part, with a \$523,000 Clean Michigan Initiative Grant about 10 years ago and opened in 2003.

"It cost us somewhere in the neighborhood of \$1 million to develop it," said Arthur Severance, who has represented Evergreen Township on the parks commission for the past several years. Severance indicated funding from a county parks millage also funded the project. The voter-approved tax totals 2 mills and generates about \$200,000 annually for all of the county's park facilities.

Prior to the improvements that began earlier in this decade, the Evergreen Park had no developed campsites and little in the way of roadways. The grant funding enabled officials to establish 40 campsites with full water, sewer and electric service, plus another 60 sites with electric service and 40 rustic sites along the river. Also added were the modern bathroom/shower facilities and an office.

This past summer, Severance said, the parks commission took advan-

tage of an opportunity to purchase 26.64 acres of property adjacent to the south border of the existing campground. The parks board closed on a Michigan Department of Natural Resources Land Acquisition Grant last summer, with plans to relocate 42 campsites to the additional property, making them usable throughout the camping season.

"The original (land acquisition) grant was about \$60,000, then the state cut back, so we got \$43,000, \$44,000," noted Severance, who said the total purchase price amounted to \$126,000.

He said the state grant park officials will be seeking to relocate 42 campsites to the new property is estimated at up to \$300,000, with the total cost projected at no more than \$500,000.

Over the past decade, Evergreen Park has continued to receive strong support from campers and tourists, not only from the Thumb region, but also from areas beyond, according to park officials. However, more than 40 flood plain camping sites have been rendered virtually unusable except for limited rustic camping, because no water, sewer or electric service can be provided in the flood plain area.

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# Budget Public Hearing (Truth in Budgeting) Notice

The Village of Gagetown Council will hold a public hearing on the proposed village budget for fiscal year April 1, 2010 through March 31, 2011 at the Elmwood Township Gagetown Municipal Building located at 6437 Lincoln Street, Gagetown on Monday, March 7, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. \*The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing. Copies of the budget will be available the night of the meeting.

Notice complies with MCL 141.436 & MCL 211.24e

Prepared by: Joan Koch  
Clerk/Treasurer  
Village of Gagetown  
February 23, 2011



**CASS CITY Middle School students who recently participated in the MSBOA Solo & Ensemble Festival at USA Schools included: (back row, left to right) Bryan Pinkoski, Erika Martin, Libby Venema, Katie House, Luke Koepf, (front row, left) Alex Graham, Taylor Spencer, Jordan Kittle, Chandler Cryderman and DeJa Robles. Missing are Cacealya Horne and Mandy Czekai.**



**CASS CITY High School freshman Kayla Zmierski performs with the Tri-County Honors Band.**

# Cass City band students shine at area festival

Cass City band students recently represented the local school district well at an area solo and ensemble festival and through participation in the Tri-County Honors Band.

A number of Cass City Middle School students took part in the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association (MSBOA) Solo & Ensemble Festival at USA Schools.

"There were several students that played solos, and several students that played (in small) ensembles like duets, trios and quartets," explained Jonelle Lull, director of bands for the Cass City Public Schools. "All the students that participated this year received a Division I or II rating, which earned them a medal with either a blue ribbon for a I (the highest rating possible) or a red ribbon for a II."

Participating students were: Erika Martin, clarinet solo, Division I rating; Katie House and Libby Venema, duet, Division I rating; Chandler Cryderman, bass clarinet solo, Division I rating; Mandy Czekai and Cacealya Horne, duet, Division II rating; Erika Martin, Katie House and Libby Venema, trio, Division I rating; Alex Graham and Bryan

Pinkoski, duet, Division II rating; Chandler Cryderman, Jordan Kittle and DeJa Robles, trio, Division II rating; Luke Koepf, snare solo, Division I rating; and Taylor Spencer, trombone solo, Division I rating.

Turning to the Tri-County Honors Band, Lull noted this was the first time in several years that Cass City has participated.

"Students have to prepare a required piece to audition with and are competing for placement with students in area schools in Tuscola, Sanilac and Huron counties," she said.

"Kayla Zmierski is a freshman flute player in the high school band who's been taking lessons and really developing her flute playing skills. She was accepted into the Tri-County Honors Band where she placed quite high in the section of 13 flute players," Lull added.

"Students accepted into the honors band had a day of rehearsal in mid-January and the Saturday before the concert to prepare all of the music," she said. "The concert was on Feb. 6 at Vassar High School. Kayla and the rest of the Tri-County Honors Band did a wonderful job."

# Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



## 5 YEARS AGO

Saturday the Cass City Forensic Team traveled to Beaverton High School for its second tournament of the year. After all was said and done, the team walked away with the championship in their division. All together, Cass City had 9 entries, with 8 of those 9 making it to semi finals and 7 making it to the finals. Individual honors went to the multiple team of Allie Richards, Jennifer Hacker, Jill Dillon, Allie Hillaker, Carly Rabideau, Jennica Richards and Phil Nahernak for their first place championship. Also with first places were Courtney Rabideau in Broadcasting and Sarah Langmaid in Sales. In storytelling, Kurt Hanby finished third and Courtney Hacker finished fifth. Brittany Loomis placed fifth in Oratory 9/10. Finally, the Duo of Anna and Ashley Deel finished sixth.

The Cass City Red Hawks rolled past Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port Tuesday by running up a commanding first half lead and then coasting to a 47-35 decision. One of the bright notes for Cass City fans was the return to the forefront of Brad Langenburg, who together with Chris Landrith paced the Hawks to the win. Langenburg ended with 18 points and Landrith scored 10. Kyle Dubs was in double figures for the Lakers with 10 points.

Old Man Winter limited the Owen-Gage Bulldog volleyball team to just one outing last week in Owendale where the hosts defeated Caseville during a 4 game North Central Thumb League tilt. The scores of Monday's hard-fought match were 25-19, 25-19, 14-25 and 25-20. Amanda Faist had 5 aces, 2 blocks and 3 kills to lead the winners, while Becky Schmidt added 6 aces and 4 kills and Katie Rhodes, 7 aces and 6 assists.

## 10 YEARS AGO

Curtis Chrysler, Plymouth, Dodge and Jeep, Cass City, has earned DaimlerChrysler's prestigious Five Star designation by successfully establishing a rigorous set of processes designed to ensure the highest level of customer satisfaction. Pat Curtis, Curtis Chrysler owner, has always insisted on customer service in his dealerships, so Five Star was an easy fit for the local dealership. "This is an all-new Five Star program," said M. John MacDonald, DaimlerChrysler's vice-president of sales and service. "Superior satisfaction is just one part of the process. Five Star dealerships have dedicated themselves to perpetuating the Five Star ideals of constant development and improvement. Five Star dealers must prove them-

selves year after year. It begins with taking a revolutionary new approach to measuring the Five Star commitment to customers. The criteria are strict and uncompromising."

Joshua McNaughton, a student at Concordia College, Ann Arbor, has been named to the dean's list for achieving a grade point average of 3.5 or better for the Fall 2000 Semester. He is the son of David and Connie McNaughton of Cass City.

Amanda Deering of Cass City has received an undergraduate student research grant from Central Michigan University. Undergraduate research and creative endeavors grants provide up to \$250 to offset costs associated with conducting research. Deering, a senior at CMU, is majoring in biology. Her project is titled, "Comparison of Protein Bodies from Wild Type and Opaqued Maize." A dean's list student, she is the daughter of Becky and Gary Deering.

## 25 YEARS AGO

The Thumb Area Women's Bowling Association Bowler of the Week for Feb. 3-9 is Marilyn Smith with a 604 actual series. She rolled games of 182, 214 and 208 and bowls on the Monday Night Ladies' League for Budweiser at Biff's, Kinde.

About 6 years ago, Jim Benkelman of Cass City was looking for a sport that he could participate in that would be exciting. It had to be a sport that in the event of an accident, would not keep him from work the very next day. Benkelman found the sport with both of those characteristics in offroad racing in odysseys. Benkelman, 28, lives at 4947 Schwegler Road, and is employed as the manager of the Broadcast House office in Caro. He and his racing partner, Joe Howard, of 4261 Oak Street, race under the team name of Selective Engineering. As far as his next big race is concerned, Benkelman says he doesn't know for sure when that will be taking place. "Sometimes, my partner and I will race 15 times a year, and the next year, only 2 or 3 times. Last year, it was the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Festival in Cass City, but we also raced at Deford and at the Owendale-Speedway. We always like to go the national championships held in Ohio. That's where 2 years ago, I took a fifth place finish, and last year, Joe came in fifth place in the nationals."

The Hawks defeated an inept Imlay City Spartans team Friday, 83-55. Everybody played and for the first time this season everybody scored. Dave Miller led the scoring parade with 22 points. Also in double figures for Cass City were Scott Adams with 14 points and Kurt Bliss with 10. The Spartans were led by Matt

Ankley, 20 points, and Dan Campbell, 18 points.

## 50 YEARS AGO

Keith McConkey and Ray Fleenor were honored for their work in scouting Wednesday night, Feb. 15, at the annual Blue and Gold banquet at Cass City High School. Each received a trophy for his service to scouting. The trophies read, "Service Above Self," and were presented to the men by the Cass City Rotary Club, sponsors of the scouts in Cass City.

Mrs. Keith Klinkman is the bowler of the week in the Thumb area after posting the best game by a lady in Cass City in two years. Bowling as a substitute Tuesday night, Feb. 14, Mrs. Klinkman posted a 605 series. Her game placed her among the elite three ladies in Cass City to bowl a 600 series in the last 25 years. Betty Dewey has the all-time mark with a 683 in 1955. In 1951 Mrs. Dewey posted a 610. The late Mrs. Genevieve Bartle made the charmed circle with a series of 605 and 621 in 1958. Mrs. Klinkman was to have been interviewed over a radio station Wednesday night.

Beverly Wiles, 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Wiles, Cass City, and Mary Anne Kain, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Kain, Owendale, have been named valedictorian and salutatorian of the 1961 graduating class of the Owendale-Gagetown Area High School by Charles Ellis, principal.

## 100 YEARS AGO

The stork beat the grim reaper by 1,111 during the month of January, according to the mortality report of the secretary of state. Last month 3,418 deaths were reported to the department of health, a decrease of 732 as compared to December. This corresponds to the annual death rate of 14.1 per 1,000 estimate population. There were 4,529 birth certificates filed with the state department last month, which is an increase of 279 over the number filed in December. Pneumonia in its various forms caused the deaths of 424 persons in Michigan last month, while tuberculosis was second with 238. Cancer claimed 183 and 167 deaths were due to violence.

The fifteenth of February was Miss Eleanor Bigelow's birthday and her friends here made the day memorable by giving her a postal card shower. Miss Bigelow was at Pigeon on the date mentioned attending her class in music and was agreeably surprised by the deluge of cards she received at the noon mail delivery, about 40 friends sending her tokens of remembrances.

# Cass City Area Church Directory

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

**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.  
Pastor: Jerry Harrington  
Associate Pastor: Judy A. Escklisen

**Cass City Missionary Church**  
4449 Koepfgen Rd., Cass City, MI 48726  
989-872-2729  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service 10:50 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Service & Youth Group 6:30 p.m.  
Wednesday Family Night 6:30 p.m.  
Pastor: Phil Burkett  
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. Jackie Roe

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

**First Baptist Church**  
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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  
State & National Historical Registry  
6505 Church St., Cass City, MI 48726  
872-5400  
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: Randall Russell

**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  
www.livingwordcog.net

**Novesta Church of Christ**  
2896 N. Cemetery Rd., Cass City, MI 48726  
872-3658 or 872-1195  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.  
Youth Group & Sunday Evening -  
Services 6:00 p.m.  
Ministers: Brad Gniewek & Brad Speirs  
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**Christian Fellowship Church**  
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There are no restrictions for legal axle weight loads on roads designated as "all-season trunklines." On routes designated as "seasonal," there will be a posted reduction of 25 percent for rigid pavements and 35 percent for flexible pavements.

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For weight restriction information and updates, call 800-787-8960, or you can access this information on MDOT's Mi Drive website at michigan.gov/drive; on "Truckers". All-season routes are designated in green and gold on the MDOT Truck Operators Map, which is available online. You may also sign up to receive e-mail alerts.

Trucking companies located in New Jersey and Canada can obtain information by calling (517) 373-6256.



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## Truckers can go online to take care of vehicle registrations

Michigan-based truck drivers now have a convenient place to go to perform many of their vehicle registration-related transactions with the Department of State: online.

Secretary of State Ruth Johnson announced the new service at the Michigan Trucking Association's annual Safety Awards Banquet in

Lansing, where she helped honor those most dedicated to safety in the state's trucking industry.

The web-based system, known as IRP Online, allows motor carriers that travel across the United States and Canada to manage their accounts with the department via the Internet, rather than in person, by mail or by fax.

"IRP Online is a timesaver for Michigan's motor carriers and for this department," said Johnson. "This technology makes things easier for truck drivers and allows us to provide the best possible service while streamlining our operations."

Offering transactions online allows carriers to avoid filling out paperwork and sending it to the department with a paper check. They can now pay online with an e-check. IRP Online is easy to use and intuitive, Johnson said. It provides step-by-step instructions and an online training manual. Now, instead of handling paperwork, carriers can spend more time on the road delivering goods and services across North America.

IRP is short for the International

Registration Plan, a reciprocal agreement that involves most states and Canadian provinces. The IRP provides for license fee payment based on the fleet distance operated in member jurisdictions. Michigan has been participating since 1985.

Transactions that may be processed through IRP Online include renewing vehicle registrations; adding vehicles; adding jurisdictions (states/provinces); replacing cab cards (vehicle registration certificates); plates and stickers and editing account information.

There are approximately 8,000 fleets and 35,000 vehicles in Michigan covered by the International Registration Plan. Of those, more than 400 carriers have registered for IRP Online.

For more information about elections and other services, visit the Secretary of State website ([www.Michigan.gov/sos](http://www.Michigan.gov/sos)) and sign up for official Secretary of State Twitter feeds ([www.twitter.com/Michsos](http://www.twitter.com/Michsos)) and Facebook updates ([www.facebook.com/Michigansos](http://www.facebook.com/Michigansos)).

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# Village of Cass City, Michigan Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for 2010

In 1996, Congress amended the Safe Drinking Water Act. This legislation added a provision requiring all community water systems deliver to their customers a brief Annual Water Quality Report.

The Village of Cass City is pleased to provide you with this year's Annual Drinking Water Quality Report. We want to keep you informed about the water quality and services we have delivered to you over the past year. Our goal is, and always has been, to provide a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. The Village of Cass City obtains its water from three different municipal wells. All three wells are located in the Village Park, at the east end of town. Wells No. 1 and No. 2, located just east of the tennis courts, were installed in 1946. They are 290 feet and 240 feet deep respectively. Well No. 3 is located on the west side of the volleyball courts. Well No. 3 was installed in 1998 and extends to a depth of 311 feet. All three municipal wells are drilled into the bedrock of the Michigan Formation. The Village now has the capacity to pump 1,656,000 gallons of water per day.

In 2007 the Village of Cass City constructed an arsenic removal plant. On January 23, 2006 the the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) lowered the MCL(Maximum Contaminant Level) for arsenic from 50 ppb to 10ppb. The Village of Cass City did not meet the new Arsenic standard. On April 18, 2007 the Village started supplying water that exceeds the new standard of 10ppb. The arsenic was reduced from a high of 29ppb to under 5ppb.

The State of Michigan has produced a Source Water Assessment for each of the Village's wells. This Assessment reports the susceptibility of our water supply sources to contamination. The susceptibility score is broken down into 7 categories. Very Low, Low, Moderately Low, Moderate, Moderately High, High, or Very High. The score, given by the State, for all three of the Village wells, is **Moderately High**. The susceptibility rating is based primarily on geologic sensitivity, water chemistry and contaminant sources. The complete Source Water Assessment is available by contacting the Village office.

This report shows our water quality and what it means to you, our customers.

If you have any questions concerning this report, or about your water, or your water utility please contact Gary Barnes, Monday thru Friday, 8:00 a.m. thru 3:30 p.m., 989-872-2911. The Village also has regularly scheduled Village Council Meetings the last Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall, 6506 Main Street, Cass City Michigan. The public is welcome at all meetings of the Village Council.

All drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate the water poses a health risk. As water travels over the land or underground, it can pick up substances or contaminants such as microbes, inorganic and organic chemicals, and radioactive substances. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) "Safe Drinking Water Hotline: at 1-800-426-4791.

The Village of Cass City routinely monitors for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. The Village has conducted tests for over 150 different contaminants, on each municipal well and through out the system. The following table shows the results of our monitoring, for the period January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009.

## VILLAGE OF CASS CITY MICHIGAN DRINKING WATER TEST ANALYSIS

### TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS USED IN TABLE BELOW

- Non-Detects - (ND)** - laboratory analysis indicates that the contaminant is not present.
- Parts Per Million - (ppm)** - one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.
- Parts Per Billion - (ppb)** - one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.
- Maximum Contaminant Level - (MCL)** is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water . MCL are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
- Maximum Contaminant Level Goal - (MCLG)** is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
- Maximum Residual disinfectant Level - (MRDL)** is the highest level of free chlorine allowed in the distribution system.
- Action Level - (AL)** is the concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
- Picocuries per liter - (pCi/l)** picocuries per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water.

The State of Michigan allows us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. All of the data is representative of our water quality, but some are more than one year old. The tables below represent the most current testing information available.

### Contaminants Regulated by The State of Michigan

CHLORINE RESIDUALS From the Distribution System					
Contaminant	Date of Most Recent Testing	Highest Level Detected in our Water	Lowest Level Detected in our Water	Highest running Annual average	Likely Source of Contamination
Free Chlorine Residuals	3 samples taken each month throughout the system in 2010	.6 ppm	.01ppm	.44	Water additive used to control microbes

BYPRODUCTS FROM CHLORINE DISINFECTANTS Detected in the Distribution System							
Contaminant	Date of Most Recent Testing	Highest Level Detected in our Water	Range detected in our water	Violation Yes/No	MCL	MCLG	Likely Source of Contamination
Total Trihalomethanes	9-12-2005	ND	ND	No	80 ppb	No MCLG	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Total Haloacetic Acids	9-12-2005	ND	ND	No	60 ppb	No MCLG	By-product of drinking water chlorination

LEAD AND COPPER Detected in the Distribution System							
Contaminant	Date of Most Recent Testing	Number of sites Tested	90th Percentile	Number of sites over Action Level	Violation Yes/No	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Lead	7-18-2008	10	.9 ppb	0	No	15 ppb	Corrosion of household plumbing
Copper	7-18-2008	10	289 ppb	0	No	1300 ppb	Corrosion of household plumbing

RADIOLOGICAL CONTAMINANTS Detected in Village Wells							
Contaminant	Date of Most Recent Testing	Highest Level Detected in our Water	Range detected in our water	Violation Yes/No	MCL	MCLG	Likely Source of Contamination
Gross Alpha	1-16-2002	1.3 pCi/L	.8 pCi/L to 1.3 pCi/L	No	15 pCi/L	0	Erosion of natural deposits
Radium 226	1-16-2002	.4 pCi/l	.3 pCi/L to .4 pCi/L	No	5 pCi/L	0	Erosion of natural deposits

INORGANIC CONTAMINANTS							
Contaminant	Date of Most Recent Testing	Highest Level Detected in our Water	Range detected in our water	Violation Yes/No	MCL	MCLG	Likely Source of Contamination
Barium	1-27-2003	.18 ppm	.12 ppm to .18 ppm	No	2 ppm	2ppm	Erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride	2-8-2010	.76 ppm	.57 ppm to .76 ppm	No	4 ppm	4 ppm	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth

ARSENIC Samples taken Quarterly from Arsenic Treatment Plant Tap							
Contaminant	Date of All Samples taken in 2008	Highest Level Detected in our Water	Range detected in our water	Violation Yes/No	MCL	MCLG	Likely Source of Contamination
Arsenic	2-10-2010 4-22-2010 9-2-2010 10-20-2010	4 ppb 4 ppb 4 ppb 4 ppb	4 ppb To 4 ppb	No	10ppb	0	Erosion of natural deposits

### POTENTIAL HEALTH CONCERNS FOR CONTAMINANTS LISTED IN TABLES ABOVE

- Arsenic** - Some people who drink water containing arsenic in excess of the MCL, over many years could experience skin damage or problems with their circulatory system, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.
- Barium** - Some people who drink water containing barium in excess of the MCL, over many years could experience an increase in their blood pressure.
- Chlorine** - Some people who use water containing chlorine well in excess of the MRDL could experience irritating effects to their eyes and nose. Some people who drink water containing chlorine well in excess of the MRDL could experience stomach discomfort.
- Copper** - Copper is an essential nutrient, but some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over a relatively short amount of time could experience gastrointestinal distress. Some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over many years could suffer liver or kidney damage. People with Wilson's Disease should consult their personal doctor.
- Fluoride** - Some people who drink water containing fluoride in excess of the MCL, over many years could get bone disease, including pain and tenderness of the bones. Children may get mottled teeth.
- Lead** - If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The Village of Cass City is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.
- Total trihalomethanes** - Some people who drink water containing trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or central nervous systems, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

#### Radiological Contaminants

- Gross Alpha** - Certain minerals are radioactive and may emit a form of radiation known as alpha radiation. Some people who drink water containing alpha emitters in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.
- Radium 226/228** - Some people who drink water containing radium 226 or 228 in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

### Contaminants Not Regulated by The State Of Michigan

Unregulated Contaminants are those for which EPA has not established drinking water standards. Monitoring helps EPA to determine where these contaminants occur and whether it needs to regulate those contaminants. Potential health concerns are not listed for these contaminants.

Contaminant	Date of Most Recent Testing	Level detected from the Arsenic Treatment Plant Tap	Likely Source of Contamination
Sodium	2-8-2010	14 ppm	Erosion of natural deposits
Sulfate	2-8-2010	51 ppm	Erosion of natural deposits

Contaminant	Date of Most Recent Testing	Level Detected In Distribution System	Likely Source of Contaminant
Bromoform	7-8-2005 9-12-2005	1.9 ppb ND	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Chlorodibromomethane	7-8-05 9-12-2005	23 ppb ND	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Chloroform	7-8-2005 9-12-2005	12 ppb ND	By product of drinking water chlorination
Dichlorobromome-thane	7-8-2005 9-12-2005	15 ppb ND	By-product of drinking water chlorination

**All sources of drinking water are subject to potential contamination by substances that are naturally occurring or man made. These substances can be:**

- Microbial Contaminants**, such as viruses and bacteria, may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants**, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.
- Pesticides and herbicides**, may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture and residential uses.
- Radioactive contaminants**, are naturally occurring, or can be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.
- Organic chemical contaminants**, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public systems. The FDA regulates contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

MCL's (Maximum Contaminant Levels) are set at very stringent standards. To understand the possible health effects described for many regulated contaminants, a person would have to drink 2 liters of water every day at the MCL level for a lifetime, to have a "one-in-a-million chance" of experiencing the described health effect.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by crypto sporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at: (1-800-426-4791).

Please call the Village Office if you have any questions or would like to see the reports for all of the tests the Village has conducted. The contact person for this information is Gary Barnes, telephone: (989) 872-2911.



**CASS CITY HIGH School student Liz Lintner takes a ride on a zip line, just one of many attractions local students enjoyed during a trip to Costa Rica last year. Teacher Chris Collins, who organized and planned the adventure, is gearing up to take another group of students to Europe in 2012.**

## Students raise cash for trip

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pizza kits, plus a bottle drive, but the bake sale stands out as far as the amount of cash raised, he noted.

While the students and their parents will still have to shoulder the lion's share of the travel cost, Collins indicated their investment will be returned several-fold in terms of life experience, starting with a flight to Milan, Italy, next April.

From there, the group, including 10 adult chaperones, will head for Cinque Terre, also in Italy. "On day 2 we're basically going to be making a beeline to the Mediterranean Coast," Collins pointed out. He said the third day of the tour will introduce the students to the Italian Riviera, followed by a trek to Monaco, which borders France and Italy, on day 4. "On day 5, we'll see the French Riviera, and on day 6, we'll be going to Barcelona, Spain." The next day will include a guided tour of Barcelona.

"My intent, on this trip, was to open it up to all Cass City High School students," noted Collins, who

acknowledged his expertise in speaking Spanish won't do him a great deal of good during the early going on this adventure. "The first 6 days, I'm going to be a little out of my element," he said.

However, Collins is no stranger to Barcelona, having lived just outside of the town for a few years when he was a teen while his parents were missionaries in the region.

Day 8 of the tour will be a free day. "I want to take them on a tour and show them several places that were of interest to me," he said of his "home away from home", where he hopes to introduce the group to some of his acquaintances in Spain.

Collins indicated chaperoning a trip abroad is tiring, but he doesn't mind, given what his students get out of the adventure. And, he says, he has been fortunate to take groups of kids that have proven their desire to make the most out of their travels by behaving like responsible, young adults.

"It is (exhausting). It can be mentally exhausting as well, just making sure all the details are covered, that all the kids are safe, but it can be

very rewarding and very worthwhile," he said.

"I just love giving the kids the opportunity to see life beyond Cass City," he added. "The students I've taken have been amazing. I'm very proud of our kids."

"I hope they have a broadened perspective, a broadened horizon," Collins continued, "that there's more to life than the American way of life, and that we do have a great country. I want them to see some things, culturally, that we've talked about in class; the European way of life, traditions, foods."

In spite of the work involved, Collins is hesitant to accept any credit.

"Really I'm just carrying on a great tradition started by Teresa Trisch," he said of his predecessor, who taught Italian, Spanish and French at Cass City High School for a number of years.

"I don't see it (organizing trips abroad) as going above and beyond. I just see it as something I enjoy doing, something I feel privileged to be a part of."

## Kids Count report: poverty woes are still worsening here

While schools are the key to producing Michigan's next generation of skilled workers, education doesn't start and stop at the classroom door. A new report released recently concludes that other supports needed by children are unraveling.

"Connecting the dots between education and other areas of children's lives" is the theme of Kids Count in Michigan Data Book 2010: The Education Connection (pdf). The annual Kids Count book looks at data trends in 15 areas and ranks the 83 counties based on the recent rates.

"We can't look at our education system in isolation. Michigan must make sure children are healthy and have adequate economic support and that a strong child welfare system is in place to protect children," said Jane Zehnder-Merrell, director of the Kids Count in Michigan project at the Michigan League for Human Services. "Unfortunately, the data shows that support systems are strained and overloaded — we're not keeping up with the needs of kids."

Chief among the risk factors is the

dramatic increase in poverty with roughly one in every 5 children in Michigan living in poverty. The rates are much higher for children of color: Nearly one out of every 2 African American children and more than one out of three Hispanic children live in poverty.

Another indicator of economic trouble is the rising number of children eligible for free and reduced-price lunch. Eligibility is pegged at 185 percent of poverty — roughly \$40,000 a year or less for a family of four. The rate jumped 26 percent in just 3 years, rising from 36 percent of children in 2006 to nearly 46 percent in 2009.

Additionally, the state experienced a sharp rise — 25 percent — in the rate of confirmed victims of abuse and neglect between 2000 and 2009. A federal report finds that 90 percent of the cases are due to neglect, often made worse by poverty.

Overall, Michigan has improved on 8 measures, but worsened on 6. A comparison could not be made on one indicator because the data has

changed. The biggest statewide erosion in child well-being was in the area of economic security, while the biggest improvements were in scores on the state Michigan Educational Assessment Program tests, though national comparisons show that MEAP reading standards are well below national standards.

And while the new data book shows a 25 percent decrease in the number of high school dropouts from 2007 to 2009, there remain 16,124 teens who left school without a diploma in 2009.

"These kids are at greater risk of unemployment, poverty, substance abuse, incarceration and poor health — all of which will cost the state and communities," said Jack Kresnak, president and CEO of Michigan's Children, a partner in the Kids Count release. "The decrease in the overall number of dropouts is great, but Michigan can't offer employers its best possible workforce until all students achieve at least a minimal education with a high school diploma."

Cuts in recent years have hurt, including family preservation programs, child abuse and neglect prevention, income supports to desperately poor households, teen parent counseling and subsidized child care for low-wage working parents.

"This report speaks clearly — we need to invest in children, making sure that they have what they need to succeed in school and in life," said Michigan League for Human Services President & CEO Gilda Z. Jacobs. "We cannot afford to keep cutting programs that help grow our next generation of skilled workers and taxpayers."

## Kingston students recognized

**Grade 1 (perfect attendance)**  
William Cumper and Zachary Hayost.

**Grade 1 (outstanding attendance)**  
Jason Tenbusch

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Caleb Goss

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**Grade 4 (perfect attendance)**  
Josh Benjamin, Otto Branch, Nathan Cloyd, Mason DeBlois, Dakota Distelrath, Noah Edwards, Tyler Hayost, Kara Haebler, Aric Hobson, Brian Hobson, Amber Jackson, Calvin Robinson, Carley Smith, Morgan Tallieu, Emily Warrington and Bryan Wright.

**Grade 4 (outstanding attendance)**  
Tyler Blankenship, Michael Bombard, Gerilyn Carpenter, Jillyan Dinsmore, Gary Goodman,

Elizabeth Hardy, Kirklen Heron, Shyanne LaFond, Lilly Lyons, Camryn MacGuire, Hannah McSkulin, Kelcey Stover, Andrew Tucker, Leigha Vanderpool and Peyton Wyckoff.

**Grade 5 (perfect attendance)**  
Dez Carter, Josiah Cofer, Garrett Green, Megan Holmes, Zack Jobson, Amber Mahan, Brandin McConnell, Hannah Pardee, Madisyn Spencer and Cassidy Zyrowski.

**Grade 5 (outstanding attendance)**  
Michael Bailey, Dakota Bearden, Grace Dinsmore, Madisyn Pennington, Haley Pohlod and Daniel Schwarck.

**Grade 6 (perfect attendance)**  
Alex Adamczyk, Chelsey Clapsaddle, Nick Edwards, Sam Favazza, Cheyenne Gottler, Victoria Hale, Grant Koehler, Molly Laverly, Aracelli Peter and Christian Teal.

**Grade 6 (outstanding attendance)**  
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RED HAWKS Cole Israelson (45) and Morgan Erla battle Bay City All Saints' Drew Janer for a loose ball Friday in Cass City.

## Cass City's fast start dooms guest Bay City All Saints

Cass City used 12 straight points to open Thursday's Greater Thumb West contest against visiting Bay City All Saints and never looked back.

Logan Rowell continued her fine play of late and recorded 3 baskets in the lane to help get the Red Hawks off to a quick start en route to the 38-26 Greater Thumb West decision.

Rowell posted a double-double on the night for Coach Lloyd Schinnerer's squad and finished with 14 points and 11 rebounds, to complement 3 blocks. Even so, the veteran mentor was quick to praise the efforts of bench players Shania Chambers and Hayley Peters in the win.

"This was our third game this week;

we were a bit sloppy as a result. But we played hard and when Rowell led the entire second quarter with 2 fouls, our bench filled in admirably," he said.

With Rowell on the pine, McKensie Parrish hit for a couple of treys in the initial half that ended 22-11. The Red Hawks then outscored the Cougars 10-7 in the third before coasting to the double digit decision.

Not to be overlooked in the Red Hawk win was the play of guard Megan Parrish. She threaded the needle on timely passes into the low post when Rowell would get her defender in her hip and also dished off to teammates after penetrating the paint on fast break opportunities.

Parrish showed off her knowledge of the game using skip passes to provide McKensie Parrish, who hit for 3 treys on her way to game scoring honors with 15 points, with descent looks from behind the 3-point arc.

Megan Marvin and Jill Gerulski split 16 points to lead Bay City All Saints.

### KINGSTON

In non-conference play 2 days earlier, Cass City entertained Kingston and posted a 54-32 triumph over the North Central Thumb League Cardinals.

The hosts led 14-6 after one quarter, 23-8 after 2 and 42-23 after 3.

Rowell scored at will from the field and added a 3-for-4 showing at the line to record game scoring honors with 23 points.

Quinn Daily's 10 points led the visitors.

**CASS CITY** - Megan Parrish 1-1 (2-2) 7; Chambers 2-0 (0-0) 4; McKensie Parrish 1-3 (0-0) 11; Hendrick 2-1 (2-2) 9; Rowell 10-0 (3-4) 23.  
**TOTALS** - 16-5 (7-8) 54.

**KINGSTON** - Collins 2-1 (0-0) 7; Schwarck 1-0 (0-0) 2; Daily 4-0 (2-2) 10; Lavery 1-0 (0-0) 11; Hendrick 2-1 (2-2) 3; Barden 3-0 (2-2) 8.  
**TOTALS** - 12-1 (5-6) 32.

**CASS CITY** - Megan Parrish 2-1 (0-0) 7; Chambers 1-0 (0-0) 2; McKensie Parrish 3-2 (3-4) 15; Clifton 0-0 (0-2) 0; Hendrick 0-0 (0-2) 0; Rowell 5-0 (4-7) 14.  
**TOTALS** - 11-3 (7-15) 38.

**BCAS** - Kleinau 1-0 (1-2) 3; Marvin 4-0 (0-0) 8; Gerulski 3-0 (2-2) 8; Hartson 0-0 (2-2) 2; Gasta 1-0 (0-0) 2; Sutton 1-0 (1-2) 3.  
**TOTALS** - 10-0 (6-8) 26.



CASS CITY'S McKensie Parrish is pushed towards the baseline by Bay City All Saints defender Jill Gerulski Thursday in GTW play. The Red Hawk senior led all scorers with 15 points.

## Cougars remain on top of GTW standings with 50-47 win over Cass City

In preparing for Friday's Greater Thumb West match-up against league leading Bay City All Saints, Coach Jim Green would play the role of Drew Janer during his Cass City basketball team's practices.

Part of the reasoning for Green marking himself as the Cougar's best player lies in the fact his roster numbers only 10. Another factor, however, was during full court defensive drills last week, his players were instructed to always know where Green, aka Janer, was positioned on the floor.

Cass City's preparation held the high scoring Janer, the conference's leading scorer, to just 11 points, with only 3 coming after the break. But with special attention directed at Janer, who sometimes faced a box and one defense, Nate Sobczak stepped up to deliver a game-high 18 points in the Cougar win.

With the 50-47 setback, Cass City was saddled with their third defeat in 5 days. The Red Hawks will attempt to get back on course tonight (Wednesday) when GTW cellardweller Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port comes to town.

"We had too many missed opportunities versus the league leaders. I was proud of how the team executed our defensive game plan. Unfortunately, poor shooting and untimely turnovers proved to be our downfall," said Green.

For awhile it looked like Janer was on his way to another high scoring night. He scored on a baseline drive and added his first trey to help the visitors gain a 13-3 margin. That was the score when Red Hawk sophomore Cole Israelson entered the contest, with 2:53 showing on the clock, and sparked a 7-0 run to close the initial quarter.

Israelson, an imposing figure at 6'7", didn't contribute on the scoreboard in the opening quarter, but was plenty impressive around the glass and in the middle of the Hawks' zone defense.

So was Cameron Dunnuck. Standing just 6'5", the senior center gave Cass City its first lead on the night, when he followed a Justin Ketterer triple with a solid move near the low block, producing a 15-14 edge for the underdogs.

Trailing 26-20 at the intermission, Cass City climbed all the way back during the third period after Dunnuck scored near the basket with under one minute remaining in the period. The hoop was Dunnuck's sixth marker in the period and he looked ready to take control of the offensive chores for the hosts down the wire.

Instead, Dunnuck collected his 4th foul moments later, forcing him to the bench, where he would start the final 8-minutes with the scoreboard knotted at 34-34.

Sobczak wasted little time in hurting Cass City in the final quarter. He sandwiched a pair of free throws between 2 field goals while Dunnuck was sidelined with foul trouble. His final basket on the night produced a 46-42 Cougar advantage with 50 seconds remaining.

Kevin Swiercz then iced the game for the visitors with 4 freebies in the closing seconds. Swiercz chipped in 13 points, which included a 9-of-10 showing at the line.

Alex Varney hit for 3 treys in the final half and recorded 13 points for Cass City.

Both teams would finish the contest in the double bonus. Cass City converted 12-of 18 freebies, while the Cougars were 20-of-31 from the line. A total of 39 fouls were whistled on both teams.

### USA GAME

Earlier last week, on Wednesday, Cass City slipped 50-36 to GTW foe Unionville-Sebewaing. The host Patriots trailed early, but outscored the Red Hawks 18-8 in both the second and fourth periods to earn the victory.

Varney with 19 points and Dunnuck with 13, scored all but 4 of Cass City's points.

Jake Holland registered 22 points for USA.

## Reese takes 2 from Hawks

A double header make-up contest in Reese saw opposite starts for the Cass City varsity basketball teams end with the same results.

In the opening game, last week, Monday, the Lady Red Hawks fell behind 15-2 after 8 minutes en route to suffering a 56-44 setback to the host Rockets, while the Red Hawk boys' team actually took a 16-4 edge into the second quarter of the nightcap, only to fall, 54-46, in Greater Thumb West play.

In game one, Cass City actually battled all the way back from an 11-point deficit at the break to grab the lead twice in the third quarter. Coach Lloyd Schinnerer's Lady Red Hawks came out of the locker room and played nearly a perfect stanza, outscoring the conference leaders 21-14 in the frame.

The final 8 minutes saw the hosts use a 9-5 advantage at the foul line to help preserve the outcome.

Carley Hendrick, with a 6-of-7 showing at the line, and Logan Rowell, with a 7-of-8 effort at the stripe, paced Cass City with 14 and 11 points, respectively.

"We had another good performance from the free throw line, making 17 of 23 for 74-percent," said Schinnerer.

Jillian Gerow registered 15 tallies to lead Reese.

Turning to the nightcap, Cass City was on top 24-16 after 2 quarters of play, but surrendering 19 points in both the 3rd and 4th quarters proved too much for the visitors to overcome.

Alex Varney's 13 points was tops for Cass City.

Adam Fuerst had 22 markers for Reese.

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#### BOYS' BASKETBALL

Tuesday, February 22	Lakeville	Lakeville	Lakeville
Caro at Lakeville			
Wednesday, February 23	Lakers at Cass City	Cass City	Cass City
Ublly at Mayville	Ublly	Ublly	Ublly
Thursday, February 24	Owen-Gage at SASA	SASA	SASA
Peck at Kingston	Peck	Peck	Peck
Friday, February 25	Cass City at Vassar	Vassar	Cass City
Ublly at Bad Axe	Ublly	Ublly	Ublly
Birch Run at Caro	Birch Run	Birch Run	Birch Run

#### GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Tuesday, February 22	Lakers	Lakers	Lakers
Lakers at Cass City			
Ublly at Mayville	Mayville	Mayville	Mayville
Brown City at Kingston	Brown City	Brown City	Brown City
Wednesday, February 23	Caro at Lakeville	Lakeville	Caro
Thursday, February 24	Cass City at Vassar	Cass City	Vassar
Cass City at Vassar	Cass City	Vassar	Cass City
Owen-Gage at SASA	Owen-Gage	Owen-Gage	SASA
Bad Axe at Ublly	Bad Axe	Bad Axe	Bad Axe
Kingston at CPS	Kingston	CPS	Kingston
Friday, February 25	Birch Run at Caro	Birch Run	Birch Run
Birch Run at Caro	Birch Run	Birch Run	Birch Run
Last Week's Results	12-1	11-2	7-6
Season's Results	87-44 (66%)	84-47 (64%)	75-56 (57%)

# Red Hawks advance 3 grapplers to state finals

A pair of Greater Thumb Conference wrestling powers proved no match for New Lothrop last week in Division 4 team regional action. A powerful Hornet squad used a 62-14 victory over Cass City Wednesday to advance into the regional final, where the hosts earned the regional crown with a 70-

6 win over Mayville. With the defeat, Coach Don Markel's Red Hawks' end their dual meet season with a 30-16 record and a pair of championships. "New Lothrop is one of the top teams in the state and was one of the best teams that we faced this season," said Markel.

Cass City enjoyed limited success on the day. Victorious for the Red Hawks were Kurt Reif, 160-pound weight class, who earned a 16-1 technical fall, Josh Jensen, 171-pound weight class, who pinned his opponent in 3:23, and Austin Baker who won a hard fought 11-7 victory, reported Markel.

of the season, capturing a league title and district championship along the way. To send 8 athletes to the regionals and then advancing 3 on to the state finals speaks highly of the tremendous work that the team put into the season to achieve the success that they have," said Markel. While Markel was delighted that seniors Cody Crouch, 130-pound weight class, and Mike Milligan, 189-pound weight class, along with junior Jensen, all advanced with top showings Saturday, the veteran mentor agonized seeing the season end for 5 other Red Hawks in Ithaca.

Markel. "Unfortunately, due to a knee injury sustained at home, Nick Adkins was unable to compete in regional competition."

He added, "Both Cody Pringle and Jon Crouch completed outstanding careers. Cody was one of the most improved wrestlers on the team this season and Jon, with a career record of 143-46, has one of the best records in Cass City wrestling history."

Jensen, who will take a 52-3 mark into the next round, recorded a runner-up finish to pace Cass City at the Ithaca regional. Cody Crouch, 49-10 on the season, and Milligan, 42-8, each advance to the state finals with 4th place efforts.

## Owen-Gage suffers lopsided setback to NCTL-S leaders

Owen-Gage fell from the top of the North Central Thumb League - North girls' basketball standings after suffering a 59-27 defeat in Memphis.

Still, the Bulldogs can win a share of the NCTL-N title Tuesday night in North Huron if they can get past the Warriors, who will be looking to avenge an early season overtime loss in Owendale.

"If we can win at North Huron we will share the conference championship with Port Hope. They finished their (NCTL) season Saturday with a win over Caseville. The have a 9 and 4 record in the league and we are one game back (in the win column) at 8 and 4," said Coach Doug Hyatt.

The Yellowjackets, leaders in the NCTL-South with a perfect 13-0 record, made sure the Bulldogs

would not be undisputed champions. They led 14-3 early and 36-12 at the break.

Christin Harris had a team-high 11 points for Owen-Gage.

### BOWLING

Merchannettes as of Feb. 17

Thumb Octagon Barn	33
All Or Nothing	27
Just One More	16
Team #4	8
Individual High Games & Series:	
Deidra Zdrojewski 183-151 (444);	
Marlene Sieradzki 179 (425).	
Team High Games & Series: Thumb Octagon Barn 567-555 (1581).	
Splits: Peggy Hellwig 5-10; Joan Koch 3-10; Deidra Zdrojewski 3-10.	
Strikes: Deidra Zdrojewski 3 in a row.	

### AREA STANDINGS

Boys' Basketball Standings				Girls' Basketball Standings			
Greater Thumb West				Greater Thumb West			
Team	W	L	W	L	Team	W	L
BCAS	8	1	13	3	*Reese	10	1
Reese	6	3	10	7	EPBP	8	2
USA	5	4	9	7	Cass City	5	4
Vassar	4	4	9	7	Vassar	5	5
Cass City	4	4	8	8	USA	4	5
Bad Axe	2	7	5	11	BCAS	2	8
EPBP	1	7	3	13	Bad Axe	1	10
Greater Thumb East				Greater Thumb East			
Team	W	L	W	L	Team	W	L
H. Beach	6	1	12	3	*Sandusky	9	0
Marlette	5	2	13	4	Brown City	7	2
Ubly	5	3	12	4	Marlette	6	3
Sandusky	4	4	11	7	H. Beach	4	5
Brown City	2	5	5	12	Mayville	1	8
Mayville	0	7	1	15	Ubly	0	9
North Central Thumb North				North Central Thumb North			
Team	W	L	W	L	Team	W	L
North Huron	7	3	9	7	Port Hope	9	4
A-Fairgrove	8	4	8	9	Owen-Gage	8	4
Owen-Gage	2	9	2	14	North Huron	4	8
Port Hope	2	9	2	12	Caseville	3	6
Caseville	2	10	2	14	A. Fairgrove	0	12
North Central Thumb South				North Central Thumb South			
Team	W	L	W	L	Team	W	L
*CPS	11	0	16	1	*Memphis	13	0
Memphis	8	4	9	9	Deckerville	9	3
Deckerville	7	4	9	8	Kingston	6	5
Peck	6	4	10	6	CPS	5	6
Kingston	2	8	6	10	Peck	-	3

\*Clinched title

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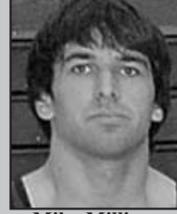
ATHLETES of the WEEK

Schneeberger's honors Cass City wrestlers Josh Jensen, Cody Crouch and Mike Milligan as their Athletes of the Week award winners.

The Red Hawk trio all advanced from Saturday's Division 4 individual regionals in Ithaca and will compete next at the Palace of Auburn Hills during the state finals, slated for March 3-5.

Jensen, a junior, will take a lofty 52-3 record into the season-ending meet after finishing runner-up over the weekend in the 171-pound weight class, while seniors Crouch and Milligan both placed 4th to qualify for state honors. Crouch holds a 49-10 mark in the 130-pound weight class, and Milligan, a 42-8 record in the 189-pound weight class following Saturday's action.





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Dec. 16	Vassar	6:30 p.m.
Jan. 11	Freeland	6:30 p.m.
Jan. 18	Vassar	6:30 p.m.
Jan. 29	St. Johns Invite	10 a.m.
Feb. 12	Vassar Invite	12 p.m.
Feb. 19	Freeland (Quad)	6:30 p.m.



## WRESTLING

Dec. 1	Imlay City/Capac	5 p.m.
Dec. 4	Cros-Lex Team Tourney	9 a.m.
Dec. 8	Caro/Vassar/Mt. Morris	6 p.m.
Dec. 11	Marlette Team Tourney	8 a.m.
Dec. 15	Millington/Chesaning/Kearsley	6 p.m.
Dec. 18	Swan Valley Team Tourney	9:30 a.m.
Jan. 5	Vassar/Brown City	6 p.m.
Jan. 8	North Branch Team Tourney	9 a.m.
Jan. 12	Memphis/EPBP Lakers	6 p.m.
Jan. 15	Imlay City Invite	9 a.m.
Jan. 19	Bad Axe/Marlette	6 p.m.
Jan. 22	Mayville Team Tourney	9 a.m.
Jan. 26	Midland/Sandusky	6 p.m.
Jan. 29	Bullock Creek Team Tourney	9 a.m.
Feb. 1	Cros-Lex/Yale	6 p.m.
Feb. 5	GTC League Meet @ Marlette	TBA
Feb. 12	Individual Districts	



## BOYS' BASKETBALL

Dec. 8	Cass City 45, Sandusky 49
Dec. 10	Cass City 50, Capac 44
Dec. 15	Cass City 38, H. Beach 51
Dec. 17	Cass City 48, Marlette 52
Dec. 21	Cass City 46, Mayville 25
Jan. 5	Cass City 39, Ubyly 45
Jan. 7	Cass City 55, USA 44 OT
Jan. 12	Cass City 63, Brown City 58
Jan. 14	Cass City 53, Caro 51 2OT
Jan. 21	Cass City 63, BCAS 81
Jan. 26	Cass City 59, Lakers 48
Jan. 28	Cass City 45, Vassar 35
Feb. 2	Reese (Cancelled - PPD)
Feb. 4	USA (Cancelled - PPD)
Feb. 9	Cass City 64, Bad Axe 37
Feb. 14	Cass City 46, Reese 54
Feb. 16	Cass City 36, USA 50
Feb. 18	Cass City 47, BCAS 50
Feb. 23	EPBP Lakers 6 p.m.
Feb. 25	Vassar 5 p.m.
Mar. 1	Reese 6 p.m.
Mar. 3	Bad Axe 5 p.m.
Mar. 7,9,11	Districts TBA

## GIRLS' BASKETBALL

All Games Begin at 6:00 p.m., unless noted

Nov. 30	Cass City 38, Harbor Beach 48
Dec. 3	Cass City 34, Marlette 47
Dec. 7	Cass City 22, Sandusky 58
Dec. 9	Cass City 41, Mayville 12
Dec. 14	Game against Reese cancelled
Dec. 16	Cass City 50, Bad Axe 45
Dec. 22	Cass City 42, Reese 56 (make-up)
Jan. 4	Cass City 60, Ubyly 25
Jan. 6	Cass City 43, USA 39
Jan. 11	Cass City 42, Brown City 51
Jan. 13	Cass City 49, Caro 41
Jan. 20	Cass City 47, BCAS 40
Jan. 25	Cass City 37, Lakers 49
Jan. 27	Cass City 32, Vassar 44
Feb. 1	Reese (Cancelled - PPD)
Feb. 4	USA (Cancelled - PPD)
Feb. 8	Cass City 47, Bad Axe 37
Feb. 14	Cass City 44, Reese 56
Feb. 15	Cass City 54, Kingston 32
Feb. 17	Cass City 38, BCAS 26
Feb. 22	EPBP Lakers
Feb. 24	Vassar
Feb. 28 - Mar. 2,4	Districts

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## Boys' Basketball

February 23 ~ vs. EPBP Lakers

March 1 ~ vs. Reese

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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 March 17, 2011.

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

The West 1/4 of the West 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 8 and the West 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 8, the West 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of the East 5 acres of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 8, all in Township 10 North, Range 8 East, except commencing at the Southwest corner of the East 40 acres of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 8; thence West 28 rods; thence North 160 rods; thence East 33 rods; thence South 160 rods; Thence 5 rods to the place of beginning, Millington Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, subject to easements and rights of way of records.

Also, The West 1/4 of the West 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 8 and the West 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 8, the West 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of the East 5 acres of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 8, all in Township 10 North, Range 8 East, except commencing at the Southwest corner of the East 40 acres of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 8, North 20 Rods, West 8 Rods, South 20 Rods, and East 8 rods to Point of Beginning, also excepting commencing 8 rods West of the Southwest Corner of the East 40 acres of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 8, Township 10 North, Range 8 East; thence North 160 rods; thence West 10 rods; thence South 160 rods; thence East 10 rods to the place of beginning, Millington Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, subject to easements and rights of way 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: February 16, 2011

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 #362317F01

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

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 Matthew Donovan, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated February 20, 2008 and recorded on February 25, 2008 in Liber 1142 on Page 244 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by mesne assignments to Chase Home Finance LLC as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Four Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-Four and 51/100 Dollars (\$74,894.51), 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 March 24, 2011.

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

The East 30 feet of Lot 15 and the West 22 feet of Lot 16, Block 2, M. J. Smith's Addition to the Village of Caro, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1, Page 14A, Tuscola County Records.

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

Dated: February 23, 2011

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 #359830F01

2-23-4

In the event this property is claimed as a principal residence exempt from tax under section 7cc of the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 7cc please contact our office at (248) 844-5123.

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Stacy L. Stilson, an Unmarried Woman, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Irwin Mortgage Corporation, its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated May 9, 2003 and recorded May 19, 2003 in Liber 931, Page 514, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned to: CitiMortgage, Inc., by assignment dated February 14, 2011 and subsequently recorded in Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-

Seven Thousand Thirty-Five Dollars and Eighty-Six Cents (\$67,035.86) including interest 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, Circuit Court of Tuscola County at 10:00AM on March 24, 2011.

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

Lots 8 and 9, Block 3, Ebenezer Morse's Addition to the Village of Vassar (now City), according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 1, Page 359 of Deeds, Tuscola County Records. Commonly known as 421 W. Oak Street, Vassar MI 48768, a/k/a 423 W. Oak Street, Vassar MI 48768.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later.

Dated: 2/23/2011

CitiMortgage, Inc.  
Assignee of Mortgagee

2-23-1

Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C.  
811 South Blvd., Suite 100  
Rochester Hills, MI 48307  
(248) 844-5123  
Our File No: 11-35785  
ASAP #FNMA3917543

2-23-4

NOTICE PURSUANT TO MCL 600.3205a(4)

NOTICE is hereby provided to Jeremy Jacobs and Marlene Jacobs, the borrowers and/or mortgagors (hereinafter "Borrower") regarding the property located at: 994 W Barnes Rd, Fostoria, MI 48435-9713.

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

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

If the Borrower requests a meeting with the agent designated above by contacting an approved housing counselor within 14 days from February 18, 2011, foreclosure proceedings will not be commenced until 90 days after February 18, 2011.

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: February 23, 2011

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FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:  
FC D (248) 593-1309  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys for Servicer and/or Mortgage Holder  
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200  
Farmington Hills, MI 48334-2525  
File # 363311F01

2-23-1

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

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

Notice is hereby provided to Sarah Boudreau, the borrowers and/or mortgagors (hereinafter "Borrower") regarding the property known as 4366 BEACH STREET, AKRON, MI 48701 that the mortgage is in default.

The Borrower has the right to request a meeting with the mortgage holder or mortgage servicer through its designated agent, Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C. ("Designated Agent"), 23938 Research Drive, Suite 300, Farmington Hills, Michigan 48335, 248-539-7400 (Tel), 248-539-7401 (Fax), email: designatedagent@sspclegal.com.

Sarah Boudreau also has/have the right to contact the Michigan State Housing Development Authority ("MSHDA") at its website www.michigan.gov/mshda or by calling MSHDA at (866) 946-7432 (Tel).

If Borrower requests a meeting, no foreclosure proceeding will be commenced until the expiration of 90 days from the date Notice was mailed to the Borrower pursuant to Section 3205(a) of HB 4454, Public Act 30 of 2009.

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

Pub Date: February 23, 2011

SCHNEIDERMAN & SHERMAN, P.C.  
23938 Research Drive, Suite 300  
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48335

2-23-1

NOTICE PURSUANT TO MCL 600.3205a(4)

NOTICE is hereby provided to Ronald Lewis and Brooke Lewis, the borrowers and/or mortgagors (hereinafter "Borrower") regarding the property located at: 123 Goodrich St., Vassar, MI 48768-1729.

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

The Borrower may contact a housing counselor by visiting the Michigan State Housing Development Authority's website or by calling the Michigan State Housing Development Authority at

http://www.michigan.gov/mshda or at (866) 946-7432.

If the Borrower requests a meeting with the agent designated above by contacting an approved housing counselor within 14 days from February 17, 2011, foreclosure proceedings will not be commenced until 90 days after February 17, 2011.

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: February 23, 2011

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FC C (248) 593-1301  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys for Servicer and/or Mortgage Holder  
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200  
Farmington Hills, MI 48334-2525  
File # 363277F01

2-23-1

NOTICE PURSUANT TO MCL 600.3205a(4)

NOTICE is hereby provided to Steven Peters and Billie Peters, the borrowers and/or mortgagors (hereinafter "Borrower") regarding the property located at: 1475 E. Brown Rd., Mayville, MI 48744-9503.

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

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

If the Borrower requests a meeting with the agent designated above by contacting an approved housing counselor within 14 days from February 17, 2011, foreclosure proceedings will not be commenced until 90 days after February 17, 2011.

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: February 23, 2011

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Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys for Servicer and/or Mortgage Holder  
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200  
Farmington Hills, MI 48334-2525  
File # 348907F02

2-23-1

NOTICE PURSUANT TO MCL 600.3205a(4)

NOTICE is hereby provided to Scott Russell, the borrowers and/or mortgagors (hereinafter "Borrower") regarding the property located at: 1524 W. Snover Rd., Mayville, MI 48744-9619.

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

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

If the Borrower requests a meeting with the agent designated above by contacting an approved housing counselor within 14 days from February 17, 2011, foreclosure proceedings will not be commenced until 90 days after February 17, 2011.

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: February 23, 2011

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:  
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Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys for Servicer and/or Mortgage Holder  
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200  
Farmington Hills, MI 48334-2525  
File # 361047F01

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PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THIS OFFICE MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

NOTICE OF MODIFICATION OPPORTUNITY

Borrower: GUADALUPE RAMIREZ, JR.  
Property Address: 5110 OAK RD., VASSAR, MI 48768

Pursuant to MCLA 600.3205a please be advised of the following:

You have a right to request a meeting with the mortgage holder or mortgage servicer. The name of the firm designated as the representative of the mortgage servicer is: Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C. and designee can be contacted at the address and phone number below.

You may contact a housing counselor by visiting the Michigan State Housing Development Authority's website at http://www.michigan.gov/mshda or by calling 1-800-A-SHELTER, 24 hours a day, seven

days a week, year-round.

If a meeting is requested with the designee shown above, foreclosure proceedings will NOT be commenced until 90 days after the date the notice mailed to you on 02/16/2011. If an agreement is reached to modify your 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. The website for the Michigan State Bar Lawyer Referral Service is http://www.michbar.org/programs/lawyer-referral.cfm and the toll free number is 800-968-0738.

You may bring an action in circuit court if you are required by law to be served notice and foreclosure proceedings are commenced, without such notice having been served upon you.

If you have previously agreed to modify your mortgage loan within the past twelve (12) months under the terms of the above statute, you are not eligible to participate in this program unless you have complied with the terms of the mortgage loan, as modified.

Dated: February 23, 2011

Notice given by:  
Randall S. Miller  
Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C.  
43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180  
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302  
248-883-0157 (Loan Modification Dept.) loan-mods@millerlaw.biz  
Case No. 11MI00422-1

2-23-1

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

Notice is hereby provided to Atlas Richardson and Joyce Richardson, the borrowers and/or mortgagors (hereinafter "Borrower") regarding the property known as 4433 O'BRIEN ROAD, VASSAR, MI 48768-9546 that the mortgage is in default.

The Borrower has the right to request a meeting with the mortgage holder or mortgage servicer through its designated agent, Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C. ("Designated Agent"), 23938 Research Drive, Suite

300, Farmington Hills, Michigan 48335, 248-539-7400 (Tel), 248-539-7401 (Fax), email: designatedagent@sspclegal.com.

Atlas Richardson and Joyce Richardson also has/have the right to contact the Michigan State Housing Development Authority ("MSHDA") at its website www.michigan.gov/mshda or by calling MSHDA at (866) 946-7432 (Tel).

If Borrowers requests a meeting, no foreclosure proceeding will be commenced until the expiration of 90 days from the date Notice was mailed to the Borrowers pursuant to Section 3205(a) of HB 4454, Public Act 30 of 2009.

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

Pub Date: February 23, 2011

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## BOARD OF REVIEW for Greenleaf Township

Will Be Held  
**Monday, March 7 at 7:30 p.m.**  
To present roll. No public protest heard.  
**Tuesday, March 15, 2011** 9 a.m.-1 p.m. & 2-4 p.m.  
**Thursday, March 17, 2011** 2-5 p.m. & 6-9 p.m.  
**Greenleaf Twp. Hall on Gilbert Rd., 2 miles north of Cass City Rd.**  
Taxpayers may appeal assessments at either of the last two meetings or by mail to Judy Doerr, Clerk, at 7381 Germania Rd., Ubyly, MI 48475

Class	Ratio	Multiplier
Agriculture	53.29%	0.938262
Commercial	54.83%	0.911910
Industrial	37.23%	1.343003
Residential	60.40%	0.827815
Personal Property	50.00%	1.000000

The township will provide necessary reasonable service to individuals with Disabilities at the Board of Review Meeting upon 3 days notice to clerk.  
*Judy Doerr, Clerk 989-658-8625*

## Notice of BOARD OF REVIEW

For  
**Elkland Township**  
Will Be Held  
**March 14, 2011** 9 a.m.-12 & 1-4 p.m.  
**March 16, 2011** 1-4 & 6-9 p.m.  
**at 6691 Church St., Cass City**  
**Dan Erla, Supervisor**

Notice of  
**BOARD OF REVIEW**  
*for Ellington Township will be held*  
**March 14, 2011** 1:30-4:30 p.m. & 6-9 p.m.  
**March 15, 2011** 8:30-11:30 a.m. & 1-4:30 p.m.

*Tentative Equalization Factor:*

	Multiplier	Ratio
Agricultural	1.0386	48.14
Commercial	0.9206	54.31
Industrial	1.1876	42.10
Personal	1.0000	50.00
Residential	0.8684	57.58

**Ellington Township Hall - 2791 E. Caro Rd.**  
**Duane Lockwood, Supervisor**

Notice of  
**BOARD OF REVIEW**  
*for Novesta Township will be held*  
**March 14, 2011** 9 a.m.-noon & 1-4 p.m.  
**March 15, 2011** 1-4 p.m. & 6-9 p.m.

*Tentative Equalization Factor:*

	Multiplier	Ratio
Residential	0.8338	59.97
Agricultural	0.8439	59.25
Commercial	1.0002	49.99
Personal	1.0000	50.00

**Cass City Gun Club, 2676 N. Englehart Rd., Cass City**  
**Joann Tauber, Clerk/Assessor**

# Legal Notices

## NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Marlin R. Kibbe, Jr., a single man, on January 25, 2002, to Tri-County Bank, a Michigan Banking Corporation of 4222 Main Street, Brown City, Michigan 48416, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Tuscola County, Michigan on February 26, 2002 in Liber 867, page 21, and upon which mortgage there is claimed to be due as of the date of this notice for principal and interest the sum of Sixty-Five Thousand Four Hundred Sixty-Seven and 30/100 (\$65,467.30) Dollars and said default having continued for more than thirty (30) days and no suit or proceedings having been instituted to recover the debt secured by the mortgage;

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That on Thursday, March 10, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. Local Time, the said mortgage will be foreclosed by sale at public venue to the highest bidder at the front entrance of the Courthouse, 440 N. State Street, Caro, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court for said County, of the premises described in said mortgage or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due on said mortgage as aforesaid with interest thereon and all legal costs, charges and expenses including the attorney fee provided by law and any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned at or before said sale for taxes, assessments and insurance premiums on said premises.

Which said premises are situated in the Township of Watertown, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as follows:

Lots 6 and 7, Block 16 of the Plat of the Village of Fostoria, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Pages 44-45, now being pages 45A-46A.

Tax ID# 021-500-116-0600-00

The length of the period of redemption from such sale will be six (6) months immediately following said sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of such sale.

Dated at Caro, Michigan, this 2nd day of February, 2011.

Touma, Watson, Whaling, Coury & Castello, P.C.

Attorneys for Tri County Bank  
By: Douglas S. Touma  
316 McMorrان Boulevard  
Port Huron, MI 48060

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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 Tracy Lince, a married woman and Jeffrey A. Lince, her husband, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated April 15, 2004 and recorded on April 28, 2004 in Liber 989 on Page 1377, and modified by agreement dated July 27, 2009, and recorded on December 17, 2009 in Liber 1189 on Page 665, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Citizens Bank F/K/A Republic Bank as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Fifty-Seven Thousand One Hundred Thirty and 32/100 Dollars (\$157,130.32), including interest at 5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on March 3, 2011.

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

A parcel of land in the North 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 29, Town 12 North, Range 10 East, Wells Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as follows: Commencing at the Northwest corner of Section 29; thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, along the North Section line of said section, 658.24 feet to the point of beginning; thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, along the North Section line, 330.50 feet; thence South 00 degrees 11 minutes 20 seconds West 1,321.93 feet to a point on the North 1/8 line of said section; thence North 89 degrees 58 minutes 21 seconds West, along the North 1/8 line, 330.50 feet; thence North 00 degrees 11 minutes 20 seconds East, 1,321.77 feet to the point of beginning.

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

Dated: February 2, 2011

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:  
FC F (248) 593-1313  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys for Servicer  
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200  
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525  
File #356370F01

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by LESLIE BOYD, A SINGLE MAN, and LUCINDA AVERY, A SINGLE WOMAN, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated July 2, 2007, and recorded on July 13, 2007, in Liber 1124, on Page 1295, and assigned by said mortgagee to NATIONWIDE ADVANTAGE MORTGAGE COMPANY, as assigned, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty-Three Dollars and Seventy-Seven Cents (\$109,823.77), including interest at 6.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, front entrance of the Courthouse Building in the City of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM o'clock, on March 3, 2011.

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

THE SOUTH 330 FEET OF THE WEST 623.00

FEET, BOTH DIMENSIONS MEASURED AT RIGHT ANGLES, OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 35, TOWN 11 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST, TOWNSHIP OF VASSAR, TUSCOLA COUNTY, MICHIGAN, EXCEPT THE SOUTH 175.00 FEET OF THE WEST 250.00 FEET OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 35, TOWN 11 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST.

The redemption period shall be 12 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.

NATIONWIDE ADVANTAGE MORTGAGE COMPANY  
Mortgagee/Assignee

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23938 Research Drive, Suite 300  
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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 Curtis B. Gabriel and Linda Gabriel, his wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated July 26, 2006 and recorded on September 6, 2006 in Liber 1094 on Page 63, and assigned by said Mortgagee to BAC Home Loans Servicing, L.P. as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Sixty-Nine Thousand Six Hundred Twenty and 13/100 Dollars (\$169,620.13), 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 March 10, 2011.

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

PARCEL 1: Part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 31, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, Township of Millington, County of Tuscola, and State of Michigan, described as: Beginning at a point on the North-South 1/4 line of Section 31, which is South 00 degrees 51 minutes 36 seconds East, along said North-South 1/4 line, 666.54 feet from the North 1/4 corner of said Section 31; thence continuing South 00 degrees 51 minutes 36 seconds East, along said North-South 1/4 line 180.0 feet; thence South 89 degrees 44 minutes 02 seconds East, 400.0 feet; thence North 00 degrees 51 minutes 36 seconds West parallel to the North-South 1/4 line, 180.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 44 minutes 02 seconds West, 400.0 feet to the Point of Beginning.

PARCEL 2: Beginning 846.54 feet South of the North 1/4 corner of Section 31, Town 10 North, Range 8 East Township of Millington, County of Tuscola, and State of Michigan, thence South 153.27 feet; thence East 1326.57 feet; thence North 333.21 feet; thence West 926.57 feet; thence South 180 feet; thence West 400 feet to the Point of Beginning.

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

Dated: February 9, 2011

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Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525  
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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 A. Jordan, an unmarried man, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated October 26, 2006 and recorded on November 9, 2006 in Liber 1101 on Page 1407, and assigned by said Mortgagee 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 Sixty-Six Thousand Seven Hundred Forty and 92/100 Dollars (\$66,740.92), 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 March 10, 2011.

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

The East 1/2 of the North 693 Feet of the West 440 of the West 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 2, Township 10 North, Range 8 East.

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

Dated: February 9, 2011

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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 Steven P. Masker, a single man, by loan assumption agreement recorded 12/18/2006 in Liber 1105 Page 1218, original mortgagors, to National City Mortgage Services Co, Mortgagee, dated April 8, 2004 and recorded on October 21, 2004 in Liber 1012 on Page 1436, and assigned by said Mortgagee to National City Mortgage Co as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Five Thousand Four Hundred Thirty-Nine and 64/100 Dollars (\$85,439.64), including interest at 5.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on March 10, 2011.

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

Lot 6 of Canterbury Woods Subdivision according to the recorded plat thereof as recorded in plat liber 5 pages 13 through 17 Tuscola County Records.

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

Dated: February 9, 2011

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Richard Sage and Tina Sage, 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 28, 2006 and recorded on January 25, 2007 in Liber 1109 on Page 542, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee of the Home Equity Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Trust Series INABS 2007-B, Home Equity Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series INABS 2007-B under the Pooling and Servicing agreement dated June 1, 2007 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 Forty-Two Thousand Two Hundred Forty-One and 20/100 Dollars (\$142,241.20), 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 March 10, 2011.

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

Commencing at a point on the West line of Section 5, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, Vassar Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, that is 1111.5 Feet North of the Southwest corner of said Section 5; thence East to the East line of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 5; thence North to the Northeast corner of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 5; thence West to the Northwest corner of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 5; thence South on the Section line to the place of beginning, excepting the West 250 feet of the North half thereof, also described as part of the Southwest 1/4 of fractional Section 5, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, Vassar Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as commencing as the Southwest corner of said Section 5; thence along the West line of said Section 5 North 01 degrees 29 minutes 00 seconds East, 1111.50 Feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing along said West line of Section 5, North 01 degrees 29 minutes 00 seconds East, 146.17 Feet; thence South 89 degrees 01 minutes 47 seconds East, 250.00 Feet; thence North 01 degrees 29 minutes 00 seconds East, 80.17 Feet to the North line of the Southwest 1/4 of said Southwest 1/4 of Section 5; thence along said North line of Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 5, South 89 degrees 01 minutes 47 seconds East, 1073.93 Feet to the East line of said Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 5; thence along said East line of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 5, South 00 degrees 41 minutes 50 seconds West, 226.34 Feet; thence North 89 degrees 01 minutes 47 seconds West, 1327.05 Feet to the point of beginning.

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

Dated: February 9, 2011

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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 Debra A. Warren and Kenneth K. Warren, wife and husband, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated September 22, 2006 and recorded on October 5, 2006 in Liber 1098 on Page 299, and assigned by said Mortgagee to BAC

Home Loans Servicing, L.P. as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Seventeen Thousand Eight Hundred Forty and 06/100 Dollars (\$117,840.06), 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 March 10, 2011.

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

Part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 16, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, Vassar Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as beginning at the Northwest corner of said Section 16; thence along the North line of Section 16, North 89 degrees 48 minutes 55 seconds East, 1314.24 feet to the East line of the West 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 16; thence along said line, South 00 degrees 44 minutes 15 seconds East 391.72 feet to the Northerly right of way line of the C and O Railroad; thence along said Northerly right of way line, North 76 degrees 14 minutes 57 seconds West, 1357.14 feet to the West line of Section 16; thence along said West line North 00 degrees 54 minutes 25 seconds West, 64.87 feet to the Northwest corner of Section 16 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: February 9, 2011

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Lee Bedore and Holly Bedore, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated April 11, 2006 and recorded on April 27, 2006 in Liber 1079 on Page 65, 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 Ninety-Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Fifteen and 59/100 Dollars (\$99,915.59), including interest at 7.64% 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 March 10, 2011.

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

Part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 22, Town 14 North, Range 9 East, described as: Beginning at the West 1/4 corner of said Section 22; thence along the West line of said Section 22, North 375.00 feet; thence, parallel to the East and West 1/4 line of said Section, South 89 degrees 30 minutes 45 seconds East 160.00 feet; thence south 375.00 feet to said East and West 1/4 line of said Section 22; thence along said East and West 1/4 line, North 89 degrees 30 minutes 45 seconds West, 160.00 feet to the West 1/4 corner of said Section 22 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: February 9, 2011  
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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 Jesse F. Palmer, an unmarried man, and Bethany S. Greene, an unmarried woman, as joint tenants, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated May 27, 2005 and recorded on July 21, 2005 in Liber 1046 on Page 953 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Flagstar Bank, FSB as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Six Hundred Fifty-Six and 78/100 Dollars (\$175,656.78), including interest at 6.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on March 10, 2011.

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

Beginning at the centerline of Swaffer Road and the intersection of meander line of the creek, said point being South 383.28 feet and North 89 Degrees 41 Minutes 30 Seconds East, 600 feet and North 79 Degrees 28 Minutes 30 Seconds East, 283.38 feet from the Northwest corner of Section 1, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, thence along the centerline of Swaffer Road, North 79 Degrees 28 Minutes 30 Seconds East, 156.62 feet; thence South 85 Degrees 10 Minutes 30 Seconds East, 1043.08 feet; thence South 49 Degrees 09 Minutes 30 Seconds West, 290 feet to a Point on the Meander line of the Creek (Previously described as South 40 Degree 02

Minutes West, 290 feet); thence continuing Westerly and Northerly along the meander line of the Creek to Point of Beginning, being a part of North 1/2 of Northwest 1/4 of Section 1, Town 10 North, Range 8 East.

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: February 9, 2011

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Richard Lee McMaster and Judith A. McMaster, his wife, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated November 6, 2006, and recorded on November 16, 2006 in Liber 1102 on Page 1027, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Flagstar Bank, FSB 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-One Thousand Four Hundred Seventeen and 19/100 Dollars (\$61,417.19), 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 March 17, 2011.

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

Part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 26, Township 10 North, Range 8 east, described as: beginning at the point East 402.95 feet from the Northwest corner of said Section; thence East 267.48 feet along the North line of said Section; thence South 0 degrees 31 minutes 44 seconds East 381.73 feet to the Northerly line of Michigan Central Railroad right of way; thence along said Northerly line North 35 degrees 22 minutes 30 seconds West 468.15 feet to the point of beginning, Millington Township, Tuscola County, Michigan.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined

# Legal Notice

## NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

LIKENS & BLOMQUIST, P.L.L.C., IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE PHONE NUMBER BELOW IF EITHER MORTGAGOR IS ON ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

Default has occurred in the conditions of a Mortgage made by Daniel T. Burnham, Jr., Single, Mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Accredited Home Lenders, Inc., Mortgagee, dated May 25, 2006 and recorded on June 19, 2006 in Liber 1085, Page 361, which mortgage was assigned to Accredited Home Lenders, Inc., which assignment was recorded on December 13, 2007 in Liber 1137, Page 9, and was lastly assigned to Wells Fargo Bank, NA, as Trustee for Stanwich Mortgage Loan Trust, Series 2010-3 Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, which assignment was recorded on January 21, 2011 in Liber 1215 Page 42 in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Tuscola County, Michigan, on said mortgage there is \$87,799.94 due at the date of this notice. There is no suit proceeding at law or in equity to collect the sums due under the Mortgage described above.

Notice is hereby given that, by virtue of the power of sale contained in the above-described Mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided, on Thursday, March 17, 2011 at 10:00 AM at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder at public venue, in order to satisfy the unpaid portion of said Mortgage, together with interest at a rate of 8.999%, all costs of sale permitted by law, and taxes, the property situated in the Village Of Mayville, Township of Fremont, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, described as:

The East 1/2 of Lot 13, Block 2 of the Plat of Village of Mayville, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 15 of Deeds, Page 564, now being Liber 3 of Plats, Pages 35-36.

All rights of redemption shall expire six (6) months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned as defined by MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of sale.

Dated: Wednesday, February 16, 2011

Likens & Blomquist, P.L.L.C.  
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by KENNETH W. HOWE and HOLLY R. HOWE, HUSBAND AND WIFE, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns., Mortgagee, dated May 2, 2007, and recorded on May 17, 2007 in Liber 1119 on Page 1101, and assigned by said mortgagee to FLAGSTAR BANK, FSB, as assigned, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Two Thousand Four Hundred Three Dollars and Five Cents (\$132,403.05), including interest at 6.750% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, front entrance of the Courthouse Building in the City of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM o'clock, on March 24, 2011.

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

PART OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE NORTHWEST FRACTIONAL 1/4 OF SECTION 6, TOWN 12 NORTH, RANGE 7 EAST, DENMARK TOWNSHIP, TUSCOLA COUNTY, MICHIGAN, BEING FURTHER DESCRIBED AS COMMENCING AT THE WEST 1/4 CORNER OF SAID SECTION; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST, 434.82 FEET ALONG THE WEST SECTION LINE TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE NORTH 00 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST, 225.00 FEET ALONG SAID WEST LINE; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 11 MINUTES 39 SECONDS EAST, 240.00 FEET ON THE NORTH LINE OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF SAID NORTHWEST FRACTIONAL 1/4; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST, 225.00 FEET PARALLEL WITH THE WEST SECTION LINE; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 11 MINUTES 39 SECONDS WEST, 240.00 FEET TO THE WEST SECTION LINE AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 1.24 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

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FLAGSTAR BANK, FSB  
Mortgagee/Assignee

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## Notice

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5-2-23-1

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MEMBERS OF the Cass City Arts Council recently completed their "Shadowbox Art Challenge" at Rawson Memorial District Library. "One member in the group comes up with an idea and the others take on the challenge. We are very fortunate they choose the library to display their works of art," said Kate VanAuken, library director. The photos above represent the work of local artists Helen Salas (top) and Christine Timon.

# Community Needs Assessment underway in the Thumb area

The Human Development Commission (HDC) is asking residents of Huron, Lapeer, Sanilac and Tuscola counties to take the time to complete a very important questionnaire - the Community Needs Assessment.

Every 3 years, the agency conducts this comprehensive process to determine the greatest needs in our community, and subsequently develop ways to meet those needs. The results from this questionnaire not only help in shaping our community's goals, but they also assist in obtaining funding to reach those goals.

"Through this process, we have identified and developed solutions to many community concerns," said Lori Offenbecher, executive director

of HDC. Offenbecher cited several examples, including efforts to help people secure job opportunities and programs to feed people in need.

Offenbecher explained that input from people in the community helps determine where the needs truly are.

"In a way, the questionnaire has similar goals as a poll; we want to serve the community in the best ways we can, but in order to do that, we need to know what people view as our highest priorities."

According to Offenbecher, some sources of funding can become available to our community when the needs are documented countywide. "When we can show data that clearly illustrates need, we sometimes

have the ability to secure funding sources to fix the problems," she said.

Every resident in Huron, Lapeer, Sanilac and Tuscola counties is encouraged to complete the questionnaire. HDC stresses the importance of having people from all economic and social levels participate, so that collected opinions are a true representation of everyone living in the community.

The questionnaire can be completed before Monday, Feb. 28, online or via paper format. The online version can be found on HDC's website ([www.hdc-caro.org](http://www.hdc-caro.org)); from the homepage, click on the "HDC 2011 Community Needs Assessment" link on the right side of the page.

## Green says farmers win with bills

"Farmers who voluntarily comply with state environmental standards would receive real benefits under bills approved by the state Senate on Wednesday," said Sen. Mike Green (R-Mayville).

"A farmer's land is his livelihood, and this legislation will provide benefits to everyone: farmers, our communities, and the environment," said Green. "I am proud to represent the breadbasket of Michigan and, as a farmer, I know how important the proper care and treatment of our land is to our profession. We love our land and do what we can to protect it."

Senate Bills 122 and 123 would significantly change the Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program. Through this legislation, compliant farms will be protected from onerous civil fines, and grant money from existing funds will be made available to encourage participation and compliance in the program on the part of Michigan's farmers.

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