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*In murder of O-G freshman*

## Police asking witnesses to come forward

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

A 17-year-old Unionville teen was arraigned last week on 3 charges, including open murder, in the death of 16-year-old Zachary Harp, Caro, during the early morning hours of March 20 in Gagetown.

Cody Christopher Kalis could face up to life in prison on the murder charge if convicted. He is also charged with manslaughter with a motor vehicle and operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated — both 15 year felonies.

Bond in the case was set at \$75,000 (10 percent cash). A preliminary examination was scheduled for 1:30 p.m. Monday, April 11, in Tuscola County District Court.

Tuscola County Sheriff's deputies are continuing their investigation into Harp's death, and county

Prosecutor Mark E. Reene says that probe is still focusing on anyone who can shed more light on the events that led up to the tragedy.

"We're looking at everything that happened the night before (and) the early morning. We want to make sure we have the complete picture on that," said Reene, who noted investigators believe a party involving underage drinking played a key role in an altercation between the victim and the suspect.

"What we're really looking at right now is...we're fully confident there are other witnesses that have important information for us, and they need to get to Sgt. (Scott) Jones (at the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department) as quickly as possible," Reene added. "This isn't a situation where people can stand on the sidelines and let other people take care of things. They need to step up. It's common decency at this point."

Tuscola County Sheriff's Department investigators say Harp, a freshman at Owen-Gage High School, died from injuries he suffered when he was run over by a car.

Tuscola County Undersheriff Glen Skrent said sheriff's deputies responded to Elizabeth and Center Please turn to page 6.



Cody Kalis



**HURON COUNTY** authorities seized 10 pounds of marijuana and some \$12,000 in cash while executing separate search warrants in the villages of Elkton and Owendale last week.

## Police seize pot and cash in Owendale and Elkton

Huron County Sheriff's deputies, acting on a tip, seized 10 pounds of marijuana at an Elkton residence and some \$12,000 in cash at an Owendale home while executing separate drug search warrants last week.

In Elkton, a team consisting of 3 deputies, the sheriff and Patrolman Adam Csyani from the Elkton Police Department searched 139 Smith St.

"Confiscated was approximately 10 pounds of marijuana, which was mainly packaged in brick form," Huron County Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson said. "Also taken was a scale and other drug paraphernalia. We estimate the street wholesale value at \$10,000. Present at the residence was the 52-year-old male homeowner and (another) 52-year-old male. Both are residents of Elkton.

"In Owendale, a team consisting Please turn to page 6.

## Cass City Village Council facing budgeting shortfall

by Clarke Haire  
Publisher

Declining property values and projected reductions in revenue sharing dollars for the Village of Cass City may force officials to slice over \$200,000 from budget plans over the next 2 years.

At the regular meeting of the Cass City Village Council Monday, Village Manager Peter Cristiano informed board members that preliminary estimates from the Elkland Township assessor, Landmark Appraisal, shows a drop of a whopping \$8 million in property values. The amount equates to an estimated loss of \$150,000 in revenue from the village's 2011 spending plan.

"We (village officials) have been reviewing department budgets with department heads," Cristiano said in regards to the shortfall. "At the April 13th Committee of the Whole meeting, we will review the budget concerns with the village council and follow up with our first budget revision for approval effective July 1, 2011."

Compounding the village's budget woes is the potential loss of another \$54,000 in revenue sharing dollars next year. According to Cristiano, Cass City is pegged to receive \$171,771 in constitutional-approved dollars and \$58,166 in statutory dollars, for a total of \$229,937 in revenue sharing monies for the current year's \$4 million financial strategy.

However, Governor Rick Snyder is indicating that in 2012 the Village of Cass City will lose its statutory dollars, as will other cities, villages and townships throughout the state. For comparison purposes, Snyder's state budget proposal, if approved by the Michigan Senate and House of Representatives, would cost neighboring Caro over \$92,000 in funding, while Vassar stands to lose \$122,000 in statutory dollars.

"The condition for the Village of Cass City to receive any portion of the statutory dollars is to show the sharing of services and/or cooperative agreements between municipalities and school districts," Cristiano said. "And we have done a good job in that area. An example would be our schools using the recreational park football field."

### PARK FOUNDATION

In an effort to improve, enhance and provide perpetual resources for the Cass City Recreational Park, council members voted to support the creation of the Cass City Friends of the Park Foundation.

Parks and Recreation Committee member Marilyn Biefer says the purpose of this group, which will work in conjunction with the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, is to raise funds to improve our parks system, which includes the swimming pool.

"They have applied for IRS 501(C) 3 status as a non-profit entity. That

will allow persons donating money to be eligible for tax deductions," Biefer said.

Added Cristiano: "We heard the rumors that the pool won't be open this summer and they aren't true. The pool will open as scheduled."

Cristiano also noted the foundation is only in its preliminary stages, but Please turn to page 14.

## Funding, snow days, new barn on agenda

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

School financing and proposed legislation that would affect schools was on the minds of Cass City Board of Education members during a Michigan School Business Officials (MSBO) presentation Monday night.

The board, meeting in regular session, also learned fundraising to construct a barn for the high school's new agriscience program has been a huge success, with construction set to begin in the near future, and reviewed plans to make up snow days.

Bob Dwan, associate executive director of the MSBO, offered a 75-minute school finance update to board members and the 50 to 75 people in attendance.

"It was a well-received eye opener for a lot of people — that schools are in a crunch time," commented school Supt. Jeff Hartel.

Cass City School officials, like those across the state, have been painfully aware of pending funding cuts since Gov. Rick Snyder proposed his first executive budget last month. The plan calls for a transfer of K-12 school funding to universities and community colleges which, along with millions lost due to tax

changes, adds up to an impact of some \$1 billion to Michigan schools.

Districts are looking at a reduction in funding of \$470 per pupil, which would increase to \$700 per student when adding the effects of another hike — from 20.66 percent to 24.46 percent — in the contribution schools are required to pay to the state retirement account next year. Those figures don't take into account possible reductions in categorical funding and increased health insurance rates.

Cass City's share of those cuts could cost the district anywhere from \$800,000 to \$1.1 million, enough to erase the local district's projected fund balance.

The proposed cuts are especially devastating, given falling land values and years of Lansing forcing schools to do more with less by repeatedly reducing funding levels. The state's economy has also hurt over the past few years, with families fleeing the state and districts losing thousands of students.

Should the proposed school funding cuts stand, MSBO officials project the number of "deficit spending districts" in the state could quadruple — to a whopping 160 schools or more.

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## Cass City senior earns spot at BPA nationals

Two Tuscola Technology students, including a Cass City High School senior, qualified for the National Leadership Conference and Competitions following their performances over the weekend in Grand Rapids.

The students are Brandon Montgomery, Cass City High School, and Tyler Harris, USA High School.

Both attended the 4-day Business Professionals of America (BPA) State Leadership Conference, held at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel in Grand Rapids. "Five students from the Tuscola Technology Center competed Please turn to page 14.

## State police post in Bad Axe will close

The Michigan State Police (MSP) post in Bad will be closed and the Sandusky post will become a "detachment post" under a state police regional policing plan announced Thursday in order to help save the nearly \$21 million called for in Michigan's 2012 fiscal year budget.

Michigan State Police Director Col. Kriste Kibbey Etue said the regional policing model is "designed to provide increased services while relying less upon traditional 'bricks and mortar' post buildings. The plan emphasizes enhanced technology and data-driven policing without laying off a single trooper.

"Under the regional policing plan, the MSP will reduce the number of

posts from 62 to 29. Twenty-nine posts will become attachments, and 21 posts are slated for closure," Kibbey Etue said.

"Troopers will be deployed throughout the state from posts, detachments and as resident troopers," Kibbey Etue said. "Posts will remain fully operational and open to the public, while detachments will serve as buildings where troopers can start and end their shifts, accomplish administrative tasks, and meet with the public by appointment. Detachments are not open for regular business hours. Resident troopers are assigned to rural areas of the state and work directly from their home."

Kibbey Etue said she is confident Please turn to page 6.

## Siren testing slated for severe weather

It doesn't feel or look like spring in the Thumb, but Tuscola County Emergency Management officials are gearing up for warmer weather just the same.

And those preparations include planning for the worst that spring storms can bring.

The threat of damaging thunderstorms and tornadoes each summer is behind Severe Weather Awareness Week, established by the Michigan Committee for Severe Weather Awareness and former Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm.

In conjunction with the observance, fire departments throughout Tuscola County will be preparing by testing their tornado sirens on a monthly basis, starting with Wednesday, April 6, at 10 a.m.

Tornado sirens will continue to be tested on the first Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m. during the severe weather months, April through October.

Tuscola County Office of Emergency Management Director



Pat Finn reminds residents that a tornado warning is announced with a 2-minute blast. The all-clear signal is 3 short blasts.

Finn noted that a severe thunderstorm or tornado

"watch" is issued whenever conditions exist for severe weather to develop. A warning, indicating when residents should seek shelter immediately, is issued when severe weather or a tornado is spotted on radar or when a funnel cloud has been sighted.

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# Nominations being sought for "Senior of the Year"

The Michigan Office of Services to the Aging is seeking nominations for Senior Citizen of the Year.

Two of Michigan's older adults will be honored at the State Capitol Building June 15, during the 4th Annual Older Michiganders Day event.

Sponsored by the Michigan Office and Commission on Services to the Aging, awards will be presented to 2 individuals age 60 or older. One award is for leadership in the community. The other award recognizes service to others. Selections will be determined by service or leadership

contributed during the past year.

"These awards are presented every year to recognize the special, voluntary contributions of 2 older adults," said Olga Dazzo, director of the Michigan Department of Community Health and acting director of the Office of Services to the Aging. "They highlight the valuable contributions made by dedicated citizens to the civic and social life in our state."

Nominees must be age 60 or older on or before May 2, 2011. All nominations must be submitted by an organization, and the nomination form must be signed by a presiding

officer of that organization. Nominees can be employed at the time of the nomination, but applicants will be judged on service or leadership in unpaid, volunteer positions.

Nominations must be postmarked by Monday, May 2, and mailed to: 2011 Senior Citizen of the Year Award Program, Michigan Office of Services to the Aging, P.O. Box 30676, Lansing, MI 48909-8176.

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

# Anthony L. Rapes Scholarship application deadline nearing

The deadline for the Anthony L. Rapes Scholarship is Friday, April 1. Students may pick an application up from their high school guidance counselors and FFA advisors, as well as the MSU Extension Office (temporarily located in the Huron Area Tech Center), 1142 S. Van Dyke, Bad Axe, or online at [www.msue.msu.edu/huron](http://www.msue.msu.edu/huron) and click on either the Agriculture or 4-H

Youth Development (left side on the home page). Several scholarships are awarded annually to Huron County's outstanding in-going freshmen students from the Anthony L. Rapes Memorial Scholarship Fund.

This scholarship is in honor of Tony Rapes, a long-time Extension Agricultural agent in Huron County, with the first scholarships being awarded in 1981. In 2010 there were

3 scholarships awarded. Since the scholarship began, more than \$41,000 has been awarded to Huron County students.

The scholarships are awarded to Huron County students with high moral character, initiative, and high scholastic achievement; who have made outstanding achievements in FFA or 4-H work; who have been accepted as students at an educational institution; and who plan to major in agriculture or a related field.

The primary source of funding for these scholarships has been the Huron County Dairy Promotion Committee. For further information or an application form, contact MSU Extension-Huron County at (989) 269-9949.

# Buschlen named O-G "Student of the Month"

Bryan Buschlen has been named Owendale-Gagetown School's "Senior of the Month" for March.

Buschlen has been a member of the basketball and baseball teams all through high school. He served as one of the captains of the basketball

team this past season. He also was a member of the varsity football team the past 3 years. Buschlen has also played the trombone in the Owen-Gage band since middle school.

He has been on the honor roll at various times each year. As a sophomore, Buschlen represented his class on the snowball court and was nominated as one of the 2011 snowball king candidates.

He was a member of the E.P.I.C.S. program during his freshman and sophomore years. As a member of the E.P.I.C.S./Convergence program, he was an active participant in the Innovative Vehicle Design.

Buschlen also has attended the Huron Area Technical Center for the past 2 years as a student in the power technology program. He also served on the prom committee as a junior.

Buschlen is the son of Scot Buschlen of Owendale and Laurie Zammatt of Bradenton, Fla. After graduation, he plans on moving to Florida and attending Jacksonville Diving Academy.



Bryan Buschlen

# Exercise and health program begins in May

Hills and Dales General Hospital in Cass City will host a healthy eating and exercise seminar called DIET FREE, written by America's nutrition leader, Zonya Foco, RD.

Whether your goal is to lose 10 pounds or 100 pounds, improve energy, lower cholesterol, blood sugar or blood pressure, or simply have optimum health, DIET FREE presents 8 lifestyle habits, adopted one at a time, to create an invisible force that will change your life.

As America's nutrition leader, Zonya Foco, RD, CHF, CSP, knows that the war on obesity, heart disease and type 2 diabetes cannot be won with structured "diets" that don't fit into our real lives. Rather, we need healthy, doable habits that, over time, change our lifestyle and make good nutrition and fitness who we are every day.

Thanks to a grant from the Michigan Center for Rural Health, the DIET FREE program is being offered at a discounted rate of \$70 for the 9-week nutrition and exercise program.

Sign-up day is slated for April 19 from 4 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 1 at the hospital. The program will run for 9 weeks on Tuesdays from 4 to 5 p.m., beginning May 3.

For more information, call Kathy Droupski, RN, community education at (989) 912-6365.

# Food give-away scheduled Friday

A food giveaway is slated for noon, Friday, April 1, at Noah's Ark at the Farver Road Baptist Church.

A semi truck-load of free food will be given away to those in need. Residents are asked to bring their own containers and to come before noon.

Noah's Ark is located at 4330 Farver Rd. (between Gagetown and Owendale, one mile west of Elkton Rd. between Sebewaing and McAlpin roads). For more information, call (989) 315-8043.

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# In Our OPINION..

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## Witnesses need to step up to the plate

*Tuscola County Sheriff's Department investigators are continuing their probe into the recent, senseless death of a 16-year-old Owen-Gage High School freshman, but they need those who were at the scene to share what they saw and/or know about the events that led up to the tragedy.*

*Those individuals know who they are and, as Tuscola County Prosecutor Mark E. Reese commented last week, they need to step up and talk to deputies.*

*"This isn't a situation where people can stand on the sidelines and let other people take care of things. It's common decency at this point," Reese said.*

*We agree.*

*Zachary Harp of Caro, a 16-year-old freshman at Owen-Gage, died early Sunday, March 20, from injuries he suffered in Gagetown following a party that involved underage drinking and an altercation with another teenager who, according to witnesses, allegedly ran over Harp with his car and dragged his body the length of a block.*

*The suspect in this case now stands charged with open murder, manslaughter with a motor vehicle and operating while intoxicated - causing death.*

*A number of witnesses fled the scene and others were simply uncooperative with sheriff's department investigators, in spite of the seriousness of the incident.*

*Why? Are they afraid of getting in trouble themselves? Don't want to "snitch"? Don't want to get involved? Don't care?*

*By all accounts, Zachary Harp was a personable, friendly, popular student at Owen-Gage. He loved playing football and reached out to his fellow students when they needed a hand. Now, those same students are reaching out by working to raise money in an effort to assist his family.*

*Harp's life, though short, is one worth remembering and honoring by assisting investigators as they attempt to put the pieces together regarding the events that led up to his death.*

*The Thumb area community has needlessly lost far too many young lives in tragedies such as this. Perhaps if detectives can put all of the pieces together here, they can not only wrap up their investigation and let the wheels of justice take over, they can also come up with some solutions that would help to avoid another senseless death.*

*But they need the help of those who were there, and there's no time to waste.*

*If you know something about Zachary Harp's death, we strongly urge you to contact Detective Scott Jones at the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department by calling (989) 673-8161 (ext. 2229).*

*It's the right thing to do.*



## Slices of Life

by Jill Pertler

Things that go squeak in the night



The bed is squeaking. Somewhere. Underneath. It started suddenly a day (or night) ago. Squeaks are like that. Abrupt. Unexpected. Out of the blue. One day (or night) the air is quiet and the next you are confronted with... that sound.

Maybe it's brought on by a change of seasons, humidity or barometric pressure. Maybe my springs are getting rusty or the bed's getting old. There are a whole lot of variable possibilities, but one thing's for sure: it's annoying.

Perhaps, on occasion, you've experienced the joy of a squeak all your own. Most of us have.

Joyfulness or no, there aren't many positive things to be said about a squeak. Unless you squeak by to win a race, squeaks are troublesome anomalies in the universe. And I'm not only referring to beds.

I'm referring to mice, the notorious squeakers of the animal kingdom. Having a squeak originating from a mouse inside your house is far from joyous (unless you are a cat). So, I guess in the glass-half-full scheme of things, a bed squeak is more desirable than one emanating from a critter capable of leaving a trail of droppings in its wake.

Mice aren't the only animals known to emit squeaks. Other rodents squeak, but less famously so. Rabbits squeak when confronted with the jaws of a fox or other near-death experience, which happens quite often, due to the bunny's position at the giving end of the food chain.

Rats are rodents. I'm not sure they squeak. I've never heard them utter any sound; then again, I don't think I want to.

While obviously not rodents, elephants have been rumored to squeak, but I've never witnessed this. Besides, unlike a rodent, an elephant could never sneak into your house to squeak, so to speak. Not even through a wide-open door. Even if it did, you'd probably recognize it standing in the middle of your living room.

Unlike an elephant in the room, bed squeaks can be

difficult to ignore. You get up one morning, squeak-free, and by nightfall you are squeak-laden. What creates the squeak and from where does it originate? Unsqueakable questions, to be sure.

My squeak occurs when I roll over, shift or otherwise do anything besides breathe in bed. This is troublesome because when it comes to slumber, I am a pancake; I need to be flipped to keep from burning (or at least from getting too hot under the covers). So I flip, the bed squeaks, and the sound - a jarring noise - pulls me from sleep and I am left there, awake in the dark, with nothing better to do than ponder the squeak.

Come morning I will embark on a squeak attack. Armed with the primary-colored can adorned with two simple letters and the number a little bigger than 39, I wriggle under the bed and spray the stuff everywhere. Like an errant mouse in my house I will eradicate the squeak.

With a spritz and a sprinkle, I complete my mission. Thank goodness for WonderDrug squeak-repellent - miracle in a can: the stuff that takes my squeak from nails-on-a-chalkboard irritating to pure and glorious nothingness.

By nightfall, I am tired. I climb under the covers without a sound. I roll over in the middle of the night while my bed remains blissfully as quiet as a mouse. Next to me, my husband begins to snore - softly at first.

*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; or visit her website at http://marketing-by-design.home.mchsi.com/.*



## Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

## Letters to the Editor

### Hey, Phil, you were wrong. You are fired

Phil, you're fired!

I'm not trying to sound like Donald Trump, but on Feb. 2, when Phil came out of his hole and didn't see his shadow, I thought that was a sign that there were only 6 more weeks of winter? Well, Phil, you were wrong.

It has been 7 weeks since you came out of your hole, and look, it doesn't look like spring is even near. I mean, what is with all of the snow this year? Even my 10-year-old daughter is tired of it.

I think the mail carriers should be paid hazardous

duty pay this year. They've had to endure walking in all of that snow. People who don't shovel the sidewalks — keep that in mind. The mailman has to walk through the snow to deliver your mail.

Anyway, I think they should find some other animal to do the predictions from now on. I was thinking geese. When you see them flying north, that is a good sign spring is on its way.

Patty Yax  
Cass City

### We have caused many of our own problems

Dear friends,

There is an increased anger in our country. I hear it from people in our community, on television and on the radio. People voice anger over the Muslim community. Many feel Muslims are going to take over the world. Some of these people have never even met someone of the Muslim faith. Others are angry about our economy and lack of jobs.

Many people blame our government for their problems. Others incite people into violence. Some corporate leaders give themselves multi-million dollar bonuses that are not justified.

Unions have contributed to the formation of a middle class in the country. They were responsible for improving working conditions of blue-collar workers along with increases in wages and benefits.

Today, many are losing these benefits and having their hourly wage reduced.

Many can find only part-time employment. Jobs are being shipped overseas.

We have caused many of our own problems. Many of us have lived beyond our means by purchasing a home larger than we could afford, maxing out credit cards, and having multiple vehicles and toys in our yards.

Sometimes unions have protected people who do not want to work. Many times we do not look for a made in America sticker, but purchase an item based on price.

We need to have a change in attitude and start working together with less pointing fingers. We need to start showing our children and neighbors that it is time to start attending church and pray for our country and leaders. We need to spend time with our families in church to make our country strong.

Yours truly,  
Louise Buehrly

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

## Wednesday, March 30

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.

## Thursday, March 31

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

## Friday, April 1

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

## Saturday, April 2

Kingston Lions Club Annual Craft Show, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Kingston Elementary School cafeteria, 1/4 mile south of M-46 at the south school parking lot entrance.

## Sunday, April 3

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

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

## Monday, April 4

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.

Novesta Township Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.

## Tuesday, April 5

Toddler Story Times, 10-10:30 a.m., Rawson Memorial District Library.

## Wednesday, April 6

Paint Your Luggage, 6-9 p.m., Rawson Memorial District Library.

# Sheriff: beware of scam

Sanilac County Sheriff Garry Biniecki is warning Thumb area residents of a phone scam, which originated on the West Coast, that could leave them with high phone bills.

"It starts when scammers call you pretending to be associated with the sheriff's office, police department or other public safety agency of a hospital. They make up a story about your child or other loved one being hurt in an accident and ask you to call the deputy 'at the scene' by dialing \*72 and a phone number they

provide," explained Biniecki, who said residents should not dial the number.

"Sanilac County Sheriff's deputies will never instruct anyone to dial a phone number beginning with \*72 to receive 'on scene' accident information about their loved ones," he said. "Our sheriff's office deputies have been trained and instructed on how to conduct themselves during traumatic situations and would never contact residents in such an uncaring

manner.

"If you subscribe to call forwarding, when you dial \*72 at the beginning of a call you can activate this service," Biniecki continued. "All calls to your phone number will then be forwarded to the phone number the scammer gave you. This action could entail charges, pay-per-call and collect call charges. If you are unsure if you have this service, call your phone company to avoid becoming a victim of this type of scam."

## Circuit court news

# Several face felony charges

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

•Richard B. Mickalich, 47, Millington, was sentenced to 180 days in the county jail for his plea of guilty to assaulting or obstructing a police officer Sept. 2 in Tuscola

Township.

He was also placed on 24 months probation and ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$1,398.

•John P. Kramer, 38, Millington, received a one-year delayed sentence following his plea of guilty to first degree child abuse Aug. 27-28 in

Millington Township.

He was ordered to pay \$2,678 in costs and fines.

•Michael A. Acre, 26, Caro, was sentenced to 18 months to 8 years in prison for his plea of guilty to absconding or forfeiting bond Oct. 18 in Caro. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (2 prior felony convictions).

In addition to prison time, he was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$198.

•Duane L. McCray, 43, Saginaw, received a one-year delayed sentence following his plea of guilty to possession of a controlled substance Dec. 10 in Indianfields Township.

He was ordered to pay \$1,278 in costs and fines.

•Derek S. McHalpine, 18, Unionville, was sentenced to 2 to 15 years in prison for his pleas of guilty to second degree home invasion and larceny in a building June 5 in Akron Township.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$203.

# Damrow endorses move to lift burning ruling

State Rep. Kurt Damrow recently announced his support for the Department of Environmental Quality's move to lift its ruling which would have prohibited the burning of waste beginning April 1.

"I am pleased the DEQ has chosen to hold off on its ruling to ban the burning of household waste in order to listen to more input from residents," said Damrow, R-Port Austin. "For many rural households or landowners without municipal trash collection, burning is one of their

only options. The DEQ should be able to find a compromise that meets their environmental goals without making it extremely difficult or expensive for rural residents to dispose of their trash."

The DEQ ban on the burning of waste in outdoor barrels was scheduled to begin April 1, however, the department recently repealed its proposal to gather more public input on the practice and because it was never signed by the governor.



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STATE SENATOR Mike Green (right) and state Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Director Dan Wyant (second from right), meet with DEQ district staff in Bay City during a recent tour of the district office. The leaders also met with business heads at a Chemical Bank annual breakfast and received a tour of the Karn/Weadock Generating Complex in Essexville from Consumers Energy officials. The complex employs 370 people and can generate up to 2,101 megawatts, enough power to serve a community of more than 1.3 million.



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Glenn Guilds

Elkland Township Fire Chief

## VILLAGE OF GAGETOWN PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Gagetown Village Council will hold a Close-Out Public Hearing on a \$520,000 Community Development Block Grant received by the Village of Gagetown for the Water and Street Improvement Project from the Michigan EDC.

The hearing will be held on **Monday, April 4, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Gagetown Municipal Building located at **6437 South Street, Gagetown.**

The public is invited to attend.

Joan Koch  
Village Clerk

# Green announces McLoskey will be his representative

State Senator Mike Green last week announced the appointment of Jim McLoskey as his district representative for the 31st Senate District.

McLoskey, the longtime director of job creation and retention efforts in Tuscola County, will begin his duties April 15.

"Jim is well known and well respected throughout this area of the state. He understands the needs of the Bay and Thumb regions and the unique challenges we face," Green said. "He'll help me provide the high-quality representation this district deserves."

McLoskey has served as executive director of the Tuscola County Economic Development Corporation since 1986, after more than 10 years as a radio and print journalist. His resume includes a brief stint as editor of the Cass City Chronicle. McLoskey has been an active volunteer in a number of community organizations, downtown development task forces and local government boards. He graduated from Michigan State University in 1977 with a degree in telecommunications/journalism.

"I am honored to have the opportunity to work for Senator Green and to help him serve the good people of this district," McLoskey commented. "I've known Senator Green to always have the best interests of those he represents in mind, and I look forward to being a part of his team."

According to Green, McLoskey will be his "point man" in the district, particularly on the issue of jobs. "With his extensive experience in economic development, he'll most certainly be a source of expertise on things we can do to bring good-paying jobs back to the state," he said.

McLoskey will also serve as coordinator on constituent issues, the liaison to local government and community groups, and will attend area events and meetings when Green is unavailable. "Representing over 150 units of government and over a quarter-million people means I can't always be present when invited to an event," Green noted. "Jim will be my voice and my ears and will serve all of us well."

The 31st District includes Arenac, Bay, Huron, Sanilac and Tuscola counties.

## Reporter's notebook

# This local educator goes above, beyond

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

I'm not feeling very humorous this week, so I'm going to spend a few moments praising a Cass City Public Schools teacher whose efforts I have been privileged to get a close look at during this school year.

Her name is Paula LeValley, and she's a first grade teacher at Campbell Elementary School.

LeValley was born and raised in Cass City. She earned her bachelor's degree in elementary education and her master's in reading at Saginaw Valley State University. She's been teaching for 15 years and says she has never regretted entering the field of education.

But her degrees and background aren't what this column is about.

It's about caring.

You see, what I never really thought about before is the fact that public school teachers are sometimes faced with some students that present, shall we say, a challenge in the classroom. Like any other public school instructor, I know LeValley has dealt with some of these children in her classroom over the years, and I know that she has invested, literally, hundreds of hours into helping these students adjust to the classroom setting, in spite of behavioral issues that could cause some elementary educators to pull their hair out.

But, again, it isn't just her efforts in class that impress me.

LeValley really cares. That means giving up her planning time, recesses and lunch periods to work with a student that needs some extra attention.

And, when she leaves school for the day — or after the school year is done — "her" kids are still on her

mind, still in her thoughts. She wonders how they are getting along and wants to know if her work with them is paying off. Sometimes she spends a portion of her "summer vacation" working with these kids, one-on-one.

LeValley has faith that a caring teacher can have a solid and lasting impact on young lives by hanging in there with them through thick and thin, learning their tendencies when they become difficult, and working through those moments.

That's the sort of dedication you don't learn during 4 or more years of college lectures.

I'm not saying LeValley is in a class by herself, so to speak. In fact, having interviewed a number of educators in the Cass City Public Schools, I know we have many dedicated teachers who do what they do, day in and day out, out of their passion for education and youngsters, not just for a paycheck.

Again, they go above and beyond in the classroom because they care, and the satisfaction they get out of it provides them with a wonderful "pay-day".

It can be easy to forget that, but we shouldn't. At a time when state funding cuts continue to force public schools to compete against one another for students via Schools of Choice rules, teachers such as LeValley are one of the best advertisements Cass City has for drawing parents and their children to this district.

Offering diverse programs and a sound curriculum are important, too, of course. Still, people — teachers, administrators and support personnel — are what make a school district tick.

And this school system seems to be ticking just fine, and then some.

# Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



## 5 YEARS AGO

If Rick and Karen Peters were farmers, the Cass City area couple probably wouldn't be looking for a banner crop this year. Still, the harvest is underway and they're holding out hope that things will pick up as they did over the weekend. The Peters, with a little help from a few family members and friends, and their children, Kelsey, 7, and Peyton, 4, harvest maple sap each spring and transform the watery substance into sweet, pure maple syrup along with maple sugar, candy and maple cream. The couple, who own and operate Rick's Sugar Bush and Supply, LLC, also sell a complete line of D&G and Marcland maple syrup product supplies and equipment from their business on M-53, just north of Seeger Road. "I bought the property in the fall of '92, and I believe it was the spring of '93 when we started," Rick Peters recalled Friday morning. "My dad said, 'gee, if I had all these maple trees, I'd make maple syrup', and that's how it all started."

Senior Jordan Bitzer, Unionville-Sebewaing Area Schools, has been recognized as among the best young basketball players in the country through his nomination to the 29th annual McDonald's All American High School basketball team. Nominees will be considered for one of the 24 slots on the final McDonald's All American High School team that will tip off at San Diego State University on Wednesday, March 29th.

## 10 YEARS AGO

The Kally Maharg scholarship recipients are Krista Homakie, Jesse Rader, Tara Whittaker, Jessup Hoyt and Leah Sherman. John Maharg presented them the scholarships.

Among the Deckerville 3 on 3 basketball tournament champions recently were the 7th grade team of Renee Czekai, Ashley Hendrick, Kalen Trischler all of Cass City, and Allison Demont of Sandusky.

Shelly Ulfig, Alma College sophomore, was recently named to the All-Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association Dream Team. The first team selection led the MIAA in rebounding with an 8.3 average per game and tallied a season total of 116. A 6-foot center, Ulfig helped the Scots to a runner-up finish behind Hope College with a 12-2 conference mark, and 17-6 overall record. She finished as the MIAA's 3rd leading scorer with 15.6-point average.

Although final figures for 2000-2001 were not available because the township's fiscal year doesn't end until April 1, preliminary figures indicate that Elkland Township is in sound financial condition. A pro-

posed 2001-2002 budget presented at the annual meeting Monday shows that revenues and expenditures will be \$333,600. Treasurer Art Randall said that the township's contingency fund is expected to be in the neighborhood of \$250,000. Salary increases of 5 percent for the township board and employees were approved. Supervisor Dan Erla pointed out that the new salaries for the board are among the lowest for townships of equal or larger size.

## 25 YEARS AGO

Rare Occurrence: Lyle Severance, 10, proudly holds his quadruplet lambs born March 14. According to agriculture agent Dennis Stein, the chances of a quad birth is one in 20,000. The births were unusual in other respects since the ewe had them unassisted and feeds all 4. Lyle's father, Leslie, said that these are the first quadruplets he's had in the 25 years he's been raising sheep.

Although they didn't have much cooperation from Mother Nature, students at Deford Elementary School concluded a 5-month-long reading program Wednesday, March 26, with the release of a large number of balloons. In first grade, the goal was for the students to read 90 pages of books. Second grade students had a goal of 125 pages. The goal for third-graders was 150 pages. Fourth-grade students were hoping to reach 175 pages, and students in fifth grade were aiming for a total of 225 pages read. Corie Churchill read more than 10,000 pages, and earned a record number of balloons for her reading effort. Other top readers in the program were Robin Voss, Tammy Stein and Lisa Deering.

## 50 YEARS AGO

Big business both locally and nationally is the annual cookie sale of Girl Scouts and Brownies. In Cass City the youthful salesgirls peddled 2,892 boxes of cookies ... more than a box for each of the 1,939 residents of the community. The sales netted the Cass City Girl Scouts some \$260.28. The million-odd salesgirls nationally compiled even more impressive sales. Expected sales this year are 900 million macaroons, mint, sandwich and shortbread cookies. Expected net is \$12 million on sales of \$23 million. Lynn Haire led the local Brownies in sales with 77 boxes and Sharon Eberline was tops among the Girl Scouts with 62 boxes. Acting leader for Lynn is Mrs. Charles Auten. Sharon's leader is Mrs. Donald Mance.

Stuart Little, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Little, has been honored by full membership in Beta Beta Beta, a national biological honor society, at a formal invitation this month. This

honor society is for those students who have achieved academic excellence in the field of biological science. Stuart is one of three men at Alma College to be asked into full membership. Four students became provisional members.

## 100 YEARS AGO

The play "Dot, the Miner's Daughter, or One Glass of Wine," as presented by the young people of the neighborhood of the brick schoolhouse, three miles northeast of town last Friday evening, was a decided success socially and financially. The young people who participated felt well repaid for their hard work. A box social followed the play and all heartily enjoyed the entire evening's program. The receipts were \$30.00, there being about 125 persons present, and the schoolhouse filled to overflowing. Henry Hulburt officiated as auctioneer and through his efforts the boxes were rapidly sold. The following young people took part in the play: Wm. Hurley, Clare Spurgeon, John Hulburt, Stanley Hulburt, Len Striffler, Gordon Randall and Fred Buehley, and the Misses Reid, Seva Withey, Martha Marks, Lena Marks, Ethel Hulburt and Carrie Hurley. The group of participants "had their pictures taken" after the play.

The following represents the liquor shipments to the railroad station of Kingston, Tuscola County, during the years 1908 and 1910. In 1908, "wet," 156 cases of beer, 80 3/4 barrels of beer, 1 barrel of whiskey, 1 keg of gin, 1 keg of brandy. In 1910, "dry," 102 cases of beer and 28 gallons of whiskey. These figures refute the argument that more liquor is sold in a dry county.

On Monday evening, April 2, the high school will hold their annual oratorical and declamatory contest at the Methodist church. The contest this year promises to be a lively one. Already nine candidates have entered the field and they are all in the contest to win. The following are the participants and their subjects: Orations — "Idealism vs. Realism"...James Hurley; "Success"...W. C. Deming; "Greater America"...Clifton Ball; "The Great Destroyer"...Marcus McIntosh; "Reciprocity with Canada"...Joyce Retherford. Declamations — "America, the Front Rank of Nations"...Seva Withey; "The March of the Flag"...Lloyd McKim; "A Vision of War and A Vision of the Future"...Edna Colwell and "Touissant L'Ovreture"...Lester Childs

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<p><b>Cass City Church of Christ</b> 6743 E. Main St., Cass City, MI 48726 Contacts 872-2367 or 872-3136 Worship Service Sunday 11:00 a.m. &amp; 6:00 p.m. Bible Study - Sunday 10:00 a.m. &amp; Wednesday 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>First Baptist Church (Independent, Fundamental) Barrier Free</b> 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 &amp; 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</p>	<p><b>Potter's House Christian Fellowship Church</b> Corner of 6th and Leach, Cass City, MI 48726 872-5186 Thursday Evening 7:00 p.m. Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m. Pastor: F. Robert Tucker</p>
<p><b>Cass City Church of the Nazarene</b> 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 &amp; Bible Study - &amp; Children's Activities 6:00 p.m. Pastor: Jerry Harrington Associate Pastor: Judy A. Escklisen</p>	<p><b>First Presbyterian Church Barrier Free</b> State &amp; National Historical Registry 6505 Church St., Cass City, MI 48726 872-5400 Worship Service 10:45 a.m. Pastor: Dave Blackburn</p>	<p><b>St. Pancratius Catholic Church</b> 4292 S. Seeger St., Cass City, MI 48726 872-3336 Saturday Liturgy 4:00 p.m. Pastor: David G. Hill Pastoral Administrator: Sr. Maria Dina Puddu MC</p>
<p><b>Cass City Missionary Church</b> 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 &amp; Youth Group 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Family Night 6:30 p.m. Pastor: Phil Burkett www.casscitymc.org</p>	<p><b>Fraser Presbyterian Church</b> 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</p>	<p><b>Visitors always welcomed ... Please join us today!</b></p>
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**RAWSON Memorial District Library in Cass City recently hosted its latest "You Can't Do That at the Library" event. "It was our 'travel edition' since our summer reading program is based on travel," explained library Director Kate VanAuken. Above, Sammi Stern (red shirt) and Alex Graham (brown shirt) compete in a "Minute to Win it - Stack 6 Dice on a Popsicle Stick" competition. At right, Ben Sanders takes part in the "Race Through the Stacks" event.**

## Police seeking witnesses

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streets in Gagetown at about 4 a.m. the day of the incident. "A subject there had been reportedly run over by a car. Michigan State Police troopers arrived first and held the scene down for the deputies," Skrent reported. "When the officers arrived, they found (Harp) critically injured. FlightCare Helicopter arrived and transported him to Flint Hurley Hospital.

"Investigators believe there was a party at a home located at 6525 Elizabeth St. in Gagetown and an altercation started between the victim and another subject," Skrent said. "Witnesses say the other subject, a 17-year-old male from Unionville, intentionally ran over Harp with his car and dragged his body almost a block. When another person ran to the victim's aid, the car came around again and struck them, causing minor injuries to the other person."

Investigators said Kalis, a former junior at Cass City High School, fled the scene.

"Other people also fled the scene when police arrived," Skrent reported. "Other witnesses were uncoop-

erative with the officers. The victim...died of his injuries at 3:48 p.m. that day."

Owen-Gage Schools Principal Terri Falkenberg said school officials brought in counselors to help grieving students deal with Harp's death.

"(It's) definitely a horrible tragedy," she said. "Zach was a very, very popular student among the student body. He was well liked. The other students will tell you he was there for them.

"When he walked down the hall, he had a smile on his face and was enjoying life with his buddies," added Falkenberg, who said his fellow students have since created donation canisters in an effort to raise money for the family.

Cass City Public Schools Supt. Jeff Hartel said Kalis transferred to Cass City from USA Schools a couple months ago. He has since withdrawn his enrollment in Cass City, is currently free on bond and will continue his education at home.

Anyone with information related to the investigation is asked to call Detective Scott Jones at the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department at (989) 673-8161 (ext. 2229).

## Bad Axe post set to close

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that service levels will either be unchanged or enhanced, given the increased flexibility in deployment and scheduling provided by the regional policing plan.

"The department may look different, but our mission is clear: we will continue to provide public safety while respecting the rights and dignity of all persons.

"Michigan is a much different state today than when the MSP was established nearly a century ago, Kibbey Etue continued. "The new regional post locations were selected for their strategic locations in the region, their long-term structural viability and for their ability to accept new technology."

State police officials said they will be implementing technologies that provide a mobile office environment, allowing troopers to perform many administrative duties directly from their patrol cars. Mobile computing capabilities will also be expanded to provide patrol vehicles with the ability to electronically process ticketing and traffic crash data, as well as link "real time" information from the roadside to the courts.

"This plan allows the MSP to be both more responsive to emerging crime trends and less constrained by traditional geographic boundaries," Kibbey Etue said. "Implementation of this plan will (also) help the department meet the \$20.7 million general fund reduction in the fiscal year 2012 executive budget."

## Police seize drugs and cash

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of 2 deputies, the undersheriff, Bad Axe Police Department Canine Unit and Chief Romzek from the Owendale Police Department searched 3434 Sixth St.," Hanson continued.

"Confiscated from this residence was approximately \$12,000 in cash, a small amount of marijuana and more drug paraphernalia. Present at this residence was the 51-year-old female homeowner, a 54-year-old

male and a 26-year-old with her 2-month-old son. All were residents of Owendale. Also present was a 55-year-old male from Caro."

The sheriff said no arrests had been made yet because the investigation was on-going.

"Reports will be forwarded to Huron County Prosecutor Tim Rutkowski for his review," he added. "The Department of Human Services has been notified regarding the presence of the 2-month-old child at the Owendale residence."

## Tornado siren testing slated

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Each year, more than 1,000 tornadoes strike the United States. Since 1950, more than 239 persons have been killed due to tornadoes.

According to the National Weather Service (NWS), Michigan experienced an above average year for severe weather in 2010. Severe thunderstorms and tornadoes were responsible for about \$360 million in damages, one death and 22 injuries. Nearly half of the damage was associated with an April 6 hail storm that produced hail in excess of 2 inches

as it swept across Southwest Lower Michigan and into the northern suburbs of metro Detroit.

In 2010, there were 27 tornadoes across the state, which is the highest total in Michigan since 2001 when 35 tornadoes were recorded.

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**THE CASS CITY 2011 varsity baseball team will look to improve on last year's records of 18-18 overall and 4-8 in the GTW. The Red Hawks are: (front, l-r) Nick Kappen, Cody Orban, Derek Mozden, Cody Ross, Alex Varney, Austin Deering, Robby Simpson, Watson Moore (back) Jeff Leslie, Kyle Hanby, Morgan Erla, Alex Zaleski, Ethan Nicol, Rob VanAuken and Jordan Hendrian.**



**THE CASS CITY 2011 varsity softball team is under the direction of rookie head coach John Hacker. The Red Hawks are: (front, l-r) Hayley Peters, Krista Guinther, McKensie Parrish, Dana Woodward (back) Coach Hacker, Ali Smith, Rebecca Hacker, Carley Hendrick, Logan Rowell, Morgan Potter, Megan Parrish and Coach Ken Martin. Missing are Amber Warju and Shannon Stec.**

## Hacker new Red Hawk skipper

Although rookie head coach John Hacker will be among the many new faces in the Cass City dugout this season, the long-time mentor is certainly no stranger to many of his Lady Red Hawk sluggers.

Hacker enjoyed success coaching several players on this year's roster including Shannon Stec, Morgan Potter, Becca Hacker, Megan Parrish, Ali Smith, Krista Guinther, McKensie Parrish and Carley

Hendrick - back in 2006 when those young ladies helped Cass City capture the Little League District 14 championship as then mostly 12-year-olds.

Now, with the help of assistant coach Ken Martin, who enters his 14th season with the Red Hawk softball program, the pair is hoping Cass City will be in the battle for Greater Thumb West honors despite the graduation losses of Nikki Guigar,

Emily Martin, Lindsay Jamieson and Amanda Kaake. Cass City's last league championship came in 1993.

Hacker will have 7 letter winners back to build around in his maiden season as the leader of the Red Hawk softball program. Highlighting the list of returnees is senior infielder Dana Woodward. Woodward, a Greater Thumb West all-conference first team infielder in 2010, will anchor the right side of the infield at

second base and should see limited time on the pitching mound.

Much the same can be said about the Red Hawks' shortstop, senior McKensie Parrish, who earned GTW honorable mention praises as a junior and was the team's number 2 hurler. Both of the Red Hawk team leaders are capable of providing instant offense with the long ball.

Expected to dominate on the pitching mound is junior Stec. She became the Red Hawks' workhorse on the rubber as a sophomore en route to GTW all-conference second team honors.

Another GTW honorable mention choice in 2010, senior Guinther, will give Hacker a tested glove in center field, while junior Megan Parrish is back to handle the catching duties. She was a GTW all-conference second team selection as a sophomore.

Completing the list of players with varsity experience for Hacker are Hayley Peters and Amber Warju. The senior pair should see time patrolling the corners of the Red Hawk outfield.

Joining Hacker as a new face on the varsity team are juniors Smith, Hacker, Hendrick, Rowell and Potter.

Hacker is expected to field grounders along the third base line, while Hendrick and Rowell will protect the line at first base.

As usual, Reese and Unionville-Sebewaing Area Schools enter spring as preseason favorites.

## Haag faces heavy grad toll as Red Hawks set to kick off campaign

Since taking the reins of the Cass City baseball team in 2008, Coach Nathan Haag has witnessed steady improvement from his Red Hawk teams over the years.

Cass City compiled a record of 9-21 in Haag's rookie season, but will enter the 2011 campaign after posting a mark of 18-18 last year. If Haag, who has increased Cass City's win total in each of the 3 previous seasons, hopes to do the same this year, it will be with a balance of veteran and inexperienced players.

It is also a safe bet that Cass City will need to ride the arm of sophomore Cody Orban to finish with a winning record. Orban was spectacular on the mound as a freshman and earned Greater Thumb West second team all-conference honors.

Another key for Cass City rests in junior infielder Morgan Erla. A GTW all-conference second team pick in 2010, Erla will be in the heart on the batting order and a top performer in the field, usually at third base.

Returnees Alex Varney, Austin Deering, Jeff Leslie, Alex Zaleski, Ethan Nicol and Rob VanAuken will be called on to help offset Cass City's heavy graduation toll paced by 2010 GTW dream team member Kyle Pine. In Pine's final season, he belted 3 home runs and led the team with 40 hits, while batting .417 with a .633 on base percentage, both tops on the squad. Cass City will also miss the services of Steffin Bader, Trevor Phillips and Steven Rychlewski, all GTW honorable mention picks in their senior seasons.

Making their varsity debuts are Nick Kappen, Derek Mozden, Cody Ross, Robby Simpson, Watson Moore, Kyle Hanby and Jordan Hendrian. All are sure to see plenty of action in the early season.

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## Green airs legislation

Property owners could appeal property tax assessments to their board of review by letter and would not be required to appear in person, under legislation introduced this week by state Sen. Mike Green (R-Mayville).

Senate Bill 285 would also require the local unit of government to notify taxpayers of this option.

"During the difficult economic times we live in, taxpayers are finding it more and more difficult to make ends meet, which includes paying their property taxes," said Green. "Government should do what it can to better serve the people, especially under current circumstances. Providing the option for a written protest only makes sense."

In addition to SB 285, Green also introduced Senate Bills 283 and 284, which require that reduced assessments resulting from a successful appeal to a local board of review or the state Tax Tribunal must be used as the baseline for the following year's taxes.

"If an assessment is reduced on appeal, a taxpayer deserves to have that a reduction used in part to determine the following year's assessment as well. This package of bills will enhance the rights of property taxpayers in Michigan and improve the property tax assessment process," Green said.

The legislation has been referred to the Senate Committee on Economic Development.



**THE CASS CITY golf team has plenty of numbers to defend the Red Hawks' GTW title. They are: (front, l-r) Alison Blattner, Jacob Kittle, Sarah Zmierski, Nick McCoy, Trenton Loomis (middle) Alex Varney, Kelby Rowell, Ryan Larson, Anthony House, Tyler Samons, Drew King, Coach Jon Zdrojewski (back) Justin Summers, Kyle Middaugh, Michael Mulligan, Trevor Brown, Theron Bogart and Brandon Green.**

## MEET THE RED HAWK THINCLADS



THE CASS CITY girls' track team members include: (front, l-r) Ashtyn Janiske Weiler, Elisabeth Milligan, Haley Wynn, Shelby Abell, Logan Rowell, Jessica Prieskorn, Morgan Potter (back) Emily Shawley, Jordyn Heredia, Briana Sheldon, Miranda Williams, Alyssa Bennett, Megan Schoel and Ashley Potts.



THE CASS CITY boys' track team members include: (front, l-r) Adrien Hartsell, Braeden Perzanowski, Eric Churchill, JeanLuc Mathewson, Tristan Kuntz, Zac Potrykus, Michael Potrykus (back) Ian Habicht, Michael Crawford, Alex Williams, Curtis Dickinson, Lukas Baker, Garret Ferguson, Josh Jensen, Adam McFadzean and Terrence Bennett.



THE CASS CITY junior varsity softball team members include: (front, l-r) Chian Huang, Rachel Bartnik, Shania Chambers, Mady Brinkman, Kara Reif, Andrea Mikolon, Lauren Perry, Lauren Bukoski (back) Coach Bill Hartzell, Ellen Hulburt, Casey Rabideau, Audrey VanAuken, Hannah Hulburt, Erica Kolacz, Stephanie Heckroth, Karley Peters, Dakota Wilson and Coach Amanda Hartzell.

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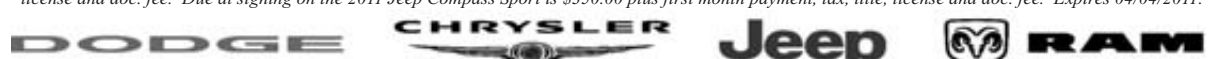
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Exploration Days will be held June 22-23 on the campus of Michigan State University and is open to all youth between the ages of 11 and 19 as of Jan. 1, 2011. Membership in 4-H is not required.

Participants choose from more than 200 action-packed learning sessions and field trips from their favorite interest areas, including animal science, crafts, entrepreneurship, leadership, performing arts, environmental education, nutrition and fitness, personal development, and much more. They also enjoy evening recreational activities including bike riding, ice-skating, dancing, swimming, bowling, and visiting many MSU sites. Major event highlights include entertainment at the Wharton Center, a planetarium show, and the

annual 4-H awards celebration. Exploration Days is designed to give youth in-depth training through hands-on educational sessions that interest them, and to provide opportunities, experiences and resources that aren't available locally.

Participants have the chance to meet new people and make new friends from different places and with different backgrounds. They are also able to develop career interests and become better prepared academically and socially for higher education and workforce success.

Sessions fill quickly, so early registration is highly recommended. The registration fee of \$165 for 4-H members and \$175 for non-members includes sessions, all meals, lodging and a T-shirt. Registration materials are available at the Tuscola County MSU Extension office located at 326 Green Street in Caro. The registration deadline is Friday, April 29, and \$65 deposit is required. For further information, visit <http://msue.msu.edu/cyf/youth/expo days.html> or contact Tuscola County MSU Extension at (989) 672-3870.

## Spearmint, peppermint production up

Spearmint production in Michigan was 112,000 pounds in 2010, up 8 percent from the 2009 crop.

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**TIM GEIGER, HATC Construction Building Trades instructor, gives Huron County youth instructions on how to construct their bird houses during the recent 4-H Projects Galore Workshops, which drew some 80 youth.**

# Obituaries

## Violette Cope

Violette Ethel LaBlanc Cope, 77, of Freeland, formerly of Cass City, died Tuesday, March 22, 2011 in Health Source Saginaw.

She was born Dec. 25, 1933 in Argyle Township, Sanilac County, the daughter of William and Ethel (Hyatt) Faltinowski.

She married Willis Earl LaBlanc July 6, 1957 in the Cass City Church of the Nazarene. He died Nov. 25, 1996. She married Ralph Cope in 1997 in Caro. He died 2005.

Violette worked for Walbro Manufacturing, retiring after over 30 years. She was a member of Cass City Church of the Nazarene. Violette enjoyed visiting with her family and being part of her church activities. Her church was very important to her.

Violette is survived by a daughter, Kerri LaBlanc of Freeland; a brother, Elwood (Martha) Faltinowski of Inverness, Fla.; sisters: June Cannon of Tampa, Fla., and Bessie McCool of Arcadia, Fla.; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Leona Minard.

A private committal service will be held at a later date in the spring at her graveside in Novesta Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Interment will be in Novesta Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Memorials may be made to Cass River Pet Friendz.

Family and friends may share memories, prayers and stories with the family at [www.kranzfuneralhome.com](http://www.kranzfuneralhome.com).

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

## Elmer Francis

Elmer Howard Francis, 79, of Cass City died following a short illness Thursday, March 24, 2011 in Select Specialty Residence, Saginaw.



He was born Feb. 14, 1932 in Kingston, the son of Ray E. and Susie L. (Thorp) Francis.

He married Janet I. Wright June 25, 1955 in Cass City First Presbyterian Church.

Elmer served in the U.S. Army in Korea 1952 to 1955. He was awarded a Presidential Citation for decoding information from North Korea that contributed to ending the war. Elmer worked as a residential and commercial builder, owning his own business, Francis Builders, for 45 years. He was a member and past master of Cass City Masonic Blue Lodge; a member of Bay City Consistory as a 32nd degree Mason; Elf Khurafeh Shriners of Saginaw; life member and past commander of Cass City VFW Post #3644, Cass City United Methodist Church and a life member of Cass City Gun Club. Elmer volunteered as a Circus Daddy at Elf Khurafeh Shrine Circus in Saginaw. He also volunteered as a hospital driver, transporting kids to the Shriners Hospital for Children in Chicago.

Elmer did a great deal of mission work, making many trips to Costa Rica and Haiti supervising and helping with the building of schools,

churches and other buildings. He loved being outdoors and appreciated nature. Elmer and his great granddaughter regularly fed and watched the birds in their back yard. He enjoyed many types of hunting and fishing, especially trout fishing on the AuSable River with his son-in-law. Elmer was a Cass City sports fan. He attended nearly every sports event held; first watching his children, then grandchildren and now great grandchildren. He looked forward to playing cribbage with his friends in the early morning. Elmer truly loved his family and friends and never missed an opportunity to give them a hard time.

Elmer is survived by his wife, Janet; children: Debra Ann (Juan) Medrano of San Antonio, Texas, Donna Jean (Richard) Hartwick of Cass City, William Howard (Linda) Francis of San Antonio, Texas, Denise Rachel (David) Janssen of Cass City, and Deborah Francis of Muskogee, Okla.; grandchildren: Rachel Medrano, Heidi (Randy) Smith, Kyle (Jennifer) Hartwick, Tiffany Francis, Chad (Crystal) Francis, David Janssen Jr., Renae Janssen, and Angela Janssen; great-grandchildren: Veronica, Kurt Jr., Spencer, Addison, Olyviya, Alexis, Chelste, Logan, and Gabby; a great great-grandson, Aidin; sisters: Madeline (Karl) Marker of Saginaw, and Vivian (Bryce) Updegraff of Ionia; brothers: James (Sharon) Francis of Punta Gorta, Fla., Edward (Alice) Francis of Grand Rapids, and Stuart (Gloria) Francis of Reese; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a son, Fred R. Francis; grandsons: Ryan W. Hartwick, Jason Medrano and Curt Medrano; and a brother, John Francis.

Funeral services were held Saturday, March 26, at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with the Rev. Jackie Roe of Cass City United Methodist Church officiating.

Interment was in the Ellington Township Cemetery, Caro.

Military honors were under the direction of the Cass City VFW Post #3644.

Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund.

Family and friends may share memories, prayers and stories with the family at [www.kranzfuneralhome.com](http://www.kranzfuneralhome.com).

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

## Zachary Harp

Zachary Dillon Harp, 16, passed away Sunday, March 20, 2011.

He was born July 14, 1994 in Saginaw, the son of Adam and Linda (Rands) Harp.

Zachary was a lifelong resident of Tuscola County, having lived in Cass City and Caro. He attended Caro Schools and was currently a student at Owendale-Gagetown High

School. In addition to his school attendance, he was involved in wrestling at Caro and played football at each school he attended. He loved dirt bike riding, stock car racing, four wheeling, skateboarding, structured contact sports, and hoped to someday be a boxer. He enjoyed driving his "Super" Nova.

Zachary is survived by his parents, Adam and Linda Harp; his siblings: Adam (Hope) Harp of Sebawaing, Derik Harp and Ethan Harp at home; his paternal grandparents, Don and Judy Harp of Williamsburg, Ky.; his maternal grandparents, John and Janice Rands of Cass City; 3 nephews; several aunts, uncles, and cousins; and his special friend, Kayla.

He was preceded in death by all of his great-grandparents.

Funeral services were held Friday, March 25, at the Caro Church of the Nazarene, Caro, with Pastor Ben Walls, Gagetown Church of the Nazarene, officiating.

Cremation will follow the service and burial will take place at a later date.

Memorials may be made to the Zachary Harp Family Discretionary Fund, c/o Adam Harp, 302 S. State St., Caro, Michigan 48723.

Arrangements were made by Collon Funeral Home, Caro.

## Susan Vincent

Susan Ann Vincent, 50, of Greenleaf Township, Sanilac County, passed away Wednesday, March 23, 2011 at St. Mary's of Michigan in Saginaw.

She was born June 16, 1960 in Cass City, the daughter of Frank Junior and the late Elizabeth Preba.

She married Eugene Vincent, Jr. Aug. 8, 1980 in Caro.

Susan has been a rural Cass City resident all of her life. In her early years, she had been employed at Snover Stamping and did house painting. Susan was a homemaker and a mom. She enjoyed fishing, gardening and loved cooking.

Susan is survived by her husband, Eugene; 2 children: Joshua Vincent and fiancé, Kendra Harrison of Cass City, and Ashley Vincent and Kevin Urban of Cass City; her father, Frank Preba of Cass City; and her siblings: Kathleen Sweet of Cass City and Frank C. Preba of Cass City.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Elizabeth Preba.

Funeral services were held Saturday, March 26 at Collon Funeral Home, Caro, with Pastor Ronald Wigand, First Baptist Church of Caro, officiating.

In keeping with Susan's wishes, cremation followed the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Susan Vincent Family Discretionary Fund, c/o Eugene Vincent, 302 S. State St., Caro.

Funeral arrangements were made by Collon Funeral Home, Caro.

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by PATRICK J. WOOD and HOPE B. WOOD, HUSBAND AND WIFE, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated September 2, 2003 and recorded on September 17, 2003 in Liber 954 on Page 661, and assigned by said mortgagee to GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC, as assigned, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Three Thousand Five Hundred Eighty Dollars and Ninety-Eight Cents (\$123,580.98), including interest at 5.250% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, front entrance of the Courthouse Building in the City of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM o'clock, on April 21, 2011.

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

PARCEL 1: PART OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 10 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST, DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCING ON THE SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF M-15 AT A POINT SOUTH 18 DEGREES 28 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST, 1214.28 FEET FROM THE INTERSECTION OF THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 9 WITH SAID SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF M-15; THENCE SOUTH 18 DEGREES 28 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST, 147.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 71 DEGREES 31 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST, 197.50 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 37 MINUTES EAST, 167.50 FEET TO THE CENTERLINE OF A DRAIN; THENCE NORTH 78 DEGREES 48 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST, 251.50 FEET ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF DRAIN; THENCE NORTHERLY 292.00 FEET TO A POINT 275.00 FEET WEST OF THE EAST LINE OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 SECTION 9; THENCE EASTERLY 275.00 FEET PARALLEL TO THE NORTH LINE OF SECTION 9; THENCE NORTHERLY 8.00 FEET ALONG THE EAST LINE OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4; THENCE NORTH 71 DEGREES 31 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST, 100.65 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

PARCEL 2: PART OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 10 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST, DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCING ON THE SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF M-15 AT A POINT SOUTH 18 DEGREES 28 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST, 1361.28 FEET FROM THE INTERSECTION OF THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 9, WITH SAID SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF M-15; THENCE SOUTH 18 DEGREES 28 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST, 316.10 FEET; THENCE NORTH 75 DEGREES 57 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST, 264.15 FEET; THENCE NORTH 78 DEGREES 48 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST, 30.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 37 MINUTES WEST, 167.50 FEET; THENCE NORTH 71 DEGREES 31 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST, 197.50 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC  
Mortgagee/Assignee

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

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by RYAN MEAD, A SINGLE MAN, to LAPEER COUNTY BANK & TRUST CO., Mortgagee, dated May 11, 2006 and recorded on May 23, 2006 in Liber 1082 on Page 298, and assigned by said mortgagee to MICHIGAN STATE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY,

as assigned, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Four Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty-Six Dollars and Eighty-Three Cents (\$84,926.83), including interest at 5.750% 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 April 21, 2011.

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

THE EAST 100 FEET OF THE NORTH 16 RODS OF THAT PART OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 36, TOWN 11 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST, LYING WEST OF LEONARD FOX'S THIRD ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE OF MAYVILLE AS PER THE PLAT RECORDED IN LIBER 1, PAGE 22A OF TUSCOLA COUNTY RECORDS.

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

MICHIGAN STATE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
Mortgagee/Assignee

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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 Jennifer Lyn Carlisle, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated November 21, 2007 and recorded on November 27, 2007 in Liber 1135 on Page 1468, and assigned by mesne assignments to Chase Home Finance LLC as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Four Thousand Six Hundred Fifty-One and 84/100 Dollars (\$74,651.84), including interest at 5.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on April 28, 2011.

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

Part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 17, Town 14 North, Range 10 East, beginning at a point on the South line of said Section 17 which is East 494.75 feet from the Southwest corner of said Section 17; thence continuing along said South line East 80 feet, thence at right angles to said South line, North 165.00 feet; thence West 80 feet; thence South 165.00 feet to the South line of said Section 17 and the point of beginning, except easements, restrictions and rights of ways of record.

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

Dated: March 30, 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 #245911F02

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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 Michael A. Sheridan and Kelly S. Sheridan, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to PHH Mortgage Services, Mortgagee, dated June 18, 2004 and recorded on June 24, 2004 in Liber 997 on Page 1278 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Ninety Thousand Ninety-Nine and 75/100 Dollars (\$190,099.75), including interest at 6.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on April 28, 2011.

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

Part of the North 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 11, Town 13 North, Range 7 East, described as, Beginning at a point on the East line of said Section 11 which is North along said East line, 1865.36 feet from the Southeast corner of said Section 11; thence continue North, along said East line, 223.00 feet to a point (said point also being South, along said East line, 3176.91 feet from the Northeast corner of said Section 11); thence West, perpendicular to said East line, 222.00 feet; thence South, parallel with said East line, 223.00 feet; thence East perpendicular to said East line, 222.00 feet to the point of beginning.

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

Dated: March 30, 2011

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:  
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Attorneys for Servicer  
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200  
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525  
File #356304F01

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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 Cynthia A. Riness, an unmarried woman as her sole and separate property, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated September 24, 2004 and recorded on October 5, 2004 in Liber 1011 on Page 59 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 Ninety-One Thousand Two Hundred Four and 43/100 Dollars (\$91,204.43), including interest at 5.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on April 28, 2011.

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

Commencing at the Quarter Post on the South side of section 20 in Town 11 North, Range 7 East, thence North 12 Rods 5.13 feet, thence East 13 rods, thence South 12 Rods 5.13 feet, thence West 13 Rods to the point of beginning, Tuscola Township, Tuscola County, Michigan.

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

Dated: March 30, 2011

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:  
FC L (248) 593-1312  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys for Servicer  
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200  
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525  
File #365099F01

3-30-4

NOTICE PURSUANT TO MCL 600.3205a(4)

NOTICE is hereby provided to Estate Of Brucie A. Dixon and George Dixon, the borrowers and/or mortgagors (hereinafter "Borrower") regarding the property located at: 3179 Hobart Rd., Gagetown, MI 48735-9747.

The Borrower has the right to request a meeting with the mortgage holder or mortgage servicer. The agent designated by the Mortgage Servicer and/or Mortgage Holder to contact and that has authority to make agreements under MCL sections 600.3205b and 600.3205c is: Trott & Trott, P.C., 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200, Farmington Hills, MI 48334-2525 at (248) 593-1313.

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

If the Borrower requests a meeting with the agent designated above by contacting an approved housing counselor within 14 days from March 28, 2011, foreclosure proceedings will not be commenced until 90 days after March 28, 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: March 30, 2011

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FC F (248) 593-1313  
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Attorneys for Servicer and/or Mortgage Holder  
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200  
Farmington Hills, MI 48334-2525  
File # 363145F01

3-30-1

NOTICE PURSUANT TO MCL 600.3205a(4)

NOTICE is hereby provided to Randy Scott Richardson and Charlotte Joan Richardson, the borrowers and/or mortgagors (hereinafter "Borrower") regarding the property located at: 2060 W Brown Rd, Mayville, MI 48744-9608.

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

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

If the Borrower requests a meeting with the agent designated above by contacting an approved housing counselor within 14 days from March 25, 2011, foreclosure proceedings will not be commenced until 90 days after March 25, 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.

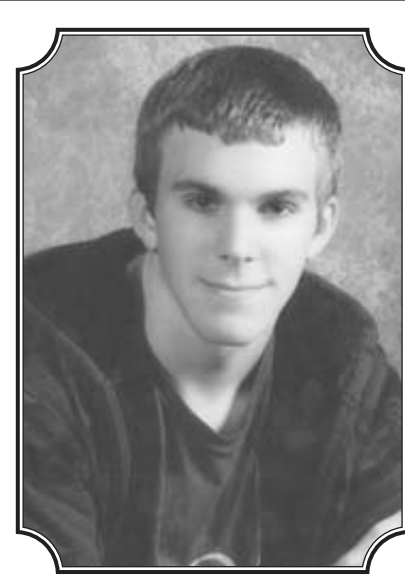
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Date: March 30, 2011

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Attorneys for Servicer and/or Mortgage Holder  
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Cass City High School senior Brandon Montgomery is going to the National Business Professionals of America (BPA) Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C., in early May after qualifying in 3 different computer technology events at the Michigan State BPA Leadership Conference in Grand Rapids over the weekend.

*We couldn't be prouder, Brandon.*

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Mom and Dad*



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

Dated: March 9, 2011

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC X (248) 593-1302  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys for Servicer  
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200  
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525  
File #331942F01

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

Mortgage Sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by John L. Frankowski and Melody M. Frankowski, Husband and Wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., acting solely as nominee for Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., d/b/a America's Wholesale Lender, Mortgagee, dated July 6, 2007 and recorded on September 13, 2007 in Liber 1129, Page 1398, Tuscola County Records, said mortgage was assigned to The Bank of New York Mellon, F/K/A The Bank of New York not in its Individual Capacity but solely as Trustee for the benefit of the Certificate holders of the CWABS Inc., Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2007-9 by an Assignment of Mortgage which has been submitted to the Tuscola County Register of Deeds, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Two Thousand Forty-One and 05/100 (\$72,041.05) including interest at the rate of 9.75000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the Circuit Court in said Tuscola County, where the premises to be sold or some part of them are situated, at 10:00 AM on April 7, 2011

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

The West 132 feet of Lot 1, and the West 132 feet of Lot 2, both in Block 6 of Garden Center Subdivision, a part of the North West Quarter of Section 34, Towns 14 North, Range 11 East, subject to restrictions of record. Commonly known as: 4244 SHERMAN.

The redemption period shall be 6.00 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days after statutory notice, whichever is later.

Dated: March 9, 2011

Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C.  
Attorneys for The Bank of New York Mellon, F/K/A The Bank of New York not in its Individual Capacity but solely as Trustee for the benefit of the Certificate holders of the CWABS Inc., Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2007-9  
43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180  
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302  
(248) 335-9200  
Case No. 11M100460-1

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by David J. Rock and Stacey L. Rock, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated August 9, 2001, and recorded on October 22, 2001 in Liber 844 on Page 502, 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 Eighty-Four Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-Five and 10/100 Dollars (\$84,765.10), including interest at 7.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on April 7, 2011.

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

Part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 13, Town 11 North, Range 7 East, described as beginning at a point which is East, 847.24 feet along the South line of Section 13 and North 300.00 feet from the South 1/4 corner of said Section 13; thence parallel to said South line, East 470.60 feet; thence North 03 degrees 42 minutes 00 seconds West, 150.33 feet; thence West, 460.60 feet; thence South 150.00 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: March 9, 2011

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Attorneys for Servicer  
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Richard O. Clark, a single man, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated December 29, 2003 and recorded on January 5, 2004 in Liber 971 on Page 521 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Flagstar Bank, FSB as assignee, on which mort-

gage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty Thousand Eighty-Three and 48/100 Dollars (\$80,083.48), including interest at 6% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on April 7, 2011.

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

Beginning at a point in the center of Walsh Road 500 feet Southwest of the intersection of Walsh Road and the North line of the South half of the Northeast quarter of Section 1, Town 14 North, Range 10 East, Township of Elmwood, Tuscola County, Michigan; thence West 500 feet; thence Southwest parallel to Walsh Road 125 feet; thence East 500 feet; thence Northeast 125 feet to the point of beginning.

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

Dated: March 9, 2011

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC L (248) 593-1312  
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Paul Thompson, a married man, and Cortney Thompson, his wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated April 14, 2006 and recorded on April 24, 2006 in Liber 1078 on Page 938, and assigned by said Mortgagee to PHH Mortgage Corporation as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty-One and 84/100 Dollars (\$125,821.84), including interest at 6.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on April 14, 2011.

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

Part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 4, Town 11 North, Range 9 East, described as: Beginning at a point on the West line of said Northwest 1/4 which is North 00 Degrees 03 Minutes 33 Seconds West, along said West line 660.00 feet from the West 1/4 corner of said Section 4; thence continuing North 00 Degrees 03 Minutes 33 Seconds West, along said West line, 330.00; feet thence North 89 Degrees 39 Minutes 26 Seconds East Parallel with the South line of said Northwest 1/4, 660.00 feet, thence South 00 Degrees 03 Minutes 33 Seconds East, Parallel said West line, 330.00 feet; thence South 89 Degrees 39 Minutes 26 Seconds West, Parallel with the said South line, 660.00 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: March 16, 2011

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC F (248) 593-1313  
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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 Christopher London and Michelle London, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated July 27, 2009 and recorded on August 4, 2009 in Liber 1180 on Page 1217, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Wells Fargo Bank, NA as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Four Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy-Seven and 32/100 Dollars (\$124,877.32), including interest at 5.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on April 14, 2011.

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

Lot 46B of Northwood Village Estates No. 1, according to the Plat thereof recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, Page 49-52, 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: March 16, 2011

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Attorneys for Servicer  
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200  
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525  
File #362556F01

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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, front entrance of the Courthouse Building in the City of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM o'clock, on April 14, 2011.

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

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

Nationwide Advantage Mortgage Company Mortgagee/Assignee

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Marty L. Decker and Tina M. Decker, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Chase Bank USA, N.A., Mortgagee, dated June 6, 2006 and recorded on April 18, 2007 in Liber 1116 on Page 1145, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Chase Home Finance LLC as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Seventeen Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty-One and 65/100 Dollars (\$17,731.65), including interest at 9.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on April 21, 2011.

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

Lots 18 and 19 of Wagner Subdivision, according to the plat recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 43, Juniata Township, Tuscola County, Michigan.

Lots 20 and 21 of Wagner Subdivision, according to the plat recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 43.

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

Dated: March 23, 2011

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Elmer A. Gerber, a single man, and Scott R. Gerber, a single man, as joint tenants with full rights of survivorship, and not as tenants in common, original mortgagors, to Bank of America, N.A., Mortgagee, dated July 3, 2002 and recorded on July 25, 2002 in Liber 887 on Page 1232 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Two Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-One and 71/100 Dollars (\$82,221.71), including interest at 7% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on April 21, 2011.

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

Lots 1 and 2, Block 4, Greenburg Village Subdivision, Tuscola Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1, Pages 95 and 96, now being Pages 45B and 46B of 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: March 23, 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 Jeremy Jacobs and Marlene Jacobs, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated November 18, 2002 and recorded on December 16, 2002 in Liber 000907 on Page 0096, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Wells Fargo Bank, NA as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Seven Thousand Three Hundred Fifty-Two and 28/100 Dollars (\$57,352.28), including interest at 6.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on April 21, 2011.

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

Beginning at the Southeast corner of the West 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 23, Town 10 North, Range 9 east, thence North 10 rods; thence West 110 feet; thence South 10 rods, thence East 110 feet to the place of beginning.

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

Dated: March 23, 2011

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Scott R. Russell, a single person, by Shannon Obringer as attorney-in-fact, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated September 2, 2005 and recorded on September 27, 2005 in Liber 1055 on Page 559, 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 One Hundred Forty-Six Thousand Six Hundred Forty and 04/100 Dollars (\$146,640.04), 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 April 21, 2011.

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

Part of the Southeast quarter of Section 21, Town 11 North, Range 9 East, described as: Beginning at the Southeast corner of Section 21, Town 11 North, Range 9 East, Thence South 89 degrees 23 minutes 03 seconds West, 623.31 feet along the South line of said Section 21; thence North 00 degrees 33 minutes 35 seconds West, 694.08 feet; thence South 88 degrees 34 minutes 44 seconds East, 621.25 feet to a point on the East line of said Section; thence South 00 degrees 46 minutes 02 seconds East, 672.00 feet along said East line 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: March 23, 2011

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has occurred in a mortgage made by David Michael Crawford, a single man, to First National Bank of America, dated April 12, 2000 and recorded on May 2, 2000 in Liber 800, Page 59, Tuscola County Records. The mortgage holder has begun no proceedings to recover any part of the debt, which is now \$16,771.67.

The mortgage will be foreclosed by a public sale of the property on April 21, 2011 at 10:00 a.m., at the place of the Circuit Court in Tuscola County, Michigan. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the mortgage, together with interest at 13.75 percent, foreclosure costs, attorney fees, and also any taxes and insurance that the mortgage holder pays before the sale.

The property is located in Arbella Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, and is described in the mortgage as:

Lot 23 Oak Grove Subdivision, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats on Page 40, Tuscola County Records.

The redemption period will be one year from the date of sale; but if the property is abandoned, the redemption period will be one month from the date of sale.

Dated: March 18, 2011

Joseph B. Backus  
Attorney for Mortgage Holder  
P.O. Box 794  
East Lansing, MI 48826  
(517) 337-1617

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**Mortgage Sale** - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Guadalupe Ramirez, Jr., a married man, and Consuelo Ramirez, married to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. acting solely as a nominee for IndyMac Bank, F.S.B. Mortgagee, dated April 13, 2007, and recorded on June 15, 2007, in Liber 1122, Page 777, Tuscola County Records, said mortgage was assigned 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 by an Assignment of Mortgage dated January 12, 2010 and recorded January 19, 2010 in Liber 1190, Page 1498, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Two Thousand Eighty-Two and 25/100 (\$102,082.25) including interest at the rate of 7.75000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the Circuit Court in said Tuscola County, where the premises to be sold or some part of them are situated, at 10:00 AM on April 21, 2011.

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

Part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 15, Township 11 North, Range 8 East, Vassar Township, Tuscola County, Michigan; described as beginning at a point on the East line of said Section 15, which is South 998.90 feet from the Northeast corner of said Section 15; thence continuing along said East line South 208.75 feet; thence West 208.75 feet; thence North 208.75 feet; thence East 208.75 feet to the point of beginning. Subject to the use of the Easterly 33.00 feet thereof as Oak Road. Commonly known as: 5110 OAK RD.

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Dated: March 23, 2011

Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C.  
Attorneys for 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  
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## Village facing budgeting shortfall

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money raised would be used for major renovations to the 35 year old pool.

### OTHER BUSINESS

Turning to other business, the council also awarded the paving of Garfield Avenue to Pyramid Paving

for the amount of \$146,800.

Trustee Jenny Zawilinski said 4 bids were received ranging from Pyramid Paving's low bid to a high contender of \$192,095 for the Community Development Block Grant project.

"Pyramid Paving has successfully completed other projects similar to this one in our area," Zawilinski told the council before voting to hire the

Bay City firm.

Also during the 35-minute gathering, the council accepted the resignation of Gary Jones from the Downtown Development Authority and Economic Development Corporation boards.

"Gary has served on these boards for several years and has greatly contributed to the growth of business in Cass City," Cristiano said.

## Funding, new barn on board agenda

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Aside from school finance, Dwan briefly discussed a string of bills under consideration by the Michigan Legislature.

Snyder has already signed a law giving broad new powers, including the authority to terminate union contracts, to "emergency financial managers" appointed by the state to run financially struggling school districts and municipalities.

Currently, legislators are considering a bill that would require schools to get bids to outsource all school transportation, food service and custodial jobs, although that legislation continues to be modified; a bill that addresses freezing step increases and requires employees to pay increases in health insurance premiums when a contract expires until a successor agreement is reached; and a bill requiring all public employees to pay at least 20 percent of their health insurance costs.

In a related matter, the board approved a resolution presented by board member Jim Veneziano on behalf of the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB). The resolution says the board opposes the state's plan to shift K-12 funding to community colleges and universities.

### BARN FUNDING

High school Principal Chad Daniels reported that enough pledges have been received to prepare for construction of the planned 40-foot by 64-foot barn behind the high school for the agriscience program. The ini-

tial cost was set at \$40,000, but that figure increased to \$50,000, including zoning permits, a well, architecture expenses, etc.

Still, Daniels indicated the community has come through, with a host of individuals and businesses pledging donations ranging from \$25 to \$2,500. Local service clubs and community organizations are also donating thousands of dollars, and the school board pledged the first \$10,000 towards the project.

The combined support will allow for construction of a fully-furnished barn that will provide adequate space for various hands-on livestock projects.

The new class offering has proved more than popular. Nearly 60 students enrolled in the program's first year (this year), and some 150 students — one-quarter of the high school population — have indicated an interest in the program next year, according to Daniels.

School officials are looking at other projects to support the agriscience curriculum in the future, including construction of a greenhouse.

### SNOW DAYS

Turning to plans to make up snow days, Hartel reported elementary and middle school students have no days to make up at this point, while high school students have one day to make up, pushing the last day of school for them from Friday, June 3, to Monday, June 6.

Schools are allowed 6 snow days, but districts can exceed that number provided they meet the minimum

days of instruction required by the state.

For example, there have been 8 days lost this year, however, elementary and middle school students will still have met the state's minimum of 167 days of instruction. The minimum number of days for high school students is 169.

### IN OTHER BUSINESS

In other business during the monthly meeting, the board:

•Recognized board President Doug Lautner, who is retiring after nearly 7 years of service. It's a decision that came as no surprise following his recent retirement from the Michigan State Police after 29 years as a trooper and, most recently, as commander of the Caro and Bad Axe posts. He plans to move to the Chicago area to rejoin his wife, who is employed there with the American Osteopathic Association.

There is a 10-day window (that began Monday) in which the board will accept applications from individuals interested in being appointed to Lautner's seat. More information is available by calling the superintendent's office at 872-2200.

Hartel said the appointee will serve for about 14 months, and the seat will be filled for a full, 4-year term in the May 2012 school election.

•Heard a presentation from Campbell Elementary School teacher Rebecca Walker and a group of third grade students.

•Noted the 2011 Tuscola County School Boards Dinner has been slated for Thursday, May 5, at 6:30 p.m. at USA Schools.

## Damrow meets with vets groups

State Rep. Kurt Damrow recently met with representatives of statewide

and national veterans organizations in Lansing to discuss laws and serv-

ices related to Michigan veterans.

"It was an honor to sponsor this very successful Veterans Affairs forum," said Damrow, who is chair of the House Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs and Homeland Security. "Bringing these groups together enabled us to better understand how we can help these valuable organizations protect the well-being of our veterans, and look at ways we can collaborate with state government and these groups to see cost-savings while providing better service."

Roundtable and workgroup discussions focused on topics including: veterans courts, post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury, female combat veterans, economic opportunities for veterans and higher education, veterans homes in Michigan, estate planning for veterans, organizing Michigan's programs for veterans, the Cold War Recognition Bill, and a review of all of Michigan's veterans laws.

"I look forward to continuing this dialogue by bringing these groups together again in April," said Damrow, who represents Tuscola and Huron counties.



**STATE REP. Kurt Damrow recently met with representatives of statewide and national veterans organizations in Lansing to discuss laws and services related to Michigan vets. Damrow is the 84th District representative, serving Tuscola and Huron counties.**



**TWO TUSCOLA Technology Center students - Brandon Montgomery (right), Cass City High School, and Tyler Harris, USA High School - have earned the right to compete at the National Business Professionals of America (BPA) Leadership Conference and Competitions this spring in Washington, D.C. The students both qualified during the BPA State Leadership Conference, held over the weekend in Grand Rapids.**

## Cass City senior earns spot at BPA nationals

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against 2,000 students representing 140 chapters in Michigan," said Amy K. Schuette, who along with Cecilia C. Kapcia serves as an advisor for the area BPA chapter.

Schuette said Montgomery finished first in Computer Networking Technology, second in Information Technology Concepts and fourth in Computer Security. Harris placed

fourth in Fundamental Accounting.

In addition, Kapcia was awarded the Barbara Chambers Outstanding Advisor Award along with her 30-year certificate.

"Fifty-three events were held during the weekend. The top 5 students in each event will advance on to the National Leadership Conference and Competitions, which will be held on May 4-7 in Washington, D.C.," Schuette said.

## Luggage Painting Workshop scheduled at Cass City library

Summer is coming and vacation time will be here. Some people will be trying to travel as much as they can while the weather is nice, and some people have to finish their trips before their kids have to go back to school.

Prepare for this vacation time by attending a Luggage Painting Workshop at Rawson Memorial District Library, hosted by the Cass City Arts Council.

Why not inject a little crafty fun

into your jaunts by decorating your luggage? Whether you go with polka dots, paint, or glitter, you'll find something to set your stuff apart at the airport claim area. If your luggage is nice and new-looking, you may enjoy instead decorating a carry-on or even your luggage tags.

This workshop will be held Wednesday, April 6, at 6 p.m. Limited openings are available. Reserve a spot by stopping in at the library or by calling (989) 872-2856.

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