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MINOR INJURIES were reported in a 2-vehicle traffic accident at the intersection of Schwegler and Bay City-Forestville roads northeast of Cass City late Friday afternoon. Details, including the names of the drivers, were not available at press time.

# **TOP 10**

# Cass City senior places among the top students in nation at BPA competition

by Tom Montgomery Editor

home from the National Business leadership conference drew thou- cess at the Michigan BPA Leadership

in the Computer Security Concepts access, and so on.' Brandon Montgomery didn't come testing competition. The weeklong Montgomery enjoyed plenty of sucand Professionals of America (BPA) sands of students from across the Conference in Grand Rapids last ferent categories.

medaled by finishing among the top altered, and authentication to allow 10 high school students in the nation those users who need access to get

# **Voters unseat** veteran Turner in school vote

by Tom Montgomery Editor

Cass City area voters unseated a 24-year veteran school board member and Ubly residents decided a close race among challengers for one of 2 available 4-year terms in last week's annual school elections.

In the Cass City School District, voters re-elected incumbent and current board of education President Craig Bellew, who won his second term with 305 votes. Also elect-

ed was challenger Dan Manwell, who gar-nered 227 votes. Incumbent Jim Turner, who has served on the board for 24 years, lost his bid for reelection, receiving 208 votes. In the Ubly

Cass City Board of Education incumbent Jim Turner, who has served on the board for 24 years, lost his bid for reelection, receiving 208 votes.

Community School District, voters also filled a pair of 4-year terms. The winners included incumbent Kelly Jo Osentoski, who received 268 votes. Challenger Shawn Wright narrowly edged another challenger - Bryan Schulte - for the second available seat. Wright garnered 156 votes to Schulte's 155 votes. Also running was write-in candidate Kevin Gracey, who received 101 votes.

Incumbent John Rutkowski, who was appointed to fill a vacancy and served on the board for the past 2 years, opted not to run this year.

In other area districts, Kingston Community School voters, meanwhile, reelected incumbent Ray Wolak, who ran unopposed for one available 4year term. He received 34 votes.

In the Owen-Gage School District, Brenda Kretzschmer also ran unopposed and was reelected to a 4-year term with 19 votes. Kretzschmer, who previously served as a board member, returned to service via appointment following the resignation of Ron Maurer.

# -G board places nterviews on hold

Leadership Conference with all of country, with competitors testing the hardware he may have liked, but their skills in more than 4 dozen difthe Cass City High School senior did himself proud just the same.

In the process, he also helped to shine a little national spotlight on the Cass City Public Schools and the Tuscola Technology Center, which have both played a role in his pursuit of studies focusing on computer information technology.

Montgomery, 18, competed in the national BPA competition May 4-8 in Washington, D.C., where he

# Prescription collection a big success

A second, collaborative effort between the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) and the Sanilac County Drug Task Force was another huge success, surpassing all expectations in terms of the collection of out-dated prescription medications collected in the county.

"During Saturday's operation, drug task force personnel accepted old/outdated prescription medications at 4 collection sites: Sanilac County Sheriff's Office jail lobby window, Worth Township Hall, Marlette Police Department lobby and the Deckerville Village Hall," said Bill Gray director of the Sanilac County Drug Task Force.

"Previously, in September's first collection effort, 38 pounds of pills were collected," Gray said. "Once again, this past Saturday in Sanilac County, we collected 6, 30-gallon trash bags of bottled prescription medications. Once the pills were removed from the bottle containers, the bulk weight of the pills without the containers was over 38 pounds. That is 38 pounds of prescription medications that will not be flushed down the toilets into our groundwater or water treatment systems. That is 38 pounds of prescription medications that will not be going to our landfills."

Gray estimated, based on the weight of the collection, that more than 27,000 pills were collected.

"Based upon the success of these 2, one-day collection efforts, the Sanilac County Drug Task Force Please turn to page 6.

"I competed in Computer Security Concepts and Computer Network Concepts. Those 2 required qualifying for each at the state level being in the top 5 at states. I also competed in several 'open events', events that don't require pre-qualifiincluding Information cation. Technology Concepts, Administrative Concepts, MMHR (Market Managing/Human Resources) Concepts," explained (Market Montgomery, the son of Deb and Tom Montgomery.

"Computer security involves keeping user data safe from hackers," he said. "This means not only keeping data secret from unauthorized individuals - hackers - but also making sure the data is unchanged. Basically, computer security involves using encryption to keep data secret, hashing to keep its integrity, as in data has not been

March (he finished first in Computer Networking Concepts, second in Information Technology Concepts and fourth in Computer Security Concepts).

"I was surprised at the results (at the national leadership conference) to say the least," he commented. "Although I was first in Computer Networking Concepts at both the regional and state level, I didn't place at all in those in nationals. I did, however, get in the top 10 in computer security, which is awe-Disappointed? some. No. Surprised? Yes.'

Regardless of the results, Montgomery enjoyed his experience.

"The national leadership conference was more fun than the previous (BPA) events, probably due to the awesome announcer," Montgomery said after returning home from the event. "Also, the first general session was held on the lawn of the

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#### by Tom Montgomery Editor

A planned special meeting to interview a half-dozen prospective parttime superintendent candidates in the Owen-Gage School District last week was abruptly canceled and rescheduled after some board members evidently had a change of heart.

Education was scheduled to meet this week, Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the school library, to discuss the planned interviews.

"It was a, I guess you'd call it, a desire or something on (the part of) a couple board members, that we tendent at Howe Military School in should be heading in a different Howe, Ind.; and George Bauman, a direction,"

interim part-time Owen-Gage Supt. Bob Drury said of the last week's meeting cancellation. "We're going to try to determine what is the course that the majority of the board wants

to fill the superintendent position." Board members had planned to

interview 6 candidates by telephone last week, then narrow the field of candidates to those they wanted to meet with face-to-face.

The candidates were Jim Wencel, who retired as Bad Axe Public Schools superintendent following the 2009-10 school year; Tom The Owen-Gage Board of Ridder, a retired school official from Alpena; Laura Zdybel, a principal at Shaftsburg Elementary School; Loren Vannest, superintendent/principal at Harbor Light Christian School in Harbor Springs; David Watson, a superinformer principal in the Fort Wayne, Ind., area.

Zdybel has already backed out from the interview process, according to Drury, who acknowledged time is

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recently announced the top graduates in their Class of 2011.

Earning valedictorian honors this year is Megan J. McLaren, daughter of Brian and Jennifer McLaren, Owendale, while the salutatorian is Dylan T. Powell, son of Michael and Amy Powell, Owendale.

McLaren, who accumulated a grade point average of 3.97, has been a member of the 3.0 Honors Club and on the honor roll throughout high school. She is a member of the National Honor Society, serving as president of the local chapter, and was named to the second team of the North Central Thumb League Academic Team. She has also been a member of the high school band, served as vice president of her class, and was the 2011 yearbook editor.

McLaren has participated in various sports throughout high school, including volleyball, track, softball, football and basketball, She was co-captain of the basketball squad.

Her community involvement has included serving as a hockey sta-

roadside clean-up, 30-hour famines, through pediatric nursing. rock-a-thon, and has volunteered at Human the Commission (HDC) in Caro.

attend Olivet Nazarene University, Bourbonnais, Ill., where she has

**Megan McLaren** 

Owen-Gage School officials tistics keeper and a Sunday school been awarded a scholarship. Her throughout his high school career teacher. She has participated in a career goal is to help children

> Powell, who will graduate with a on the honor roll for 4 years, and Development 3.65 grade point average, has been was named to the second team on the yearbook staff and served as After graduation, McLaren plans to webpage editor for 2 years. He was Academic Team. crowned this year's snowball king.



**Dylan Powell** 

and basketball for 2 years. He has been a member of the 3.0 Club and North Central Thumb League

Powell's career goals include Powell has participated in golf attending Grand Valley State University to pursue a journalism degree. He would like to write for Alternative Press magazine, which covers a broad range of Indie and alternative music, which is his passion.

Also graduating with honors this year are: Holly L. Errer, daughter of Kenneth and Faye Errer; Mitchel S. LaPratt, son of Scott and Tena LaPratt; Lauren B. Mandich, daughter of Michael and Mandich; Eric J. Angela Montreuil, son of Donald and Patti Montreuil; and Clyde D. Rhodes, son of Clyde and Lynn Rhodes.

Important upcoming events for seniors include prom, Saturday, May 14 at the Franklin Inn in Bad Axe; baccalaureate, Sunday, May 22, at 6 p.m. at the Gagetown Church of the Nazarene; and graduation, Thursday, June 2, at 8 p.m.

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Joy and Stephan McIntosh

# Leipprandt, McIntosh marry New Year's Day

Joy L. Leipprandt and Stephan A. McIntosh were united in marriage Jan. 1, 2011 in a candlelit ceremony at Salem United Methodist Church, Pigeon. The Rev. Scott Lindenberg, uncle of the bride, officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Jeff and Kim Leipprandt of Pigeon. She is the granddaughter of Robert and Mary Lou Fluegge of Pigeon and Ted and Peggie Leipprandt of Pigeon.

The groom is the son of Ann King of Cass City, and Archie Patrick McIntosh of Cass City. He is the grandson of Bernard and Norma King of Pigeon and the late Archie and Mary McIntosh of Bad Axe.

Given in marriage by her parents, the bride wore an ivory satin and lace gown accented with crystal and pearl beading. In her hair was an ivory hair clip featuring feathers and a snowflake pin and a cathedral length veil. The bride carried snow-white flowers with crystal and pearl clusters.

The matron of honor was Kristine Flores of Sebewaing, long time friend of the bride. The bridesmaids were Emilie Buter, college friend of the bride, and Kelly Leipprandt, cousin-in-law of the bride.

The best man was Ryan Downing, Boston, Mass., childhood friend of the groom. The groomsman was E. Troy Leipprandt, brother of the bride.

Special greeters of the evening were Lauren Lindenberg, godchild and cousin of the bride, and Kendall King, cousin of the groom.

Scripture was read by Jill Lindenberg, godmother and aunt of the bride. Jeanette Parker was the soloist, accompanied by Pam Dubey, friend and piano teacher of the bride.

# Senior movies scheduled at Rawson Memorial Library

Cass City, will show the following Senior Citizen Movies Friday, May 20 at 1:30 p.m. Closed Captioning is available.

Visions of Israel: Make an aerial pilgrimage to Israel, the world's only Jewish state and Holy Land to three religions: Judaism, major Christianity and Islam. Stunning high definition footage showcases Israel in all its diverse glory, flying over sites where Jewish rebels gave their lives; where Egyptians, Greeks, and Romans built outposts of their empires; and where Jesus Christ lived and died. Witness the magnificence of the country's many holy

Collection of HHW scheduled

Residents and farmers in Sanilac County are invited to deliver their hazardous chemicals at a specific time and place Saturday, May 14 in the Sandusky area.

This free event, funded by the Board of Sanilac County Commissioners, is conducted to help prevent the unsafe and illegal disposal of toxic materials.

Examples of hazardous materials include pesticides, antifreeze, drain cleaners, oil-based paint, motor oil, automotive fluids, and flammables. Farmers can also bring unwanted insecticides, herbicides, fungicides and crop adjuvants. Among the items that cannot be accepted are latex paint, ammunition and tires.

A completed list of eligible materials and the required registration forms are available from the MSU Extension office located at 37 Austin St., Sandusky, or by calling (810) 648-2515.

To participate in this one time event, Sanilac residents need to contact the MSU Extension to register. Once registered, participants will be given a time and place for delivering their waste materials.

Area blood

seaside resorts and the austere beau- some of the islands' history; shares ty of the Judean desert. With informmusic, Visions of Israel presents the secret. (30 minutes) natural and historical wonders of this sacred landscape. (56 minutes)

Bermuda: On a Budget: of charge.

Rawson Memorial District Library, sites, including the Western Wall, the Spotlighting Bermuda's attractions Temple Mount, and the Church of from end to end, host George Bauer the Holy Sepulchre, alongside exotic showcases the parishes, as well as tips on the best food and drink and ative narration by Israeli American the most fun thing to do; and reveals violinist Itzhak Perlman and ethnic what may be Bermuda's best-kept

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



Following the ceremony, a reception was held at Verona Hills Golf & Country Club for guests from Michigan, Washington, Massachutes, North Carolina, Kentucky and Indiana.

The bride is a second grade teacher in the Elkton, Pigeon, Bay Port school system. The groom teaches Spanish at North Huron and Owen-Gage Schools. The couple currently resides in Pigeon.

The couple is planning a honeymoon trip to Costa Rica this June.

# Damrow to sponsor office hours

soring district office hours to give Purdy Building, 125 W. Lincoln St., residents a convenient opportunity to meet with him locally.

In Tuscola County, he is sponsoring County Commissioners Room, row@house.mi.gov.

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State Rep. Kurt Damrow is spon- located in the Tuscola County H.H. Caro.

No appointment is necessary. If you are unable to attend but want to set office hours Monday, May 16, from up an appointment, please call 1-10 a.m. to noon in the Tuscola 888-254-5284 or email kurtdam-



Level, Intermediate

#### Here's How It Works:

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

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# drives set this month

Thumb area residents have a number of opportunities to give the "gift of life" this month.

Upcoming American Red Cross blood drives include: Tuesday, May 10, at the Moravian Church, 2711 Cass St., Unionville, from 1 to 6:45 p.m.; Monday, May 16, at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 503 S. State St., Caro, from noon to 5:45 p.m.; and Monday, May 16, at the Cass City VFW Hall, 4533 Veterans Dr., Cass City, from 1 to 6:45 p.m.

The need for blood never takes a break," said Sharon Jaksa, CEO for the Great Lakes Blood Services Region of the American Red Cross. "We encourage all eligible individuals to make blood donation a part of their spring and end-of-the-year vacation plans."

Eligible blood donors must be at least 16 years old, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds and be in good general health. Residents planning to participate are asked to bring their Red Cross blood donor card or another form of positive identification.

# Hacker candidate for nursing degree

Courtney Hacker, daughter of Brian and Melissa Hacker of Ubly, is a candidate for a Bachelor of Nursing Degree at Hope College. Commencement exercises were held Sunday, May 8.



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# Cass City voters blew it last week

The results of last week's school board election in *Cass City were surprising to us, to say the least.* 

The winners were incumbent Craig Bellew, currently board president with one 4-year term under his belt (305 votes), and challenger Dan Manwell, who garnered 227 votes. Veteran board member Jim Turner, whose service to the district spans 2 dozen years, lost his bid for reelection by 19 votes.

*This was Manwell's second run for a board seat — he* lost by one vote to Trustee Alice Zaleski a year ago.

Now, before readers break out their poison pens to respond to this editorial, we want to make one thing clear: our disappointment in last week's election results has nothing to do with Manwell, who may serve the Cass City Public Schools very well as a school board member.

This is all about experience, or lack of it now.

*Voters' decision to dump Turner — and we're guess*ing that's how he must feel — leaves a board whose membership boasts a top seniority level of just 4 years' experience (Bellew), and at a time when schools across the state are facing some seriously challenging financial issues. The district also has a relatively new superintendent in Jeff Hartel, who has done an outstanding job so far (in our opinion), but who could have benefited from Turner's years of experience over the next 4 years.



I was all set to write this week's column about hairballs. You, know, the gut-wrenching bane of fastidiously clean cats. I came up with the topic out of guilt. I should have written about it last week, but the royal hullabaloo distracted me and I missed National Hairball Awareness Day - a blip on the calendar I think we all agree is worthy of our attention. Even if you are not a cat.

So I figured hairballs would get their time in the spotlight this week. Then another not-so-royal curveball came my way. You know what they say: news happens. According to my young son, hairballs have been

trumped - again. Not by the Donald, but by the founder of al Qaeda.

"He's a dirty rat who hurt a lot of people," my son told me first thing Monday morning. "And we finally got

# Letters to the Editor **Review all mortgage** documents carefully

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County requirements. If sent to my Tuscola To: Residents

On April 3, 2011, the than Michigan, it is imposprogram CBS **"60** Minutes" featured a story about the foreclosure issues being experienced in Florida. It was revealed 2010, there were issues a company known as and defects. If you are DOCX, LLC located in unfortunate enough to be Georgia had created thousands of mortgage docu- the time to read the letters ments signed by Linda and notices that you Green. The investigation receive. The mortgage discovered there were document is a contract many different people employed to sign this one lenders have agreed upon name.

Upon review of docu- bilities to each. In light of ments recorded in my the recent discoveries office, I have found severregarding fake documents, al examples of similarly created Mortgage Assignments. The paramount issue I am conwith the mortgage foreclocerned with is the continued integrity of the land sure process and your records in our county. rights involving the fore-When documents are submitted for recording, it is difficult to detect fraud or Daniel L. Grimshaw forgeries when the docu- Tuscola County Register ment meets all recording of Deeds

**Religious** politicking Turner probably didn't want to seek another term last should come to an end

Yes, we did. We got him. Exclamation point. Osama bin Laden: the man who hurt a lot of people (in the words of my innocent young son when describing the horrors of 9/11).

The man who spent the last 10 years running from justice finally met his maker when confronted by the firing power of our Navy Seals. He was hunkered down in a posh neighborhood with at least one of his wives in attendance.

Bin Laden had been hunkered and hiding for a decade. Hiding in remote caves (or preferably mansions in upscale neighborhoods). Hiding in countries he couldn't call home. Hiding behind religion and rhetoric.

So today we take pleasure in knowing we got him. None of our troops or civilians were injured. It was a successful mission all around. People are cheering in the streets. It's always good to be an American. Some days are just better than others.

Still, I feel more than a twinge of sadness. Not because of this victory or of the death of Osama bin Laden, but because circumstances can exist to make good, normal people have cause to celebrate death.

Adolph Hitler. Ted Bundy. Saddam Hussein. Joseph Stalin. Jeffrey Dahmer. Osama bin Laden. There is no doubt evil walks in our world. Knowledge of this makes us shudder and when we eliminate something so unthinkable it seems right to dance in the streets.

Except it's a hollow celebration, because the truth that comes with evil sits like a foreign object, wedged in our guts: a hairball of sorts.

Hairballs grow gradually - layer by layer. They accumulate as result of a cat keeping itself clean on the outside, while the dirty hair piles up inside. The same can be said of evil. It builds up, festering and growing. It becomes larger and more powerful as it feeds upon itself, until it becomes a name on a page recognized by those of us afraid to forget history, lest it repeat itself.

The best thing that can happen with a hairball (if there is a best thing) is to hack it up and spit it out into the open so it can be done away with once and for all.

There's that, and there's National Hairball Awareness Day. It's good to be aware of the things we want to prevent. This goes for hairballs as well as bad people who want to hurt us. Like knowledge, awareness is power. Times that by 10 when the Navy Seals have your back.

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/.



Let's talk fishing. My dad must have smiled from above last week, after I enjoyed one of the best days in recent memory fighting steelhead on the Muskegon River. The trip was one we often made together, but never with the success Wednesday's journey to Newaygo provided me. Despite high water and sunny skies, conditions not assowith good fishing, I hooked about a dozen fish,

week, but he did so out of concern for the school district, which educated all 3 of his children over the years. His agenda was clear every step of the way: to help ensure that generations of Cass City area youngsters received the same quality of education as his own kids did.

*We suspect* — *although we hope we're wrong here* that Turner's defeat at the polls is largely the result of union lobbying by a segment of local teachers unhappy with Turner's support of the Ron Wilson administration.

Sure, Wilson rubbed some folks the wrong way with his approach to administration, but he also righted Cass City's financial ship during his tenure, which began with walking into a bee's hive of negative issues that he hadn't anticipated.

Wilson's record aside, the job of a board of education interprets the Bible differmember is to set policy, ensure a solid curriculum is in place and that the school district's financial situation remains viable, and to support the administrators they've hired, provided they have confidence in those administrators.

*Turner did all of that and more.* 

It's a shame voters in this district have repaid him by showing him the door.

lusion with right wing politics are called fundamentalists, far right, or radical I'll scratch yours." Thus, right. The religious right doesn't share the values held in common with most Christians, especially traditional Christians.

Those representing con- return, servatives or Republicans cronies ask the corporafeel judging the morality of a small percentage is more important than issues affecting the majority of Americans. Seeming elitist and exclusive, their efforts are invested in passing laws, negatively affecting gays, Muslims, immigrants and women's rights.

Moderate or traditional Christians focus on equality, and fighting for justice for all races, religions and classes.

ently. It's wrong for one group's interpretation to be mandated while disallowing the freedoms and civil rights of others. Where and when does "let freedom ring" apply?

Because of the Family Research Council (FRC) with James Dobson's "Focus on the Family," and the American Family Association (AFA), in partnership with wealthy the corporations, far

"If you scratch my back, oil companies use the religious groups to promote de-regulation by the Environmental Protection those who are moderate or Agency (EPA) and fight for tax breaks for them. In the religious tions to support their efforts to promote a religious agenda by supportthey ing candidates endorse.

The FRC and AFA are hijacking government to enforce their definition of Christian and family values, which is wrong.

The FRC functions mainly to support Republican hopefuls. Using its "Vote Your Values" bag of tricks, it intimidates church attendees, who may be ignorant Each Christian group or apathetic about the issues, into choosing their selected candidates. Those who don't agree are made to feel un-God-like.

The FRC and the AFA both proclaim that "Jesus is against unions and taxes and that unregulated capitalism is mandated by the Bible." Both groups are against laws that protect gays, including bullying laws. Yes, they feel the "evil" behavior of gays deserves physical and ver-Please turn to page 5.

Christians who are in col- right's agenda is well getting 5 into the net. If interested, check out my bounty funded. Their agreement: on our website at: www.ccchronicle.net

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I had a little - make that a lot of - help while fishing on the west side of the state. It came from Tim VanGessel of Streamside Guide Services (he's the other guy in the photo posted to our website).

Interesting young lad, guessing about 35 years of age, knows his stuff. He fishes all year long, but only for about 5 months in the Great Lakes State. The remainder of the year is split between guiding in Alaska and the Florida Keys.

Tim gets the going rate, \$350, for 8 hours on the water. Money well spent in my opinion as he provides everything from bait to boat for up to 2 people. In addition to having a good idea where the fish are located in the river, it makes for a relaxing day for his clients, as they don't have to sweat the little things like re-tying broken lines, changing baits, or untangling line snafus, to name just a few areas a good guide will handle.

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Also included in your guiding fee is lunch, cooked on a small grill right inside the boat. And if you pay attention, or simply ask, lots can be learned from the experts. Over the years I've caught steelhead on fly rods using a method called "chuck-n-duck", which I employed this past trip, and on spinning rod gear using techniques such as drifting spawn under bobbers, or using the river current to flutter a plug in front of the nose of the prey. Another spinning rod method I observed last week was called bottom bouncing", according to VanGessel.

Instead of using the river's current to make your presentation, fishermen using this procedure stand at the stern of the boat and make use of a jigging motion - lifting the rod once your bait hits bottom - to induce a strike.

Each method has its advantages. Using a fly rod allows a person to make casts of the same distance on each toss. Using a bobber allows a fisherman to see a strike, rather than feel one. And fluttering a plug or bottom-bouncing, allows a fisherman to cover more water as these procedures are usually done while floating downstream.





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

# Wednesday, May 11

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.

Creating Confident Caregivers, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Country Gardens Assisted Living, Pigeon. For more information, call HDC at (989) 673-4121 or 800-843-6394.

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

# Thursday, May 12

AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 553-5932.

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

# Friday, May 13

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

# Saturday, May 14

Spring Dance, 7-11 p.m., American Legion Hall, Unionville. Variety of music provided by Rich Lasceski & the Natural Tones. \$12 per person. Admission includes beer, pop & food.

Thumb Dance Club, 7-11 p.m., Maple Valley School, Sandusky. Everyone is welcome to attend. Admission: \$4 members, \$4.50 non-members. For more information, call Leola at (810) 657-9349 or Dorothy at (810) 404-4250.

Swiss Steak Dinner, 4:30-7 p.m., Gagetown United Methodist Church, Gagetown (across from fire hall). Adults \$8.50, children \$4.50, children 5-12 FREE.

# Sunday, May 15

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

## Monday, May 16

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

AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 553-5932.

# Tuesday, May 17

Al-Anon meeting, 7 p.m., St. Francis Parrish, Pigeon. Parkinson's Support Group meeting, 1:30 p.m., Holiday Inn Express, Bad Axe. For more information, call Kim at 1-800-843-6394 or Annette at (989) 864-3779.

# Wednesday, May 18

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

# Huron deputies seeking man in recent break-ins and theft

Huron County Sheriff's shirt. Department investigators are asking for the public's assistance in identifying a suspect and suspect vehicle involved in the recent theft of property in Huron County.

Deputies began their investigation April 29 when they were asked to respond to a reported home invasion.

"Apparently, Jessica Brown of Bad Axe had just arrived at her fiance's residence at 2551 Campbell Rd. in Meade Township, when she noticed a strange vehicle in the yard. Knowing that her fiancé, Dan Ritter, wasn't home, she continued to go to the house, which has a sign in front of it, listing it for sale," said Huron

County Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson. "While heading to the house, she heard a noise inside," he reported. "A male subject, possibly in his later 50s, walked out of the house and asked her how much land went with the house. He said he was interested in buying it and, after a short conversation, he eventually left."

Hanson said Brown did not recognize the subject, but described him as having long white hair, scruffy facial hair and was about 5 feet 10 inches tall with a medium build, wearing his daughter's vacant residence, numbers to suspicious vehicles jeans and white and black flannel

"She described his vehicle as an older green, rusty, full-sized Dodge Ram pickup truck. The bed of the truck was loaded with junk in the form of metal," Hanson noted. "Brown went into the house and found that the door had been forced open, and a loaded .22 gauge rifle was lying inside. She thought possibly the...rifle might have made the noise she heard when she first arrived, as it was probably dropped on some cans. Nothing else appeared to be missing."

scene, including one piece that led Deputy Ryan Swartz to Cass City, where he was able to obtain video of the suspect and his truck at a business.

was asking about how to get to Bad Axe, which leads us to believe that the suspect is not from our area," Hanson said.

The following day, Swartz learned that a vehicle and the subject matching the descriptions was seen at a vacant residence in Oliver Township. "Dave Ferris, who lives next door to started walking down the road to should be recorded.'

confront the individual who had been seen inside," Hanson said. "He said he flagged the vehicle over and it stopped as it attempted to leave southbound. Ferris claimed the driver said he wanted to buy the house, but Ferris told him it wasn't for sale.

"The (suspect) vehicle may have lime green pin stripes on it. Ferris claims the 2-wheel drive Dodge Ram has a plastic box liner and loud exhaust," Hanson continued. "We believe from when it was in Cass City until it arrived at the Meade Township residence, another resi-Deputies gathered evidence at the dence or residences may have been entered. The truck's box was empty in Cass City and it had items in the back of it roughly a little over an hour later."

Hanson is asking anyone with "It was also learned that the suspect information related to the incidents to call (989) 269-6421 and ask for a sheriff's deputy. The sheriff also urges residents to be aware of their surroundings and activities of their neighbors.

"When not home, secure your possessions. Any suspicious activity should be noted and reported," he said. "When possible, license plate

## **Circuit court news**

# Several charged with felonies

week on various criminal charges:

• Randy W. Newton, 38, Otter Lake, was sentenced to 270 days in the county jail (90 days deferred) for his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Oct. 17 in Vassar. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

In addition to jail time, he was ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$4,098.

• Theodore T. Harper, 38, Mayville, was sentenced to 180 days in jail (deferred) and 60 months probation for his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor - with an occupant under the age of 16 years, second offense, June 7 in Indianfields Township.

He was also ordered to pay \$500 in

The following people appeared in ence of liquor, third offense, and Tuscola County Circuit Court last driving while his license was suspended or revoked, subsequent 36 months probation for his pleas of offense, March 28 in Akron Township.

A pre-trial hearing was scheduled in the case and bond was continued at \$2,000.

• Justin D. Grice, 22, Deford, pleaded guilty to a charge of unlawfully driving away an automobile July 31 in Kingston Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ued at \$1,000, and sentencing was scheduled for June 20.

•Kevin J. Martin, 24, Deford, pleaded guilty to unlawfully driving away an automobile and conspiracy to commit unlawfully driving away an automobile July 31 in Kingston Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at ordered and the defendant was \$5,000. Sentencing was scheduled for June 20.

•Andrew S. Meyer, 27, Caseville, was sentenced to 180 days in jail and guilty to assaulting/obstructing a police officer and operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor Dec. 6 in Akron Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (2 prior felony convictions).

In addition to jail time, he was ordered to pay costs and fines of \$1,376.

•Cody J. Harju, also known as placed on 60 months probation and ordered in the case, bond was contin- Cotey J. Harju, 18, pleaded no contest to charges of second degree home invasion and larceny of firearms Dec. 14 in Elkland Township; delivery/manufacture of marijuana Sept. 9 in Elmwood Township; and breaking and entering a building with intent to commit larceny Feb. 26 in Cass City.

A pre-sentence investigation was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department

costs and fines.

motor vehicle while under the influ-



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•Carl R. Vargo, 44, Caro, stood •David V. Birk, 52, Fairgrove, mute to charges of fourth degree ed guilty to delivery/manufacture of stood mute to charges of operating a criminal sexual conduct involving force or coercion, and indecent exposure Sept. 10 in Caro. He is also charged with being an habitual offender (2 prior felony convictions). A pre-trial hearing was scheduled and bond was continued at \$5,000.

Raymond A. Markey, 20, Millington, stood mute to charges of first degree home invasion, interfering with electronic communications and 2 counts of assault or assault and battery Oct. 16 in Tuscola Township.

A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled and bond was continued at \$3,000.

• Duane E. Thompson Jr., 43, stood mute to charges of second degree home invasion, larceny in a building and larceny of property valued at \$1,000 to \$20,000 July 28 in Tuscola Township; second degree home invasion, larceny in a building and larceny of property valued at \$1,000 to \$20,000 July 18 in Arbela Township; and to conspiracy to engage in criminal enterprises, second degree home invasion, larceny in a building and larceny of property valued at \$1,000 to \$20,000 July 16 in Arbela Township. He is also charged with being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convictions).

A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department.

• Robert A. Todd, 49, Vassar, pleadmarijuana Aug. 31 in Vassar Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$10.000.

•Darci E. LaPratt, 41, was sentenced to 90 days in jail and 12 months probation for her pleas of guilty to possession of a controlled substance, subsequent offense, and possession of marijuana, subsequent offense, Dec. 31 in Dayton Township.

She was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,266.

• Nickolas P. Wilcox, 28, Caro, was sentenced to 18 months to 48 months in prison for his pleas of guilty to 3 counts of possession of child sexually abusive material Sept. 16. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

In addition to prison time, he was ordered to pay \$334 in costs and fines

• Michael D. Tuttle, 22, Vassar, was sentenced to 180 days in jail and 36 months probation for his plea of guilty to delivery/manufacture of marijuana, subsequent offense, Aug. 31 in Vassar Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

In addition to jail time, he was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$2,698.

# Attention Gagetown Residents Spring Clean-Up Week

This shall serve as a general notice to the residents and property owners in the Village of Gagetown that Spring Clean Up Week is



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### Reporter's notebook

# A neighbor in need **Down Memory Lane** is a friend, indeed

by Tina Pallas



#### by Tom Montgomery Editor

Everyone should be fortunate enough to have a neighbor like Fred Tuckey.

My wife bought me my first riding lawnmower last summer at a local YFC auction, and it ran great, so I was a bit disappointed when I couldn't get it fired up this spring. I bought and installed a new battery. No luck.

I called Fred, who lives nearby, and asked him to help me troubleshoot the problem.

Okay, so that was a silly thing to do, considering my skills as a mechanic (I have none. At all).

Fred suggested the issue might be a loose connection from the battery wire to the starter, and he recommended that I check out that possibility.

Yeah, right, and while I'm at it, I'll go ahead and overhaul the engine. Shouldn't take me more than 10, 15 years ..

"Or," he said, "I could stop by some time and take a look. We'll figure it out.'

I quickly admitted that I wouldn't know what a starter looked like if it jumped out of the engine and knocked me in the head. I gladly accepted his offer. The next day, we were all gone from the house, but Fred stopped by just the same, fixed my connection and, as an added bonus, connected the wires necessary to make the headlights work. The mower started up like it was brand new.

I called Fred, thanked him, and asked if I could pay him for his time. All he said was that he really enjoyed little projects like this.

I believe that. After all, after living

parents to share their own tales on

the theme of "grandchildren say the

darndest things", and a handful of

area residents took us up on the offer.

sions, and we hope you enjoy them

The following are their submis-

here for all of these years. I've come to know that, if it has an engine and you can ride it, chances are really good Fred can operate it and fix it, and he's passed his enthusiasm and knowledge about 4-wheelers, motorcycles — even golf carts — on to his kids, who frequently pass by our house on various contraptions during the summer months.

More importantly, Fred has passed on to his children, by example, the satisfaction that comes from helping out a neighbor.

This wasn't the first time Fred has given us a helping hand. He's used his trusty tractor to dig us — and other neighbors — out of more than one blizzard over the years.

He's not alone when it comes to nominations for the "best neighbor of the year" award. I've heard dozens of stories from area folks who have been on the receiving end of various favors and help offered by others who live nearby and always seem ready to lend a hand, just because.

Like many of those good people, Fred has never been willing to accept a dime for his efforts. In fact, if I had told him I was going to write this column, I'm sure he would have asked me to find another subject.

I can understand that. But some stories should be told, even if they're just circulated in our small community.

Fred's story is one of those, because it should remind all of us of just how much a simple act of kindness expecting nothing in return — can mean.

That's true, even if it's just to rescue a mechanically inept newspaper editor who can't get his lawnmower started.

### **5 YEARS AGO**

Derrick Mallory will be the first to say he tends to put things off until the last minute. But don't let that fool you. The Cass City High School senior has always set lofty goals for himself and then accomplished those goals, including earning the highest honor awarded by the Boy Scouts of America – the Eagle rank. "I'm a notorious procrastinator," Mallory, 18, said over the weekend. "You have to earn Eagle Scout by the time you're 18, and I got it done 2 or 3 weeks before" my birthday.

We cut 10 years from the teaching career of Linda Gray, who is retiring from Cass City Schools. Listed as starting in 1979-80, it should have been 1970-71. It's no excuse, but Linda does take after her mother, Elsie Hicks, in that she looks young enough to easily have been teaching for 25 years rather than for 35 years at the school. (From Rabbit Tracks)

The Cass City High School Forensics Team had a fine showing at the state tournament over the weekend. Overall, the team finished fourth in the state in Class B. Courtney Hacker and Kurt Hanby were semi finalists in Storytelling. The multiple of Allie Hillaker, Jennica Richards, Allie Richards, Carly Rabideau, Jill Dillon, Kelli Lautner and Phil Nahernak finished fifth. Kyle Swanson and Sarah Langmaid finished fourth and fifth respectively in sales and Courtney Rabideau finished second in Broadcasting.

#### **10 YEARS AGO**

Danielle Osentoski and Josh Wark, both students of the Sally Doerr Dance Studio in Cass City, brought home several trophies from this Kids Artistic Revue vear's Competition in Farmington Hills.

Aaron Fernald was hired late Monday to replace Jim Green at the helm of the Cass City basketball program. Green stepped down after a successful 2-year stint as the Red Hawk leader that included a Greater Thumb West conference title this past season, in addition to a district crown in 2000. Green resigned to spend more time at home as he and his wife Lisa are expecting their first child. Fernald, a 30-year-old Essexville resident, is employed as a And, if they continued misbehav- middle school teacher in the Unionville-Sebewaing school district, where he has spent the last 5 seasons as the Patroits' junior varsity basketball coach. Cass City and Deford schools Young Author Award winners included 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders: Krysta Timko, Carly Rabideau, Ryan Flowers, Rochelle Rushlow, Ean Elliot, Paul Martin, Jordan Kus, Brandon Weaver, LaShae Radeka,

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Bible Study

Cassie Parker and Abby McCallum.

#### **25 YEARS AGO**

Linda Herman and her husband Alan live on a 160 acre farm north of Elkton. They could have been dislocated farmers due to the recent dairy herd buy-out program. But thanks to the Thumb Area Commission on Aging (TACA) and the dislocated farmer program offered through the Tuscola County Cooperative Extension Office and Michigan State University, Linda has found a job. She is one of 15 that the program has helped to place, said Betty Pattullo, Employment and Training Specialist for the dislocated farmer program. Linda, 30, and mother of 3, saw the advertisement for a case manager opening at TACA in a local newspaper and decided to apply. In the meantime she got in touch with Pattullo, having learned of the displaced farmer program through various articles. Within days, Betty Pattullo, Linda and Alan Sward, director of TACA, met to work out the details of her employment.

Unless things change in the next 2 weeks, there will be relatively little interest in 4 area school in the annual Meet of Champs at Stamats Field in Caro May 27. Among area schools, Cass City, Kingston, Owen-Gage and Ubly, Ubly was the only school to have a performer qualify when results were tabulated May 9. Ubly is qualified in the 1600 meter relay and Brian Block is qualified in the 100-yard dash. None of the other schools has an athlete eligible to participate.

#### **50 YEARS AGO**

Cass City moved into undisputed possession of first place in the Thumb B Conference baseball league with a pair of victories over conference foes while Bad Axe suffered its first defeat of the season The Hawks topped Monday. Marlette, 10-3, and Caro, 4-2, to remain undefeated with 3-0 record during the week. Bad Axe and Frankenmuth are tied with 3-1 records.

Participating in recovery for Navy Commander Alan Shepard, first U.S.

astronaut, was the destroyer USS The Sullivans and the USS Lake Champlain, aircraft carrier. Serving aboard the destroyer was Joseph L. Mulrath, seaman, USN, son of Mr. John Mulrath of Route 3, Cass City. Serving aboard the carrier was Gordon Peters, son of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Peters of Cass City.

PONGO is one of the stars in the Walt Disney animated cartoon feature, "101 Dalmatians," that appears at the Cass Theatre Saturday and The film features Sunday. Dalmatians as real persons who keep people around for laughs and have a doggoned good time about it. Recommended for the entire family.

#### **100 YEARS AGO**

Cass City's high school team showed baseball strength to a surprising degree Friday when they captured a six-inning game from Prof. Sinclair's Stars from the North Branch schools at a score of 14-7. The locals held the visitors scoreless during the first inning, though the latter looked dangerous with three men on bases when the last man came to bat. He was caught at first base however, and Cass City came to bat, Striffler and Davy Bean bringing in two runs.

A piece of loose paper fightened a three-year-old colt tied in front of Wilsey & Cathcart's store Monday afternoon and the horse broke from his fastenings and ran pell mell down Main Street, turning north on West Street. In front of Chas. Travis' residence, the animal broke the harness and the buggy was detached. The colt continued to run and was finally captured near the schoolhouse. The buggy was damaged slightly and the horse was injured and required the service of a veterinary surgeon. They were the property of Don McCrea of Greenleaf.



# The Chronicle invited area grand- Jeannette McDonald, Owendale \*\*\*

my 2 and 3 year old grandsons. They were "acting up," so I told them if they didn't behave, I was going to stand them in a corner. They looked at me and said "what's a corner?".

Years ago, I was babysitting with

My little angel, Garrett, with the most beautiful red hair and freckles, sat on my lap when he was about 3 and put his little hands on my face and said "Grandma, what are all those cracks on your face?"

Needless to say, I was mortified inside, but laughed outside.

#### Kim Donovan

as much as we did.

\*\*\*

Since her birth, my granddaughter, Becky, was like a little puppy dog, following me around the house, asking so many questions, much to my delight. One day, I was in the bathroom, washing my face, and she came in and asked "What are you doing Grandma?" "Oh," I replied, "taking a bird bath." She looked at me and then at the basin of water and said, "But how do you fit in there?"

ing, they would get a spanking. Again, "what's a spanking?".

I explained. They were looking at me with their big eyes and I had to laugh!

Sincerely, Angela Krauth Decker

Grandchildren do say

the darndest things



My granddaughter was celebrating her first birthday. She received a phone - she had never spoken much, but she opened the phone, picked up the receiver and said "hello" to our amazement! We sat there and just roared.

I guess they catch on fast.

Angela Krauth Decker

# **Religious politicking should end**

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bal wrath from others. Their narrow agenda also includes not supporting public schools and the NEA (professional organization of teachers).

My Jesus wouldn't want corporations to have free reign to maximize profits and personal wealth without Dee Dickinson

concern for worker's safety, wellbeing, and environmental protection; neither would He oppose efforts to assure a living wage to workers, accepting a lowly position of "atta boy" good slaves, taking whatever treatment their employers dish out.



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#### **First Presbyterian Church**

Barrier Free State & National Historical Registry 6505 Church St., Cass City, MI 48726 872-5400 Worship Service 10:45 a.m. Pastor: Dave Blackburn

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

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

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**Christian Fellowship Church** Corner of 6th and Leach, Cass City, MI 48726 872-5186 Thursday Evening 7:00 p.m. Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.

#### St. Pancratius Catholic Church

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



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# **Deford woman a finalist in National Cornbread Cook-off**

She didn't finish in the top 3, but Costello's recipe was described as Donna Costello of Deford proved "a hearty version of the story. she can prepare a winning corn bread Italian/American classic that is sure recipe with the best of them.

Costello was selected as a top-10 finalist in the 15th annual National Cornbread Cook-Off, sponsored by Martha White and Lodge Cast Iron. The event was held April 30 in South Pittsburg, Tenn.

Costello prepared her original main dish recipe, Southern Skillet Cornbread Pizza Casserole, for a panel of judges at the National Cornbread Festival.

cornbread crust, made with a combination of Martha White Sweet Yellow and Cotton Country Cornbread mixes, is studded with chopped pepperoni and Italian seasonings, and topped with a filling featuring Italian sausage, onions, peppers, mushrooms and Parmesan cheese. The casserole is finished with mozzarella cheese and pepperoni before baking."

Costello's recipe accompanies this

This year's National Cornbread to become a family favorite. The Cook-Off winners were Jennifer Beckman of Falls Church, Va., who took first place with her recipe for Tennessee Onion Soup Gratin, followed by Margee Berry of White Salmon, Wash. (second place) with her recipe for Caramalized Maple Apple Bacon Brunch Bake, and Andria Gaskins of Matthews, N.C., who placed third with her recipe for Sausage and Spinach Calzone Cornbread.





CASS CITY High School senior Brandon Montgomery placed among the top 10 high school students in the nation in the Computer Security Concepts testing competition during the National Business and Professionals of America Leadership Conference work for Google. Washington, D.C., May 4-8.

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# Local senior medals at **BPA** event

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Washington Monument, which was pretty cool as well. I didn't really know what to expect, though - I expected to take an exam."

This wasn't the teen's first trek to the nation's capitol; he took part in one of the annual Cass City Middle School trips to Washington, D.C., a few years ago.

"Although we went on a tour and saw the monuments, unlike the eighth grade trip, that was not the sole purpose of this trip. Really, though, I was there to compete," he noted.

As for the future, he has enrolled at Saginaw Valley State University, where he plans to major in Computer Information Systems starting in the fall.

"I also plan to get more computer certifications, the next one, in the next few months, being CEH --Certified Ethical Hackers - a certification that teaches you to defend, by learning the attacks," added Montgomery, who has already earned professional certifications in Comptia A-plus, Security-plus, LPIC Linux, and (Linux Professional Institute Certification). Not surprisingly, his ultimate career goal will focus on computer technol-

ogy. "Nothing too specific, though, maybe penetration testing - ethical hacking; a hacker paid by a company to discover flaws in their security so (BPA) the holes can be patched before real hackers attack," he said. "Maybe a network administrator. (I) might

> "Nothing is certain yet – - just get-

## Southern Skillet Cornbread Pizza Casserole Donna Costello – Deford, MI

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### Filling

1 pound hot Italian sausage, cooked and crumbled 2/3 cup chopped onion 1/2 cup chopped green pepper 1/4 cup hot pepper rings 1 tablespoon dried oregano 1 (8 oz.) can tomato sauce 1 (13 oz.) can sliced mushrooms, drained 1 teaspoon garlic powder 1 cup shredded Parmesan cheese

### Crust

4 tablespoons butter 1/2 cup chopped onion 1 (7 oz.) pkg. Martha White® Sweet Yellow Cornbread Mix 1 (6 oz.) pkg. Martha White Cotton Country<sup>™</sup> Cornbread Mix 1 cup milk 2 large eggs 5 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano 1 1/2 teaspoons garlic powder 1 teaspoon coarse black pepper 2/3 cup chopped pepperoni

### **Toppings**

4 cups shredded mozzarella cheese 20 pepperoni slices

1. Heat oven to 375° F. Coat 12-inch Lodge® cast iron skillet with no-stick cooking spray. Place in oven to heat. In medium skillet, combine filling ingredients. Cook over medium heat 10 minutes.

2. Melt butter in small skillet. Cook onion until tender. Mix together remaining crust ingredients in large bowl. Stir in onion. Pour into hot 12-inch skillet. Spoon filling over cornbread mixture. Top with mozzarella and pepperoni slices. Bake 15 to 20 minutes or until cheese browns around edges. Cut into wedges. Serve hot or at room temperature.

Makes 8 servings

Prep time: 15 minutes Cook time: 30 minutes **Ready in: 45 minutes** 

# **Business marketing** emphasis of seminar

Technology Development Center resources or to register online Great Lakes Bay is offering a free www.misbtdc.org/training or call Marketing Your Business seminar at (989) 686-9597. Pre-registration is the Huron Area Technical Center at required. Find us on Facebook at 1160 S. Van Dyke in Bad Axe from 6 to 8:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 1. This seminar presents practical applications of marketing concepts designed to grow small businesses. It covers basic marketing tools including market analysis and research, target marketing, assessing competitors, and key marketing implementation tools. A strategic, well-planned approach to marketing is demonstrated, with several examples of effective hands-on marketing techniques. Focus is on the business's customers - creating and keeping them.

The Michigan Small Business and ing the free seminar, other seminars,

ting lots of general knowledge."

**Prescription** take-back a big success

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determined there was a real public need for a long-term collection effort," said Gray, who noted the drug task force has established a  $24/\overline{7}$  collection site for use by the public to turn in outdated medications at the Sanilac County Sheriff's Department in Sandusky.

"Citizens can turn in old, unwanted medications at the corrections office lobby door, which faces Elk Street," he explained. "Only medications in pill/tablet/capsule form can be accepted at this time — no liquids or salves. Pills do not have to be in their original containers. Pills can be turned in together in a single plastic bag for submission purposes. You do not have to identify yourself in any way, and this service is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, holidays included."

# **Dinner slated**

Sanilac County's annual dinner honoring all active and retired police officers, fire fighters and EMS first responders will be held Thursday, May 19, at 6 p.m., at Lakeview Hills Golf Course, 6580 Peck Rd. (M-90, 1.5 miles west of M-25), Lexington. The cost is \$18 per person, payable at check-in. Those planning to attend are asked to RSVP before Monday, May 16, by calling the Sanilac County Prosecutor's Office at (810) 648-3402, or Bill Gray at 1-800-544-3784.



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**CHRONICLE SPORTS** 



SAFE AT THIRD. Cass City's Morgan Erla can't come up with the throw in Thursday's opening game loss against visiting Vassar. However, the junior's 3-run homer in the nightcap propelled the hosts to a 7-4 victory.

# **Greater Thumb West track stars** slated to perform in Cass City

Since early March, some of the best while Rowell cleared 5' 2" to place City's top finish with a time of 54:32 Thumb area high school track stars second. have been busy prepping for the Greater Thumb West league meet GTW meet will come in the 400slated for next week in Cass City.

team honors in the boys' field, Brittany Noblin (1:03.04) and place points. expect the Lady Red Hawks to be in Frankenmuth's Angie Ritter (1:01) Tuesday's quest for the GTW crown. of the Tri-Valley Conference. Sure to be in the hunt for individual

Wynn's best chance of gold at the meter dash. She placed third in that And although it's doubtful that the event at Reese, with a time of

gold at the GTW outing is Alyssa 3200-meter team of Ashley Potts,

in the 400-meter dash, crossing the end line in 4th place.

In the 800-meter relay, Red Hawks Braeden Perzanowski, Josh Jensen, Garret Ferguson and Alex Williams host Red Hawks will challenge for 1:03.67, bettered only by Vassar's were clocked at 1:45.24, earning 5th

#### Girls' results

In the relay events, Cass City's 200-meter relay – Cass City (Ashley Potts, Alyssa Bennett, Jessa Prieskorn, Ashtyn Janiskee),

# **Red Hawks prep** for return visit to Dow Diamond

experience a big-time atmosphere as there was a play at each base, Friday when the Red Hawks travel to Midland's Dow Diamond, home of the Great Lakes Loons, to face a pair appear somewhat confused, as did of non-conference foes.

Coach Nathan Haag's squad will play a doubleheader against a pair of Greater Thumb East teams, starting with Ubly at 5 p.m., and ending against Deckerville in the nightcap.

The once-in-a-lifetime experience, for most, will cap a busy week that includes home tilts against Bay City All Saints and Frankenmuth on consecutive days.

Cass City enters the week trading decisions Thursday against Vassar in GTW action.

In game one, the visitors benefited from some shabby fielding by the Red Hawks to capture game one.

Nolan Whitney handled the pitching chores for the Vulcans and earned the 10-2 win. He fanned 6, getting the better of Cass City's Nick Kappen, who suffered the loss for Cass City despite allowing just one earned run over 4 innings of work. With a 4-2 margin entering the final frame, Vassar added 6 insurance runs in their last at-bats to remove most doubt from the game's outcome. The Vulcans broke open the contest after Cass City reliever Jake Hacker and first baseman Rob VanAuken both stands at 4-2 in the GTW. Cass City played a bunt hit between them, but is 4-4 in the GTW, 11-9 overall.

The Cass City baseball team will that left nobody to cover first base, including second.

The entire series made the hosts the Red Hawk infield over the course of the game.

At the plate, Ethan Nicol collected 3 hits, including a double, to pace Cass City, while Jeff Leslie had a pair of singles and Cody Orban and Alex Varney had solo knocks and accounted for Cass City's scoring with one run apiece.

In game 2, Cass City ace Orban held the Vulcans scoreless after the third frame to collect a 7-4 victory. Orban struck out 11, but walked 5 in a complete game outing. He allowed 3 earned runs, as did Vassar starter Gavin Greer who was labeled with the defeat.

With the score even, 4-4, after 3 innings of play, Cass City used a 3run homer off the bat of Morgan Erla and a little good fortune in the next inning to manage a split.

"Erla hit a deep fly ball to centerfield that bounced off the fielder's glove over the fence for an eventually game winning 3-run home run," said Haag. Adding, Orban did a great job of keeping the 3-4-5 hitters of Vassar under control.

With the split, Vassar's record



Bennett.

The Red Hawk freshman topped the Invitational. captured by Frankenmuth with 128 points. Marlette was next in the team standings with 94 points, edging the host Rockets with 93. The complete team standings also had Cass City with 73 points, Saginaw Valley Lutheran, 68, Vassar, 51, and Unionville-Sebewaing Area, 20.

In addition to Bennett, Cass City's Logan Rowell and Haley Wynn also have excellent chances of becoming individual GTW champions. Rowell will battle Reese's Jordyn Kiser for the top spot in the high jump at the league meet. The pair squared off Friday, with Kiser posting a winning 11. height of 5' 4" on her home track,

Jessa Prieskorn, Ashtyn Janiskee-Weiler and Bennett came out on top 1,600-meter and 3,200-meter runs at Reese with a blistering time of Friday at the 7-school Reese 10:31, which also should land them in the winners' circle at the league meet.

> Cass City also had Bennett with a second place effort in the 800-meter run and Weiler with a third place showing in the 110-meter hurdles at the Reese invite.

> In the boys' competition, Frankenmuth completed a sweep in the team standings easily distancing themselves from the field with 190.5 points. The Eagles were followed by Marlette with 108 points, Unionville-Sebewaing Area, 76, Reese, 53, Vassar, 46.5, Saginaw Valley Lutheran, 42, and Cass City,

Adrian Hartsell turned in Cass **Offense heating up for Red Hawk soccer team** 

Things are warming up for the Cass against the Pirates' fast, physical City soccer team. And although pleasant weather finally allowed Coach Chuck Reed's Red Hawks to play twice last week, it was his team's offensive showing Friday at Sandusky that really turned up the heat.

Against the Redskins, Cass City came out fast, dominated the ball and put the game away early, eventually winning by a 7-0 margin.

Visiting keeper Becca Leslie saw only 3 shots for the entire game and her backup Meri Dzielinski got significant playing time late, but did not see a shot during the lopsided win.

Cass City's offense woke up with Caitlin Reed getting 3 goals and an assist, Nicole Kelley a goal and an assist, Brooke Hartwick, Kaitlyn Messing, and Amanda Clifton a goal each and Tessa Kus an assist.

The defense and mid field play kept Sandusky in their own end for most of the game, while the offense generated 20 shots total.

Reed noted Jessica Bootz, Katie Michalski, Kelsey Cooper, Liz Milligan and Macey Messing all played well in shutting down the Sandusky attack.

On Monday, Cass City traveled to Harbor Beach and suffered a 4-1 defeat.

Cass City appeared a step slow

style of play and played their worst half of the season, according to Reed, and trailed 3-0 at the half.

However, coming out in a different set for the second half, Cass City played with more intensity and generated much more offense, with Messing recording the score on an assist from Alyse Timko.

"Amanda (Clifton) moved up from defense and had several good chances, but overall the Hawks generated only 8 shots while playing the Pirates even in the second half," said Reed.

Leslie had 17 saves and was hit or knocked down on almost every one. The slow start doomed the Hawks, but they did come back with offensive pressure in the second half and defensive play also improved.

"Lack of focus and intensity hurt the Hawks in the first half against Harbor Beach, but the second half at Harbor Beach and the Sandusky game got things back on track. The offense started showing signs that they are finally ready to play and the defense is getting more comfortable Frankenmuth, 121'03.00"; Shot Put ons from the unbeaten ranks in GTW working with different people, so things seem to be on the right track," Reed said.

Greater Thumb Conference action.

10:31.00; **110-meter hurdles** Drew Findlay, Reese, 16.62; 100meter dash – Olivia Shelton, Frankenmuth, 12.51; 800-meter relav – Frankenmuth (Lauren Reinbold, Chelsea Mertz, Olivia Shelton, Angie Ritter), 1:48.79; 1600-meter run - Alyssa Bennett, Cass City, 5:33.00; 400-meter relay Frankenmuth (Lauren Reinbold, Olivia Shelton, Tiffany Gentner, Chelsea Mertz) 52.34; 400-meter dash – Angie Ritter, Frankenmuth, 1:01.00; 300M low hurdles - Drew Findlay, Reese, 47.11; 800-meter run – Brittany Noblin, Vassar, 2:27.00; 200-meter dash – Angie Ritter, Frankenmuth, 25.61; 3200meter run – Alyssa Bennett, Cass City, 12:18.00; 1600-meter relay -Frankenmuth (Lauren Peterson, Chelsea Mertz, Olivia Shelton, Angie Ritter), 4:13.00; Discus -Dobbelaere, Kvlee Marlette. 117'09.00"; Shot Put - Ashley Frahm, Frankenmuth, 35'07.00"; High Jump – Jordyn Kiser, Reese, 5' 04.00"; Long Jump – Angela Odoerfer, Marlette, 15'08.70" and Pole Vault – Whitney Reames, Vassar, 8'01.00".

#### **Boys' results**

3200-meter relay – Frankenmuth (Ben Sievert, Nathan Bookmyer, Jake Hall, Luke Bade), 8:23.00; 110M hurdles – Brian Stearns, Frankenmuth, 15.86; 100-meter dash – Donnie Thomas, Marlette, 10.91; **800-meter** relay Frankenmuth (Ben Carter, Nick Veitengruber, Jeremy Borchard, Luke Bade), 1:35.84; 1600-meter run – Ben Sievert, Frankenmuth, 4:51.00; 400-meter relay – Marlette (Alex Storm, Ryan Miller, Joey Volz, Donnie Thomas), 45.26; 400-meter dash – Justin Locklear, Vassar, 51.34; 300M interm. hurdles -Brian Stearns, Frankenmuth, 41.26; 800-meter run – Luke Bade, Frankenmuth, 2:02.00; 200-meter dash - Donnie Thomas, Marlette, 21.95; 3200-meter run – Ben Sievert, Frankenmuth, 9:51.00; 1600-meter relay – Frankenmuth (Ben Carter, Nick Veitengruber, Jeremy Borchard, Luke Bade), 3:32.00: Discus – Jesse Micho, then 2-time defending state champi-– Dakota Gangler, USA, 48'11.00"; High Jump – Darius Taylor, Saginaw Valley Lutheran, 6'04.00"; Long Jump – Donnie Thomas, - Tim Canfield, USA, 13'06.00".

CASS CITY swept both ends of Thursday's GTW twin bill over Vassar. Scoring on a wild pitch in game one is Red Hawk Rebecca Hacker.

### Softball Roundup

# Stec dominates Vassar in Greater Thumb West softball victories

to be rounding into shape at just the one hit. Stec issued just one free pass right time for first year Coach John in 14 innings of work. Hacker.

'Shannon was on her game," ace shut down visiting Vassar Thursday in an important Greater Thumb West match-up.

one game up until last week, registered victories of 7-0 and 3-0 to help Cass City improve to 6-2 in the and scored for Cass City. GTW. Stec will most likely need to handle the pitching chores in both ends of Monday's showdown against visiting GTW leaders Unionville-Sebewaing Area if the hosts hope to upset the Patriots.

outing with payback on their minds, looking to avenge a loss to the Red Hawks last year that dropped the play.

Still, when Stec is at her best anything is believable. She fanned 7 and scattered 3 hits to defeat the Vulcans Cass City has a record of 2-3-1 in Marlette, 20'00.00" and Pole Vault in game one and looked even loss for Vassar. stronger in the nightcap where she

Cass City's Shannon Stec appears whiffed a dozen and surrendered just

Vassar's Chelsea Coffey blanked the Red Hawks for 3 innings, but claimed Hacker after watching his yielded 6 runs in the 5th as Cass City sent 10 batters to the plate.

Morgan Potter and McKensie Parrish each had 2 hits for the win-Stec, who has usually worked just ners. Parrish delivered a basesloaded triple to break open the contest. Rebecca Hacker added a double

> Jessica Ostrander led Vassar with 2 safeties.

In game 2, Cass City scored twice in the second inning and once in the third to complete the sweep.

"Shannon retired Vassar 1-2-3 in 5 The Patriots will enter the GTW of the innings. She got some help from our defense, we played error free all night," said Hacker.

Hacker and Dana Woodward each belted triples for Cass City, while Logan Rowell added a double. McKensie Parrish and Megan Parrish added singles in the 5-hit attack.

Hayley Zwerk was saddled with the

Cass City now stands 14-4 overall.



DAN Vandecar, Decker, bagged this trophy turkey Friday morning while hunting in Tuscola County. His tom weighed 23 pounds and had a 10" beard and  $1 \frac{1}{4}$ " spurs.



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Ulfig/Corey & Paul

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deBeaubien/Lowe

LeValley/Morgan

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Martin/Stern

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# **Owen-Gage explodes for** 41 runs in twin bill wins

The Owen-Gage Bulldog softball squad took out their frustrations out 3 hits and scored 3 runs, while the pitcher of record for the losers. Thursday at the expense of host Amanda Muntz scored 3 times and Akron-Fairgrove.

After suffering a pair of North Central Thumb League losses Monday to Port Hope, 11-10 and 14-10, Coach Doug Hyatt's Bulldogs rebounded to earn one-sided wins of 21-0 and 21-1 over the Vikings.

In game one, Bulldogs Lauren Mandich and Kayla Montreuil combined to handle the pitching duties and did not allow a hit. Akron-Fairgrove's McKenzie McHalpine took the loss at the rubber for the Vikings.

drove in 3 RBIs.

Game 2 mirrored the opener. Once scored 3 times for the Bulldogs. again, Mandich started on the hill before Miranda Radabaugh worked 7-5 overall.

At the plate, Lacie Prich slugged 2 innings of relief. Lara Errer was

Montreuil, Prich, Amanda Muntz, Christin Harris and Erica Mroz all Owen-Gage is 7-3 in the NCTL and





Low score: Dieter Roth 34

**Division 2** Tony Nika Thad Phelps Dick Wallace Steve Osentoski David Allen Larry Robinson Austin Brinkman Doug Jones Dan Mosher Paul Regnerus Noel Maurer Jim Hobbs Harold MacAlpine Bruce LeValley

Low score: Steve Osentoski 35; Dick Wallace 35.

> Wednesday Night 2-Man Golf League as of May 4

**Division 1 - Early** Burns/Caister Smithson/Kurtansky

- Individual medallists: Bitzer 36; Tamlyn 36. 17
  - Team medallists: Bitzer/Curtis 80. 17

# Schneeberger's ATHLETE of the WEEK

This week's Schneeberger's Athlete of the Week award winner is Cass City junior Shannon Stec.

The Lady Red Hawk pitching ace tossed a pair of shutouts Thursday against visiting Vassar, setting up a potential showdown with USA on Monday for the GTW title.

Stec, a second team all-conference selection in 2010, worked 14 total innings, fanning 19 and allowing one free pass. She limited the Vulcans to 3 hits in game one and gave up a solo knock in game 2.



**Shannon Stec** 

Shannon is the daughter of Linda and Mike Stec.

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# **O-G board places** interviews on hold

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short for school officials to act.

Owen-Gage School officials hired Drury nearly a year ago following the resignation of Dana Compton, who served the district as a superintendent/K-12 principal for about 5 years. Drury, a retired, experienced educator and administrator who served the Laker School District for many years, has made it clear he will be leaving Owen-Gage at the end of June.

Under Drury's leadership, Owen-Gage shed its "deficit-spending school district" status, although the school has continued to struggle in terms of building a significant fund balance. The district also inked a new, 2-year union contract with teachers after just 3 negotiation sessions.

nings of a bond issue campaign in an secretaries and para-professionals.

effort to enable the district to fund up to \$1 million worth of capital improvements, including replacement of a boiler along with unit ventilators in several classrooms, roof repairs, replacement of hallway and classroom lighting, interior and exterior painting, and technology upgrades.

School officials have not yet decided whether to seek a bond issue or establish a sinking fund to pay for the work — both options would require voter approval.

For now, the focus is on establishing a new administrative structure.

Unfortunately, the district doesn't have a great deal of "wiggle room" financially. Owen-Gage has a total of roughly 206 students in grades K-12, with an annual budget of \$1.8 million and a staff of 28 - 14 teachers and 14 support personnel, includ-Drury also orchestrated the begin- ing cooks, custodians, bus drivers.

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cles, both riding them and fixing

them. Greg loved the outdoors. He

loved to watch the deer, birds and

memory are his wife of 41 years,

Mary; children: Michael (Dawn)

Jones of Armington, Ill., Jamie (Ryan) Jones of Normal, Ill., Jason

(Jennifer) Jones of White Bear Lake,

Minn., and Sarah (Jason Lermont)

Jones of Cass City; grandchildren:

Samantha, Brandon, Logan and

Christopher; brothers: George Jones

of Texas, and Dennis (Jeannie) Jones

He was preceded in death by his

Thursday, May 5, at Kranz Funeral

Home, Cass City, with Pastor David

Cooper of Deford Community

Michael Jones, Jamie Jones, Jason

Jones, Sarah Jones, Jason Lermont,

Samantha Jones, Brandon Jones,

Logan Jones, Christopher Jones and

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Family and friends may share mem-

ories, prayers and stories with the

Arrangements were made by Kranz

Paul Leyva

passed away Wednesday, May 4,

Cass City, the son of Joseph and

He was born March 24, 1949 in

He married Beverly Maxwell

Paul served with the U.S. Army

during the Vietnam conflict. He was

a member of St. Agatha Catholic

Church, Gagetown, the VFW in Cass

City and the Vietnam Veterans of

America, Bay City Chapter. He

retired from Tower Automotive in

Elkton after 39 years of service

where he was a production operator.

of 42 years, Bev; brothers: Joseph D.

Jr. (Judy) of Mayville, William R.

(Lucia) living in Brentwood, Calif.,

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Paul is survived by his loving wife

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March 15, 1969 in Pigeon.

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### **Nancy Boyl**

Nancy Lee Boyl, 70, of Kingston, died Friday, May 6, 2011 in MidMichigan Medical Center, Midland after a courageous battle with cancer.

She was born Feb. 16, 1941 in Caro, the daughter of William and Rose (Hadi) Froede.

She married Wesley Benjamin Boyl Sept. 28, 1963 in Caro. He died April 24, 2007.

Nancy was a very active member of Kingston Methodist Church and United Methodist Women. She was an excellent cook, cooking for all family gatherings. Nancy shared her cooking talent at many church dinners including the annual Harvest Dinner. Nancy worked as senior cosmetology instructor for Howard's Beauty Academy, Caro, for many years. She enjoyed her students and her time at Howard's. The center of Nancy's life was her grandchildren. She loved and adored them and was very involved in their lives.

Those left to remember and cherish her memory include her children: Scott (Glenda) Boyl of Kingston, Jeff (Lisa) Boyl of Carmel, Ind., and Justin (Alischia) Boyl of Kingston; grandchildren: Zachary, Jenna, Kaleb, Hannah, Wesley, Brennen and Faith; a special daughter and her family, Deb (Joe) Hart; Ben, Louie, Maria, and Addie; brothers: William 'Bill" Froede of Kingston, and Jim (Shelly) Froede of Deford; a sister, Kay (Cap) Caverly of Kingston; mother-in-law, Jean Boyl of Kingston; a sister-in-law, NoraJean Little of Cass City; a brother-in-law, Wayne (Karen) Boyle of Otsego; and

several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral services were Tuesday, 10, at Kingston United May Methodist Church, Kingston, with the Rev. Debra Brown officiating.

Interment was in the Kingston Cemetery, Kingston.

Pallbearers for Ms. Boyl were Jim Jensen, Dan Shaw, Jim Froede, Bryan Froede, Dennis Steele and Ken Distlerath.

Memorials may be made to the Kingston United Methodist Church, Kingston.

Family and friends may share memories, prayers and stories with the family

www.kranzfuneralhome.com. Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Kingston.

until his health no longer allowed great-grandchildren. him to work. He enjoyed motorcy-

She was preceded in death by a son, Ronald Nicholas; a brother, William Ingalsbe; and a great-granddaughter, Krystal Lynn Tracy.

Funeral services were held Friday, May 6, at Thabet Funeral Home, Cass City, with the Rev. Bill Wright officiating.

Burial was in the Grant Township Cemetery.

Family and friends may share condolences at www.thabetfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements were made by Thabet Funeral Home, Cass City.

### **Donna Rock**

Donna Jean Rock, 88, of Sebewaing, died following a long illness Saturday, April 30, 2011 in Northwood Meadows Medical Care Unit, Cass City.

She was born Aug. 9, 1922 in Sandusky, the only child of Ferman and Jeannetta (Sangster) Bright.

She married Albert Rock Feb. 6, 1945 in Chicago, Ill. Albert and Donna had no children. He died April 20, 1999.

Donna graduated from Cass City High School. She worked for Ford Motor Company, retiring after many years. She was a former member of the Order of the Eastern Star and enjoyed being part of a bowling league when she lived in the city. Donna enjoyed playing piano in her younger years. She was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Sebewaing. She enjoyed fishing with Albert on their boat.

Donna is survived by her cousins: Paul E. Leyva, 62, of Gagetown, Dorothy Wentworth of Deford, Dolores Howell of Essexville, Diane Sangster of Lapeer, Donna Lossing of Lapeer, Duane (Shirley) Sangster of Decker, and Sharon Daley of Westland; many second cousins and extended family; Albert's nephews: Herman Rock of Georgia, and Henry Rock of Millington and their families.

> She was preceded in death by her aunts: Olive Bartels, Avis Youngs, and Theresa Biddle; uncles: Samuel and James Sangster; cousins: George Sangster, William Sangster, Janice Youngs, and William Bartels.

> Funeral services were held Wednesday, May 4, at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with the Rev. Daniel Hahn of Immanuel Lutheran Church officiating.

Interment was in the Novesta Township Cemetery, Cass City.

# Everyday heroes theme of national observance

National Emergency Medical who experience sudden illness or Services (EMS) Week, May 15-21, is "EMS: Everyday Heroes".

Sponsored by the American College of Emergency Physicians, EMS week is an opportunity to promote safety and increase public awareness of the dedication and community contributions of the country's nearly one million EMS professionals.

The theme for this year celebrates the exceptional service being provided to countless patients every day, often under incredibly challenging circumstances. It illustrates that EMS professionals are dedicated to saving lives and limiting suffering on a daily basis.

"These individuals provide pre-hospital care that can make the difference between life and death, as well as provide comfort and support to patients and their families", said Leslie Hall, director of the Michigan bership of EMS agencies and EMS Rural EMS Network.

vital, invaluable public service. During times of emergency, swift opportunities for rural EMS profesaccess to emergency medical services can dramatically improve the sur- and retention efforts.

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The theme of the 38th Annual vival and recovery rates of those injury. Emergency medical service professionals, whether career or volunteer, engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills.

The Michigan Rural EMS Network is kicking off the week of celebration by hosting an EMS Scholarship Fundraiser, Friday, May 13, at Bavarian Inn Lodge in Frankenmuth. The event will feature Cool2Duel dueling pianos. The public is invited to attend. There will also be an air medical fly-in at Bavarian Inn Lodge by LifeNet of Michigan at 5:30 p.m., weather permitting. Area children are welcome to come see LifeNet's helicopter, meet the crew and take pictures.

The Michigan Rural EMS Network, an expansion of the Huron-Sanilac EMS Network, is a non-profit memprofessionals. The group is dedicat-Emergency medical services are a ed to increasing public awareness of EMS, offering unique educational sionals and improving recruitment

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### **Gregory Jones**

Gregory Alden Jones, 61, of Deford died following a long illness Monday, May 2, 2011 in United Hospice of Marlette Residence Center.

He was born Sept. 7, 1949 in St. Joseph County, South Bend, Ind., the son of Victor and Geraldine (Wright) Jones.

He married Mary Hegadorn April 17, 1970 in Detroit.

Greg served in the U.S. Army, serving 2 tours in Vietnam. As a child, Greg loved to take things apart to see how they worked. As he grew older, he enjoyed creating things and making his own designs work. He did this with cars, anything mechanical and with his carpentry. He worked for International Harvestor in Florida as an auto mechanic. Greg later became a journeyman carpenter helping to build the Crystal River Nuclear Power Plant in Crystal River, Fla. After moving to Texas, he worked as a carpenter building homes for Fox and Jacobs. When Greg moved to Michigan, he worked for MK Chambers as a machinist

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Caro; and sisters: Rose (Sonny) Quinn of Cass City and Rachel (Jerry) Lamoureux of Decker.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Ralph Leyva; and a special uncle, Raul Leyva.

Mass of Christian burial was celebrated Monday, March 9 at St. Agatha Church, Gagetown, with the Rev. Paul Bala and Sr. Dorothy Ann Blasko officiating.

Interment was in the church cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be Funeral Home, Cass City. made to the church or to the VFW, Cass City.

Gagetown Gagetown.

### Lola Nicholas

Lola M. Nicholas, 91, of Cass City, passed away Monday, May 2, 2011 at Huron County Medical Care Facility, Bad Axe.

She was born June 28, 1919 in College's Grant Township, the daughter of the Institute will offer several monthly late Newell and Rhoda (Summers) Ingalsbe.

She married Earl Nicholas Aug. 28, 1937 in Flint. He passed away July 30, 1959.

Lola lived on the farm where she was born and raised for 61 years, before moving to Cass City in 1980. She enjoyed time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

Lola is survived by her children: Donna (the late George) Ferguson of Marlette, Roland Nicholas of Cass City, Lloyd (Paula) Nicholas of Sebewaing, Joyce (James) Turner of Cass City and Jean (John) Heck of great-grandchildren; and 7 great, call (810) 989-5788.

Pallbearers for Mrs. Rock: Herman Rock, Henry Rock, Rod Wentworth, Jim Wentworth, Duane Sangster, and Jeff Parsell.

Memorials may be made to United Hospice of Marlette or Northwood Meadows.

Family and friends may share memories, prayers and stories with the family

www.kranzfuneralhome.com. Arrangements were made by Kranz

# Arrangements were made by getown Funeral Chapel, Health care classes set this month

St. Clair County Community Workforce Training online health care classes beginning in May.

The classes provide continuing education for nurses and other health care professionals. The classes meet the Michigan continuing education requirement for nursing license recertification.

Classes are offered through online training partner ed2go.

- Classes begin monthly and run:
- May 18 to July 8
- June 15 to Aug. 5
- July 20 to Sept. 9
- Aug. 17 to Oct. 7

For details, visit Sebewaing; 17 grandchildren; 26 www.sc4.edu/workforceonline or



Tuesday-Wednesday, May 17-18 ~ 5:00-7:00 p.m. Mulligan's Irish Links Club House

# **REGISTRATION FEE: \$50**

# **REGISTRATION CLOSES** SEPTEMBER 9, 2011

JULY 26-28: Equipment sizing & distribution 6:00-8:00 p.m., at Mulligan's Irish Links AUGUST 8-11: Youth Camp AUGUST 15: First Practice

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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 Gary L. Nichols and Mary E. Reynolds Nichols, a/k/a Mary E. Nichols, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, Mortgagee, dated March 26, 2007 and recorded on April 20, 2007 in Liber 1117 on Page 221, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Thirty-Six Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-Six and 56/100 Dollars (\$236,576.56), 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 June 9, 2011.

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

Commencing at the East 1/4 corner of Section 6, Town 11 North, Range 10 East, Dayton Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, thence South 87 degrees 55 minutes 42 seconds West, 1318.50 feet along the East-West 1/4 line; thence South 1 degree 10 minutes 18 seconds East, 1114.0 feet to the point of beginning; running thence South 1 degree 10 minutes 18 seconds East, 200.0 feet; thence North 87 degrees 44 minutes 24 seconds East, 206.99 feet; thence North 24 degrees 14 minutes 12 seconds East, 195.57 feet along the West shore of Harmon Lake; thence North 87 degrees 20 minutes 58 seconds West, 291.52 feet to the point of beginning. Being part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 6, Town 11 North, Range 10 East.

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

Dated: May 11, 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 #346799F01 5-11-4

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Lucas J. Turner, a married man, joined by his spouse, Brooke A. Turner, original mortgagors, to Watson Group Financial Corporation, Mortgagee, dated February 6, 2008 and recorded on March 13, 2008 in Liber 1143 on Page 950, and assigned by mesne assignments to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association as Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land, including any and all structures, and homes, manufactured or otherwise, located thereon, situated in the Township of Fremont, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit:

Part of the Northeast quarter of Section 16, Town 11 north, Range 9 East, described as commencing at the North quarter corner of said Section 16, thence along the North line of said Section 16, North 89 degrees 36 minutes 50 seconds East 165.03 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing along said North line of Section 16, North 89 degrees 36 minutes 50 seconds East 150.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 14 minutes 54 seconds West 600 feet; thence South 89 degrees 36 minutes 50 seconds West 150 feet; thence North 00 degrees 14 minutes 54 seconds East 600 feet to the point of beginning.

During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during 30 days immediately following the sale.

Dated: 5/11/2011

BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING LP Mortgagee

FABRIZIO & BROOK, P.C. Attorney for BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVIC-ING LP 888 W. Big Beaver, Suite 800

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Troy, MI 48084 248-362-2600 BOA FNMA Watts

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by JAMES D. SKIN-NER and DONNA M. SKINNER, HUSBAND AND WIFE, to 3RD FINANCIAL SERVICE CORPORA-TION, Mortgagee, dated May 14, 2003 and recorded on August 25, 2003, in Liber 950, on Page 774, and assigned by said mortgagee to US Bank, N.A., as assigned, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Eighty Thousand Two Hundred Twenty Dollars and Forty-Five Cents (\$180,220.45), 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, front entrance of the Courthouse Building in the City of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM o'clock, on June 9, 2011.

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

A PART OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP 10 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST, DESCRIBED AS COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP 10 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST, THENCE SOUTH 84 DEGREES 35 MIN-UTES 31 SECONDS EAST 1034.23 FEET ALONG THE SOUTH SECTION LINE TO THE POINT OF **BEGINNING: THENCE NORTH 2 DEGREES 2** MINUTES 47 SECONDS EAST 628.70 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 84 DEGREES 34 MINUTES 12 SECONDS EAST 330 FEET THENCE SOUTH 2 MINUTES DEGREES SECONDS 628.57 FEET ALONG THE WEST 1/8 LINE; THENCE NORTH 84 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 31 SECONDS WEST, 330 FEET ALONG THE SOUTH SECTION LINE TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING

NOTWITHSTANDING, IF THE DEBT SECURED<br/>BY THIS PROPERTY WAS DISCHARGED IN A<br/>CHAPTER 7 BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDING,<br/>THIS NOTICE IS NOT AN ATTEMPT TO COL-<br/>LECT THAT DEBT.9799.THIS NOTICE IS NOT AN ATTEMPT TO COL-<br/>LECT THAT DEBT.The Borrower has the right to request a meeting with<br/>the mortgage holder or mortgage servicer. The agent<br/>designated by the Mortgage Servicer and/or<br/>Mortgage Holder to contact and that has authority to

To: BARBARA J. ACORD & ARTHUR D. ACORD OF 5311 CHAMBERS ROAD, MAYVILLE, MI 48744.

State law requires that you receive the following notice: You are presently in default under your Mortgage which secures the property described as follows:

LAND SITUATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF FRE-MONT. TUSCOLA COUNTY. MICHIGAN PAR-CEL B-COMMENCING 330 FEET SOUTH OF THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTH HALF OF THE WEST HALF OF THE SOUTH-WEST QUARTER OF SECTION 20, TOWN 11 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST; THENCE SOUTH 219 FEET: THENCE EAST 1320 FEET: THENCE NORTH 219 FEET; THENCE WEST 1320 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING AND PARCEL C-COMMENCING 549 FEET SOUTH OF THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTH HALF OF THE WEST HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST OUARTER OF SECTION 20, TOWN 11 NORTH. RANGE 9 EAST; THENCE SOUTH 219 FEET; THENCE EAST 1320 FEET; THENCE NORTH 219 FEET: THENCE WEST 1320 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, COMMONLY KNOWN AS 5311 CHAMBERS ROAD, MAYVILLE, MI 48744.

The Mortgage Holder may be contemplating the commencement of foreclosure proceedings under the terms of that Agreement and Michigan law. A loan modification may not serve to revive that obligation. However, in the event you wish to explore options that may avert foreclosure, please contact our office at the number listed below.

This notice shall apply only if the property encumbered by the mortgage described below is claimed as a principal residence exempt from tax under section 7cc of the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.7cc.

You have the right to request a meeting with Northstar Bank, Laura L. Swartzendruber is the designee, and has the authority to make agreements under MCL 600.3205b and MCL 600.3205c, and can be contacted at 833 S. Van Dyke Road, Bad Axe, MI 48413 (989) 269-3586.

You may also contact a housing counselor by contacting the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) by visiting www.michigan.gov/mshda or calling (866) 946-7432. If you request a meeting with Northstar Bank within 14 days after the notice required under MCL 600.3205a(1) is mailed, then foreclosure proceedings will not commence until at least 90 days after the date said notice was mailed. If an agreement to modify the mortgage loan is reached and you abide by the terms of the agreement, the mortgage will not be foreclosed.

You have the right to contact an attorney and can obtain contact information through the State Bar of Michigan Lawyers Referral Service at (800) 968-0738.

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Dated: May 11, 2011 Richard L. Trowhill Attorney at Law 175 Thompson Road Bad Axe, MI 48413 (989) 269-6272

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THIS PURPOSE. IF YOU ARE IN THE MILITARY, PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER LISTED BELOW. NOTWITHSTANDING, IF THE DEBT SECURED BY THIS PROPERTY WAS DISCHARGED IN A CHAPTER 7 BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDING, THIS NOTICE IS NOT AN ATTEMPT TO COL-LECT THAT DEBT. HOME

To: Nickolas E. Utley and Jodi M. Utley, 1925 Phelps Lake Road, Mayville, MI 48744. County: Tuscola

State law requires that you receive the following notice: You have the right to request a meeting with your mortgage holder or mortgage servicer. The person to contact and that has the authority to make agreements for a loan modification with you is: Orlans Associates, P.C Loss Mitigation Department, P.O. Box 5041, Troy, MI 48007-5041, (248) 502-1331.

You may contact a housing counselor by visiting the Michigan State Housing Development Authority ("MSHDA") website or by calling MSHDA. The website address and telephone number of MSHDA is: (www.mshda.info/counseling\_search/), telephone (517) 373-8370, TTY# 1-800-382-4568.

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

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

Dated: May 11, 2011

Orlans Associates P.C Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 File Number: 682.0453

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IF YOU ARE CURRENTLY IN BANKRUPTCY OR HAVE RECEIVED A DISCHARGE IN BANK-RUPTCY AS TO THIS OBLIGATION, THIS COM-MUNICATION IS INTENDED FOR INFORMA-TIONAL PURPOSES ONLY AND IS NOT AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT IN VIOLA-TION OF THE AUTOMATIC STAY OR THE DIS-CHARGE INJUNCTION. IN SUCH CASE, PLEASE DISREGARD ANY PART OF THIS COMMUNICATION, WHICH IS INCONSISTENT WITH THE FOREGOING.

make agreements under MCL sections 600.3205b

and 600.3205c is: Trott & Trott, P.C., 31440

Northwestern Highway, Suite 200, Farmington Hills,

The Borrower may contact a housing counselor by

visiting the Michigan State Housing Development

Authority's website or by calling the Michigan State

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

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FOR MORE INFORMATION. PLEASE CALL:

Attorneys for Servicer and/or Mortgage Holder

31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200

Farmington Hills, MI 48334-2525

Lawyer Referral Service is (800) 968-0738.

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Authority

MI 48334-2525 at (248) 593-1302.

Housing

PURPOSE

Date: May 11, 2011

FC X (248) 593-1302

Trott & Trott, P.C.

File # 371594F01

days after May 5, 2011.

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To: Joshua D. Hills, 3510 Akron Road, Akron, MI 48701. County: Tuscola

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AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPT-ING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFOR-MATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTIFY (248) 362-6100 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

Carol S. Peck, an unmarried woman has defaulted on a Mortgage for the real property known as: 411 Fremont Street, Caro, MI 48723.

This Notice is to inform you that you have the right to request a meeting with the mortgage holder or mortgage servicer. Sonja Buchinger has been designated by them as the person to contact who has authority to determine your eligibility for a mortgage modification.

Carol S. Peck may contact a housing counselor by visiting the Michigan State Housing Development Authority's (MSHDA) website at www.michigan.gov/mshda or by calling the Michigan State Housing Development Authority at (866) 946-7432. That if Carol S. Peck requests a meeting with the person designated above, within 14 days, foreclosure proceedings will not commence until 90 days after the date a notice was mailed to them.

That if Carol S. Peck and the designated person reach an agreement to modify the mortgage loan, the mortgage will not be foreclosed if Carol S. Peck abides by the terms of the agreement.

Carol S. Peck has the right to contact an attorney. You may contact the State Bar of Michigan Lawyer referral service (800) 968-0738.

Dated: May 11, 2011

By: Michael I. Rich (P-41938)

Attorney for Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A. 2155 Butterfield Drive, Suite 200-S

assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Five Thousand Ninety-One and 48/100 Dollars (\$95,091.48), including interest at 6.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on June 9, 2011.

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

Lot 16 of Evergreen Acres, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 23.

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: May 11, 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 #356912F01 5-11-4

AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPT-ING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFOR-MATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTIFY US AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Sandra Watts, a married woman, and Carl Watts, her husband, Mortgagors, to Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., Mortgagee, dated the 12th day of February, 2003 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for The County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 20th day of February, 2003 in Liber 916 of Tuscola County Records, Page 723, said Mortgage having been re-recorded 6/18/2010 in Liber 1200 on Page 521, said Mortgage having been assigned to BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVIC-ING LP on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Sixty Thousand Seven Hundred Twelve & 66/100 (\$60,712.66), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof.

Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 9th day of June, 2011 at 10 o'clock am Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Tuscola is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon a 5.625% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises.

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.

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US Bank, N.A. Mortgagee/Assignee

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

STATE OF MICHIGAN 54TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

TUSCOLA COUNTY COURTHOUSE 440 N. STATE STREET CARO, MI 48723 (989) 673-3330

ORDER REGARDING ALTERNATE SERVICE

CASE NO. 11-26513-CH

CHASE HOME FINANCE, LLC Plaintiff

Trott & Trott, P.C. Christopher S. Astfalk (P53129) 31440 Northwestern Hwy., Ste. 200 Farmington Hills, MI 48334

ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS, OWNERS, HEIRS, DEVISEES, OR ASSIGNEES OR UNKNOWN CLAIMAINTS OR OWNERS TO THE MOBILE HOME LOCATED AT 10005 MIL-LIMAN RD., MILLINGTON, MI 48746 Defendant

#### THE COURT FINDS:

Service of process upon the defendant, Any and All Unknown Claimants at 10005 Milliman Rd., Millington, MI 48746, cannot reasonably be made as provided in and service of process may be made in a manner that is reasonably calculated to give the defendant actual notice of the proceedings and an opportunity to be heard.

#### IT IS ORDERED:

Service of the summons and complaint and a copy of this order shall be made by the following methods: \* First-class mail, and Certified mail to 10005 Milliman Rd., Millington, MI 48746 \* Tacking or firmly affixing to the door at 10005 Milliman Rd., Millington, MI 48746

\* Publication for 3 weeks in the Cass City Chronicle

For each method used, proof of service must be filed promptly with the court.

S/PATRICK R. JOSLYN Judge

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State law requires that you receive the following notice: You are presently in default under your Mortgage which secures the property described as follows:

COMMENCING AT A POINT ON THE SECTION LINE OF SECTION 15, TOWN 10 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST, 828.7 FEET EAST OF THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION AND RUNNING THENCE EAST 474 FEET ALONG SECTION LINE; THENCE SOUTH 645 FEET; THENCE WEST 150 FEET PARALLEL TO THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION TO THE CENTER OF A CREEK THAT TRAVERSES THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION; THENCE NORTHWESTERLY ALONG THE CENTER OF SAID CREEK TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, COMMONLY KNOWN AS 4393 MILLINGTON ROAD, MILLINGTON, MI 48746.

The Mortgage Holder may be contemplating the commencement of foreclosure proceedings under the terms of that Agreement and Michigan law. A loan modification may not serve to revive that obligation. However, in the event you wish to explore options that may avert foreclosure, please contact our office at the number listed below.

This notice shall apply only if the property encumbered by the mortgage described below is claimed as a principal residence exempt from tax under section 7cc of the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.7cc.

You have the right to request a meeting with Northstar Bank, Laura L. Swartzendruber is the designee, and has the authority to make agreements under MCL 600.3205b and MCL 600.3205c, and can be contacted at 833 S. Van Dyke Road, Bad Axe, MI 48413 (989) 269-3586.

You may also contact a housing counselor by contacting the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) by visiting www.michigan.gov/mshda or calling (866) 946-7432. If you request a meeting with Northstar Bank within 14 days after the notice required under MCL 600.3205a(1) is mailed, then foreclosure proceedings will not commence until at least 90 days after the date said notice was mailed. If an agreement to modify the mortgage loan is reached and you abide by the terms of the agreement, the mortgage will not be foreclosed.

You have the right to contact an attorney and can obtain contact information through the State Bar of Michigan Lawyers Referral Service at (800) 968-0738.

Dated: May 11, 2011

Richard L. Trowhill Attorney at Law 175 Thompson Road Bad Axe, MI 48413 (989) 269-6272

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

NOTICE is hereby provided to Helynn Frady-Sayan and Anthony Sayan, the borrowers and/or mortgagors (hereinafter "Borrower") regarding the property located at: 3802 Rayl Rd., Akron, MI 48701-

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You may contact a housing counselor by visiting the Michigan State Housing Development Authority ("MSHDA") website or by calling MSHDA. The website address and telephone number of MSHDA is: (www.mshda.info/counseling\_search/), telephone (517) 373-8370, TTY# 1-800-382-4568.

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

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

Dated: May 11, 2011

Orlans Associates P.C Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 File Number: 682.0923

IF YOU ARE CURRENTLY IN BANKRUPTCY OR HAVE RECEIVED A DISCHARGE IN BANK-RUPTCY AS TO THIS OBLIGATION, THIS COM-MUNICATION IS INTENDED FOR INFORMA-TIONAL PURPOSES ONLY AND IS NOT AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT IN VIOLA-TION OF THE AUTOMATIC STAY OR THE DIS-CHARGE INJUNCTION. IN SUCH CASE, PLEASE DISREGARD ANY PART OF THIS COMMUNICATION, WHICH IS INCONSISTENT WITH THE FOREGOING.

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WWR# 10068398

NOTICE PURSUANT TO MCL 600.3205a(4)

NOTICE is hereby provided to Clinton Behr, the borrowers and/or mortgagors (hereinafter "Borrower") regarding the property located at: 178 S. Crawford Rd., Deford, MI 48729-9795.

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 May 9, 2011, foreclosure proceedings will not be commenced until 90 days after May 9, 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: May 11, 2011

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC F (248) 593-1313 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer and/or Mortgage Holder

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a mortgage made by ROSEMARY B. JOHNSON, a single woman, of 145 ANDY STREET, VASSAR, MI 48768, Mortgagor to TRI-POINTE COMMUNITY CREDIT UNION. f/k/a MICHIGAN FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, Mortgagee dated JULY 12, 2005, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Tuscola County. and State of Michigan on JULY 22, 2005, in INSTRUMENT NO. 200500868981 of Tuscola County Records on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of TWENTY-NINE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY-EIGHT AND 81/100THS (\$29,488.81) DOLLARS at 8.00%percent per annum and attorney fees as provided for in said Mortgage, and no suit or proceedings at law or in equity have been instituted to recover the moneys secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof;

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on MAY 19, 2011, AT 10:00 A.M. local time, said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder in the main lobby of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Tuscola is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due aforesaid, on said mortgage with interest thereon and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises

Which said premises are described as follows:

CITY OF VASSAR, COUNTY OF TUSCOLA AND STATE OF MICHIGAN to wit: LOT 12, BLOCK 15 OF NORTH'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF VAS-SAR, TUSCOLA COUNTY RECORDS.

MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 145 ANDY STREET, VASSAR, MI 48768.

During the TWELVE (12) MONTHS immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241 a, the property may be redeemed during the thirty (30) days immediately following the sale.

Dates: 04-20-11

KENNETH C. BUTLER II (P 28477) ATTORNEY FOR MORTGAGEE 24525 Harper Avenue St. Clair Shores, MI 48080 (586) 777-0770

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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 Ann Marie Kuhl and Scott Kuhl, wife and husband, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated March 2, 2007 and recorded on March 13, 2007 in Liber 1113 on Page 357, 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 Two Hundred Eighty Thousand Ten and 96/100 Dollars (\$280,010.96), including Commencing 40 rods North from the 1/4 post between section 2 and 3, Town 12 North, Range 9 East: Running thence East 17 rods and 8 1/2 feet; thence North 6 rods; thence West 17 rods and 8 1/2 feet; thence South 6 rods to the place of beginning, being a part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 2, Town 12 North, Range 9 East. Commonly known as: 206 ELLINGTON ST.

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: April 20, 2011

Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C. Attorneys for The Bank of New York Mellon FKA The Bank of New York, as Trustee for the Certificate holders of CWABS, Inc., Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2007-8 43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180 Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302 (248) 335-9200 Case No. 11MI00226-1 4-20-4

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Mortgage Sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Beverly Janes, f/k/a Beverly Janes Westendorf, a married woman, and Michael W. Janes her husband to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., act-ing solely as nominee for America's Wholesale Lender, Mortgagee, dated October 12, 2006 and recorded on November 22, 2006 in Liber 1103, Page 658, Tuscola County Records, said mortgage was assigned to The Bank of New York Mellon,F/K/AThe Bank of New York, as Trustee for the Certificate holders of the CWABS, Inc., Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-23 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 Sixty-Four Thousand Six Hundred Five and 69/100 (\$64,605.69) including interest at the rate of 9.00000% per annum.

4-20-5 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 May 19, 2011.

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

Commencing at a point 5 rods North of the Southeast corner of the North 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 33, Town 12 North, Range 8 East; thence North 9 rods; thence West 80 rods; thence South 14 rods; thence East 59 rods; thence North 4 rods; thence East 21 rods to the place of beginning. Commonly known as: 3614 RINGLE RD.

The redemption period shall be 12.00 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.

The Bank of New York, as Trustee for the Certificate

holders of the CWABS, Inc., Asset-Backed

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#### Dated: April 20, 2011

Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C. Attorneys for The Bank of New York Mellon FKA FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR Date OFFICE AT (248) 539-7400 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. FOR

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by KENNETH H. RANDT, A SINGLE MAN, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated July 28, 2006, and recorded on August 30, 2006, in Liber 1093, on Page 624, and assigned by said mortgagee to Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas as Trustee, as assigned, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Nine Dollars and Thirty-One Cents (\$109,709.31), including interest at 5.500% 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 May 26, 2011.

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

LOTS 49 AND 50, ENO SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN LIBER 2, PAGE 39, OF PLATS 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.

Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas as Trustee Mortgagee/Assignee

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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 Randy Richardson and Charlotte Richardson husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated January 29, 2004, and recorded on February 25, 2004 in Liber 981 on Page 623, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Sixty-Eight Thousand Three Hundred Ninety-Four and 89/100 Dollars (\$168,394.89), including interest at 5.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on May 26, 2011.

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

Commencing at the Southeast corner of Section 32, Town 11 North- Range 9 East, Fremont Township, Tuscola County, Michigan; thence South 90 degrees 00 minutes West 661.44 feet along the South line of said Section 32 to the point of beginning; running thence South 90 degrees 00 minutes West 313.0 feet along the South line of said Section 32 thence North 0 degrees 00 minutes East 417.51 feet; thence North 00 degrees 00 minutes East 313.0 feet thence South 0 degrees 00 minutes West 417.51 feet to the point of beginning. Being a part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 32, Town 11 North Range 9 East Fremont Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, and containing 3.0 acres of land more or less.

Dated: April 27, 2011

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC F (248) 593-1313 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #363145F01

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by WILLIAM EARL, A SINGLE MAN, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated April 15, 2004, and recorded on April 27, 2004, in Liber 989, on Page 1251, and modified, by Loan Modification Agreement recorded May 23, 2007 in Liber 1120 Page 397 further Modified by Loan Modification Agreement April 24, 2009, in Liber 1173, on Page 533, and assigned by said mortgagee to FLAGSTAR BANK, FSB, as assigned, Tuscola County Records. Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Two Thousand Three Hundred Eight Dollars and Sixty Cents (\$92,308.60), including interest at 3.875% per

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, front entrance of the Courthouse Building in the City of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM o'clock, on May 26, 2011.

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

LOT 18 OF THE PLAT OF FORMENTO SUBDI-VISION, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT LIBER 1, PAGE 105, 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.

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FLAGSTAR BANK, FSB 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 Gregory A. Bailey, a married man, original mortgagor, to Metro Finance, Mortgagee, dated August 24, 2004 and some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on June 2, 2011.

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

Part of Section 26, Town 14 North, Range 11 East, described as follows: Beginning at a point which is South 00 degrees 30 minutes 35 seconds East, 1116.8 feet from the Northwest corner of said Section 26; thence South 00 degrees 30 minutes 35 seconds East, 200 feet; thence North 89 degrees 11 minutes 03 seconds East, 250 feet; thence North 00 degrees 30 minutes 35 seconds West, 200 feet; thence South 89 degrees 11 minutes 03 seconds West, 250 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: May 4, 2011

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC J (248) 593-1311 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #037650F02

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Robert Raushi, an unmarried man, original mortgagor, to Independent Mortgage Co. Central MI, Mortgagee, dated May 10, 2007, and recorded on May 16, 2007 in Liber 1119 on Page 953, and assigned by mesne assignments 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-One Thousand Six Hundred Eight and 69/100 Dollars (\$81,608.69), including interest at 6.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on June 2, 2011.

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

Beginning at a point 622.4 feet North and 150 feet North and 60 degrees East of the Southwest corner of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 13, Town 14 North, Range 7 East; Wisner Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, thence North 60 degrees East 100 feet; thence South 264 feet; South 60 degrees West 100 feet; North 264.00 feet to place of beginning. Being in the Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 13

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

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interest at 3% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on May 19, 2011.

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

Part of the Southwest quarter of Section 25, Township 12 North, Range 8 East, Township of Juniata, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as: Beginning at the Southwest corner of said Section 25; thence along the West line of said Section 25, North 00 degrees 53 minutes 13 seconds West 503.91 feet to a traverse line along the top of Bank of the Cass River; thence along said traverse line, South 81 degrees 22 minutes 21 seconds East, 252.14 feet; thence South 09 degrees 29 minutes 50 seconds West, 472.85 feet to the South line of said Section 25; thence along said South line of Section 25, North 89 degrees 52 minutes 53 seconds West, 163.46 feet to the point of beginning, except easements and rights of way 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: April 20, 2011

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC D (248) 593-1309 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #367019F01 4-20-4

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Mortgage Sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Frank Anthony and Wanda Anthony, husband and wife to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., acting solely as nominee for Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., Mortgagee, dated April 23, 2007 and recorded on May 4, 2007 in Liber 1118, Page 513, Tuscola County Records, said mortgage was assigned to The Bank of New York Mellon FKA The Bank of New York, as Trustee for the Certificate holders of CWABS, Inc., Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2007-8 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 Eighty-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-Seven and 33/100 (\$83,837.33) including interest at the rate of 9.50000% 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 May 19, 2011.

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

Certificates, Series 2006-23 43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180 Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302 (248) 335-9200 Case No. 11MI00228-1

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Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Robert T. Ashmun and Krista L. Ashmun, husband and wife, of 120 E. Front Street, Traverse City, MI 49684, as Mortgagors, to Northstar Bank, f/k/a Community Bank, a Michigan Banking Corporation, whose principal office is in Bad Axe, Michigan, as Mortgagee, dated January 17, 2005 and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on January 19, 2005 in Liber 1024, pages 655, et.seq, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of One Hundred Sixty Two Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Two and 26/100 (\$162,762.26) Dollars and no proceedings having been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative;

NOW THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage, and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, the said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described or so much thereof as may be necessary, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the main entrance of the Tuscola County Building in the City of Caro, and County of Tuscola, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on Thursday, May 26, 2011 at 10:00 o'clock a.m., local time, in the forenoon of said day, and the premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said Mortgage, together with interest, legal costs, attorney's fees and any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee does pay on or prior to the date of said sale; which said premises are described in said Mortgage as follows, to-wit:

VILLAGE OF CARO, TUSCOLA COUNTY, MICHIGAN:

LOT 1 OF DAWSON SUBDIVISION, ACCORD-ING TO THE PLAT RECORDED IN LIBER 1 OF PLATS, PAGE 38B, COMMONLY KNOWN AS 830 W. GILFORD ROAD, CARO, MI 48723.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the period of redemption shall be one (6) months from the date of sale pursuant to MCL 600.3240.

Dated: April 25, 2011

NORTHSTAR BANK Mortgagee

RICHARD L. TROWHILL Attorney at Law 175 Thompson Rd. Bad Axe, MI 48413 (989) 269-6272

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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: April 27, 2011

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by George Dixon and Brucie Alean Dixon, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated October 11, 2005, and recorded on October 28, 2005 in Liber 1059 on Page 728, and assigned by said Mortgagee to GMAC Mortgage, LLC as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-Five and 27/100 Dollars (\$49,885.27), including interest at 5.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on May 26, 2011.

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

Part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 9, Town 14 North, Range 10 East, Commencing at the South 1/4 corner of said Section 9; thence along the South line of Section 9, West 620.00 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing along said South line of Section 9, West 210.00 feet; thence North 511.01 feet; thence East 180.44 feet; thence North 49.14 feet; thence East 65.44 feet; thence South 49.14 feet; thence West 35.88 feet; thence South 511.01 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.

Finance, Mortgagee, dated August 24, 2004 and recorded on September 10, 2004 in Liber 1007 on Page 1189, and assigned by mesne assignments to Midfirst Bank 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 Four Thousand Thirty-Five and 95/100 Dollars (\$104,035.95), 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 June 2, 2011.

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

Commencing at a point 315.48 feet North of the Northwest corner of Lot 8 of Block No. 3, of the plat of the Village of Millington, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Liber 1, Page 42 A, Tuscola County Records, thence East 8 rods, thence North 4 rods, thence West 8 rods, thence South 4 rods to the place of beginning. Part of NE 1/4 of Sec 9, Town 10N, Range 8E.

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: May 4, 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 Curtis E. Landrith and Kim E. Landrith, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, as purchaser of the loans and other assets of Washington Mutual Bank, formerly known as Washington Mutual Bank, FA (the "Savings Bank") from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, acting as receiver for the Savings Bank and pursuant to its authority under the Federal Deposit Insurance Act, 12 U.S.C. § 1821(d) via affidavit, Mortgagee, dated October 18, 2000, and recorded on October 25, 2000 in Liber 814 on Page 243, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Fourteen Thousand Nine Hundred Ten and 51/100 Dollars (\$114,910.51), including interest at 3.175% per

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or 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 #310001F01

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Mary Franzel, a single woman, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated February 26, 2003 and recorded on March 11, 2003 in Liber 920 on Page 51, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Flagstar Bank, FSB as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty Thousand Seven Hundred Thirteen and 91/100 Dollars (\$80,713.91), including interest at 6.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on June 9, 2011.

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

Lot 8 of the Plat of Blackmore and Tubb's Subdivision, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Liber 2, Page 7, 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: May 11, 2011

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Social News

# **Recovery system to** save cash for plant

A new waste heat recovery system ethanol and 9 billion pounds of highat POET Biorefining - Caro has brought significant natural gas and water savings for the 53 million-gallon-per-year ethanol plant.

The plant's system recycles heat from the process, replacing about 10 percent of the facility's natural gas needs. Water that is condensed in the system is re-used, which reduces overall water use by 5 percent.

Because less live steam is running through the process, the waste heat recovery system also decreases by almost 50 percent the amount of time the plant is shut down for cleaning.

"The waste heat recovery system has been a phenomenal addition to the Caro facility," General Manager David Gloer said. "We are using less natural gas and less water, which is great for the environment, and this new system reduces our operating cost, making us much more cost competitive. The employees have embraced the new system and have become very proficient in operating the new equipment in a very short time frame.'

POET, the largest ethanol producer in the world, is a leader in biorefining through its efficient, vertically integrated approach to production. The 23-year-old company produces more than 1.7 billion gallons of



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# Foundation offers info on tree care

The Arbor Day Foundation has a handy tree-care booklet that is designed to help people plant and care of trees. Anyone can receive the Conservation Trees booklet just by giving a \$3 donation to the nonprofit tree-planting organization.

Conservation Trees is an easy-touse booklet and features illustrations, colorful photos and easy-tounderstand descriptions.

"It is important that people know the proper way to plant and care of their trees, and Conservation Trees is an ideal resource for tree planters throughout the country," said John Rosenow, chief executive and founder of the Arbor Day Foundation.

"Trees are valuable, and it is important that we take good care of existing ones and plant more. Trees clean the air, help keep our water sources pure and help us conserve energy. Trees provide so many benefits to a community, and that's why it is so vital to take good care of them."

The booklet provides details about the right way to plant and prune trees. Also included are tips on how to use shade trees and windbreaks to save on energy costs, attract songbirds, create a living snow fence, and to learn how to plant the right tree in the right place.

To receive the Conservation Trees booklet, send a \$3 check along with your name and address to: Conservation Trees, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410, or order online at www.arborday.org/conservationtrees.





PAST & PRESENT employees of Hills and Dales General Hospital in Cass City recently met for lunch at Gilligan's. The next get together is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 29.

# Young farmers optimistic about their career path

Contrary to job outlooks for some Chamberlain. other industries, optimism continues to swell among Michigan young farmers about their career path.

That's according to about 265 Michigan Farm Bureau (MFB) members between the ages of 18 and 35 who participated in an informal survey at MFB's Young Farmer Leaders Conference in February. Although non-scientific, the annual survey is a general gauge of young farmers' opinions and habits on a broad range of issues, including their present outlook on farming.

The 2011 survey reveals that 89 percent of respondents said they are more optimistic about farming than they were 5 years ago. That's up from 80 percent last year. Similarly, 93 percent of this year's respondents said they are better off compared to five years ago. Last year, 86 percent shared the sentiment.

Also on a positive note, 95 percent of the young farmers surveyed see themselves as life-long farmers, and 96 percent would like their children to follow in their footsteps. As for the latter, 91 percent of the respondents see a bright future for their offspring, saying they think their children will be able to farm if they choose.

manager of the MFB Young Farmer Department, young farmers' steadfast devotion to their agricultural heritage tends to be a common thread from year to year. "Over the last few years, no less than 90 percent of the young farmers surveyed have said they consider themselves lifelong farmers and would like their children to carry on their agricultural legacy. That's pretty impressive in today's job market. I'm not sure how many other industries can say the same," said

But the picture is not entirely rosy, said Chamberlain. Young farmers still face unique hurdles.

In identifying their top challenges from 12 potential answers, Michigan young farmers said profitability/economic challenges, securing adequate acreage and government regulations are at the forefront.

Despite these obstacles, young farmers are committed to environmental stewardship, with 89 percent saying that balancing environmental and economic concerns is important on their farms.

Respondents were also asked to identify steps the federal government should take to help young farmers. From a menu of 12 possible answers, young farmers said cutting federal spending, financial help for beginning farmers and boosting U.S. agricultural exports and trade take precedence.

When it comes to the general public's perception of farmers, the group is divided. Forty-five percent believe the general public views farmers positively; 31 percent say the perception is negative; and 24 percent or trucking. believe the public does not think about farmers at all. Either way, 63 According to Lori Chamberlain, percent of the young farmers sur-

record keeping; communicating with legislators; making online purchases; social networking with Facebook; and commodity marketing and trading.

\* Survey traces young farmers' agricultural roots

Attendance at the MFB Young Farmer Leaders Conference has steadily grown over the years, especially among married couples, said Chamberlain. This trend may be a reason why 48 percent of the survey respondents attribute their start in farming to marriage. Of the remainder, 20 percent said they started in agriculture as a member of a family partnership; 19 percent started on their own; and 13 percent inherited a farm.

More than a quarter of the young farmers surveyed are single and said farming is their sole occupation. For those who are married, 24 percent said both spouses work off the farm; 19 percent said the wife does; 17 percent said neither spouse; and 12 percent said the husband does. Fortynine percent indicated they supplement their income with other farmbased enterprises such as seed sales

\* State results mirror national statistics

Results from MFB's state survey track closely with findings from the American Farm Bureau Federation's national survey of young farmers.

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extensive, but some of the more common uses, as identified by the survey, include researching product information to make buying decisions at local retailers; banking and farming and ranching these days."

"Farming and ranching is a tough the majority of respondents using a but rewarding way of life. One trait variety of communications gadgets all farmers and ranchers share is optimism and hope for the future," said Leelanau County fruit grower Their utilization of the Internet is Ben LaCross, of Cedar, who is chairman of the AFBF Young Farmer and Rancher Committee. "Whether you produce tree fruit or beef cattle, you have to be an optimist to succeed in



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