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WHITNEE SCHADD, 16, helps her little sister, Sara, 3, feed some goats at the Maplewood Farm Petting Zoo, which returned to this year's Freedom Festival in Cass City. The girls are the daughters of Don and Kim Schadd of Elkton. (Related photos, pages 6 and 10)

Crowds enjoy Freedom Fest over the weekend

by Sherri Keaton
Staff Writer

Cass City's 33rd Annual Freedom Festival went off with a bang, from slow-cooked pork-bellied pink pigs to little kids pulling tractors twice their weight.

And the rain didn't even spoil the fun.

But near the end of Saturday, events such as the M-T Pocket Pullers Tractor Pull were not so lucky. Dana Willis, secretary of the tractor pull organization, said the group will have to reschedule because of the weather.

"We got rained out and (we will have to) do a make up pull on Sunday (July 10) on Snover Road," she said.

There were, however, 3 classes judged out of 17 for the tractor pull competition.

For the Kids' Beginner Class level, the first-place winner was Destyn Fleming, 4, of Clyde, followed by John Schoen in second place, and Joe Stanley, 5, of Bay City in third place.

In the Kids' Advanced Class, Tylder Foster of Fairgrove won first and second place, winning second on a different tractor, while Cheyenne Eagler, 9, Bridgeport, took third, and Maxwell Williams finished fourth.

In the 0-13 Horsepower Division, Carmen Foster of Fairgrove won first and second place, receiving second place on a different tractor. Third place went to Richie Johnson and fourth place, to Madison Keyworth.

Another highlight was the inaugural Thumb Smokin' BBQ Competition Saturday.

Blaine deBeaubien, organizer of the event, said he's been getting calls ever since the competition.

"People (have been) saying what a great time they had, and I feel really super about it. Everybody had a great time," he said. "My wife and the rest of the BBQ committee really stepped forward."

The winners for the ribs were: Camp Run-A-Muck of Harrison Township, first place; Blaze of Glory of Decker, second place; Afterglow BBQ of Dexter, third place; Lake Hav-A-Few of Cass City, fourth place; Little's Smoke-n-BBQ of Cass City, fifth place.

In the pulled pork category, winners were Marv Irrer of Cass City, first place; Little's Smoke-n-BBQ of Cass City, second place; "Old Reds," Backyard BBQ of Cass City, third place; Meek's Meat of Cass City, fourth place; and Holy Smokes BBQ of Elkton, fifth place.

The chicken category winners were: Lake Hav-A-Few of Cass City, first place; second place, Meek's Meat of Cass City; "Old Reds" Backyard BBQ of Cass City, third place; Camp Run-A-Muck of Harrison Township, fourth place and Dan's Fireplace & Stove of Cass City, fifth place.

The brisket category winners were: "Old Reds" Backyard BBQ of Cass City, first place; Afterglow BBQ of Dexter, second place; Meek's Meat of Cass City, third place; Lake Hav-A-Few of Cass City, fourth place; and Holy Smokes BBQ of Elkton, fifth place.

There were a total of 12 teams that competed.

deBeaubien said all of the teams that participated want to come back and do it again next year. "The community seemed to take it pretty well, we're real excited about it," he added.

During the annual Freedom Festival Parade in Cass City, the judges were Linda Gray, Melva Coleman and Sr. Maria Puddu. The winners for Most

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EXODUS

3 more O-G School Board trustees offer resignations

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

And then there were 3.

Former Owen-Gage Board of Education President Terry Muntz' abrupt resignation from the board earlier this month, just after the board hired former Bad Axe Schools Supt. Jim Wencel as the new part-time superintendent at Owen-Gage on a split vote, turned out to be just the tip of the iceberg.

The board subsequently appointed Julie Good to replace Muntz. However, 3 more board members jumped ship last week. Submitting their resignations were acting board President Kathy Champagne, board Secretary Loretta Schmidt and Trustee Mike Mandich, all of whom voted against hiring Wencel earlier this month.

"(They) had some objections to what the public, what the staff and what the board had set as the administrative alignment for the 2011-12 school year — a part-time superintendent and a full-time principal," said former interim, part-time Owen-Gage Supt. Bob Drury, who handed the reins over to Wencel July 1 after serving the district for a year.

Of the board members who were serving when the district began its search for someone to replace Drury, only 3 remain; board Treasurer Deb Quick and trustees Dan Warack and Brenda Kretzschmer.

School officials are inviting anyone interested in filling 2 of the positions on the board to submit a letter of interest to: Mary Ann Minkler, Owendale-Gagetown Schools, 7166 Main St., Owendale, MI 48754. The deadline to submit an application is Friday, July 8, at noon. The deadline to submit a letter of interest for the third seat is Monday, July 11, at noon.

The Chronicle attempted to contact Champagne, Schmidt and Mandich. Mandich was the only individual to respond.

"I'll tell you, first of all, it has nothing to do with Jim Wencel. It has nothing to do with Bob Drury," said Mandich, who was vague in describing his reasons for leaving the board, saying only that he felt some board members haven't learned lessons regarding where the district was at 6 years ago.

During the special board meeting earlier this month in which the board

hired Wencel, a former Bad Axe Public Schools superintendent, Schmidt indicated she felt the board should further check into Drury's background. Champagne and Mandich, meanwhile, indicated they could not support his selection as the district's next part-time superintendent.

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Board approves recall campaign

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

The Huron County Election Commission gave a Thumb resident the green light Thursday to pursue a recall campaign targeting newly-elected 84th District State Rep. Kurt Damrow (R-Port Austin).

Huron County Clerk Peggy A. Koehler said resident Jack Jensen

has already picked up petition sheets to circulate in Damrow's district, which is comprised of Tuscola and Huron counties. Jensen will need to collect a minimum of 7,679 signatures to place the recall on the ballot, Koehler noted.

Jensen, whose first attempt to recall Damrow was foiled by the commission based on the clarity of his word-

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Cass City students top peers on MME

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Thumb area parents who are looking for a school district for their children to attend where students are excelling in standardized test scores need to look no further than Cass City.

And local school officials have the numbers to prove it.

Michigan Department of Education officials last week released the latest Michigan Merit Exam (MME) scores, saying that over the past 5

years the state has given the exam, Michigan high school students have improved their scores in nearly all subjects.

The MME is given each spring to the state's high school juniors. The test is administered to most students over a 3-day period. The components of the MME are sequenced so that students take the ACT (American College Testing) Plus Writing college entrance exam on the first day, 3 subtests of the WorkKeys job skills assessment on

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VFW POST 3644, Cass City, member Lisa Hirn (left) stands with former post Commander Bill Zeidler and member Shannon Johnson during one of the post's regular monthly spaghetti socials. Hirn and Johnson were recently inducted into the VFW, making history as the first female members at the local post.

2 ladies join the ranks at VFW post

by Sherri Keaton
Staff Writer

When Shannon Johnson gets bored, she doesn't jump ship — she commands one.

But that's not all; along with her crew, she, launches and lands helicopters, all within 24 hours.

Johnson, 28, of Caro, is a third generation boatswain's mate, a jack of all trades in the world of the U.S. Navy, where one can go from cleaning vessels to supervising personnel— sometimes in the same day.

And as one of the first female members to join the VFW post in Cass City, along with Lisa Hirn, an army physical therapist currently on active duty in Washington D.C., one would be blind not to take notice of these 2 kick-butt women.

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*Denotes all A's.

K. Steely graduates from home school

Dennis and Marla Steely of Cass City announced the graduation of their daughter, Kristin Steely, from



Kristin Steely

their home school.

Having been schooled at home since kindergarten, she has completed the state's requirements for graduation. Steely is an excellent student, scoring well on the ACT. Through her school years she has been involved in Cass City's AYSO soccer program, AWANA (a Bible program through the church), showing draft horses with Harvey and Annette Bell, serving as Michigan Draft Horse Breeders Association Queen for a year, training her 5-year-old quarter horse/hackney gelding to ride with a friend who also taught her how to ride starting at the age of 9. Steely has helped out for the last 3 years at The Good News Club" at the elementary school.

Her future plans are to continue to work full-time at a dairy farm. As of right now, she has 3 of her own horses (one that she trained to pull cart) and 4 steers that she is raising.

Library to present 2 programs in July

Rawson Memorial District Library in Cass City will present 2 special programs in July as a part of the Summer Reading Program, "One World, Many Stories" today (Wednesday), from 7 to 8:30 p.m., come to the library for travel Uganda.

Tyler Perry and Not Ashamed will talk about their recent trips to Uganda, the Pearl of Africa. They'll share information about the people, culture and food of this African country, and Not Ashamed will perform.

Then, Thursday, July 14, Manuel Thies will present "Animals from Around the World" using animal mounts that he has collected from many countries. As a former teacher and avid outdoorsman, Thies has much to share about these unique animals and their natural habitats. Come at 1:30 p.m. to take a close look at the animal mounts; the program begins at 2 p.m.

Both programs will be held in the

Pinney room at the library. Everyone is invited to attend.

Obituary

Helen Blocher

Helen V. "Mitzie" Blocher, 81, of Caro, passed away Thursday, June 23, 2011 at her home, after a brief illness.



She was born Feb. 21, 1930 in Coaldale, Penn.

She married John J. Blocher in May of 1968.

The couple moved to Cass City and Caro in 1979 to live and work at the Caro Regional Center. Mitzie worked as a secretary in the director's office for over 15 years, retiring in 1985. Following her retirement, she enjoyed meeting with her friends at McDonald's over a cup of coffee.

Mitzie is survived by 2 sons and 2 daughters: Marc Gibas of Belleville, Virginia (Paul) Regnerus of Cass City, Nick (Kim) Gibas of Oxnard, Calif., and Valerie Wesolowski of Warren; 3 stepchildren: Suzi (John) Wolowicz of Centerville, Lori (Arlen) Grove of Lake Odessa, James (Sandy) Blocher of Nevada; a brother, Joseph Durish of Sayerville, New York; a sister, Elizabeth Winnie of Florida; and several nieces and nephews.

In keeping with Helen's wishes, cremation has taken place and no services have been planned.

Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider memorial contributions to Americans Hospice Care at 2575 North McLeod Drive, Suite C, Saginaw, MI 48604.

Family and friends may share memories, thoughts and prayers online at www.ransfordfuneralhome.com.

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In Our OPINION...

Clarke Haire
Publisher

Tom Montgomery
Editor

Repeal of helmet law is bonehead move (again)

The Michigan Senate voted last week to repeal the state’s mandatory motorcycle helmet law for riders ages 21 and over.

It’s not the first time state lawmakers have attempted to repeal the law, and we still think it’s a bonehead move that not only doesn’t make sense, but also will place an even bigger financial burden on the rest of Michigan’s motorists.

The Senate approved the measure 24-14. The bill includes a provision that requires riders who choose to not wear a helmet to buy \$100,000 in medical payment coverage. Today, the price tag on that coverage is estimated at a minimum of \$1,000.

So what? According to experts in the traumatic brain injury treatment field, the costs of care for someone involved in a serious motorcycle accident can skyrocket, with the first week in intensive care costing \$50,000 to \$100,000.

In other words, in spite of proponents’ claims that wearing a helmet is simply a matter of “freedom of choice”, society as a whole would bear the brunt of those injuries through higher insurance costs, lost productivity and increased health care costs.

That’s not fair. So, if motorcyclists want to ride without helmets that badly, they should be forced to purchase enough insurance coverage to keep the rest of us off the hook.

Just a side note here: we don’t buy the argument that Michigan is losing tourism dollars from motorcyclists who avoid the state because of its helmet law. We don’t have any statistics to back it up, but how many folks are going to spend \$1,000 on insurance just to ride without a helmet in the Great Lakes State?

Currently, medical coverage is optional for motorcyclists in Michigan. However, under the state’s no-fault law, a cyclist that collides with a car or truck — an estimated 60 to 70 percent of accidents — is entitled to full, lifetime medical coverage by the insurance coverage on the car.

That figure is startling, as are the statistics backing up the common sense behind the helmet law.

For example, an Office of Highway Safety Planning study suggests that a repeal of the law would result in at least 30 additional motorcycle fatalities each year, along with 127 more incapacitating injuries and \$129 million in additional costs to citizens.

According to Michigan State Police, head injuries are the leading cause of death in motorcycle crashes.

Helmets are estimated to be 37 percent effective in preventing fatal injuries to motorcyclists; per mile, cyclists are about 37 times as likely as passenger car occupants to die in a traffic crash and about 8 times as likely to be injured; hospital stays are longer for unhelmeted riders and the cost to taxpayers is significantly higher because many motorcyclists are uninsured.

Enough said. This is the third time Michigan’s Legislature has voted to repeal the helmet law — former Gov. Granholm vetoed the repeal twice during her 8 years in office. Gov. Rick Snyder has not indicated whether or not he’ll support the measure should it pass the House.

If this bill makes it to his desk, we hope Snyder will quickly veto it and move on to some important issues. Taking care of business when it comes to adequately funding K-12 education comes to mind.

Proponents of repealing the motorcycle helmet law are fond of repeating the slogan, “Let those who ride decide”.

It’s a catchy phrase, but let’s face it; repealing this law is only going to force Michigan’s already cash-strapped families — well, the ones still here — to dig deeper into their pockets to pay for higher insurance premiums.

In our opinion, that’s too high a price to pay for the personal freedom of a few.

Slices of Life

by Jill Pertler

July Fourth is Number One



It’s the best holiday of the year - my favorite. And not just because you get to eat ice cream at lunch and roasted marshmallows after dark - although that clearly has something to do with it. Christmas and birthday fans might think the Fourth of July is an unusual choice for a preferred holiday, but I have my reasons. Six of them, in fact.

Reason number six - freedom to eat. Whether it’s turkey with stuffing, cake with candles, black-eyed peas, a pumpkin filled with miniature candy bars or chocolate bunnies with their ears bitten off, holidays are all about the edibles. Independence Day is chock full of eating opportunities of the best kind - corn on the cob, watermelon, baked beans, hamburgers and hot dogs - simple fare that’s easy to make and tastes good going down. Best of all, most of it can be prepared and eaten outdoors. Who doesn’t love a picnic?

Which leads me to reason number five - freedom to enjoy the weather. Most other holidays - New Year’s, Easter, Halloween, Christmas - even my birthday - fall during the colder-weather months. If I want to spend the day outside in the sun next to a lake that isn’t frozen - well, then the Fourth of July is clearly my best option.

Reporter’s notebook

Seriously, this rib recipe isn’t too bad

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

I’m no Betty Crocker, and I may not be of the caliber of the folks that competed in the inaugural Thumb Smokin’ BBQ competition during the annual Cass City Freedom Festival over the weekend.

However, since my column on brining a Thanksgiving turkey some time ago proved popular, I’m going to give a cooking column another shot this week.

This time, however, we’re talking some serious summertime fare.

I learned to cook after my wife decided to tackle nursing school, and over the years I found I really enjoy being in the kitchen or, in this case, out on our deck. It’s been a slow learning curve, but I’ve always enjoyed grilling. Hey, what guy doesn’t?

Grilling barbecued pork spareribs has become my favorite project this summer, and I’ve made some fine slabs, if I do say so myself (and, yes, I do). Even my toughest critic, my son, Brandon, admits my BBQ ribs are to die for. In fact, I barely get the word ribs out of my mouth — haven’t even fired up the grill — and he’s at the table with a fork in each hand.

Anyway, if you’re in a hurry, this recipe isn’t for you. But if you have a few hours to “spare”, here we go:

I start with a nice rack of ribs and season them with salt, pepper, garlic powder and a salt-free garlic/herb combination.

I wrap a generous pile of hickory wood chips inside a rectangular-shaped aluminum foil pouch, poke several holes in the top and place the pouch on my grill, with 2 of my 4 burners on underneath. I place the ribs on the other side of the grill, with no direct heat under them, then I close the hood and let the hickory smoke do its thing (takes a few minutes for the chips to heat up). I’ll replace the wood chips one or 2 times over the next 2 hours. In the last half-hour, I brush on some BBQ sauce (use your favorite — mine is Famous Dave’s).

The key to great ribs is to cook them “low and slow”. That is, on low heat for a long time.

So, next I take them off the grill and place them in a baking dish, slather on some more sauce and cover the dish with aluminum foil. Then I bake them in the oven for about 3 hours at 300 degrees.

When the meat falls apart, you’re ready to feast. Boil some corn-on-the-cob, put out a veggie tray and enjoy.

I realize the recipe may not compare to the process used by the pros, but it’s a great at-home dinner your family will love.

Give it a try and let me know what you think.



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Reason number four - freedom to enjoy the people. If you’re going to spend a day outdoors eating too much good food, you might as well do it with people you enjoy. Independence Day allows you this independence. Other holidays come with expectations of enduring Uncle Frank’s infamous pull-my-finger prank and eating Aunt Frieda’s special green bean casserole - again. Lots of families spend the Fourth together - because they want to. That’s how a holiday should be. Fun.


Reason number three - freedom to have fun. You watch a parade by day and a fireworks-filled sky by night. In between there might be sack races, the Star Spangled Banner and sparklers. From sun-up to well past sun-down, there’s something for everyone. You can stay up until midnight - or not. Even Uncle Frank’s pranks take on a new sense of levity. (Which finger, Uncle Frank?)

The fabulous, unfettered fun of the day brings us to reason number two - freedom from expectations. No one looks for wrapped packages or a basket filled with egg-shaped candy on Independence Day. It is void of expectations regarding gift giving, ghostly ghouls or flying reindeer. This isn’t a holiday about you or me. It’s bigger than that.

As big as reason number one - freedom to be free. This is the best, most important and (really) only reason to revere the Fourth of July. It is a holiday about living in the greatest country in the world - one where we enjoy freedom and liberties others dare only imagine. This freedom didn’t come easily or without cost. Throughout the history of the United States, many people have given their lives so we can light our barbecue grills and sparklers on the Fourth of July. We may not be perfect; we may disagree about politics and other issues, but I feel lucky to live in a place where we are free to disagree. I salute our flag, sing America the Beautiful loud and proud (albeit off-key) and at the end of the day go to bed thankful that I know the reality of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Some days are better than others. As far as I am concerned, the Fourth of July is one of the best. Enjoy. Celebrate. Give a deserved hug to someone in uniform. God bless America.

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 pertmnl@guest.net; or visit her website at <http://marketing-by-design.home.mchsi.com/>.



Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Sam Moore, Cass City Parks and Recreation director, says there’s still tickets available to join fellow area baseball fans at a Detroit Tigers ball game later this summer.

The bargain priced trips are scheduled for July 30 and August 4.

Included in the cost - \$69 for the July contest against the Los Angeles Angels and \$61 for the August outing against the Texas Rangers - is round trip bus fare from Cass City to Comerica Park, admission to the game, and a hot dog and pop at the ball park.

If interested, contact Moore at (989) 670-2133.

A local American Red Cross blood drive, sponsored by the Hills and Dales Hospital Auxiliary, is on tap for July 12 from 1 p.m. until 6:45 p.m. at the VFW Hall, 4533 Veterans Drive.

As an extra incentive to give blood, donors this month could win a \$500 Best Buy gift card AND \$250 in free groceries and \$125 in free gas from Meijer.

For details contact Kerry Brown, hospital social worker, at (989) 872-2121.

Pat Davis, secretary of the Wednesday night 2-man golf league at Rolling Hills Golf Course, reports that Tavis Osentoski aced the 5th hole last week during league play at the Cass City golf course.

Davis feels Osentoski’s first hole-in-one is an achievement not easily obtained and worthy of special recognition.

As you can tell, I agree.

Rawson Memorial Library has enlarged its library card and is giving it to people to take with them on vacation so we can see where our card and our patrons go, says librarian Kate VanAuken.

Pictured below is just one of the submissions the library has received and according to VanAuken the card has been to Africa, China, South America and England, just to name a few places.

“There have been quite a few submissions from our state as well as other states, too. It has been so much fun seeing where folks travel,” VanAuken said.



This photo was taken at the Lake District in the north of England. Pictured are Tahani Khoury, Cheryl Kilbourn, Kathy Milligan, Linda and Homer Bailey and Dave & Julie Bitzer.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Wednesday, July 6

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.

Travel Uganda: Learn about the culture, people and the foods of Uganda, 7-8:30 p.m., Rawson Memorial District Library.

Thursday, July 7

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

Friends of the Library meeting, 1:30 p.m., Rawson Memorial District Library.

Friday, July 8

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

Saturday, July 9

Narcotics Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. John Episcopal Church, 8271 Crescent Beach Rd. on Sand Point. Anyone with a drug problem is invited to attend. For more information, please call (989) 963-9077.

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.

Sunday, July 10

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

Monday, July 11

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

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

Elkland Township Board meeting, 7 p.m.

VFW monthly meeting, 7:30 p.m., VFW Hall, Cass City.

Summer Reading Program movie: "A Goofy Movie", 1:30 p.m., Rawson Memorial District Library.

Tuesday, July 12

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

Thumb Octagon Barn meeting, 7 p.m., fire hall in Gagetown.

Tuscola County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, 1:30 p.m., HDC Generations Building, 430 Montague Ave., Caro. For more information, contact Kim at (989) 673-4121.

Kedron OES #33 of Caro meeting, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, July 13

Ham Dinner, noon, Cass City United Methodist Church, 5100 N. Cemetery Rd. Cost: \$7. For takeouts, call 872-4604 and pick up between 11 a.m. and noon or after 12:30 p.m.



THE SANILAC County Sheriff's Department is the owner of a new patrol vessel thanks to some \$80,000 in state and federal grant dollars.

In Sanilac County

\$80,000 in grants allow sheriff to purchase new patrol vessel

Sanilac County Sheriff's Department deputies will be riding the waves in a brand new patrol boat, thanks to grant funding awarded to the department recently.

"The sheriff's office has been approved for a 2011 equipment grant to purchase a new patrol vessel for the Marine Safety Program," Sanilac County Sheriff Garry Biniecki explained. "The total cost of the vessel is \$80,000, with the Michigan

Department of Natural Resources paying half of the purchase, or \$40,000, and the other \$40,000 balance paid for by a federal Stonegarden Grant.

"The federal grant was written by the county emergency manager director, Todd Hillman, with assistance from Undersheriff Bradley Roff, and the DNR grant was applied for by Sgt. Paul Rich of the sheriff's office Marine Division.

"This is a huge win for our county,"

Biniecki said. "Normally, the county has to pay 25 percent in matching dollars for the DNR grant, however, by the federal (government), state and county working together in a collaborative effort, we were able to fund the purchase 100 percent."

The new vessel is an Angler Model C-2600cc boat with a Magic Tilt tandem trailer, 2 Mercury Verado 225 horsepower marine motors and related equipment.

TNU foils marijuana growing operations in Tuscola County

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Thumb Narcotics Unit (TNU) officers recently seized marijuana growing operations in 3 different locations in Tuscola County.

TNU Commander Detective Lt. Mark Opra said the latest incident took place June 27 when officers were requested to respond to a reported marijuana growing operation in Vassar Township at a State Road residence, where they located an indoor facility housing 74 marijuana plants.

"Contact was made with the 42-year-old male resident. The male claimed (it was) 'medical marijuana' and named a 30-year-old and 31-year-old female as his associates," Opra reported. "Contact was made with the associates, who also claimed (it was) medical marijuana.

"Through the investigation it was determined that the individuals were

committing multiple violations of the Medical Marijuana Act," he said. "The marijuana grow operation, including marijuana plants and growing equipment, was seized as evidence."

Opra said his team will be submitting a complaint to the Tuscola County Prosecutor's Office for review.

Earlier last month, TNU officers, acting on an anonymous tip, investigated a pair of possible outdoor marijuana growing operations in Indianfields Township.

"TNU officers made contact with a 42-year-old female on Ryan Road," Opra said. "Officers obtained consent to search the residence and

located 73 marijuana plants growing in an outbuilding. The female was not a medical marijuana patient or caregiver. The marijuana plants were seized from this incident.

"TNU officers also made contact with a 30-year-old male on Ann Drive in Indianfields Township," Opra continued. "Officers obtained consent to search the residence and located 42 marijuana plants growing on the roof of the residence. The male was not a medical marijuana patient or caregiver. The marijuana plants were seized from this incident."

Opra said his unit will also be forwarding its reports on those investigations to the prosecutor's office for review.



THE UNITED Producers Inc. — Cass City, Mich. Market was recently named the recipient of a 2011 performance award. "Teamwork and a 'can-do' attitude helped Cass City to accomplish this award," said Dennis Bolling, president and CEO of United Producers Inc. "This group is very well deserving of this award. "Todd Ward, Chad Kreeger, Theresa Mazure, Russell Healy and Senior Regional Manager Scott Acker make up this hard-working group of individuals. In 2010, the team handled over 85,000 head of livestock," Bolling noted. Above, Acker (right) accepts the award from Jeff Harding, United Producers vice president of livestock marketing.

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JESIKA FERRIS read aloud Thursday afternoon at Rawson Memorial District Library in Cass City to a group of children who giggled, “ooohhed” and “ahhhed” during the nerve-racking and funny parts of the book.

Ask your neighbor Neighbor nationality

Anita Hill is German and American.

Hill, 19, of Cass City wouldn't trade her identity for any other kind, either.

As a third-generation family member of German ancestry, Hill said she still has close bonds with her place of origin, even though she never set foot in Germany.

"I'm German, I would like to be in Germany," she said.

"I'd rather be German-American because I like to be able to speak both languages," she added.

Hill's grandmother was in Germany for 35 years and she has lived in Cass City for more than 35 years.

When it comes to breaking down stereotypes, she said there are a lot of negative ideas about Germans.

"A lot of the stuff people say about Germans aren't true," she said, such as "they don't shave their armpits. You have a decision if you want to or not (shave). It's not true," she said.



Anita Hill

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Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO

In a surprise announcement, Cass City High School Principal Jon Good announced his resignation to take a principal's position at Freeland High School. The board moved quickly to put in motion a search for his replacement. It will be posted on site and also across the state. Supt. Ron Wilson said that he felt it would be advantageous to see what's "out there" for the position. Randy Severance said that if the job was filled from staff it could save the district \$25,000 if a top-of-the-scale staff person is hired and the vacated position is filled by a first-year teacher at the bottom of the pay scale. A committee of Rabideau, Lautner and Severance will handle interviews with candidates and report to the board.

On Saturday, June 25, 2006, 2 local homecomings took place centered on an old racecar. The first one was at the home of Bob "Junior" Vargo, who built the car 30 years ago. The second was at the Owendale Speedway where the "Flying 0" was first raced in 1977 with Chuck Holm at the wheel.

The Kundis Fireworks Display Shows set off the fireworks show Saturday evening at dusk, which ended with claps and cheers from the crowd. Freedom Festival Coordinator Nancy Simms said the fireworks "were great as usual," and that everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. Cass City resident Harold Wills said his favorite fireworks have multiple colors, and watching them has been a tradition for him.

10 YEARS AGO

The sun was out and the money was flowing as hundreds of people flocked to Cass City for the village's 23rd annual Freedom Festival Thursday through Sunday. With new additions, like a carnival, more people were spending money this year. The carnival made \$10,227 with its rides and concession stands, festival Co-Chair Doug Hyatt said. "I want them back and they were 90 percent sure they would come back next year," he added. One of the purposes of the carnival was to boost revenue to Cass City, and Hyatt said he thinks local stores made more money this year. A spokesperson for Erla's said it was too early to have exact figures, but she knows that they were a lot busier during this year's festival. A Parkway employee, meanwhile, said that the store enjoyed a lot of business and that the carnival workers alone brought in more revenue. But for parents, the carnival was a place for their kids to have fun - not just a place to make money. Erin Dillon of Cass City said the kids' rides were ideal for young children because

there usually isn't too much to offer in this town.

Cass City community members gathered Friday at the site of the new Little League press box to honor a local teen killed last summer, and the many people who made it possible to construct the new facility in his memory. The ceremony, held prior to the Cass City Boy's Little League and Minor League All-Star Games, dedicated the 2-story press box in honor of Ryan W. Hartwick, 13, an avid ball player who died in an ORV accident. Village Manager Jane Downing also presented a key to the village to Cass City Little League President Joe Langenburg during the dedication ceremony.

25 YEARS AGO

Village President Larry Davis crowned a teary-eyed Katie LaBelle queen at the 6th annual Fourth of July queen's pageant held Wednesday night, July 2. LaBelle, 16, is the daughter of Ed and Pam LaBelle, Third St. Second runner-up in the pageant was Lisa Nicholas, 15, daughter of Sandra Nicholas, Seeger St. and first runner-up was Tracey Grindey, 17, daughter of Mike and Norma Bigelow, Pine St.

First Baptist Church of Cass City took home three top prizes in competition during the July 4th activities: One of the top four float designs, best decorated bed entered in the bed race and junior division winner in the bed race. Members of the winning junior team were Mark Monte, Eric Hartwick, John Monte and Mary Shagena.

The spectators and the players enjoyed the mud volleyball competition. The winners in the men's division were Craig Tonti, Dave Johnson, Pete Weron, Tim Fahrner, Kent Wischmeyer and Tom Dorland.

50 YEARS AGO

Two changes in the Cass City business scene were announced this week as Ken Cumper purchased the business of Arlan Brown and Cameron Martin bought Bush's Restaurant. Mr. Cumper will operate the back hoe and the septic tank service formerly owned by Mr. Brown in conjunction with his roofing and painting service. The new owners of Bush's are experienced restaurant people. Mr. Martin and his wife have operated a restaurant for 14 years at Port Hope before coming to Cass City.

Two Cass City Boy Scouts won prizes for selling tickets to the 1961 Scout Fair, May 20 to 21, at the Saginaw County Fairgrounds. Billy Hennessey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Hennessey, tied for first, in the Tuscola-Huron Boy Scout District, with a scout from Bad Axe.

He and the Bad Axe scout drew lots for the first prize and the Bad Axe scout won the bicycle. However, the Bad Axe boy gave the bike to Billy and kept the second prize of a tent. David King, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim King, won fourth prize for selling tickets. He won an official flash camera kit.

Mrs. Wilma Fry, village clerk, announced this week the first ten persons to pay village taxes. They are: Willis Campbell, Mrs. Otis Wehl, Kenneth Copeland, Arthur Little, Vern Gallaway, Fred Jaus, Ward Benkelman, Glen Atfield, George Severn and Mrs. Josephine Brooks.

100 YEARS AGO

Merchants in many towns have started a crusade against the dirty egg. In some places the eggs are sorted out and put back in the crates, merchants refusing to take them at any price. In other places half price is paid. Certainly no fault can be found with such an arrangement. Why should a farmer expect to sell to a merchant dirty eggs, which he would not buy himself?

The Owendale Herald has been sold by John J. Conway to the Herald Publishing Co. The first issue under the new ownership came out last week and the improvement in the way of news features and typographical appearance was greatly enhanced.

John Schwaderer will open his bakery to the public tomorrow in the building formerly occupied by the "Candy Kitchen." A Hubbard oven of 122 loaves capacity has been installed.



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Cass City Church of Christ
6743 E. Main St., Cass City, MI 48726
Contacts 872-2367 or 872-3136
Worship Service Sunday 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
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Sunday 10:00 a.m. & Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

Cass City Church of the Nazarene
6538 Third St., Cass City, MI 48726
872-2604 or (989) 912-2077
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study -
& Children's Activities 6:00 p.m.
Pastor: Jerry Harrington
Associate Pastor: Judy A. Esckilsen

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

Cass City United Methodist Church
5100 N. Cemetery Rd.,
P.O. Box 125, Cass City, MI 48726
872-3422
Worship: 11:00 a.m.
(Summer 9:30 a.m.)
Sunday School - Sept.-May 9:30 a.m.
Community Dinner - Monthly (2nd Wed. at noon)
Pastor: Rev. Jackie Roe

Evangelical Free Church of Cass City
6430 Chestnut Blvd., Cass City, MI 48726
872-5060
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.
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Festival in photos...



RICHARD VAN LANDER of Harrison Township (from left) won first place in the ribs category of the Thumb Smokin’ BBQ. The other winners were Tom Brinkman, Cass City, first place in the pulled pork category; Kurt Russell, Cass City, first place for the brisket category; and Marv Irrer, Cass City, first place in the pulled pork category. Irrer donated his \$250 cash prize back to the BBQ competition for next year.

Crowds enjoy Freedom Festival

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Creative: Hills & Dales General Hospital; Most Patriotic: Gagetown Church of the Nazarene; Judges Choice: New Salem Lutheran; Best Commercial: Thumb National Bank; Best Club: Thumb Two Cylinder.

During the Classic Car Cruise Friday, family members and friends gathered around the street to celebrate and party with the oldie-but-goodie cars that ripped the pavement.

Nancy Benn got comfortable on an

American-flag-decorated blanket, holding her granddaughter Kyndra Benn, 21 months, of Caro. Seated next to her was her husband Gary Benn.

“It’s great,” Nancy said of the show. “We like the cars, the muscle and everything,” her husband added.

Near the softball diamond under a tent was the Cass City Radio Control organization, formed in 2010 for those interested in aircraft as a hobby.

Tony Butler and Bob Brooks of Cass

City were under the tent speaking with children and adults about what they do.

Brooks has flown for about 20 or so years.

During the Craft Show, there were dozens of white tents pointing towards the sky with jewels and gems awaiting the admiration of buyers and browsers.

Ruthann Brown of Kingston was one of the sellers who brought her hand-crafted dolls to be sold. “I do doll clothes, American dolls,” she noted.

Cass City students top peers on MME

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Day 2, and additional items in mathematics, science and social studies that complete the measurement of Michigan High School Content Expectations on Day 3.

The MME taken by Michigan students this past spring showed increases in the number of students whose scores were “proficient” or “advanced” in 4 of 5 subject areas tested since 2007 — reading, writing, mathematics and science. The greatest improvement occurred in writing, increasing from 40 to 47 percent between 2007 and 2011, followed closely by a math increase from 46 to 52 percent, science from 56 to 61 percent, and reading from 60 to 63 percent.

ACT scores for the more than 109,000 students taking the latest

exam increased for a fourth consecutive year, scoring an average of 19.3 on the ACT Composite, up from 18.7 in 2008. The ACT Composite Score is the average of 4 ACT test scores (English, mathematics, reading and science).

In Cass City, students’ MME scores were tops among their peers in Tuscola County’s 8 other public school districts in all 5 testing areas: reading (74 percent were proficient or advanced), writing (58 percent), math (78 percent), science (78 percent) and social studies (89 percent).

The results didn’t surprise local school officials, who saw the same level of achievement in 2010. With the exception of the reading category, Cass City’s scores ranked number one in the county last year (75 percent in reading, compared to 76 percent in the Kingston Community

Schools).

“I think they’re good numbers,” Cass City High School Principal Chad Daniels said, adding the results were no accident.

“Number one, (we have) a clear direction of where we’re going and what we need to get where we’re going,” he said. “When the kids are struggling, we figure out how to get them where they need to be. “It’s extremely proactive.

“I’m telling you, I’ve just got a wonderful staff,” Daniels added.

Cass City Schools Supt. Jeff Hartel agreed. “Our teachers, our administrators — everybody (deserves credit). I think it’s just good news on top of our other good news on our MEAP scores,” Hartel said, referring to the latest Michigan Educational Assessment Program test scores, with Cass City students at the top or near the top in most categories among the county’s public school districts.

Board okays recall language

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ing, resides in the Pigeon area.

The language in his revised petition states he wants to see Damrow removed from office “for voting for legislation in the House and final House-Senate agreements that can negatively affect families, senior citizens, schools and local governments of the 84th District.” Jensen claims the legislation does the following:

- *Imposes cuts to K-12 per-student funding — House Bill (HB)-4325.
- *Expands the power of emergency financial managers in municipalities and schools (HB-4214).
- *Replaces the earned income tax credit with a \$25-per-child payment to low-income parents (HB-4361).
- *Imposes state taxes upon retiree

pensions and reduces the homestead property tax credit (HB-4361).

- *Eliminates the small business tax and limits the corporate income tax to 6 percent (HB-4361).

Damrow is serving his first year as the 84th District state representative. He defeated Terry Brown, a Pigeon Democrat and the incumbent, by 18 votes in the Nov. 12, 2010 general election.

Brown subsequently requested a recount. The results revealed that 11 out of 32 precincts in Tuscola County and 8 out of 31 precincts in Huron County were not recountable due to errors on the part of election officials. In all, 30,912 ballots were cast in the 2 counties, and nearly 10,000 of the votes could not be recounted.



MADYSON MENZEL, 9, of Owendale received a temporary butterfly by face paint recently during the festival.



VIRGIL PETERS of Cass City surveys one of the entries during the motorcycle show sponsored by Knights Insurance Agency.



AN IMPRESSIVE fireworks display marked the end of another great Cass City Freedom Festival Saturday night.



MATT LITTLE of Little’s Smoke-n-BBQ checks his ribs during the inaugural “Thumb Smokin’ BBQ” competition Saturday at Cass City Recreation Park.

Judging BBQ contest tasty way to enjoy fest

by Sherri Keaton
Staff Writer

My mouth watered in anticipation of what was to come. Ribs. Pork. Brisket. Chicken. Oh, oh, my!

Hi, my name is Sherri Keaton and I am a meat-a-holic, a noun for a person who consumes an above-average amount of meat in one or several sittings. I think I need intervention.

So for me to become one of the dozen judges of the first-time Thumb Smokin’ BBQ Competition during Cass City’s annual Freedom Festival over the weekend, it was a meat come true.

And as much as I enjoyed the spiced-to-perfection pieces of meat and camaraderie with locals, I should have come prepared.

First off, I should have brought a bib, a jug of ice-filled pop, toothpicks and 2 extra stomachs.

Don’t get me wrong; everything was great, the atmosphere was just right — the kind where you can kick back a couple of cold pops with some buddies at your local tavern. But let’s just say I may give up meat until next August. Just kidding. Really, I am.

But as far as the meatier matter of judging, the melt-in-your-mouth-love-ribs were by far the most delicious and tasty.

Even though I am biased, my specific taste for ribs is simple: dripping in sauce, succulent, meaty and spiced just right. Out of the several kinds of ribs I tasted, only a couple could satiate my biased palate.

Yet, by participating in the competition, I have come to love the polar opposite of what I am used to - dry ribs.

The smoky, sultry taste of dry-rubbed tender pieces of meat caused me to enjoy this fine, yet different style of cooking.

I rated this kind of meat highly delicious as well. So those who cooked their ribs dry, do not fear. I judged

you very fairly, as I did the others. Some of the types of ribs and meats such as the pork, brisket and chicken I judged varied from tasty to flat-out not the best.

The pork pieces were good, many tender and most cooked to perfection, but alas, my heart was still pinning for those dear ribs.

Now brace yourself, my friends; the first time I ever had brisket was when I was judging this delicate piece of meat. Let me tell you, I was pleasantly surprised.

Some had a peppery taste that reminded me of slow-roasted meat soaking in brine for hours at a time. Others, not so much. They had a rushed, rubbery taste that didn’t do the meat justice.

Last, but not least, the chicken was not bad at all.

And I tried to be fair, I really did, but I was delightfully stuffed with all of this meat, I didn’t know what to do. But I pressed on. Wiped my mouth, drank some water and judged the chicken with everything I had left in me.

Even though not everyone won, there was one thing for sure; all of the competitors were winners.

They cooked their hearts out in the blazing sun for hours, I’m sure even days, slow roasting their meats to perfection, while I did all the hard work, stuffing my face with moist, tender meats. It was a tough job. My toughest one yet at the Chronicle.

And all the while, I learned what it means to enjoy the labor of love from all the competitors who, in my opinion, deserve first place, whether or not their meats were my style.

After a couple of hours, I understood how it feels to be part of a community that values hard work as much as it does relaxing and eating good food.

Thank you for opening up a slice of Cass City to me and letting me have a taste.

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Izydorek excels
on soccer field

by Sherri Keaton
Staff Writer

Even when you move so many miles away, you are never too far from home, or rather Decker, that is. That is the story of Charles Izydorek, 18, of California, whose grandparents, Charles and Jo Izydorek of Decker, live.



Charles Izydorek

Charles, the son of Edward and Joann, was a soccer player in high school in California. He won a sports scholarship into the private University of Redlands in California. Most of his tuition is covered with this scholarship.

"I play soccer, playing forward," Charles said. "I started playing soccer when I was probably 5. About 13 years, ever since."

Charles was a hyperactive kid who needed something to do, and his dad gave him just the right thing he needed:

a ball.

"Baseball was too slow for me, so my dad tried to put me in soccer and it just stuck," Charles said.

Since he has been playing soccer, he has won the National Christian Player Across America 2 years in a row and the California In-state Federation title.

"In high school I scored 105 goals during all of my career," Charles said. "All my friends say 'see you in the pros one day.'"

In college he is going to be a forward.

He will also be studying Biology Pre-med in August.

Besides soccer he likes to play volleyball.

In his free time around the Thumb, his family goes to his grandparents' farm.

His grandmother Jo can attest to that.

"They are always playing sports and he is out helping grandpa and playing with his cousins," Jo said.

"I am so proud of him because he went to a Christian Academy and he has been an A,B student the entire way through. He is a fantastic young boy," she said.

"And his words to me were, 'I want to be able to help people and spread the word of God.' He is just a fine, upstanding Christian young man."

His father Edward was a 1980 graduate of Cass City High School and Charles' grandfather graduated from Cass City in 1958.

Junior golf tourney slated

A Red Hawk Junior Golf Tournament is planned for July 28 at Rolling Hills Golf Course in Cass City.

The 9-hole stroke play event is open to boys and girls, ages 16-18, and boys and girls, ages 13-15. Cost to enter is \$20.

Also slated on the day for boys and

girls, ages 9-12, is a 6-hole tournament. Cost to enter is \$15.

Organizer Kevin Green says trophies will be awarded for first, second and third places in each division, courtesy of Harris & Company. Lunch and a prize pack will be provided for all participants.

Call (989) 872-3569 to register.



TOURNEY CHAMPS. The Cass City 12-and-under all star baseball team recently captured the Reese Invitational Tournament with an 8-2 victory over the host Rockets. Cass City defeated teams from Mayville and Unionville-Sebewaing en route to the finals. They are: (front, l-r) Nick Perry, Shaede Perzanowski, Reed White, Brad Hacker, Brendan Hamilton, Brent Baker, Joey Krol, Brad Baker (back) Coach Brad Langenburg, Chase Winter, Jacob Wright, Logan Schenk, Manager Jim Baker and Coach Brian Wright.

Chip Shots

Wednesday Night 2-Man Golf League as of June 27 Division 1 - Early	Hendrick/Veggian Burns/Caister Davis/Tate Jones/Marshall D.Jones/Peters Craig/Knight Henn/Herron	15 14 13 13 12 10 9	Dillon/Irrer Hobbs/Meck Iwankovitch/Stickle Smithson/Kurtansky Berwick/Greenlee Wallace/Warner	9 8 7 6 5 4
Biefer/Hoard Mastie/Robinson Alexander/Spencer	18 17 16		Individual medallist: Kelly 37 Team medallists: Biefer/Hoard 80, Kelly/Robinson 80	
Division 2 - Late				
Ulfig/Corey & Paul 19 Biddinger/Smith 19 Hartel/Brown 18 Hillaker/Murphy 17 Sattelberg/Weaver 16 Dadacki/Otremba 15 Lowman/Roemer 15 Green/Zdrojewski 14 Bliss/Krol 12 Osentoski/D. Wallace 10 deBeaubien/Lowe 8 Langley/Tamlyn 7 Martin/Stern 7 Spencer/Sommerville 6 Wallace/ Brent & Scott 5 LeValley/Morgan 4 Bitzer/Curtis 3 Prieskorn/Repshinska 3 Langenburg/Brad & Joe Doerr/Haire				
Individual medallist: Tamlyn 36 Team medallists: Langley/Tamlyn 78				

THE CASS CITY Monday Golf League recently held their annual Kenny-Freddy Scramble event in memory of former longtime Rolling Hills Golf Course league members Ken Zdrojewski and Fred Leeson. Winning the 9-hole scramble with a score of 5 under par 30 was the team consisting of, from the left, Dick Wallace, Dieter Roth (captain), Jim Smithson, and Jim Hobbs.

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by David McPherson and Tammy McPherson, husband and wife, to Fifth Third Mortgage - MI, LLC, Mortgagee, dated November 18, 2005 and recorded December 9, 2005 in Liber 1064, Page 88, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Fifth Third Mortgage Company by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Seventy-Eight Thousand Twenty-Nine and 86/100 Dollars (\$178,029.86) including interest at 6.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Tuscola Circuit Courthouse in the Village of Caro, MI at 10:00 a.m. on JULY 21, 2011.

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

Land situated in the Township of Millington, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, is described as follows: The Southeast quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section 22, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, Except land described as beginning at a point on the South Section line, North 87 degrees 46 minutes 41 seconds West 690.02 feet from the Southeast corner of said Section 22; thence continuing along said line, North 87 degrees 45 minutes 41 seconds West 262.94 feet; North 0 degrees 38 minutes 59 seconds West 1325.46 feet to the North line of said Southeast quarter of the Southeast quarter; thence continuing along said line, South 88 degrees 25 minutes 67 seconds East 262.80 feet; thence South 0 degrees 38 minutes 59 seconds East 1328.55 feet to the point of beginning. Also except land described as beginning at a point on the South Section line that is North 87 degrees 45 minutes 41 seconds West 440.02 feet from the Southeast corner of said Section 22; thence continuing North 87 degrees 45 minutes 41 seconds West 250.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 38 minutes 59 seconds West 400.00 feet; thence South 87 degrees 45 minutes 41 seconds East 250.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 38 minutes 59 seconds East 400.00 feet to the point of beginning. Also except part of the Southeast quarter of the Southeast quarter of section 22, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, Millington Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as beginning at the Southeast corner; thence North 87 degrees 45 minutes 41 seconds West 440.02 feet along the South Section line; thence North 00 degrees 38 minutes 59 seconds West 400.00 feet; thence North 87 degrees 45 minutes 41 seconds West 250.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 38 minutes 59 seconds West 928.55 feet; thence South 88 degrees 25 minutes 57 seconds East 689.66 feet; thence along the East Section line, South 00 degrees 38 minutes 59 seconds East 1336.63 feet to the point of beginning.

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

TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights.

Dated: June 22, 2011

Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
File No. 200.7689

6-22-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Todd Vatter a/k/a Todd M. Vatter a single man, to Citizens First Mortgage, LLC, Mortgagee, dated April 11, 2008 and recorded April 28, 2008 in Liber 1147, Page 1437, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Cenlar FSB by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Seven Thousand One Hundred Sixty-Three and 83/100 Dollars (\$137,163.83) including interest at 5.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Tuscola Circuit Courthouse in the Village of Caro, MI at 10:00 a.m. on JULY 28, 2011.

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

Commencing at the Northeast corner of Section 36, Town 14 North, Range 11 East; thence running West 900 feet; thence South 300 feet; thence West 200 feet; thence South 1020 feet; thence East 1100 feet; thence North 1320 feet to the point of beginning, EXCEPT Commencing at the Northeast corner of Section 36, Town 14 North, Range 11 East, Elkland Township, Tuscola County, Michigan and the point of beginning; running thence South 00 degrees 59 minutes 52 seconds West 350 feet along the East line of said Section 36; thence South 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West 450 feet; thence North 00 degrees 59 minutes 52 seconds East 350 feet; thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East 450 feet along the North line of said Section 36 to the point of beginning, being a part of the Northeast quarter of Section 36, Town 14 North, Range 11 East, Elkland Township, Tuscola County, Michigan and subject to an easement for the purposes of ingress and egress over the Westerly 33 feet of the above described parcel.

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.

TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights.

Dated: June 29, 2011

Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
File No. 275.0253

6-29-4

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by ADAM P. DOWEN and MICHELLE M. DOWEN, A MARRIED COUPLE, to UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, Mortgagee, dated January 18, 2006, and recorded on January 31, 2006, in Liber 1070, on Page 523, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Two Thousand Five Hundred Fifteen Dollars and No Cents (\$132,515.00), 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, front entrance of the Courthouse Building in the City of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM o'clock, on August 4, 2011.

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

LOT 35, BROAD LEA SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 2 OF PLATS, PAGE 28, 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.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Mortgagee/Assignee

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

6-29-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by LONNIE S. ELLIS, AN UNMARRIED MAN and SHERRY L. CALDWELL, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated November 22, 2004, and recorded on November 29, 2004, in Liber 1018, on Page 1339, and assigned by said mortgagee to FLAGSTAR BANK, FSB, as assigned, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Fourteen Thousand Five Hundred Seventy Dollars and Seventy-Three Cents (\$14,570.73), including interest at 2.250% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, front entrance of the Courthouse Building in the City of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM o'clock, on July 28, 2011.

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

PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 15, TOWN 11 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST, DESCRIBED AS: BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 15, WHICH IS SOUTH 89 DEGREES 21 MINUTES 65 SECONDS EAST, 511.50 FEET FROM THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 15; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 03 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST, 330.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 21 MINUTES 05 SECONDS EAST, 280.50 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 03 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST, 330.00 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION; THENCE BOTH 89 DEGREES 21 MINUTES 03 SECONDS WEST, 280.50 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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

FLAGSTAR BANK, FSB
Mortgagee/Assignee

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
54TH COUNTY PROBATE

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY
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NOTICE OF ACTION

CASE NO.
2011-26404-DM

Court address: 440 N. State Street, Caro, MI 48723
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LAWRENCE T. KENNY, Plaintiff
7085 Oak Road
Vassar, MI 48768

Lakeshore Legal Aid
Ronald C. Emerson (P23695)
P.O. Box 67
Caro, MI 48723
989-673-5651

vs.

SHANNON RENEE SANDS, Defendant
Address Unknown

TO: SHANNON RENEE SANDS

IT IS ORDERED:

1. You are being sued in this court by the plaintiff to be awarded a Judgment of Divorce. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before July 28, 2011. If you fail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.

2. A copy of this order shall be published once each week in the Cass City Chronicle for three consecutive weeks, and proof of publication shall be filed in this court.

3. Ronald C. Emerson, shall post a copy of this order in the courthouse, and for three consecutive weeks, and shall file proof of posting in this court.

Dated: June 15, 2011

Amanda L. Roggenbuck
Judge

7-6-3

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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 John Aremia, a married man, and Kimberly Aremia, his wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated September 12, 2003 and recorded on November 19, 2003 in Liber 964 on Page 1473, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Chase Home Finance LLC as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-Four and 26/100 Dollars (\$120,454.26), including interest at 6.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on August 4, 2011.

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

Commencing at a Point 305 Feet North of the 1/4 Line Stake between Sections 34 and 35, Township 11 North, Range 7 East; Thence West 235 Feet; Thence North 170 Feet; Thence East 235 Feet; Thence South 170 Feet to the Place of Beginning being a Part of said Section 34, Township of Tuscola County, Michigan

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

Dated: July 6, 2011
FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #281284F03

7-6-4

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

Notice is hereby provided to Adam L. Spencer, the borrowers and/or mortgagors (hereinafter "Borrower") regarding the property known as 2715 HOPPE ROAD, GAGETOWN, MI 48735 that the mortgage is in default.

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

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

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

If Designated Agent and Borrower(s) agree to modify the mortgage, the mortgage will not be foreclosed if the Borrower(s) abide by the terms of the modified mortgage.

Borrower(s) have the right to contact an attorney or the State Bar of Michigan Lawyer Referral Service at (800) 968-0738 (Tel).

Pub Date: July 6, 2011

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

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IF YOU ARE CURRENTLY IN BANKRUPTCY OR HAVE RECEIVED A DISCHARGE IN BANKRUPTCY AS TO THIS OBLIGATION, THIS COMMUNICATION IS INTENDED FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY AND IS NOT AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT IN VIOLATION OF THE AUTOMATIC STAY OR THE DISCHARGE INJUNCTION. IN SUCH CASE, PLEASE DISREGARD ANY PART OF THIS COMMUNICATION, WHICH IS INCONSISTENT WITH THE FOREGOING.

OTHERWISE, FEDERAL LAW REQUIRES US TO ADVISE YOU THAT COMMUNICATION FROM OUR OFFICE COULD BE INTERPRETED AS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND THAT ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. IF YOU ARE NOW ON ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY OR HAVE BEEN IN THE PRIOR NINE MONTHS, PLEASE

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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.

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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: July 6, 2011

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OTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Gerald L. O'Connor and Wendy S. O'Connor on April 26, 2005, to Eastern Michigan Bank, a Michigan Banking Corporation, of 65 N. Howard Avenue, Crosswell, MI 48422, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Tuscola County, Michigan on May 17, 2005, in Liber 1039 of Mortgages, Pages 36-41, and upon which mortgage there is claimed to be due as of the date of this notice for principal and interest the sum of Two Hundred Twenty-Three Thousand Seven Hundred One and 46/100 (\$223,701.46) Dollars and said default having continued for more than thirty (30) days and no suit or proceedings having been instituted to recover the debt secured by the mortgage;

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That on July 14, 2011 at 10:00. Local Time, the said mortgage will be foreclosed by sale at public venue to the highest bidder at the front entrance of the Courthouse Building, 440 N. State Street, Caro, Michigan 48723 that being the place of holding the Circuit Court for said County, of the premises described in said mortgage or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due on said mortgage as aforesaid with interest thereon and all legal costs, charges and expenses including the attorney fee provided by law and any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned at or before said sale for taxes, assessments and insurance premiums on said premises, which said premises are situated in the Township of Indianfields, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, and are described as follows:

Part of the East half of the Southwest quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 35, Town 12 North, Range 9, East, being described as: Commencing at the Southwest corner of said Section 35, thence North 89 degrees 42 minutes 42 seconds East 919.67 feet along the South Section line to the point of beginning; thence North 00 degrees 10 minutes 40 seconds West 505.70 feet, parallel with the West line of the East half of the Southwest quarter of the Southwest quarter, thence South 89 degrees 42 minutes 42 seconds West 258.40 feet to the West line of the East half of the Southwest quarter of the Southwest quarter, thence North 00 degrees 10 minutes 40 seconds West 823.07 feet along the West line to the South 1/8 line, thence North 89 degrees 49 minutes 30 seconds East 660.11 feet along said 1/8 line to the West 1/8 line, thence South 00 degrees 13 minutes 40 seconds East 1327.46 feet along said 1/8 line to the South Section line, thence South 89 degrees 42 minutes 42 seconds West 402.87 feet along said South line to the point of beginning.

Parcel ID: 79-013-035-300-0400-00
Commonly known as: 201 E. Sanilac, Caro, MI 48723

The length of the period of redemption from such sale will be six (6) months immediately following said sale unless the property is deemed to be abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241(a) in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days.

Dated at Caro, Michigan, this 8th day of June, 2011.

TOUMA, WATSON, WHALING
COURY, CASTELLO & STREMLERS, P.C.
Attorneys for Eastern Michigan Bank
By: Michael J. Whaling
316 McMorran Boulevard
Port Huron, Michigan 48060-3808

6-8-5

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Robert A. Jager and Kelly J. Jager, husband and wife, on May 7, 2005, to Tri-County Bank, a Michigan Banking Corporation of 4222 Main Street, Brown City, Michigan 48416 and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Tuscola County, Michigan on May 10, 2005 in Liber 1037, page 1431, and upon which mortgage there is claimed to be due as of the date of this notice for principal and interest the sum of One Hundred Thirty-One Thousand Six Hundred Seventy and 67/100 (\$131,670.67) Dollars and said default having continued for more than thirty (30) days and no suit or proceedings having been instituted to recover the debt secured by the mortgage;

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That on Thursday, July 14, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. Local Time, the said mortgage will be foreclosed by sale at public venue to the highest bidder at the front entrance of the Courthouse, 440 N. State Street, Caro, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court for said County, of the premises described in said mortgage or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due on said mortgage as aforesaid with interest thereon and all legal costs, charges and expenses including the attorney fee provided by law and any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned at or before said sale for taxes, assessments and insurance premiums on said premises, which said premises are situated in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as follows:

Parcel 1: Lots 16, 17, 18, Block 2, Wilmot and Walker's Addition, according to the recorded plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, page 10A.

The length of the period of redemption from such sale will be six (6) months immediately following said sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of such sale.

Together with Land in the Township of Wells, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as: Part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 20, Town 12 North, Range 10 East, Wells Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as: Commencing at the Southeast corner of said Section 20; thence along the East line of said Section 20, North 00 degrees 03 minutes 33 seconds West 1106.57 feet to the point of beginning; thence parallel with the North line of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4; South 89 degrees 59 minutes 21 seconds West 860.21 feet; thence parallel with the West line of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4; North 00 degrees 00 minutes 16 minutes West 216.57 feet to said North line of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4; thence along said North line of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4; North 89 degrees 59 minutes 21 seconds East 860.00 feet to said East line of Section 20; thence along said East line of Section 290.20; South 00 degrees 03 minutes 33 seconds East 216.57 feet to the point of beginning.

The length of the period of redemption from such sale will be one (1) year immediately following said sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of such sale.

Dated at Caro, Michigan, this 15th day of June, 2011

Touma, Watson, Whaling, Coury & Castello, P.C.
Attorneys for Tri County Bank
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316 McMorran Boulevard
Port Huron, MI 48060

6-15-5

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

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return

of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Gerald A. Hare, an unmarried man, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated December 22, 2006 and recorded on December 28, 2006 in Liber 1106 on Page 1170, and assigned by said Mortgagee to BAC Home Loans Servicing, L.P. as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Forty-Three Thousand Five Hundred One and 57/100 Dollars (\$143,501.57), including interest at 6.625% per annum.

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

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

The East Half of the Following described property, Commencing at the Northeast corner of Section 34, Town 14 North, Range 10 East, thence South 90 Degrees 00 Minutes West 661.65 Feet along the North line of said Section 34 to the Point of beginning, Running thence South 0 Degrees 31 Minutes 46 Seconds West 660.20 Feet, thence North 89 Degrees 57 Minutes 54 Seconds West 661.44 Feet, thence North 0 Degrees 30 Minutes 41 Seconds East 659.80 Feet along the East 1/8 line of said Section 34, Thence North 90 Degrees 00 Minutes East 661.65 Feet along the North line of said section 34 to the Point of beginning, Being a Part of the Northeast Quarter of Section 34, Town 14 North, Range 10 East

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

Dated: June 15, 2011

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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File #331525F01

6-15-4

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Robert A. Jager and Kelly J. Jager, husband and wife, on December 7, 2005, to Tri-County Bank, a Michigan Banking Corporation of 4222 Main Street, Brown City, Michigan 48416 and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Tuscola County, Michigan on December 19, 2005 in Liber 1065, page 266, and upon which mortgage there is claimed to be due as of the date of this notice for principal and interest the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Five Hundred Forty-Eight and 61/100 (\$125,548.61) Dollars and said default having continued for more than thirty (30) days and no suit or proceedings having been instituted to recover the debt secured by the mortgage;

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That on Thursday, July 14, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. Local Time, the said mortgage will be foreclosed by sale at public venue to the highest bidder at the front entrance of the Courthouse, 440 N. State Street, Caro, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court for said County, of the premises described in said mortgage or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due on said mortgage as aforesaid with interest thereon and all legal costs, charges and expenses including the attorney fee provided by law and any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned at or before said sale for taxes, assessments and insurance premiums on said premises, which said premises are situated in the Township of Kingston, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as follows:

Parcel 1: A parcel of land in the East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Fractional Section 7, Town 12 North, Range 11 East, Kingston Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as follows: To fix the point of beginning commence at the Southeast corner of said Section 7; thence South 89 degrees 44 minutes 47 seconds West on the South line of said Section, 1313.72 feet to the centerline of Phillips Road (so-called), and the East 1/8 line of said Section; thence North 00 degrees 49 minutes 53 seconds West on said centerline, and said East 1/8 line, 400.00 feet to the point of beginning of this description; thence continuing North 00 degrees 49 minutes 53 seconds West on said centerline, and said East 1/8 line, 253.40 feet; thence North 89 degrees 44 minutes 47 seconds East, parallel said South Section line, 600.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 49 minutes 53 seconds East parallel with said East 1/8 line, 253.40 feet; thence South 89 degrees 44 minutes 47 seconds West parallel with said South Section line, 600.00 feet to the point of beginning, containing 3.49 acres of land and subject to highway use of the West 33.00 feet thereof and subject to any other easements of record.

Parcel 2: A parcel of land in the East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Fractional Section 7, Town 12 North, Range 11 East, Kingston Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as follows: Beginning at a point on the South line of said Section 7, which is 713.72 feet; South 89 degrees 44 minutes 47 seconds West, of the Southeast corner of said Section; thence continuing South 89 degrees 44 minutes 47 seconds West, on said South Section line, 600.00 feet to the centerline of Phillips Road (so-called), and the East 1/8 line of said Section; thence North 00 degrees 49 minutes 53 seconds West on said centerline of Phillips Road, and said East 1/8 line, 400.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 44 minutes 47 seconds East parallel with said South Section line, 600.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 49 minutes 53 seconds East parallel with said East 1/8 line, 400.00 feet to the point of beginning, containing 5.51 acres of land, and subject to highway, use of the West and South 33.00 feet thereof and subject to any other easements of record.

Parcel 3: A parcel of land in the East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Fractional Section 7, Town 12 North, Range 11 East, Kingston Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as follows: Beginning at a point on the South line of said Section 7, which is 313.72 feet; South 89 degrees 44 minutes 47 seconds West of the Southeast corner of said Section; thence continuing South 89 degrees 44 minutes 47 seconds West on said South Section line, 400.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 49 minutes 53 seconds West parallel with the East 1/8 line of said Section, 653.40 feet; thence North 89 degrees 44 minutes 47 seconds East, parallel with said South Section line, 400.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 49 minutes 53 seconds East parallel with said East 1/8 line, 653.40 feet to the point of beginning, containing 6.00 acres of land, and subject to highway use of the South 33.00 feet thereof, and subject to any other easements of record.

The length of the period of redemption from such sale will be one (1) year immediately following said sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of such sale.

Dated at Caro, Michigan, this 15th day of June, 2011.

Touma, Watson, Whaling, Coury & Castello, P.C.
Attorneys for Tri County Bank

By: Douglas S. Touma
316 McMorran Boulevard
Port Huron, MI 48060

6-15-5

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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 Wesley A. Jones, an unmarried man, original mortgagor, to Mac-Clair Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated June 29, 2006 and recorded on July 14, 2006 in Liber 1088 on Page 221, and assigned by said Mortgagee to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Five Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-Eight and 99/100 Dollars (\$55,458.99), including interest at 7% per annum.

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

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

Lot 224, Shay Lake Heights Subdivision No. Two, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 2, Page 45, 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: June 15, 2011
FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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File #370779F01

6-15-4

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

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by John S. Kubisz and Dorothy J. Kubisz, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, Mortgagee, dated October 5, 2007 and recorded on November 7, 2007 in Liber 1134 on Page 486 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Fifty-Seven Thousand Three Hundred Eighty-Seven and 80/100 Dollars (\$157,387.80), including interest at 7.125% 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 July 14, 2011.

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

The Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 30, Town 11 North, Range 9 East, Township of Fremont, Tuscola County, Michigan, except a piece of land commencing at the Southwest corner of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 30, Town 11 North, Range 9 East, thence North 16 rods, thence East 15 rods; thence South 16 rods, thence West 15 rods to the place of beginning. Also except the West 15 rods of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 30, Town 11 North, Range 9 East, excepting therefrom the South 16 rods thereof.

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: June 15, 2011

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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6-15-4

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

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Ronald Lewis, a married man, and Brooke Lewis, a married woman, original mortgagors, to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc., Mortgagee, dated August 20, 2002 and recorded on August 23, 2002 in Liber 891 on Page 147 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Two Thousand One Hundred and 45/100 Dollars (\$62,100.45), including interest at 2.625% per annum.

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

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

Part of Lot 6, Block 22 of the Plat of the village of Vassar (now city), according to the Plat recorded in Liber 1 of Deeds, Pages 143 and 162 of Deeds, Page 93 and replatted as the map of North's Addition to the village of Vassar (now city), according to the

plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 20, now Page 21A, more particularly described as: Commencing at the Easterly Line of Goodrich Street and the Southwesterly line of East Huron Avenue, said point also being North 03 degrees 47 minutes 30 seconds East 9.60 feet from the Northwest corner of Lot 2, Block 22 of the Plat of the Village of Vassar; thence South 03 degrees 47 minutes 30 seconds West, 284.45 feet along said line of Goodrich Street to the point of beginning, thence South 85 degrees 21 minutes 20 seconds East, 166.09 feet to the East line of said Lot 6; thence South 03 degrees 50 minutes 27 seconds West, 49.49 feet, along said East line of said Lot 6; thence North 85 degrees 41 minutes 59 seconds West 141.52 feet; thence North 83 degrees 23 minutes 00 seconds West, 24.53 feet to the West line of said Lot 6; thence North 03 degrees 47 minutes 30 seconds East, 49.50 feet along said West line 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: June 15, 2011

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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6-15-4

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Daniel J. Schlaud and Hope C. Schlaud, husband and wife, to American Financial Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated February 25, 1999 and recorded February 26, 1999 in Liber 764, Page 1049, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by CitMortgage, Inc. by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-One Thousand Five Hundred Forty and 7/100 Dollars (\$51,540.07) including interest at 7% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Tuscola Circuit Courthouse in the Village of Caro, MI at 10:00 a.m. on JULY 14, 2011.

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

A parcel of land in the Northwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 23, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, described as follows: Commencing on the North-South 1/4 line of said Section 23 at a point 1,671.00 feet North 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, from the South 1/4 corner of said Section, said point being the Southwest corner of the North 1/2 of the South 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section; thence North 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, on said North-South 1/4 line, 167.10 feet, thence North 89 degrees 27 minutes 16 seconds East, 1,277.61 feet to a point on the East line of said North 1/2 of the South 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4, thence South 00 degrees 14 minutes 35 seconds East, on said East line, 167.36 feet, to the Southeast corner of said North 1/2 of the South 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4; thence South 89 degrees 27 minutes 58 seconds West, 1,278.32 feet to the point of beginning

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

TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights.

Dated: June 15, 2011

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6-15-4

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

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Kevin M. Green and Peggy I. Green, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Wells Fargo Financial America, Inc., Mortgagee, dated December 27, 2007 and recorded on January 7, 2008 in Liber 1138 on Page 666 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 Twenty-Six and 30/100 Dollars (\$80,726.30), including interest at 9.38% 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 July 21, 2011.

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

Part of the West 1/2 of the South 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 8, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, Commencing at the West 1/4 corner, Thence North 914.88 feet along the West line to the point of beginning; Thence North 410.5 feet to the North line of the South 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4; Thence South 89 degrees 26 minutes 56 seconds East 1167.3 feet; Thence South 00 degrees 09 minutes 53 seconds East 410.52 feet; Thence North 89 degrees 26 minutes 55 seconds West 1168.48 feet to the point of beginning.

This property may be located within the vicinity of farmland or a farm operation. Generally accepted agricultural and management practices which may generate noise, dust, odors, and other associated conditions may be used and are protected by the Michigan Right to Farm Act.

Subject to easements, restrictions, and covenants of record, if any

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: June 22, 2011

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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6-22-4

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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 Kevin M. Green and Peggy I. Green, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Wells Fargo Financial America, Inc., Mortgagee, dated December 27, 2007, and recorded on January 7, 2008 in Liber 1138 on Page 656 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 Twenty-Six and 30/100 Dollars (\$80,726.30), including interest at 9.38% 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 July 21, 2011.

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

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

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

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

Dated: June 22, 2011

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6-22-4



LOGAN WHEELER, 12, of Sandusky (right) waits on his shot at the basketball courts in Cass City. He and some friends were warming up for the annual 3-on-3 basketball tournament, held in conjunction with the village’s annual Freedom Festival.



THE GRAND PARADE was a crowd favorite, as always, during the annual Cass City Freedom Festival over the weekend.



CARMEN FOSTER pulls a tractor during the Fourth of July Freedom Festival in Cass City.

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Household Sales

GARAGE SALE - 5183 Cedar Run Rd. Thursday-Saturday, 9-3 p.m. 3 dining room sets, 3 dressers, queen bedroom set, some tools/yard tools, girls’ clothes and more. 14-7-6-1

MULTIPLE FAMILY Yard Sale - July 8 & 9 only! 9-5 p.m. Furniture, antique cabinet, parlor set, motorcycle, DR string trimmer, exercise equipment, sewing machines, bicycle, lots of clothing, household items & much more. 5949 Gilford Rd., Deford (off of Kingston Rd.). No early sales! 14-7-6-1

GARAGE SALE - 3 1/2 miles west of Cass City on M-81. Lots of baby & kids clothes, toys & miscellaneous Friday, 9-5 p.m.; Saturday, 9-noon. 14-7-6-1

GARAGE SALE - Saturday only! July 9, 9-4 p.m. 4677 Huron, Cass City (corner of Huron & Dale streets). Lots of household, ladies’ (size 3-5), band saw & shop tools. 14-7-6-1

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BIG GARAGE SALE - July 7-9, 9-5 p.m. 5671 Deckerville Rd., Deford. 14-7-6-1

LITTLE RED BARN Garage Sale - July 8 & 9, 8-6 p.m. 4748 N. Koepfgen Rd., Cass City. 14-7-6-1

DEFORD DAYS Townwide Yard Sale - July 7-9, 9-5 p.m. 14-7-6-1

Household Sales

HUGE 1/2 OFF SALE!!! Ken’s Custom Framing is having their annual sale at 4394 Woodland (corner of Houghton), on Friday and Saturday, July 8 & 9. All framed artwork is 1/2 off during those days from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. This includes ready-to-use mats and frames, all styles of frames and art in stock! Beautiful pictures of animals from pigs to ducks, cars to motorcycles, angels to seashores. Lots of Anne Geddes calendar pages and some humorous golf cartoons! 872-5179. 14-7-6-1

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Notices

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Bid Notice
Village of Cass City is accepting sealed bids for the sale of a **1982 Calumet Model V-2250 liquid manure spreader**.
It can be seen at the wastewater treatment plant at **3998 Doerr Road, Cass City** between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., Monday - Friday.
Sealed bids will be received until 3:00 p.m., July 20, 2011 at the Municipal Building located at **6506 Main Street, Cass City**.
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Ladies join the ranks at local VFW post

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They not only help lead the country to safety, they are also breaking new ground in Cass City — and gender is only half the battle and none of the war.

For Johnson, her career in the Navy started about 10 years ago when she was fresh out of high school at 17 years of age.

“It never occurred to me to do anything else,” she said of joining the Navy. “I loved almost every minute of it,” Johnson added. “I didn’t like some of the hard aspects of painting the ship.”

Johnson’s commitment to the Navy lasted for 51/2 years and then her restlessness took over and she joined the Texas National Guard in 2006, continuing in that role for nearly a year.

“I liked the rank structure in the army more than the Navy,” she noted.

After living in Virginia, she joined the Veterans of Foreign Wars and later transferred her information to Cass City this past December. Johnson said joining Cass City’s VFW gave her a way to connect with the community and her fellow comrades.

“Post 3644 is very welcoming,” she said. “They treat me just like one of the guys and I wouldn’t ask for anything different,” she said.

Currently, Johnson is a full-time mother and college student.

She is also the VFW secretary in her spare time.

Even though Johnson has taken leadership positions, she says she isn’t a pioneer for other VFW women.

“It would be nice to see more females (at the post), but it would be nice to see more males in there,” she said with a breezy laugh.

There have been tough moments when Johnson didn’t think she would smile or laugh again. Moments such as when her husband, who was in the military, passed away in 2006. Her husband introduced her to the VFW way of life.

That is how she knows first-hand that the VFW assists families whose loved ones pass away.

“(They don’t just help out with veterans) but with widows and kids; they do a lot for us,” she said. “I don’t care if you are a man or a woman, it is a good way to give back to an organization that would help you,” she said.

In many ways, Johnson has been giving back to the VFW. Whether it is through her volunteering during spaghetti dinners or participating in poppy sales, she is there.

“It started out as something to do, but I like doing things for the community,” she said. “I really like the pro-active approach to helping veterans young and old.”

Ken Hayes, a member of the VFW,

said the only requirement to become a member is to have served in the armed forces in the combat zone, be it whatever branch of the service area.

“It would be really difficult to not accept someone,” he said. “There are certain regulations that have to be met according to the VFW laws and standards.”

“We research a little bit of that and make sure that they are decent people who don’t have anything against them,” he said.

There are several members of Cass City’s VFW post who have never been to a meeting, or who live in other states.

With Hirn, who is still in the military, Hayes said she still has some time to go before she retires and “she may or may not retire back here in Cass City.” Even if she doesn’t, she can still remain a member.

To be the first female member of the VFW, Hirn said she is honored.

“Especially since I don’t live here anymore, the things they do to make me feel welcome is very overwhelming,” she said.

“I hope in the future I can participate and make things better.”

Hirn has been a physical therapist in the army for 14 years. She currently serves as the officer in charge of the in-patient physical therapy section of the Walter Reed Army Center.

She said she wants to return the same favor to future veterans.

Her family still lives in Cass City, 2 miles out of town. Hirn has been in San Antonio, Egypt, Hawaii, Iraq, and will be heading to South Korea. She left Cass City in 1987.

Initially joining the military was a little scary, she said, but since she has been in the military, deployed and working with soldiers, she can’t think of doing anything else for any other population, she said.

“I feel very blessed and honored to be a member in the Army medical command.”

Before Hirn knew she wanted to be in the Army medical field, she graduated with a dual bachelor’s degree in marketing and management, with an associates in advertising.

“After college I was a media buyer in Atlanta for an ad agency.

“I went from business into medicine, I did a 180,” she said.

When realizing what her passion was, Hirn went back to school and did odds and ends types of jobs.

“For many years I was just doing waitressing, managing, places that have very flexible hours,” she said.

Hirn entered the military at 29 years old.

“I thought I would leave at 4 years (after serving), now it’s 14 years and I am doing (the rest of) my 20.”

At 42 years old, Hirn said she is one of those patriotic people who don’t sit quietly by the sidelines.

“The longer I am in military the more Memorial Day, Veterans Day

and the 4th of July (mean) to me,” she said.

Being a part of the VFW as a veteran is only her next step, “my future military path,” she said.

VFW Member Phil Nichols is the one who planted the seed in Hirn’s head to join the VFW, even though she wasn’t out of the service yet.

“I would not have thought to join a VFW until I had retired, but the fact that my local community thought enough to know who I was and to think my accomplishments were enough to be a member,” she said.

When Hirn gets more settled, she said one of her first projects is to find out the other women in the military from previous combats.

“I know I am not the first woman in VFW Cass City as a combat,” she said. “I am very honored they chose me because I know there are others out there that went before me.”

When it comes to stereotypes with the VFW, Hayes was not one to mince words.

“I think the big thing most people think here is, the VFW is an old guys’ club,” he said.

“And we’re getting up in age, but it’s not. It’s made for both men, women, any combat veteran, that is a requirement.”

Of the women joining, Hayes said the group is a close-knit organization.

“You work hard, you play hard, but you know what the stakes are,” he said.

“I think the post has really done well in the past 2 years. I think their desire to look good and do good and to help the community and in return the community has supported us very well.”

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3 more O-G trustees resign

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The board asked for a hand vote from the 25 or so individuals attending the meeting, and they all indicated they supported both a part-time superintendent and a full-time principal, as well as Wencil for the superintendent’s position.

Drury acknowledged that Wencil faces some challenges in working with a relatively new school board. However, he remained optimistic.

“I just think it’s a very unfortunate

thing that happened to the district. No time is good to have 4 board members (resign), from an operational standpoint,” he said, adding if the school can attract applicants willing to come on board without personal agendas, the district should rebound from the exodus of current trustees.

“With board orientation and training, they should come out stronger, if they’re (new board members) willing to look at the big picture,” Drury said.

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