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CLOSE! Single vote decides races for village trustee seats in Cass City and Kingston

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Close, close, close.

That's probably the best way to describe races for trustee seats on the village councils in Cass City and Kingston during the Tuesday, Sept. 13, elections.



Nancy Barrios



Mick Kirn



Jenny Zawilinski

It was very much multi-generational — people of all ages," commented

In Cass City, 124 voters showed up at the polls, reelecting 2 incumbents and one challenger to 3, 4-year terms. They are Jenny L. Zawilinski, who has served on the council since April 2004 (84 votes); Mick Kirn, a trustee since July 2005 (71 votes); and newcomer Nancy K. Barrios (81 votes).

Challenger Bill Hartzell missed a tie vote by just one ballot, garnering 70 votes.

"This was one election when it was pretty much a steady stream of voters, and

Cass City Village Clerk-Treasurer, Nan Walsh. "It was a really good election."

Incumbent village President Carl Palmateer ran unopposed and won another 2-year term, receiving 113 votes.

In Kingston, voting errors cost a write-in candidate his seat on the village council.

There were 94 votes cast in all, according to Tuscola County Clerk Margie White, who said the 2 available 4-year trustee seats were claimed by Patricia A. Randall and Jeremy M. Romain, who received 51 votes and 46 votes, respectively. Write-in candidate Scott Fetting garnered 45 votes. However, White noted the county's board of canvassers negated 2 ballots for Fetting — one because the voter listed him as Doug Fetting, and the other because the resident voted for him as village president.

Also seeking one of the trustee seats was Andrew Crousore, who received 17 votes.

In addition, Robin LaFond was elected village president by a narrow margin, garnering 48 votes over write-in candidate William Miller's 42 votes.

Elsewhere in the Thumb, 129 voters went to the polls in the village of Ubyly, where citizens reelected incumbent Mark Brown, who ran without opposition. Likewise, village Clerk Lori White and Treasurer Laura Ann Kramer won terms after running unopposed.

There was no contest for a pair of 2-year trustee terms, won by incumbent Adam Kain and Nolan Pierson. However, challenger Barbara Butch ousted incumbent Shawn M. Wright for a lone 4-year term, receiving 78 votes over Wright's 33 votes.

Ubyly voters also reelected Sleeper Public Library Board Trustee Judy Harrington to a 6-year term. She received 71 votes, defeating Janice Please turn to page 8.



CASS CITY HIGH School alumnus Evelyn (Merchant) Miracle shared her success as a published author with local middle school students Thursday and Friday. Miracle, who presented hour-long programs to the students, has been published in Clubhouse and Clubhouse Jr., both award-winning magazines for children.

Over Damrow allegations

MSP closes investigation

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Michigan State Police investigators Friday confirmed they've closed their probe into a myriad of allegations targeting several Huron County public officials and residents after finding no criminal wrongdoing.

Those accusations were passed on to the state police by 84th District State Rep. Kurt Damrow (R-Port Austin), who represents Tuscola and Huron counties.

Now, Huron County Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson, who was among those targeted in the allegations, is calling for some accountability for the time and money spent by investigators.

Referring to a previous statement Damrow made to a Thumb area newspaper, in which Damrow indicated he was simply passing on concerns voiced to his office by constituents, Hanson said he firmly believes that was not the case.

"I still believe that someone needs to be held accountable for the time

and effort that was expended investigating these allegations," he added, noting he has requested a copy of the state police report under the Michigan Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). "I have a hard time believing MSP knowingly investigated second- and third-hand information."

Hanson said earlier this month that he had learned Damrow had gone to the state police "with a list of allegations about many prominent citizens Please turn to page 6.

Pupil numbers drop, but not like expected

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

The annual fall statewide student count is still 2 weeks away, and Cass City School officials are crossing their fingers.

Just a couple weeks into the 2011-12 school year, school Supt. Jeff Hartel says enrollment figures are constantly shifting. However, the district is still ahead of the game in terms of the number of kids school officials anticipated losing this year, he said.

"The last count I did was on the first day of school (Sept. 6). We were at 1,131 kids, which is 31 students less than last fall, but we had budgeted to be at 1,116 students," Hartel explained. "We're 18 students up (compared to our projection). So, we've lost kids, but not as many as we anticipated or budgeted for."

Based on the latest figures out of Lansing, Cass City School officials expect to receive \$6,846 per student this school year. The loss of 31 students would cost the district more than \$212,000.

In all, Cass City's total enrollment declined by some 300 kids between the 2006-07 school year and the 2010-11 school year. Using this year's state funding level, that translates into the loss of more than \$2 million in revenue.

There is some good news; Cass City officials expect to receive an extra, one-time payment of about \$110,000 this year by complying with the state's "best practices" requirements.

The funding is the result of a new Please turn to page 8.



PARENTS ARE encouraged to participate with their kids during the United Sportsmen's Alliance and Cass City Gun Club Annual Youth Day. Above, Scott Brown of Bad Axe coaches his 6-year-old daughter, Jolie, on the .22 rifle range. At right, she proudly displays her well-placed group of shots on a target.



30 Thumb area youth enjoy a day in outdoors

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Their goal isn't necessarily to get youths out from behind their computers or to put down their cell phones, ipods and other high-tech toys for a few hours, but members of the Thumb-based United Sportsmen's Alliance (USA) accomplish that monumental task just the same each year.

Members of USA and the Cass City Gun Club recently joined efforts again to host their annual Youth Day at the Cass City Gun Club.

The event drew more than 2 dozen kids this year, according to USA President Tom Lounsbury, who noted the goal behind the gathering is to expose youngsters to a variety of outdoor activities focusing on hunting and hunter safety.

USA was initially formed as a watchdog group in an effort to protect all hunters' rights, but the group also is very youth oriented, Lounsbury said.

"We realized the future is in youth," he added. "This is an introduction to the outdoors to the kids. It's just introducing them to the fun that is in the outdoors."

"We had 30 kids (attend this year), which is pretty good, considering there was a haunted house Please turn to page 5.



Meg's Peg
Let's talk
 by
Melva E. Guinther



Some people resent having to select "English" as a language for doing business at an ATM. They figure in an English speaking country, it should be assumed that we conduct business in English.

It really doesn't bother me to push a button to select the language. It's not that hard.

The whole issue of immigrants, legal or otherwise, is much too complicated and serious for a light-hearted column like this.

I do think that it would be good for a foreigner who plans to live here to make an attempt to learn the language. However, it's not as easy as it might appear to someone who has grown up with American English.

Americans, for the most part, don't actually speak English. As Prof. Henry Higgins said, "Why, in America they haven't used it for years."

Just for an example, what ESL class teaches words like "whuja" as in "Whuja do on the weekend?"

Or take an expression overheard at the grocery store recently from a mother to her child, "Gimmeum!" I believe the translation would be "Give them to me." But to a foreigner it might be incomprehensible.

I made a half-hearted effort to learn Spanish via the Rosetta Stone a couple years ago. I need to take it up again. It was fascinating, but the few expressions I conquered come and go so rapidly in a genuine Spanish conversation that I couldn't keep up.

In one of the early lessons, I confused the Spanish word pero (but) with perro (dog). The gist of the sentence was that the hombre (man) was sitting on the bicycle but was not riding the bicycle. I thought they were telling me that the dog wasn't riding the bike. My reaction was "How stupid! Of course the dog isn't riding the bike."

Surely people trying to learn English have similar problems.

Slang expressions alone would be daunting to a beginner.

Then there are the texting and Facebook shortcuts, which threaten to do away with any rules of grammar, syntax or spelling.

TTYL means talk to you later. BRB, be right back. LOL is laugh out loud. BTW, by the way. Several are more graphic and rude. We won't get into those.

My sister Peggy posted a list of shortcuts for the older generation on Facebook that I found quite apropos:

- ATD - at the doctor's
- BTW - bring the wheelchair
- BYOT - bring your own teeth
- BFF - best friend fell
- FWIW - forgot where I was
- GGPBL - gotta go. Pacemaker battery low
- GHA - got heartburn again
- IMHO - is my hearing aid on?
- LMDO - laughed my dentures out
- ROFLACGU - rolling on floor laughing and can't get up
- TTML - talk to me louder.

GGN. FWIW.

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Residents can donate nonperishable food items to local SOS branches

Secretary of State Ruth Johnson recently announced that residents can donate nonperishable food items at local Secretary of State branch offices, continuing a long-standing tradition of giving to families in need.

Johnson kicked off the 21st annual Michigan Harvest Gathering campaign at the state Capitol alongside Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette, who co-founded Michigan Harvest Gathering, and Michigan first lady Sue Snyder.

"Nearly 1 in 10 Michigan residents — more than one third of them children — will eat food supplied by a food bank this year," Johnson said. "Bill Schuette has done so much to bring about awareness and to help feed Michigan's hungry. I am proud that the Secretary of State's Office, and our employees, will be a part of this effort by collecting food in our branches. I encourage all Michigan residents to please donate and help your neighbors in need."

Dan Wyant, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality director; Paige Hathaway, member relations manager of the Michigan Health & Hospital Association; Linda Jones,

representative of the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development; and DeWayne Wells, Food Bank Council of Michigan Board chair also joined in the announcement.

"Since the start of the Michigan Harvest Gathering in 1990, we have been able to provide more than 15 million meals to Michigan residents," Schuette said. "Our mission is far from over, we need to continue to fight hard against hunger and keep Michigan families nourished. Every donation helps Michigan families make ends meet."

The 2011 goal is 300,000 pounds of food and \$750,000. In 2010, Michigan Harvest Gathering collected more than 180,000 pounds of food and \$930,000.

The Harvest Gathering campaign runs through Nov. 10. However,

donated items can be dropped off at any Secretary of State branch office through Dec. 16. People donating items should check the packages to ensure the food donated isn't past its expiration date.

The campaign is coordinated by the Food Bank Council of Michigan, which supplies the state's regional food banks through donations of food and money. The regional food banks serve food pantries, soup kitchens and shelters in every Michigan county.

For more information about branch office locations and Secretary of State services, visit www.Michigan.gov/sos. You may also sign up for the official SOS Twitter feed, www.twitter.com/Michsos, and Facebook updates, www.facebook.com/Michigansos.

It's a girl!



Brinley Weippert

Jason and Alecia Weippert of Cass City announce the arrival of their daughter, Brinley Marie.

Brinley was born July 26, 2011 at the Huron Medical Center. She weighed 7 pounds, 1 ounce and was 19 inches long.

Her grandparents are Lynn Adkins, and Dean and Patricia Little, all of Cass City.

Engaged



Corie Suuppi and Dean Little

Bill and Lisa Suuppi of Lapeer, announce the engagement of their daughter, Corie Lynne, to Dean Tyler Little, son of Dean and Patricia Little of Cass City.

Corie is a graduate of Lapeer East High School. Dean Tyler is a graduate of Cass City High School and Great Lakes Christian College.

An October 2011 wedding is being planned. The couple will make their home in Lapeer.

Engaged

Michael Zmierski II of Ubly and Mindy Error of Owendale announce their engagement.

Michael is a 2005 graduate of Cass City High School. He is currently employed by Active Feed Company. He is the son of Mike and Deb Zmierski of Cass City. Grandparents are Evelyn Stamp of Cass City, and Nancy Walters of Owendale.

Mindy is a 2007 graduate of Owen-Gage High School, and a 2011 graduate of SVSU with a Bachelor's Degree of Health Science. She is currently employed by Northwood Meadows. She is the daughter of Ken and Faye Error of Owendale. Grandparents are Ken and Sue Error of Owendale.

An Oct. 1, 2011 wedding is being planned at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Linkville.

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In Our OPINION..

Clarke Haire
Publisher

Tom Montgomery
Editor

Cass City is still a safe community

A headline on the front page of the Chronicle last week may have left some folks wondering if they're living in Cass City or Detroit.

In short, the story involved a 74-year-old Caro man who showed up at an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting at a local church and, after a verbal exchange with one man, produced a loaded handgun. The man allegedly cocked the weapon and threatened one man's life, but later willingly handed the gun over to another man who confronted him.

This was a frightening confrontation, one that could have easily ended in one or more senseless, violent deaths, in spite of the fact that veteran Cass City Police Officer Bill Hartzell was on hand within a couple of minutes of being dispatched to the scene.

On the other hand, Hartzell's presence probably prevented the situation from escalating, especially considering the suspect threatened to retrieve another gun, which he had in his truck along with alcohol, prescription drugs and marijuana.

The men attending that AA meeting deserve some credit here. They demonstrated not only courage, but also a level-headed response to the suspect's actions. But let's face it, they were also very lucky. He could have easily fired off a first shot in a split second. Who knows what might have happened then.

We're not going to give any advice here regarding how to react to a situation like this — even seasoned law enforcement officers won't, because they know that anytime there's a confrontation involving a weapon, the circumstances are unique. In other words, what might work with one suspect might set off another suspect.

However, the recent past has taught us that this sort of threat is a growing one due to many factors, including economic conditions that have pushed some into taking desperate measures.

What we will say is this: whether we like it or not, this is not the same community or rural county it was, where everyone knows everyone. That is to say, the lessons to be learned here include the need for all residents to be ever vigilant when it comes to suspicious situations or individuals.

Having said that, we hope residents will keep in mind that we still live in a very safe community.

This incident is also a reminder that this community must not — at any cost — ever allow tough times to sacrifice its 24/7 police department, a luxury that only 2 other municipalities, the cities of Caro and Vassar, enjoy in Tuscola County.

Sure, a full-time police department doesn't guarantee we won't face serious threats in the future, but it does mean that help is only minutes away should the need arise.

Now, more than ever, that presence is worth its weight in gold.



I am a quiet person living in a loud world. TVs, radios, music players, ringtones and voices all compete for attention. Sounds scatter in the air. I am surrounded by background noise.

My family pays no heed. They are not affected by the sound effects. In fact, they are contributors to the chaos and confusion.

For instance, sometimes, one or more of my children set two of the household TVs to the same channel. Then they leave, and the house is empty except for me and the loud televisions. On the best days, the show playing is the cartoon known as Sponge Bob. He talks incessantly. His voice is high-pitched and nasal. I find it impossible to ignore. My family does not.

Oh sure, I can get up, walk over to the TVs and hit the off buttons, but my rescue is short-lived. The young people living with me return and soon Mr. Square Pants is back on the small screen - and the joy of my quiet is no more.

The same thing happens in the car. Loud music with a hippity hip hop bippity bop beat does not enhance my driving skills. It distracts me. When I listen to music I do not feel like driving. I feel like dancing - and we all know dancing while driving is prohibited in at least 49 states.

I've come to the conclusion that most people are comfortable with sound waves because they can disregard them. The members of my family, for instance, have no trouble concentrating with the TV on, music piping through headphones and a video game playing on a cell phone.

I am not skilled in this manner. My brain works best when my thoughts experience no outside competition. I've decided this is caused by a filtering affliction. I lack the ability to sort through information and instead have a propensity to give it my full attention. When confronted with audio stimulation from multiple sources, I jump from one to the other, which results in a discombobulation of my brain function. In other words, I am unable to hear myself think.

I may be a rare and dying species. Certainly the ability to multi-task while facing an onslaught of information, music and noise is a skill worthy of survival of the fittest. I am far from fit. But, I'm willing to bet I'm not alone in my quest for calm. There must be others, like me, out there, suffering in out-of-shape silence.

I've decided to form a club for those of us who enjoy being alone with our thoughts. We'll call ourselves the

Silence Seekers. So far there are three members - me, myself and I - but I'm accepting applications starting today. You can rest assured membership status will be kept confidential. It's on the QT, so to speak (or preferably not to speak). We don't want anyone shouting this from the rooftops. I think you know what I mean. I'd appreciate it if you'd keep this information on the hush hush, but consider yourself (quietly) invited. Text me. I'll have my ringtone set to silent.

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

Letter to the Editor

9/11 memorial a fine tribute to victims

Last weekend, I watched 3,000 children of 9/11. Those who lost one parent or even 2 in 9/11. This weekend, I watched 9/11/01 right through 9/11/11 memorial complete. I felt as an American, I owed it to them.

friends, 1,200 said yes and that was honored.

Ten years ago small maple (I think) trees were planted in the middle of 10,000 pounds of dirt so they could grow unhindered. A machine was invented to pick up the wooden planers, now with mature trees to be placed as an arbor on the memorial side, a leafy woods on the other.

The makings of the memorial was unbelievable. The only manmade waterfalls, finger rails for water to run over, names of victims surrounding pools cut in granite by high speed water drills.

A very dedicated work by all those involved with 9/11 memorial on their jackets and helmets. Lest we forget.

Survivors sure asked if they'd like their loved ones placed adjacent to

Respectfully,
Joan D. Merchant

Reporter's notebook

My name is not Mike. Seriously

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

"It was nice talking to you. Have a great day, Mike." That's how he ended our conversation.

I was talking to a former longtime area resident who called just to say "hi" and yak about changes in the town and at the Chronicle over the years. It was nice to hear from him.

The only problem is, my name isn't Mike.

Now, I've been called much worse, but it still stung a little.

The caller was no doubt referring to one of my predecessors at the Chronicle, former editor Mike Eliasohn, who left the Chronicle in 1984 after a 7-year stint in the editor's seat to accept a position in Benton Harbor with the Herald-Palladium.

Talk about big shoes to fill. At least that was my impression after reading a Rabbit Track penned by the Chronicle's late, former longtime publisher, John Haire. "This will be Mike's last issue," he wrote, "and he'll celebrate by handling the election and probably working all night Tuesday. That's typical of the best editor we ever had."

I arrived in Cass City in 1986 and spent the first several years here being called "Mike" by a number of area residents. Actually, I really didn't mind.

I don't know a great deal

about Mike. I do know he went on to enjoy a long and successful career in journalism until his retirement a few years ago.

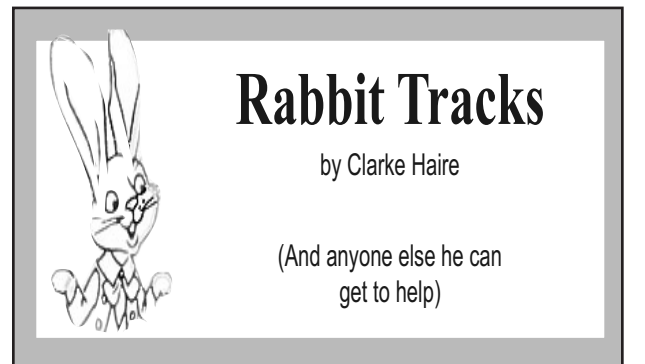
And, while in Cass City, I'm told he virtually lived at the Chronicle office and was known for his skills when it came to designing, building and riding some very interesting bicycles in town over the years. His verbal battles with John over editorial decisions are also legendary. But I respect the fact that, in spite of their differences, John and Mike kept in touch after Mike moved on.

I enjoyed finally meeting Mike during one of his rare return visits to Cass City some time ago. It was nice to finally put a face together with the legend, you know? Mike was personable and seemed genuinely interested in talking about the Chronicle and our experiences here. Makes sense. After all, newspaper editors are (or should be) staunchly protective of their papers while at the editorial helm, so to speak.

In spite of the fact that we had started to put some Michigan Press Association Better Newspaper Contest hardware on the wall when Mike arrived, I still felt like I was working under his shadow.

That's okay. As I said, I really don't mind. In fact, give me a call and I'll tell you so myself.

Just ask for Mike.



Kudos to the Cass City Class of 2014. Several class members were hard at work early Friday evening, flagging down folks in front of Curtis Chrysler to participate in the downtown dealership's "Dodge Booster Club Fundraiser." Their efforts helped attract 100 participants to take fundraising test drives, resulting in a \$2,000 donation for local high school students.

I was happy to discover Saturday morning that the former Cass City teacher Mark Estelle was able to find a new job after budget cuts forced the elimination of his position in the local district.

He was among the spectators watching a youth soccer match between Cass City and Elkton over the weekend. Claimed he didn't really know who to cheer for, but truth be told, he came to watch some of his former elementary Red Hawk students play. Still, his new employment is with the Lakers, and you can see why that could mess things up.

Since moving to Elkton, Estelle has become interested in the wind turbines in the surrounding area. And so am I.

By the way, do you know that the energy producing blades, according to Estelle, spin at 175 miles-per-hour?



The Novesta Church of Christ, 2896 N. Cemetery Rd, is the site of the Cass City Rotary Club's "Scrapbook Crop" slated for Nov. 5 from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Your \$30 donation includes lunch, dinner, drinks and snacks and an opportunity to win door prizes. As always, proceeds will benefit the community. Contact Melissa Mathewson for more information or to register at (989) 670-9043 or mamatthewson@gmail.com

Another fundraiser is being planned for Nov. 18 at the Caro High School.

There, Ronnie McDowell will star in the annual Tuscola County Sheriff Department Mounted Division Country Music Show.

Officials claim no country music fan will want to miss this show and tickets are \$18 in advance and \$22 at the door. For ticket and concert information, please call 1-800-205-7174.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Wednesday, September 21

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

Thursday, September 22

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

Senior Lunch, noon, Shabbona United Methodist Church.

Thumb TEA Party meeting, 6:30 p.m., Evangelical Free Church, 6430 Chestnut Blvd., Cass City. Guest speaker: Sen. Mike Green, 31st District. For more information, call 989-872-2657.

Friday, September 23

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

Saturday, September 24

Kingston United Methodist Church Harvest Supper & Auction. Supper: 5-6:30 p.m.; Auction: 7 p.m.

Food Distribution, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. (or until food is gone), St. Joseph's Catholic Church on M-24 in Mayville. Please bring boxes, bags or containers to put your food in. Everyone is welcome to attend. No cost. For more information, please call (989) 672-2202.

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, September 25

Gagetown AA meeting, 8-9 p.m., Gagetown fire hall. For more information, call (989) 665-0086 or (989) 912-5493.

Monday, September 26

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.

Cass City School board meeting, 7 p.m.

Hills & Dales General Hospital Auxiliary meeting, 11:30 a.m., Gilligans.

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

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

Tuesday, September 27

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

Wednesday, September 28

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



READY TO TAKE their place on the Tuscola County Community Foundation Board of Directors are new members (from left) Denise Harrington of Caro, Amy Peters of Cass City and Tim Berlin of Millington.

Cass City's Peters is among foundation board members

Tuscola County Community Foundation officials recently announced the appointments of 3 new foundation board members.

The most recent terms completed by Dorothy Scollon of Cass City and Jill White of Caro have expired, and they will be replaced by newly-appointed members Amy Peters, Cass City, co-owner of Knights Insurance Agency, and Denise Harrington, Caro, retired educator. In addition, Tim Berlin, superintendent of the Millington Community Schools, was appointed to fill a vacancy left by former Millington School Supt. Larry Kroswek, who has left the area.

The Tuscola County Community Foundation currently maintains 74 funds, with assets totaling more than \$8 million, according to foundation Executive Director Ken Micklash.

"Approximately \$2 million of grants and scholarships have been awarded by the community foundation since its inception in 1998,"

Micklash said. "The mission of the organization is to help make Tuscola County a better place to live."

Anyone interested in obtaining information about contributing to an existing fund or creating a new fund

can learn more by contacting the foundation at: Tuscola County Community Foundation, P.O. Box 534, Caro, MI 48723, by calling (989) 673-8223, or by sending an email to: tccf534@centurytel.net.

Circuit court news

Several face charges

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

• Boyden R. McClenathen, 51, Vassar, pleaded guilty to delivery/manufacture of marijuana July 26, 2010, in Vassar Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

• David V. Birk, 53, Fairgrove, was sentenced to 180 days in the county jail (90 days deferred), with work release, for his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, March 28 in Akron Township.

He was also placed on 60 months probation and ordered to complete 100 hours of community service and pay court costs and fines totaling \$1,698.

• Arden J. Thompson, 48, Silverwood, was sentenced to 180 days in jail and 24 months probation for his plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, subsequent offense, Dec. 31 in Dayton Township.

He was also ordered to pay \$698 in costs and fines.

• Leroy S. Vanauken, 47, Vassar, was sentenced to 75 days in jail, with work release, for his pleas of no contest to second degree child abuse and operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor - with an occupant under the age of 16 years April 30 in Vassar Township.

He was also placed on 60 months probation and ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$251.

• Paul T. Dost, 52, Reese, received a 9-month delayed sentence following his plea of no contest to assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer March 14 in Reese.

He was also ordered to pay \$448 in costs and fines.

• George-Michael A. Vanluven, 32, Caro, stood mute to charges of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, and

driving while his license was suspended or revoked Aug. 14 in Indianfields Township. He is also charged with being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convictions).

A pre-trial hearing was ordered in the case and bond was continued at \$10,000.

• Jennifer M. Burns, 28, Mayville, pleaded guilty to 2 counts of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor - with an occupant under the age of 16 years May 28 in Fremont Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

• Angela E. Johnson, 36, Millington, received a one-year delayed sentence following her plea of guilty to falsely reporting a felony (unlawfully driving away an automobile) June 11 in Caro.

She was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$498.

• Donald L. Reil, 48, Vassar, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, and possession of marijuana July 29 in Juniata Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

• Kenneth L. Wood, 50, Kingston, pleaded guilty to domestic violence, third offense, March 30 in Dayton Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convictions).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$5,000. Sentencing is to be set.

• Anthony L. Parrish, 23, Fairgrove, pleaded guilty to assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer May 9 in Fairgrove. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered. Sentencing is to be scheduled.




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30 kids explore outdoors during Youth Day

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at Evergreen Park and Fall Family Days at the Octagon Barn," said

Lounsbury, who estimated there were 50 participants in all, including parents and other family members. "We encourage the adults to

participate with their kids. We've had a lot of mothers pick up a bow for the first time, for instance." The slate of activities and demon-

strations included tree stand safety, shooting .22 rifles, archery, and shotgun trap and skeet.

"We make sure everyone walks away with a prize, and we make sure they all get a chance to experience the fun of the outdoors and share it with their families," he said. "That's it — just to give them a taste of it. A lot of kids, today, don't even get a chance to sample it."

In the end, Lounsbury said, the group's goal is to offer kids an enjoyable day of learning and exploring that will stay with them for a lifetime.

Right to Life dinner set Sept. 27

Tuscola County Right to Life will be hosting its annual benefit dinner Tuesday, Sept. 27, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 903 Ryan Rd., Caro. The doors will open at 6 p.m., with the program starting at 6:30 p.m.


Baptist Church in Bay City. Austin has dedicated many years of her life to helping women who have been the victims of abuse and women who have suffered the trauma of abortion. As a young mother, she found herself newly divorced, abused, raising 3 sons alone and pregnant, carrying a baby exposed to German measles.

Organizers of the benefit dinner say she will share her compelling story, which focuses on making positive decisions and choosing life.

More information, including ticket prices, is available by calling Tuscola County Right to Life at (989) 872-3259.

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FIVE-YEAR-OLD Abby Walker of Kingston recently won the youth raffle for a Lucky's Hunting Blind during the United Sportmen's Alliance and Cass City Gun Club Annual Youth Day.



WES O'DELL of Mayville coaches 14-year-old **Chris Peters** on shotgun shooting at the trap range at the Cass City Gun Club.



INSTRUCTORS DICK Szarapski of Cass City (left) and **Jerry Keck** of Mayville offer some archery tips to **Wyatt LaBlanc**, 13, of Caro.



DAVE DUNN of Cass City coaches young shooters on the .22 rifle range during the USA and Cass City Gun Club Annual Youth Day recently.

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Owen-Gage names student of month

Alexis Morrish has been named Owendale-Gagetown School's "Senior Student of the Month" for September.

Morrish has been a member of the girls' basketball team all through high school. She has also played softball since her sophomore year.

She has been on the honor roll and a member of the 3.0 Honors Club each year. As a sophomore, Morrish represented her class on the snowball court and was a member of the E.P.I.C.S. program. She served her junior year, as well as this year, as class vice-president. She also was a member of the yearbook/newspaper/webpage staff last year and will serve this year as the school newspaper's editor.

Morrish is the daughter of Janet Abfalter of Gagetown and Mark Morrish of Gagetown. After graduation, she plans to attend college to major in business management.



Alexis Morrish

Troopers close investigation

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from our county. The list includes myself, 2 judges — one retired — several attorneys, members of our road commission and various other citizens.

"These outrageous allegations range from myself flying a drug dealer around the country during the 1990s and acts of intimidation as sheriff, to a judge running over a person, causing death, and then being covered up by the prosecutor's office," Hanson said. "Others include the road commission, where members and employees are implicated as being in conflicts of interest, to allegations of a judge and a local attorney being arrested for being with prostitutes and in possession of drugs.

"From what I've learned from my sources, a document or some type of communication of several allegations has been supplied to the MSP," the sheriff continued. "This suggests retaliation against myself and others when we felt that Mr. Damrow should comply with the law just like

any citizen in this county."

Hanson said he released information regarding the allegations to the media in an effort to expedite the investigation — not to interfere with the investigation.

"There is a need...to prevent needless circulation of what I believe to be false information that creates uncalled-for hardships on respectable public servants," he said. "I feel full disclosure needs to occur, whether these allegations are true or, in fact, false.

"Since learning of this investigation, myself and others have had to take time away from day-to-day operations at our sheriff's office to address these concerns," Hanson added. "One can only imagine how much time and effort that the MSP has invested into this. This certainly has the appearance that the taxpayers' money is being spent needlessly because of a personal vendetta Mr. Damrow has with many of us in Huron County."

Calls to Damrow's Lansing office, seeking comment, were not returned by press time.

Highway trash pick-up set

Adopt-A-Highway volunteers are preparing for the final clean sweep of state highways from Saturday, Sept. 24, through Sunday, Oct. 2. Approximately 3,100 groups will be out during the 9-day pickup period, said the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), and they will clean more than 7,000 miles of highways.

"Adopt-A-Highway volunteers help us stretch our limited resources while helping with an important task — keeping Michigan highways clean," said State Transportation Director Kirk T. Steudle. "It takes

thousands of volunteers and we are grateful for their help. Please slow down and watch out for them as they pick up trash. Drive carefully through the pickup areas, just as carefully as you would through a construction work zone."

Annually, the Adopt-A-Highway program saves MDOT about \$1.5 million. The statewide beautification program is supported by groups who pick up litter 3 times a year, in April, July and September. Volunteer groups include members of businesses, families, churches and civic organizations.

Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO

Fred Sullivan of Gagetown has been named a Melvin Jones Fellow by Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) in recognition of his commitment to serving the local and world community. Named for the founder of Lions Clubs International, Melvin Jones, the fellowship is the foundation's highest honor. It is a recognition of a commitment to humanitarian service. Sullivan is a member of the Owendale Lions Club. He recently received a finely crafted plaque and lapel pin acknowledging his dedication to the foundation's goals. As a Melvin Jones Fellow, Sullivan becomes a part of a growing network of individuals who are committed to improving the quality of life for people locally and in communities around the world.

The recipients of Schneeberger's Athlete of the Week honors go to Red Hawk seniors Emily Schinnerer, Derek Ricker and Micah Randall. Halfbacks Ricker and Randall both rushed for touchdowns in Friday's 41-38 setback against USA. The pair also helped provide quarterback protection and supplied key blocks throughout the night. Schinnerer paced the lady Hawk cagers with 17 points against Mayville. She was also a key factor for the winners under the boards, who outscored the Wildcats in every quarter.

Fifty women and girls attended the American Girl Tea hosted recently by Rawson Memorial Library. Many of the girls dressed up as their favorite American Girl Doll. Maegan LeValley was the winner of the drawing for the American Girl Doll, "Molly", at the tea.

10 YEARS AGO

David Fritz presented the Michigan Centennial Farm marker to Wells Township residents Jerry and Connie Vandemark on behalf of Thumb Electric Cooperative. The farm has been in the Vandemark family for 107 years.

The running Red Hawks had a great weekend. Coach Ernie Stec said. The Nike-Holly High School Cross Country Invitational is one of the biggest meets in the state. Both the boys and girls ran against 20 teams. The boys finished 14th out of 20 teams. They were paced by Brandon Vargo with a time of 20:19. The girls finished 4th out of 20 teams. They received a fourth place trophy and individual medals. Four girls also received medals for finishing in the top 40. They are Tara Whittaker 40; Ashley Ouvry 29; Liz Hoyt 18, and Annjea Tanton 7. Tanton also earned a "top ten" shirt for her effort. The rest of the girls ran their best or close to their best times, Carrie Hillaker was only one place away from placing in the top 40.

Owen-Gage won a pair of matches in North Central League competition last week. Monday the Bulldogs defeated Caseville in stroke play 187-216 and in match play 5-1. Corbin Swiastyn was medallist with a 41 and Josh Powell shot 46. Swiastyn was also medallist with a sparkling 37 as the Bulldogs topped C-PS 179 to 182 in stroke play and in match play 3-2. Earl McKee shot 42 and Matt Winkley topped C-PS with a 42.

25 YEARS AGO

The orange glow, cigarette smoke, rock & roll and a dance floor pulsing with people are trademarks of one of the Thumb's weekend hangouts - The Station. Catering to a young crowd that likes to dance, the club's 200 person capacity is usually filled Friday and Saturday nights. Thursdays are a little less wild and not as crowded according to Steve Dybilas, an employee who does "a little bit of everything." Dybilas said his boss, Roger Reid, gets bands from all over. Next week a Toledo band will play. They come from Wisconsin, Lansing, Ann Arbor, Detroit, Bay City and Saginaw. Saturday's band, The Jennifer Lewis Band, came from East Lansing. "Roger tries to get #1 bands," Dybilas said. "They're all pretty good Top 40 bands."

Pete Walpole, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Walpole of Cass City, is a triple threat football player for Principia, a private school where he is in his senior year. Walpole is quoted in a newspaper article as saying that he has learned at Principia that what's important is being the best person and the best athlete that you can be. At the high school, Walpole is known as a dangerous open field runner. In addition to running back, he serves as safety, punter and backup quarterback. He's a fine all-around versatile player, Principia Coach Brian Morse says.

The rains have let up somewhat but their damage has to be undone. In Tuscola County, federal flood damage estimates are at \$807,000 for public property, \$2,224,000 for private property and \$10,000,000 for agricultural damage. It will be a couple weeks before everything gets repaired, said Road Commission Clerk Jim Miklovic. Emergency Services Director Jim McCann said the estimate of damages will continue to rise. He expects it to top out at \$35 to \$40 million.

50 YEARS AGO

Walt Miller of Owosso, freight agent for the Grand Trunk Railroad in Cass City from 1940-55, was the honored guest at a retirement banquet Saturday night in Owosso. It marked the end of a long and distinguished service for Mr. Miller. He

started railroading at 17 when he went to work for the Ann Arbor railroad. Four years later he started with the Grand Trunk system and stayed for 48 years. Mr. Miller's wife, his three daughters and their families were present. They are: the Ivan Schrams of Pontiac, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wilson and family of Waterford and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Keating and sons of Cass City. Also attending were Mr. and Mrs. Ben Kirton of Cass City. What will Mr. Miller do now? He looks forward to doing some fishing and says he definitely will not get up at 6:45 daily.

Very few persons get a glimpse of Communist Poland these days . . . and fewer still, before returning, make arrangements to bring back a brand new wife to this country. But friendly John Zabinski did just that this summer. The Polish immigrant enjoyed a fabulous two months in his former homeland and married his former sister-in-law.

The retail division of the Cass City Chamber of Commerce discussed plans for the next three months for the business of Cass City. Under the direction of Chairman Keith McConkey the group set their sights on several promotions and projects. Top on the list is a drive to have all store windows and fronts decorated for the Christmas season . . . no later than the weekend after Thanksgiving. Also planned are several townwide sale days. A Harvest Days will be held Oct. 12-13-14. Plans call for it to be one of the biggest sales events of the year. The group also discussed curb and gutter of streets leading from Main Street and paving of the alleys. No conclusions were drawn.

100 YEARS AGO

William Flint of this place caps the climax in this locality for a man near the 70th mark, taking into consideration what an early settler goes through in succeeding to gain a good farm and providing for his family as well. He has now 19 acres of wheat sown, in good shape and ought to be fairly recompensed with a good crop another year if all goes well.

Deford - Dr. Howell, when not busy mending broken limbs and healing wounds, devotes time to his farm on the outskirts of Deford. Just now he makes frequent trips to superintend the erection of a new barn on the place. The doctor also raises livestock and saves considerable time in feeding by having two calves come to the house for their daily rations. Possibly the doctor has also improved on the old method of serving the feed whereby the animal makes life miserable for the person who holds the pail. If he has, Chronicle readers would be glad to learn of it.



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<p>Cass City Church of Christ 6743 E. Main St., Cass City, MI 48726 Contacts 872-2367 or 872-3136 Worship Service Sunday 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. Bible Study - Sunday 10:00 a.m. & Wednesday 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>First Baptist Church <i>(Independent, Fundamental)</i> Barrier Free 6420 Houghton St., Cass City, MI 48726 989-872-3155 Sunday School All Ages 9:45 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship Service 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 6:30 p.m. Wednesday - Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 7:00 p.m. AWANA Clubs 6:45 p.m. During School Year Thursday Teen Club 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Pastor: David G. Hill Website: www.fbcccc.us</p>	<p>Potter's House Christian Fellowship Church Corner of 6th and Leach, Cass City, MI 48726 872-5186 Thursday Evening 7:00 p.m. Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m. Pastor: F. Robert Tucker</p>
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Obituaries

David Clinesmith

David C. Clinesmith, 68, long time resident of Shay Lake, died suddenly Saturday, Sept. 10, 2011 at his home in Dayton Township.

He was born Jan. 11, 1943 in Marlette, the son of D.C. and Rose (Rakoczy) Clinesmith.

He married Arlene Grow March 7, 1964 in Kingston.

David enjoyed farming. He enjoyed watching the Detroit Tigers and most of all, spending time with his family.

David is survived by his wife, Arlene of Cass City; mother, Rose Clinesmith of Silverwood; children: Tim Clinesmith of Silverwood, Christopher (Stephanie) Clinesmith of Clinton Township, Deborah Clinesmith of Cass City, and Kevin (Lisa) Clinesmith of Arlington, Va.; a brother, Don (Onna) Clinesmith of Vassar; and 7 grandchildren: Brittany, Ketan, Courtney, Kailey, Cody, Gunnar and Stefanee.

He was preceded in death by his father, D.C. Clinesmith.

Cremation has taken place at Sunset Valley Crematory in Bay City. A memorial service was held Wednesday, Sept. 14, at Marsh Funeral Chapel, Marlette, with the Rev. Daniel Bowman officiating.

Memorials may be made to the family.

Arrangements were made by the Marsh Funeral Chapel, Marlette.

Elizabeth McCool-Calhoon

Elizabeth Louise McCool-Calhoon, 84, of Saginaw, formerly of Kingston, died following a short illness Saturday, Sept. 17, 2011 in her home in Saginaw with her family by her side.

She was born April 29, 1927 in the parsonage in Pickford, to the Rev. Walter Scott and Flora Priscilla (Endersbe) Hubbard.

She married E.J. McCool May 11, 1945 in Kingston. He died Feb. 24, 1990 after 45 years together. She then married Rollin "Cal" Calhoon Sept. 26, 1995. He died Nov. 25, 1996 after 14 wonderful months.

Elizabeth lived in the Kingston area since she was 15 years old. Elizabeth was a longtime faithful member of Caro Church of the Nazarene. For many years Elizabeth was a representative for Stanley Home Products as one of their top sales persons. After her son Richard was injured Elizabeth dedicated herself to his care and soon became an active advocate for people in similar situations. She traveled many places to speak offering inspiration, education

and spiritual comfort. Over the years Elizabeth was a great comfort for many people visiting them at home or in the hospital. She enjoyed keeping in contact with friends and family, sometimes by email, phone or the large stacks of outgoing mail she sent daily. She put in many hours as a volunteer at Positive Alternatives in Caro. Elizabeth was an avid sports fan. She especially enjoyed football and all the Detroit teams including the Lions, Tigers and Pistons. Elizabeth's greatest blessings were her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Elizabeth is survived by her son, Douglas Jay McCool of Newberry; grandchildren: Michelle (Al) McCool-Neff of Saginaw, Scott McCool of Kingston, and Jason (Melanie) McCool of Marysville, OH; a daughter-in-law, Emily McCool; great-grandchildren: Ethan Scott McCool, Emily Neff, and James Neff; sisters: Edna (Raymond) Moore of Kingston, Wesley (Roxie) Hubbard of Portage, and Geneva (Joe) McIntyre of Bakersville, CA; brother, sister-in-law, Pauline Hubbard of Sacramento, CA; step-children: Carl (Dale) Calhoon of Shallotte, NC, Bob (Pam) Calhoon of Butler, PA, and Tim (Carol) Calhoon of Flint; step-son-in-law, Bill Jeffrey; many

other grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and close friends.

She was preceded in death by her son, Chaplain Richard Wesley McCool; a brother, the Rev. Walter Hubbard; and step-daughter, Joan Jeffrey.

Funeral services were held today (Wednesday), at the Caro Church of the Nazarene with the Rev. Fred Prince officiating.

Interment was in the Kingston Cemetery, Kingston.

Memorials may be made to Positive Alternatives or Lighthouse Rehabilitation Center.

Family and friends may share memories, prayers and stories with the family at www.kranzfuneralhome.com.

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Grants boosting war on criminals

Federal funding is boosting efforts to foil drug traffickers and other criminals throughout Michigan, including the Thumb.

Gov. Rick Snyder last week announced that 37 criminal justice agencies will receive \$7 million in grants to strengthen anti-drug and crime fighting efforts in the state. The funding is made possible through the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (Byrne JAG) Program and the Residential Substance Abuse Treatment for State Prisoners (RSAT) Program.

In the Thumb, the Thumb Narcotics Unit (TNU) was awarded \$104,060 during the current fiscal year in the category of multijurisdictional task forces.

The money will go towards continuation of a project for TNU, a multi-jurisdictional task force that covers Huron, Tuscola, Sanilac and Lapeer counties. TNU's goal is to investigate, apprehend and convict individuals involved in illegal narcotics trafficking and other related criminal offenses. The drug team, comprised of local, county and state agencies, also assists local law enforcement with non-drug violent and non-violent criminal investigations.

TNU was awarded \$77,004 in federal funding to continue its mission in 2012.

The Caseville Police Department also received a Byrne JAG grant, in the amount of 14,128, for technology enhancement projects in 2011.

The department is using the money to purchase 2 digital, in-car camera systems for its patrol cars, and 2 linked office computers to wirelessly

retrieve/store digital videos.

Another federal grant totaling \$49,498 has been awarded to the Huron County Sheriff's Department in 2012 for evidence-based efficiency projects.

The department will use the funding to purchase a complete electronic ticketing solution to replace inefficient and outdated paper-based ticketing. The system will include ticket-writing software, a web-based portal for administration and an eCommerce website for citizens to use to pay their tickets online.

"Protecting Michigan citizens is a top priority, and these grants will go a long way toward combating drug abuse and violence across the state," Snyder said of the grants. "This funding will help build stronger communities through increased drug enforcement, prevention and treatment efforts, as well as the implementation of innovative, evidence-based technology."

Byrne JAG funds support all aspects of the criminal justice system, and the recent awards focus on multijurisdictional drug task forces, priority population drug courts and evidence-based innovative technology.

RSAT funds, meanwhile, support the development and implementation of residential substance abuse treatment programs in correctional and detention facilities.

Byrne grants are named in honor of New York City Police Department Officer Edward Byrne. Byrne was fatally shot by drug traffickers in 1988 while on assignment, protecting a witness in a drug case.

Student numbers fall

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state law that appropriated some \$154 million for districts and public school academies that meet 4 out of 5 financial best practices. Those practices including charging employees at least 10 percent of health care insurance premiums, being named the policy holders for medical benefit plans, developing and implementing bids on non-instructional services, providing citizens with a web-based "dashboard" or report card with specific indicators, and drafting and implementing a service consolidation plan agreement. Examples of service consolidation practices include utilizing the local intermediate school district to fill staff vacancies and handle job postings, and sharing a chief financial officer with another school district.

Hartel indicated he's confident the Cass City Public Schools will meet all 5 requirements. "Everything has been submitted (to the Michigan Department of Education) to get these types of dollars," he said, adding he won't count on the funding until he knows for certain that Lansing is going to follow through with its promise to deliver the cash

along with the school's foundation grant payment next month.

Michigan schools receive a majority of their revenue each year in the form of a state foundation allowance, a funding amount — adding up to roughly 85 percent of schools' budgets — that is applied to the number of students in each district.

A school's enrollment is determined by "blending" 2 separate counts; one conducted in the fall and the other one during the previous February. That state's formula places a heavy emphasis on the fall tally. In the past, the fall count was worth 75 percent of a district's total blended enrollment, but the formula was revised for this year, making the fall enrollment worth 90 percent.

"It just puts more emphasis on that first count," Hartel said of this year's fall count, slated to be conducted Wednesday, Oct. 5.

Typically, kids tend to come and go with more frequency in the fall, forcing school officials to wait until the actual student count before figuring out just how much revenue will be coming in, according to Hartel.

"These next couple of weeks between now and count day, there's a lot of movement," he added. "The numbers change daily."

School year	Total number of students
2006-07	1,463
2007-08	1,358
2008-09	1,303
2009-10	1,210
2010-11	1,162

**All numbers are from the statewide student counts conducted in the fall*

Single vote decides races

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Sageam, who garnered 52 votes. In addition, residents overwhelmingly approved a library renewal tax of .6999 of a mill, which will raise an estimated \$15,967 in the first year. The tax, effective through 2015, was

approved on a vote of 112 to 12.

Just 15 voters turned out to the polls in the village of Owendale. They filled 2 trustee terms by electing Martin Blondell and Troy D. Smith. A third seat remains vacant due to a lack of candidates.


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AMA District 14 State Championship races were held recently at Lucky Thumb Motorcycle Club. Leading the quad class are #45 Josh Mackowiak of Cass City, #66 Andrew Bock of Cass City, #23 Chris Forbes of North Branch, #88 Brandon Hergenreder of Cass City, and #27 of Jonathan Stierle of Deford. The win went to Josh Mackowiak.

District 14 Short Track 2011 Lucky Thumb ST State Championship

Quad
 Andrew Bock - Cass City 20
 Josh Mackowiak - Cass City 16
 Brandon Hergenreder - Cass City 13

0-400CC Vintage
 Justin Thomas - Manitou Beach 20
 David Rogers - North Branch 16
 John Tejchma - Muskegon 13

Senior 40+
 Lyle Barber Jr. - Auburn 20
 Bob Knapp - Burton 16
 Lonnie Vanderpool 13

0-51 Pee Wee
 Natalie Brinker 20
 Dylan Langmaid - Caro 16
 Austin Harrington - Millington 13

451+ Open Single
 Jack Mayer Jr. - Midland 20
 Dean Young - Flint 16
 Jason Rosencrautz - Flushing 13

401-505 A
 Jordan McCreedy - Marlette 20
 Kyle Johnson - Twin Lake 16
 Ben Lowe - Holly 13

401-505 B
 Justin Thomas - Manitou Beach 20
 Danny Oda - Linden 16
 Devin Pfeiffer - Metamora 13

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 Brandon Kitchen - Marlette 20
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251+ Open Twin
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 Jack Mayer Jr. - Midland 20
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 Richard Desrosiers - Marine City 13

0-85CC 7-13
 Calob Blain - Rockford 20
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 Hunter Walters - Atlas 13

0-51CC Chain 4-8
 Jacob Nichols - Caro 20
 Jordan Jean - Midland 16
 Bryce M. Langmaid - Caro 13

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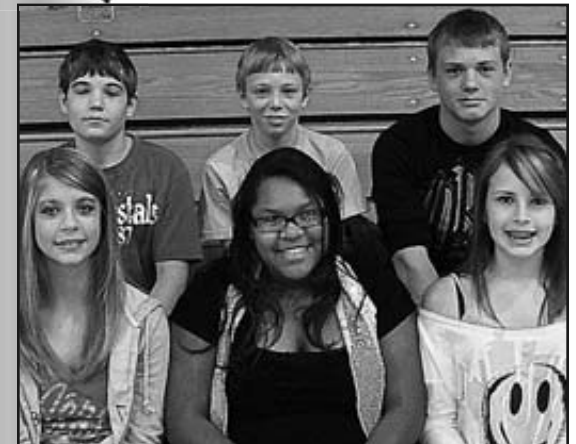
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Final half rally lifts USA past Cass City, 20-13

Cass City slipped to 1-3 on the season Friday, when visiting USA staged a final half rally to register a 20-13 decision in Greater Thumb West play.

After a scoreless opening quarter, Cass City sandwiched a pair of TDs around a Dan Rieck marker for the visitors, to merge in front 13-6 at the midway point.

Red Hawk Josh Jensen recorded the game's opening touchdown on a 34-yard run, but following Rieck's 48-yard reception from quarterback Jacob Beachy, it appeared Cass City

would take just a slim one-point edge at the break.

However, Cass City was able to answer the USA score by moving nearly the length of the field with just 33 ticks showing on the clock.

Cory Haney hauled in a long Ethan Nicol pass to cover most of the distance, before Nick Kappen sprinted the final 11 yards to give the hosts all the momentum entering the locker room. Nicol completed 5 tosses on the night for 84 yards, 4 to Kappen down the stretch on screen plays that Please turn to page 12.



CASS CITY'S Zac Potrykus puts a good hit on USA's McKay Jones in Friday night's GTW contest. The Red Hawk senior recorded 7 tackles.

Cardinals dominate AuGres-Sims

Kingston kept its home record unblemished Friday in non-conference play with a 48-0 victory over the AuGres-Sims Wolverines. The Cardinals are now hoping to stay perfect for another week, away from North Central Thumb League action at home, as Arenac Eastern comes to town Friday for a homecoming match-up.

And if Coach Lane Walker can get another dominating performance from his big men, chances are good the Cardinals will capture their third win on the campaign, all coming at home.

Kingston put up 487 yards of total offense, including 31 first downs. Behind the blocking of Todd Sabin, Adian Esterline, David Phillips, Evan George, Colton Bundschuh and others, the winners were able to produce a pair of 100 yard rushers.

"Our offensive line really played well. We had over 400 yards rushing and that was huge," said Walker.

Usually helping to create those

holes along the front line, senior lineman Dustin Pennington was moved into the Cardinal backfield. He made the most of the opportunity, rushing for 140 yards on 14 carries and 3 touchdowns.

"We moved Dustin to running back and he had a huge game. We are really happy with how our team responded after a heartbreaking one point loss last week, they answered the call," said Walker.

Kingston quarterback Evan Bootz gained 138 yards on 17 totes, scoring twice. He also added 77 passing yards on a 7-of-14 effort.

Bootz struck first for the hosts on a 10-yard run, which resulted in the opening quarter's only points. But, the Cardinals would score twice in each quarter for the remainder of the night and the outcome was in hand entering the final 12 minutes.

Pennington recorded his first TD from 4 yards out, and Bootz dove over from the one-yard line to make the score 21-0 at the halfway point.

Pennington and Phillips capped the Cardinals' third quarter scoring drives with short runs inside the red zone.

Leading 34-0, Walker was able to clear his bench for most of the final quarter.

"I was so proud of the way our guys

hit and played hard tonight. We brought up 9 kids from the J.V. and they played well. It was fun to see a lot of kids play and contribute towards a win."

Defensively, Chris Hilborn had 14 tackles, while Marcus Hale was in on 10 stops for the Cardinals.

Football Standings

Greater Thumb West				
Team	W	L	T	W
USA	3	0	0	3
Reese	2	0	0	3
Vassar	2	1	0	3
Cass City	1	1	1	3
Bad Axe	1	2	1	3
EPBP	0	2	0	4
BCAS	0	3	0	4

Greater Thumb East				
Team	W	L	T	W
Marlette	2	0	0	4
H. Beach	1	0	0	4
Ubyly	2	1	0	3
Sandusky	1	1	0	3
Brown City	0	1	0	3
Mayville	0	3	0	4

North Central Thumb				
Team	W	L	T	W
Deckerville	3	0	0	3
Memphis	1	0	0	2
N. Huron	0	1	0	4
Peck	0	1	0	4
Kingston	0	2	0	2

Mid-Michigan 8-Man				
Team	W	L	T	W
A-Fairgrove	2	0	0	3
Owen-Gage	1	1	0	3
MCCM	1	1	0	2
CPS	0	1	0	2
Flint MSD	0	1	0	2



KINGSTON QB Evan Bootz looks for room to run Friday against AuGres-Sims. He found plenty, as the Cardinals ran wild in a 48-0 victory.

O-G spikers earn first

NCTL win against Peck

The Owen-Gage spikers' home opener against the Peck Pirates Thursday provided the hosts with their maiden North Central Thumb League (NCTL) win.

The Bulldogs improved to 2-2 overall, 1-3 in the NCTL, with scores of 25-23, 25-21, and 25-17.

Kayla Montreuil and Mandy Muntz paced the winners on the night. Montreuil recorded 7 points, including 5 aces, and 24 assists, while Muntz added 7 points with 4 aces and 18 kills.

The Bulldogs also received 13 kills from Christin Harris and 8 points from Erika Mroz.

"Mandy has really stepped up her presence on the net and Christin continues to be a strong attacker and defender for us," said Coach Kelly Ross, adding, "Our underclassmen are bringing solid depth to the team."

On Tuesday, last week, the Bulldogs traveled to face Carsonville Port-Sanilac and fell in straight games.

A slow start saw the visitors drop game one 25-17. The Tigers then needed extra time to claim the second game 26-24, and ended play with a tight 25-23 decision in game 3.

Individually for the Bulldogs, Harris had team-highs in points and kills, with 9 and 12, respectively. Carli Warack chipped in 8 points; Muntz, 9 kills; Mroz, 6 kills; and Montreuil, 13 assists in vain.

"The girls are working hard on our new offense and defense. We have Deckerville coming up and are working hard through the southern division in order to focus our attention on earning the northern division title," said Ross.

The Eagles will travel to Owendale Thursday.



BULLDOG SPIKERS Christin Harris, left, and Miranda Radabaugh prepare for a serve in Thursday's home opener with Peck.

Bulldogs record third shutout of the season

The Owen-Gage defense recorded its third shutout of the season Thursday against host Michigan School for the Deaf & Blind, running the Bulldogs' record to 3-1 with an easy 72-0 victory in 8-man football.

Coach Steve Hollocker said junior Andrew Fahrner, with 8 tackles and 1.5 sacks and sophomore Ben Good, with 7 tackles, a sack and a fumble recovery, had big nights for the winners.

The Bulldogs will need another solid defensive showing this week to be successful when Akron-Fairgrove invades Owendale on Friday in a showdown between squads with identical records. The Vikings will enter the contest fresh off a 36-6 win over Marine City Cardinal Mooney, who handed the Bulldogs their lone loss in week 3 of the season.

The Bulldog defense was a com-

plete team effort, according to Hollocker. Juniors Jordan Kain and Mike Mandich, and sophomore Quinn Smith evenly split 15 tackles, while junior Kyle Denhoff had his first interception of the season.

On Offense, senior quarterback Hunter Champagne led the way for the visitors. He ran for 82 yards and one touchdown and added 61 yards through the air for 2 scores. Both scoring strikes were caught by junior Tommy Kennedy, who also chipped in 125 yards rushing for a pair of TDs, one coming on a 61-yard dash.

Other offensive leaders for Owen-Gage included Smith with 3 rushing touchdowns and 75 yards on just 4 carries. Kyle Denhoff scored a rushing touchdown and Champagne scored on a punt return to help complete the rout.

Red Hawks suffer loss in tourney semifinals

The Cass City volleyball team bounced backed from a disappointing loss in Greater Thumb West (GTW) play last week, advancing to the semifinals Saturday in Caro, site of the Tiger Tournament.

The Red Hawks progressed out of pool play with a 3-1 record, splitting with neighbor Ubyly, 25-19 and 24-26, before sweeping Michigan Lutheran Seminary, 25-16 and 25-19.

In power pool play games, Coach Brenda Sherman's spikers defeated Caro 25-14 and 25-17, before trading 26-24 and 22-25 decisions with Birch Run.

"Good day of ball. All in all it was a good day for the Red Hawks. Our serving and teamwork improved as the day progressed. We still need to get the killer instinct back, but are working on it," said Sherman.

In Championship Bracket Play, Cass City disposed of Bay City All Saints in straight games, 25-19 and 25-23, before the hosts avenged an

early setback against their M-81 rival with a hard fought 3-game triumph.

After tumbling in game one, 25-17, Caro advanced into the finals with victories of 25-22 and 15-13.

"Unfortunately we had a disappointing loss to Caro in the third game of semi-finals," said Sherman.

GTW GAMES

Cass City couldn't put host USA away Thursday and suffered their first GTW defeat in 5 games.

The visitors grabbed the opener 25-22, only to see the Patriots even the heavy-weight match with an easy 25-12 score in game 2.

Cass City was able to merge in front with a 25-23 win in game 3, but were sent home disappointed as the Patriots claimed the next 2 games by the scores of 25-13 and 15-9.

"We struggled with inconsistency. We need to regain our attacking Please turn to page 12.



RED HAWK Megan Parrish makes a good reception during GTW volleyball play against visiting Reese. Cass City earned victory in 4 games.

Red Hawks suffer loss in tourney semifinals

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mentality. We let too many balls hit the floor without getting a body behind them. Every team has off nights and Thursday night was our turn," said Sherman.

Earlier in the week, Cass City needed 4 games to knock off visiting Reese. The scores on the night were 25-22, 23-25, 25-20 and 25-16.

Individually, the Red Hawk defense had Carley Hendrick with 18 digs, while Megan Parrish and Jordyn Rasmussen each had 7 digs, and Logan Rowell, 4 blocks.

"It was a bit of a slow start for us. I expected the girls to come out with a bit more fire in their game. They were able to come together and pull out a couple close games, which provided enough momentum to secure the win. We had too many service errors. Always things to work on, we need to sharpen up our offense," said Sherman, who was also quick to praise the Rockets.

"Reese is a scrappy team. They don't let many balls hit the floor. They are very good defensively."

Offensive leaders for the winners had Rowell with 13 kills and Stephanie Leeson with 14 assists.

USA controls final half in victory

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fooled the Patriot defense for good gains.

Still, the final 24 minutes belonged

to the Patriots who used a 2-yard run from Brandon Harper and another Beachy to Rieck completion, this one from 25-yards out, to steal the

victory.

On the night, Harper led all rushers with 138 yards on 25 carries, while Tim Zube added 97 rushing yards on 22 attempts. Beachy completed 5-of-7 passes for 106 yards, giving the winners 369 total yards.

For Cass City, Kappen gained 70 rushing yards on 8 carries, while Jensen was credited with 46 yards rushing on 5 carries. Braedon Perzanowski added 18 rushing yards in vain.

Cass City was guilty of 4 miscues in defeat, including a pair of interceptions that proved too costly to overcome.

Defensively, Jacob Perry had a team-high 11 tackles for Cass City, while Morgan Erla and Zac Deitering each had 10 stops.

Cass City tennis team wins

Behind a strong showing in doubles matches, the Cass City tennis team defeated Bay City All Saints (BCAS) Thursday 5-3 at Delta College.

Recording points for Coach Bill Potter on the day were Red Hawk teammates Nicole Kelley and Collin Hartwick, 6/4, 6/4, Brandon Green and Jordan Hendrian, 7/6, 6/1, and Tristan Kuntz and Kyle Middaugh, 6/2, 6/3, while Justin Peters and Brennen Winter suffered defeat in 3 sets by the scores of 2/6, 6/4, 2/6.

The Cass City victory was the team's second over the Cougars this year. Earlier in the season, BCAS suffered defeat in a rain-shortened affair in the recreational park.

"This time we beat them and nice weather allowed us to play out the match without interruption. Many people attended from Bay City, but because of the distance not too many Cass City fans attended," said Potter.

In singles play, Cass City's Cody Orban and Morgan Potter won a pair of tight matches. Orban won in

straight sets, 6-4 and 7-5, while Potter needed a third set to prevail, 6/2, 1/6, 6/4.

Coming up short in single action were Red Hawks Kyle Hanby 5/7, 2/6, and Derek Mozdren 3/6, 4/6.

After the match, Coach Potter said the team enjoyed a victory dinner at Buffalo Wild Wings.

"At B Dubs, Tanya (Jongsodjarittum) one of our foreign exchange students from Thailand, attempted to take the B Dubs challenge to eat 12 Blazin hot wings in under 2 minutes. She managed to get 6 or 7 down before running out of time. Most of us had trouble dipping our finger into the sauce and licking it. One tough kid!"

Earlier in the week, on Monday, Cass City played undefeated Caro and fell 7-1.

"Caro has a real strong team and earned the win," said Potter, adding, "We had a lot of very good matches that day."

Cass City has a record of 4-3.

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Friday, September 23, 2011

Cass City at Reese	Reese	Reese
EPBP at BCAS	EPBP	BCAS
Memphis at Vassar	Vassar	Vassar
Bad Axe at USA	USA	USA
Mt. Morris at Caro	Mt. Morris	Mt. Morris
A-Fairgrove at Owen-Gage	A-Fairgrove	A-Fairgrove
Harbor Beach at Ubyly	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach
Arenac Eastern at Kingston	Kingston	Arenac Eastern

Last Week's Results	5-3	6-2
Season's Results	22-9 (71%)	21-10 (68%)

Varsity Football



Tina Pallas



Doug Hyatt

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A-Fairgrove at Owen-Gage	A-Fairgrove	A-Fairgrove
Harbor Beach at Ubyly	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach
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Last Week's Results	4-4	6-2
Season's Results	20-11 (65%)	25-6 (81%)

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VARSITY FOOTBALL

All games begin at 7:00 p.m.

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION
8/25	Sandusky 43, Cass City 0	
9/1	Brown City 28, Cass City 21	
9/9	Cass City 43, Bad Axe 14	
9/16	USA 20, Cass City 13	
9/23	Reese	A
9/30	BCAS (HC)	H
10/7	Vassar	H
10/14	EPB Lakers	A
10/21	Caro	H

J.V. FOOTBALL

All games begin at 7:00 p.m.

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION
8/24	Cass City 36, Sandusky 12	
8/31	Cass City 20, Brown City 18	
9/8	Cass City 48, Bad Axe 24	
9/15	Cass City 26, USA 16	
9/22	Reese	H
9/29	BCAS	A
10/6	Vassar	A
10/13	EPB Lakers	H
10/20	Caro	A

CROSS COUNTRY

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
8/25	Birch Run	12 p.m.
8/31	USA	3:45 p.m.
9/10	Bad Axe	TBA
9/22	Frankenmuth	4:30 p.m.
9/24	Ubyly	TBA
9/28	Marlette Invite	4 p.m.
10/8	Cass City Invite	9 a.m.
10/15	Reese	TBA
10/18	GTC League Meet @ EPB Lakers	4:30 p.m.
10/22	Thumb Meet @ Caro	10 a.m.

VOLLEYBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
8/26	Bad Axe (F/JV)	9 a.m.
8/27	Bad Axe (V)	9 a.m.
9/10	Caro (JV)	TBA
9/13	Reese	6 p.m.
9/15	USA	6 p.m.
9/17	Caro (V)	TBA
9/20	Caro	5:30 p.m.
9/22	BCAS	6 p.m.
9/24	Caro (F)	6 p.m.
9/27	EPB Lakers	6 p.m.
9/29	Vassar	6 p.m.
10/4	Bad Axe	6 p.m.
10/6	Reese	6 p.m.
10/8	Essexville (V)	TBA
10/11	USA	6 p.m.
10/18	BCAS	6 p.m.
10/20	EPB Lakers	6 p.m.
10/25	Vassar	6 p.m.
10/27	Bad Axe	6 p.m.
10/29	EPB Lakers (V)	9 a.m.
TBA	Districts	TBA

FOLLOW THE HAWKS AT HOME

J.V. FOOTBALL
Sept. 22~ vs. Reese~ 7 p.m.

TENNIS
Sept. 26~ vs. Caro~ 4 p.m.

MIDDLE SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL
Sept. 26 ~ vs. EPB Lakers ~ 5:30 p.m.

MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOTBALL
Sept. 27 ~ vs. Harbor Beach~ 6 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL
Sept. 29 ~ vs. Vassar ~ 6 p.m.

VARSITY FOOTBALL
Sept. 30 ~ vs. BCAS ~ 7 p.m.

CROSS COUNTRY
October 8 ~ Cass City Invite ~ 9 a.m.

MIDDLE SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

All games begin at 5:30 p.m.

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION
9/14	Reese	H
9/19	Ubyly	A
9/21	Mayville	A
9/26	EPB Lakers	H
9/28	Harbor Beach	A
10/3	Vassar	H
10/5	Bad Axe	A
10/10	USA	H
10/12	Ubyly	H
10/17	EPB Lakers	A

MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOTBALL

All games begin at 6:00 p.m.

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION
9/13	Cass City 22, Sandusky 6	
9/20	Ubyly	A
9/27	Harbor Beach	H
10/4	EPB Lakers	A
10/11	Bad Axe	H
10/18	USA	A

Home games in bold.

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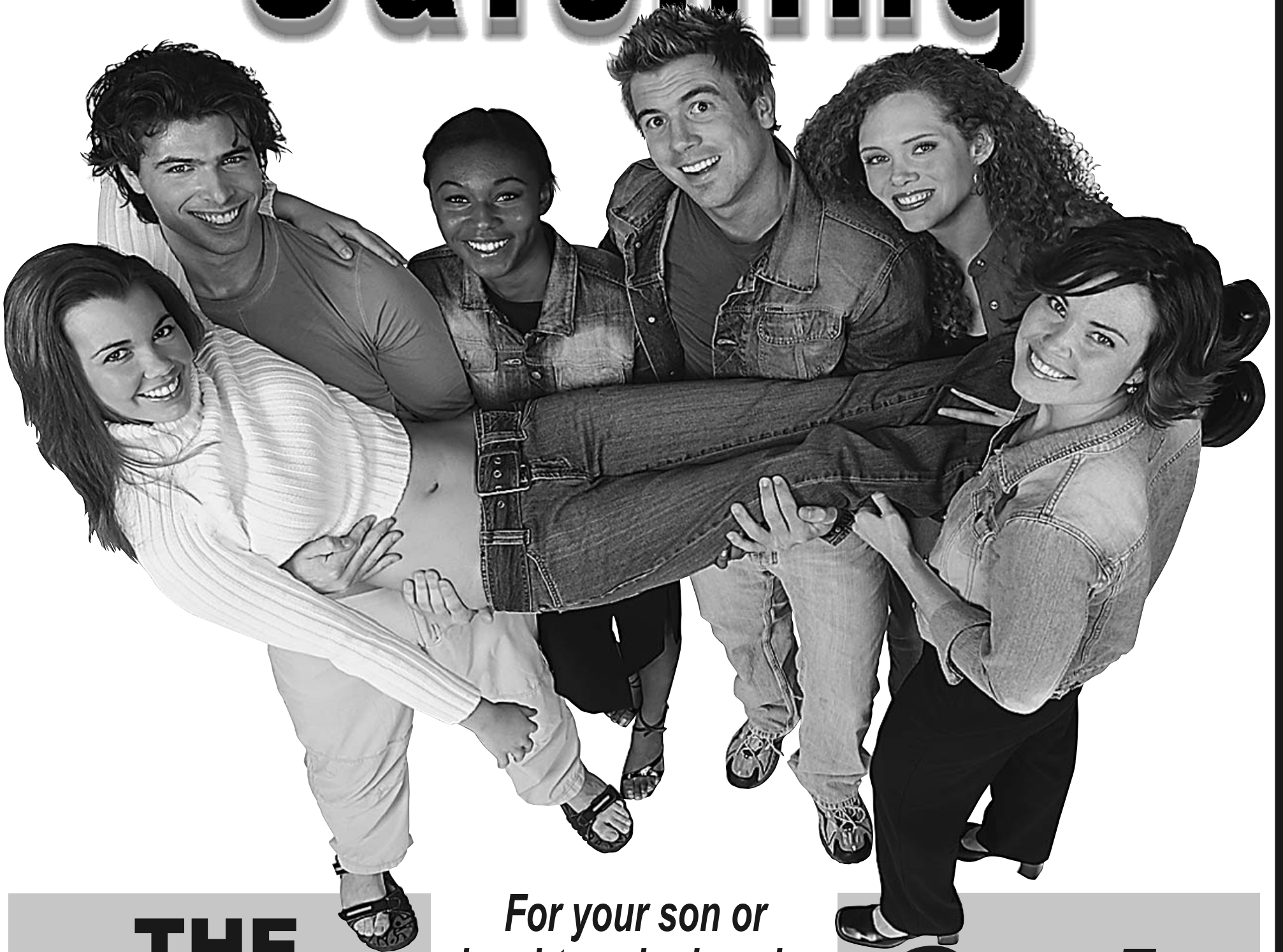
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Anderson: stay safe and play by the rules this harvest season

Just as football is a sure sign of fall, so too is the harvest of Michigan's agricultural bounty. And just as the game of football hasn't changed, neither have the rules for sharing the road with farm equipment.

"Play by the rules. That's the best way to stay safe this harvest season," according to Craig Anderson, manager of the Michigan Farm Bureau Agricultural Labor and Safety Services Department.

In 2010, 158 accidents involving farm equipment were reported according to the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning. Of those, 61 occurred during the harvest months of September through December.

One of the biggest hazards is motorists not allowing enough time to brake when approaching a slow-moving farm vehicle. "Think football field," advises Anderson.

Anderson references the fall-time sport because picturing a football field is a good visual reminder of the distance required to come to a complete stop behind slow-moving farm equipment.

While some tractors, combines and other harvesters are able to travel on highways at up to 30 to 45 mph, most can only move at a rate of 15 to 25 mph. As Anderson explains, it takes a minimum of 240 to 300 feet for a passenger car or pickup truck with a normal brake system traveling at just 55 mph to stop behind farm equipment traveling at 15 mph.

"You'd need a stretch of road nearly the size of a football field to stop at those levels of speed, and it'd take only 5 seconds to close the gap between the car and a tractor," he said. "The takeaway message for motorists is to allow enough room to slow down."

Spotting slow-moving vehicles
Spotting a slow-moving farm vehicle is easy, says, Anderson. Just look for the slow-moving vehicle (SMV) sign, a reflective bright orange triangle trimmed in red on the rear of farm vehicles.

The SMV emblem is meant to warn

motorists of a vehicle that is moving at slower than normal speeds or presents other hazards, and to approach with caution. The sign is required, by law, on all implements of husbandry, including tractors, combines, and other harvest equipment, said Anderson.

Unfortunately, the SMV emblem meaning is lost on many motorists because of its misuse by the public. SMV signs, which are widely available at retailers unlike most official traffic markers, are frequently used illegally as driveway markers or for other reflective or decorative purposes.

The only legal use of an SMV emblem is to mark an implement of husbandry, farm tractor, special mobile vehicle or a vehicle with a maximum designed speed of 25 mph.

"That means if you're using an SMV sign to mark your driveway stop the practice immediately," advised Anderson. "You'll not only bring yourself in compliance with the law, but you'll be doing your part to promote traffic safety."

Another helpful tip for motorists, said Anderson, is to be patient.

"A farmer will often pull off the road to allow motorists to pass when safe," he said. "But don't assume the farmer can immediately move aside to let you pass. Road shoulders may be soft, wet or steep, and this can cause a farm vehicle to tip."

"Even if you have to slow down to 20 mph and follow a tractor for one mile, it takes only three minutes of your time, which is approximately the same as waiting for one stoplight."

Additional road rules

Normal traffic laws apply. Do not pass in designated "No Passing Zones" or within 100 feet of intersections, railroad crossings, or bridges.

Like semi-trucks, farm equipment makes wide turns. Watch for turn signals or hand motions to indicate a farm vehicle is preparing to turn.

Yield to wide vehicles. Farm equipment may be wider than the normal traffic lane. Motorists approaching such a vehicle should pull off in a safe location to allow the large equipment to pass.

Don't assume the farmer knows you're there. Most farmers are aware of the traffic around them but the equipment they operate is loud.

Precautions for farmers

Farmers have a responsibility to take extra precautions as well, said Anderson, including the following.

Comply with all applicable laws. When it comes to SMV emblems, all farm equipment, regardless of speed, must have an SMV sign.

Replace any faded SMV signs or red reflective material on outboard edges of implements. Add extra reflective material such as truck tape or implement marking kits.

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You have the right to request a meeting with Northstar Bank, Laura L. Swartzendruber, NMLS Unique Identifier 744116 is the designee, and has the authority to make agreements under MCL 600.3205b and MCL 600.3205c, and can be contacted at 833 S. Van Dyke Road, Bad Axe, MI 48413 (989) 269-3586. You may also contact a housing counselor by contacting the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) by visiting www.michigan.gov/mshda or calling (866) 946-7432.

If you request a meeting with Northstar Bank within 14 days after the notice required under MCL 600.3205a(1) is mailed, then foreclosure proceedings will not commence until at least 90 days after the date said notice was mailed. If an agreement to modify the mortgage loan is reached and you abide by the terms of the agreement, the mortgage will not be foreclosed.

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

Dated: September 21, 2011

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

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

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

If the Borrower requests a meeting with the agent designated above by contacting an approved housing counselor within 14 days from September 19, 2011, foreclosure proceedings will not be commenced until 90 days after September 19, 2011.

If the Borrower and the agent designated above reach an agreement to modify the mortgage loan, the mortgage will not be foreclosed if the Borrower abides by the terms of the agreement.

The Borrower has the right to contact an attorney. The telephone number of the State Bar of Michigan's Lawyer Referral Service is (800) 968-0738.

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Attorneys for Servicer and/or Mortgage Holder
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, MI 48334-2525
File # 383769F01

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

Notice is hereby provided to Jeremy A. Degeneffe, the borrowers and/or mortgagors (hereinafter "Borrower") regarding the property known as 3630 CEMETERY ROAD, CASS CITY, MI 48726 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@ssplegal.com.

Jeremy A. Degeneffe 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).

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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 Joseph J. Armstrong and Marianne S. Armstrong, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Argent Mortgage Company, LLC, Mortgagee, dated April 26, 2005 and recorded on May 13, 2005 in Liber 1038 on Page 748 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF PARK PLACE SECURITIES, INC., ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-WCW2 as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Six Thousand Seventy-Six and 60/100 Dollars (\$96,076.60), including interest at 7.85% 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 October 13, 2011.

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

Lot 76 of Shay Lake Resorts Subdivision No. 2, according to the plat recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, Page 4, 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: September 14, 2011

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC X (248) 593-1302
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Attorneys for Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #381264F01

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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 Karen S. Kopka, A/K/a Karen Sue Kopka, An Unmarried Woman, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated September 29, 2003 and recorded on December 9, 2003 in Liber 968 on Page 237, and modified by Affidavit or Order recorded on June 8, 2011 in Liber 1223 on Page 1449 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by mesne assignments to Fannie Mae, a corporation organized under the laws of the United States of America a/k/a Federal National Mortgage Association as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Four Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty-Six and 46/100 Dollars (\$74,736.46), including interest at 6.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on October 13, 2011.

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

Commencing at the Northeast corner of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 27, Town 11 North, Range 9 East; Thence West 660 feet; Thence South 330 feet; Thence East 660 feet; Thence North 330 feet to the place of beginning. Subject to easements and rights of way on 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: September 14, 2011

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Robert J. Scott, married to Martha A. Scott, original mortgagors, to Draper and Kramer Mortgage Corp., Mortgagee, dated April 19, 2006 and recorded on May 1, 2006 in Liber 1079 on Page 705, 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 Sixty-Nine Thousand One Hundred Seventy-Seven and 77/100 Dollars (\$69,177.77), including interest at 6.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on October 13, 2011.

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

Lot 4, Block 7, Pepoon's Addition to the Village of Newbury, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1, Page 39 A, 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: September 14, 2011

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by DEREK A. KEILITZ, A MARRIED MAN, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated July 31, 2006 and recorded on August 4, 2006, in Document No. 200600884660, Liber 1090, on Page 620, and assigned by said mortgagee to U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as assigned, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Two Thousand Four Hundred Thirteen Dollars and Sixty-Six Cents (\$82,413.66), including interest at 7.500% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, front entrance of the Courthouse Building in the City of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM o'clock, on October 13, 2011.

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

LOT 11, ASSESSOR'S PLAT NO. 1 OF KINGSTON, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN LIBER 4, PAGE 70, 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.

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Mortgagee/Assignee

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

9-14-4

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a mortgage made by RICHARD L. MYERS, a single man, of 9769 BOUCHER RD., OTTER LAKE, MI 48464, Mortgagor, to DORT FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, P.O. BOX 1635, FLINT, MI 48501, Mortgagee, dated SEPTEMBER 21, 2007, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Tuscola County, and State of Michigan on OCTOBER 5, 2007, in LIBER 1131 on PAGE(S) 759 of Tuscola County Records on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of NINETY-SIX THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED NINETY AND 04/100THS (\$96,890.04) DOLLARS at 6.375% percent per annum and attorney fees as provided for in said Mortgage, and no suit or proceedings at law or in equity have been instituted to recover the moneys secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof;

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on OCTOBER 20, 2011, AT 10:00 A.M. local time, said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder in the main lobby of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Tuscola is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, aforesaid, on said mortgage with interest thereon and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises.

Which said premises are described as follows: TOWNSHIP OF WATERTOWN, COUNTY OF TUSCOLA AND STATE OF MICHIGAN to wit:

LOT 114, NORTH LAKE ASSESSOR'S PLAT #3, WATERTOWN TOWNSHIP, TUSCOLA COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 5 OF PLATS, PAGE 40, EXCEPT EASEMENTS AND RIGHTS OF WAY OF RECORD. MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 9769 BOUCHER ROAD, OTTER LAKE, MI 48464

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

Dated: 9-21-11

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

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Brian D. Horan, an unmarried individual, original mortgagor, to Independent Mortgage Co. Central MI, Mortgagee, dated May 29, 2002 and recorded on June 5, 2002 in Liber 880 on Page 450, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Independent Bank as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Six Thousand One Hundred Eighty-Five and 41/100 Dollars (\$56,185.41), including interest at 4% 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 October 20, 2011.

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

Parcel D: A parcel of land in the South half of the Northwest quarter of Section 27, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, Vassar Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as beginning at a point on the East-West quarter line of said Section 27 that is South 89 degrees 56 minutes 13 seconds East 1157.13 feet from the West quarter corner; thence continuing South 89 degrees 56 minutes 13 seconds East 326.19 feet along the East-West quarter line; thence North 00 degrees 44 minutes 27 seconds West 1337.80 feet parallel with the North-South quarter line to the North one-eighth line; thence South 89 degrees 42 minutes 27 seconds West 326.17 feet along the North one-eighth line; thence South 0 degrees 44 minutes 27 seconds East 1335.77 feet parallel with the North-South quarter line to the point of beginning.

Together with an easement for ingress and egress and public utilities 66 feet in width (being 33 feet either side of the centerline) the centerline being described as: Beginning at a point on the West line of the Northwest quarter of Section 27, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, Vassar Township, Tuscola County, Michigan that is North 00 degrees 09 minutes 26 seconds West 233.00 feet from the West quarter corner; thence South 89 degrees 56 minutes 13 seconds East 3180.41 feet along said centerline; thence North 50 degrees 37 minutes 39 seconds East 273.40 feet; thence North 80 degrees 23 minutes 34 seconds East 365.66 feet to the end of said centerline, with the East end of said easement bearing North 00 degrees 54 minutes 00 seconds West.

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: September 21, 2011

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC F (248) 593-1313
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File #378271F01

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jonathan R. Mason, unmarried, original mortgagor, to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, Mortgagee, dated March 18, 2008 and recorded on May 2, 2008 in Liber 1148 on Page 564 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Sixteen Thousand One Hundred Sixty and 08/100 Dollars (\$116,160.08), including interest at 4.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on October 20, 2011.

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

Land commencing at a point of 20 rods East and 3/4 rods South of Northwest Corner of Northeast 1/4 of Northeast 1/4 of Section 16, Township 10 North, Range 8 East; thence South 10 rods; thence West 6 rods; thence North 10 rods; thence East 6 rods to a 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: September 21, 2011

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Lori D. Phillips and Brian T. Phillips, wife and husband, original mortgagors, to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc., Mortgagee, dated August 13, 2002 and recorded on September 3, 2002 in Liber 892 on Page 316 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Forty-Three and 51/100 Dollars (\$97,743.51), including interest at 6.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on October 20, 2011.

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

Parcel 1: Part of Lot 64, Northwood Heights Subdivision No. 3, according to the Plat thereof recorded in Liber 3, Page 40 of Plats, Tuscola County Records, described as follows; Beginning at the Northwest corner of said Lot 64; thence along the West line of Lot 64, South 00 degrees 07 minutes 30 seconds West 99.93 feet to the Southwest corner of Lot 64; thence along the South line of Lot 64, North 89 degrees 57 minutes 50 seconds East 99.95 feet; thence North 00 degrees 05 minutes 50 seconds East 99.87 feet to the South line of North View Drive; thence along said South line West 99.90 feet to the Northwest corner of Lot 64 and the Point of Beginning.

Parcel 2: Lot 32, Northwood Heights Subdivision No. 2, according to the Plat thereof recorded in Liber 3, Page 22 of Plats, 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: September 21, 2011

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC C (248) 593-1301
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Robert D. Stewart and Sharon L. Stewart, husband and wife as joint tenants, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated June 20, 2006 and recorded on July 5, 2006 in Liber 1086 on Page 1458, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Nationstar Mortgage LLC as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Eleven Thousand Six Hundred Sixty-Nine and 94/100 Dollars (\$111,669.94), including interest at 7.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on October 20, 2011.

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

Commencing at the East quarter corner of Section 33, Town 13 North, Range 11 East, and the Point of Beginning; running thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes West 493.75 feet along the East line of said Section 33; thence North 89 degrees 49 minutes 16 seconds West 1323.27 feet; thence North 0 degrees 01 minutes 48 seconds West 493.75 feet along the East right line of said Section 33; thence South 89 degrees 49 minutes 16 seconds East 1323.53 feet along the East and West quarter line of said Section 33 to the Point of Beginning.

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

Dated: September 21, 2011

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC H (248) 593-1300
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #255503F03

9-21-4

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 WILLIAM T. MCREA, AN UNMARRIED MAN, TO INDEPENDENT MORTGAGE COMPANY, Mortgagee, dated January 7, 2009 and recorded on January 9, 2009, in Liber 1164, on Page 1447, and assigned by said mortgagee to MICHIGAN STATE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, as assigned, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-Six Thousand One Hundred Twenty-Three Dollars and Sixty-Five Cents (\$36,123.65), 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, front entrance of the Courthouse Building in the City of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM o'clock, on October 20, 2011.

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

LOTS 3 & 8, BLOCK 2, GAMBLE'S ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE OF CARO, TUSCOLA COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 21 OF PLATS, PAGE 352, EXCEPT EASEMENTS AND RIGHTS OF WAY OF RECORD.

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

MICHIGAN STATE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY Mortgagee/Assignee

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

9-21-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Shane M. Benner and Denelle D. Benner, husband and wife, to Fifth Third Mortgage - MI, LLC, Mortgagee, dated February 24, 2003 and recorded March 4, 2003 in Liber 918, Page 627, 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 Eighty-Six Thousand Five Hundred Fifty-Five and 48/100 Dollars (\$86,555.48) including interest at 6.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Tuscola Circuit Courthouse in the Village of Caro, MI at 10:00 a.m. on OCTOBER 20, 2011.

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

Real property in the Township of Vassar, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, and is described as follows:

Commencing at a point 330 feet South and 300 feet East of the West 1/4 corner of Section 36, Township 11 North, Range 8 East; thence East 275; thence South 330 feet; thence West 275 feet; thence North 330 feet to the point of beginning, except an undivided 1/2 interest in and all of the oil gas and other minerals as set forth in Mineral Deed to L.H. Gilman as set forth in Deed Liber 211, Page 81 and any interest in subsequent instruments pertinent thereto.

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

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

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

Dated: September 21, 2011

Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
2683 File No. 200.8402

9-21-4

NOTICE PURSUANT TO MCL 600.3205a(4)

NOTICE is hereby provided to Tracie Burger and Andrew Burger, the borrowers and/or mortgagors (hereinafter "Borrower") regarding the property located at: 8909 Birch Run Rd., Millington, MI 48746-9573.

The Borrower has the right to request a meeting with the mortgage holder or mortgage servicer. The agent designated by the Mortgage Servicer and/or Mortgage Holder to contact and that has authority to make agreements under MCL sections 600.3205b and 600.3205c is: Trott & Trott, P.C., 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200, Farmington Hills, MI 48334-2525 at (248) 593-1302.

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

If the Borrower requests a meeting with the agent designated above by contacting an approved housing counselor within 14 days from September 15, 2011, foreclosure proceedings will not be commenced until 90 days after September 15, 2011.

If the Borrower and the agent designated above reach an agreement to modify the mortgage loan, the mortgage will not be foreclosed if the Borrower abides by the terms of the agreement.

Legal Notices

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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 Tina A. Forster, an unmarried woman, original mortgagor, to Fifth Third Mortgage - MI, LLC, Mortgagee, dated December 10, 2009 and recorded on December 22, 2009 in Liber 1189 on Page 1129 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Fifth Third Mortgage Company as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Six Thousand Three Hundred Twenty-Three and 82/100 Dollars (\$66,323.82), including interest at 4.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on September 29, 2011.

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

PARCEL C: Part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 8, Township 11 North, Range 9 East, Fremont Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as commencing at the Southwest corner of said Section 8; thence along the South line of said Section 8, South 89 degrees 59 minutes 49 seconds East, 651.90 feet to the point of beginning; thence North 00 degrees 17 minutes 28 seconds East, 660.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 59 minutes 49 seconds East, 165.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 17 minutes 28 seconds West, 660.00 feet to said South line of Section 8; thence along said South line of Section 8, North 89 degrees 59 minutes 49 seconds West, 165.00 feet to the point of beginning.

Make-Manufacturer: Champion Enterprises Model: 99D163 Serial No.: D1NO2970M A-B Year: 1999 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: August 31, 2011

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC J (248) 593-1311
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #379659F01

8-31-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by RICHARD SCHENK and PATRICIA A. SCHENK, HUSBAND AND WIFE, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated December 27, 2006 and recorded on January 12, 2007, in Liber 1108, on Page 263, and assigned by said mortgagee to U.S. Bank National Association as Trustee for RASC 2007KS3, as assigned, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty Thousand Two Hundred Thirty-Five Dollars and Forty-Seven Cents (\$80,235.47), including interest at 8.375% 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 September 29, 2011.

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

COMMENCING AT THE SOUTH 1/4 CORNER IF SECTION 9, TOWN 10 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST, THENCE NORTH 1313.7 FEET ALONG THE NORTH-SOUTH 1/4 LINE OF SAID SECTION 9; THENCE EAST 98.08 FEET TO THE EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY OF MICHIGAN CENTRAL RAIL ROAD AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE EAST, 119.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 299.54 FEET, PARALLEL TO THE NORTH-SOUTH 1/4 LINE OF SAID SECTION 9; THENCE NORTH 53 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 13 SECONDS WEST, 228.95 FEET TO A POINT 33.00 FEET EAST OF SAID NORTH-SOUTH 1/4 LINE; THENCE SOUTH, 263.13 FEET, PARALLEL TO NORTH-SOUTH 1/4 LINE OF SAID SECTION 9 TO THE EASTERLY LINE OF MICHIGAN CENTRAL RAIL ROAD; THENCE SOUTH 20 DEGREES 39 MINUTES 40 SECONDS EAST, 184.45 FEET ALONG THE EASTERLY LINE OF MICHIGAN CENTRAL RAIL ROAD TO POINT OF BEGINNING, EXCEPT COMMENCING AT THE SOUTH 1/4 CORNER OF SAID SECTION; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST, 1493.70 FEET, ALONG THE NORTH-SOUTH 1/4 LINE; THENCE NORTH 90 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST, 33.00 FEET, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST, 207.00 FEET, PARALLEL WITH THE NORTH-SOUTH 1/4 LINE, TO A POINT THAT IS 56 FEET, MORE OR LESS, SOUTH 00 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST FROM THE CENTERLINE OF MILLINGTON CREEK, THENCE SOUTH 56 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST 219.74 FEET; THENCE ALONG A TRAVERSE LINE, TO A POINT THAT IS 38 FEET, MORE OR LESS, SOUTH 00 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST OF SAID CENTER LINE; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST, 87.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 90 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST, 184.08 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.

U.S. Bank National Association as Trustee for RASC 2007KS3
Mortgagee/Assignee

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

8-31-4

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a mortgage made by GAIL L. MATHEWS, formally known as GAIL L. PARKER, a single woman, of 223 MADISON

STREET, VASSAR, MI 48768, Mortgagor to TRI-POINTE COMMUNITY CREDIT UNION, 2343 E. HILL RD., GRAND BLANC, MI 48439, Mortgagee, dated NOVEMBER 10, 2006, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Tuscola County, and State of Michigan on DECEMBER 29, 2006, in LIBER 1106 on PAGES 1451 - 1455 of Tuscola County Records on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of TWENTY-NINE THOUSAND FORTY-EIGHT AND 93/100THS (\$29,048.93) DOLLARS at 6.75% percent per annum and attorney fees as provided for in said Mortgage, and no suit or proceedings at law or in equity have been instituted to recover the moneys secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof;

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on OCTOBER 6, 2011, AT 10:00 A.M. local time, said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder in the main lobby of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Tuscola is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, aforesaid, on said mortgage with interest thereon and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises.

Which said premises are described as follows: CITY OF VASSAR, COUNTY OF TUSCOLA AND STATE OF MICHIGAN to wit:

LOT 13, EXCEPT THE NORTH 3 FEET AND THE NORTH 1/2 OF LOT 14, BLOCK 6, JOHNSON'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF VASSAR, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 29 OF PLATS, PAGE 88. MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 223 MADISON STREET, VASSAR, MI 48768.

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

Dated: 9-7-11

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

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jeremy Cherniawski, unmarried, original mortgagor, to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated November 5, 2004 and recorded on November 29, 2004 in Liber 1018 on Page 1288 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Four Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-Eight and 47/100 Dollars (\$84,998.47), including interest at 6% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on October 6, 2011.

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

The South 150.00 feet of a parcel of land described as: Beginning at a point on the North-South 1/4 line 330.00 feet North of the South 1/4 corner of Section 23, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, thence North 1006.50 feet along the North-South 1/4 line to the South 1/8 line; thence South 89 degrees 27 minutes West 647.12 feet along the South 1/8 line; thence South 0 degrees 17 minutes East, 1005.60 feet; thence North 89 degrees 34 minutes 30 seconds, 644.10 feet parallel to the South Section line to the point of beginning.

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

Dated: September 7, 2011

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC S (248) 593-1304
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #380441F01

9-7-4

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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 Joey E. Giddings and Cathy P. Giddings, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Franklin Bank a Division of First Place Bank, Mortgagee, dated November 16, 2007 and recorded on January 16, 2008 in Liber 1139 on Page 624, and modified by agreement dated June 25, 2008, and recorded on September 29, 2008 in Liber 1158 on Page 1269, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Nineteen Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-Five and 52/100 Dollars (\$119,895.52), including interest at 2% 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 October 6, 2011.

Commencing at the Northwest corner of Section 7, Town 11 North, Range 9 East; thence South 165 feet, more or less; thence East 330 feet; thence North to the North line of Section 7; thence West 330 feet to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the

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

Dated: September 7, 2011

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC H (248) 593-1300
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #307550F02

9-7-4

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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 Jason Profit and Lori Profit, Husband and Wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated June 10, 2006 and recorded on June 21, 2006 in Liber 1085 on Page 894, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., successor by merger to Wachovia Bank, N.A. 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 Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Ninety-Two and 70/100 Dollars (\$112,592.70), including interest at 7.35% 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 October 6, 2011.

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

Commencing at a point on the West side of Fremont Street 14 2/3 rods North of the Southeast corner of Block 7 of the Plat of the Village of Centerville (now Caro); thence South 66 feet; thence West 114 feet; thence North 66 feet; thence East 114 feet to the point of beginning. Except the South 8 feet thereof. Being a part of Lots 7 and 8 Block 7 of the Plat of the Village of Centerville, now Caro, according to the plat recorded in Liber 11 of Deeds, Pages 362-363, now being Liber 1 of Plats, page 56, now being Page 59A.

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: September 7, 2011

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC D (248) 593-1309
Trott & Trott, P.C.
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31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
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File #378744F01

9-7-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Gary Sharp, a married man, joined by his wife, Angela Sharp, to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association successor by merger to Chase Home Finance LLC successor by merger to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated September 18, 2003 and recorded October 1, 2003 in Liber 957, Page 1039, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Two Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-Seven and 56/100 Dollars (\$72,367.56) including interest at 6.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Tuscola Circuit Courthouse in the Village of Caro, MI at 10:00 a.m. on OCTOBER 6, 2011.

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

Land situated in the Township of Juniata, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, described as: Commencing at a point 400 feet South of the Northwest corner of the Southeast quarter of Section 13, Town 12 North, Range 8 East, thence East 200 feet; thence South 100 feet; thence West 200 feet; thence North 100 feet to the point of beginning.

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

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: September 7, 2011

Orlams Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
2683 File No. 682.0568

9-7-4

FORECLOSURE NOTICE (ALL COUNTIES) AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTIFY (248) 362-6100 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Michael J. Floeter, a married man and Linda Floeter, his wife of Tuscola County, Michigan, Mortgagor to Universal Mortgage Corporation dated the 17th day of March, 2006, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 23rd day of March, 2006, in Liber 1075, Page 45 of Tuscola Records, which said mortgage was assigned to Fannie Mae a/k/a Federal National Mortgage Association, thru mesne assignments, on which

mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal of \$71,791.23 (seventy-one thousand seven hundred ninety-one and 23/100) plus accrued interest at 5.875% (five point eight seven five) percent per annum.

And no suit proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on, the 6th day of October, 2011, at 10:00:00 AM said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI, Tuscola County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage.

Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the Township of Wisner, in the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan and described as follows to wit: Situated in the Township of Wisner, County of Tuscola and State of Michigan:

Lots 32, 33, 34, 35 and 42, OAKHURST PARK SUBDIVISION, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 70, Tuscola County Records, now being Page 20 B, of Tuscola County Records; also an unplatted piece of land 40 feet square adjoining said Lot 42 directly to the Westward, which description is as follows: Beginning at the Southwest corner of said Lot 42; thence extending Westward, 40 feet; thence North a distance of 40 feet; thence East 40 feet to the Northwest corner of said Lot 42; thence South to a point of beginning, being a part of Section 2, Town 14 North, Range 7 East. Commonly known as: 6096 Oakhurst Rd.

PPN: 023-002-470-3200-00

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

Dated: September 7, 2011

By: Michael I. Rich (P-41938)
Attorney for Plaintiff
Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A.
2155 Butterfield Drive, Suite 200-S
Troy, MI 48084
WWR# 10073221

9-7-4

FORECLOSURE NOTICE (ALL COUNTIES) AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTIFY (248) 362-6100 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Peter N. Mulrath, a married man, and Jeanette S. Mulrath, a/k/a Jeanette S. Mulrath, his wife of Tuscola County, Michigan, Mortgagor to Independent Mortgage Co. East MI dated the 15th day of October, 2003, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 19th day of December, 2003, in Liber 969, Page 1305 of Tuscola Records, which said mortgage was assigned to Independent Bank, thru mesne assignments, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal of \$40,124.34 (forty thousand one hundred twenty-four and 34/100) plus accrued interest at 6.50% (six point five zero) percent per annum.

And no suit proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on, the 6th day of October, 2011, at 10:00:00 AM said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI, Tuscola County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage.

Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the Township of Novesta, in the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan and described as follows to wit: Situated in the Township of Novesta, County of Tuscola and State of Michigan:

Commencing at the intersection of the East section line of Section 4 and the South line of the Northeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 4, Town 13 North, Range 11 East, Novesta Township, Tuscola County, Michigan; running thence West along said South line 650.00 feet and the beginning point of this description; thence West 100.0 feet; thence North parallel with the East section line of said Section 4 to the Cass River; thence Easterly along the South side of Cass River to a point directly North of the beginning point; thence Southerly to the point of beginning, excepting a small parcel of land occupied by a small concrete building to the United States Government with right of ingress and egress to the Cass River. Commonly known as: 6434 River Rd.

Tax Parcel No.: 018-004-000-0400-00

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

Dated: September 7, 2011

By: Michael I. Rich (P-41938)
Attorney for Plaintiff
Weltman, Weinberg, and Reis
2155 Butterfield Drive, Suite 200-S
Troy, MI 48084
WWR# 10070484

9-7-4

MORTGAGE SALE 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. Notice is hereby given that Default has occurred in a Mortgage given by Julie A. Hubbard, a/k/a Julie Hubbard to the United States of America, acting through the Rural Housing Service or successor agency, United States Department of Agriculture. The Mortgage is dated October 6, 1997 and was recorded on October 6, 1997 in Liber 721 on pages 749 through 754 of the Tuscola County Records. No proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt, which is now One Hundred Thirty One Thousand Five Hundred Ninety One and 20/100 (\$131,591.20) Dollars.

The Mortgage will be foreclosed by selling the property described below at a public auction to the highest bidder. The sale will be held on October 20, 2011 at 10:00 a.m., local time, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, which is the location of the Tuscola County Circuit Court.

The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the Mortgage, including interest at the rate of 7.25% per year, legal costs, attorney fees and any

taxes or insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee before the sale.

The property to be sold is located in the City of Vassar, Tuscola County, Michigan and is more specifically described in the Mortgage as:

Commencing at a point in the centerline of Cass Avenue, 609.2 feet, North 64 Degrees 15 Minutes East from the intersection stake at Grant Street and Cass Avenue; thence South 25 Degrees 45 Minutes East, 20 rods; thence North 64 Degrees 15 Minutes East, 8 rods; thence North 25 Degrees 15 Minutes West, 20 rods to the centerline of Cass Avenue; thence South 64 Degrees 15 Minutes West, 8 rods along said centerline to the point of beginning, and being part of the West 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 7, Township 11 North, Range 8 East.

The redemption period will expire thirty (30) days from the date of the sale unless a notice is received pursuant to MCL 600.3241a(1)(C) in which case the redemption period will expire six (6) months from the date of the sale.

Dated: September 14, 2011

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ACTING THROUGH THE RURAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, F/K/A THE RURAL HOUSING SERVICE, OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

PREPARED BY:
JOHN R. TUCKER, P37348
WINEGARDEN, HALEY, LINDHOLM & ROBERTSON, P.L.C.
G-9460 S. SAGINAW STREET, SUITE A
GRAND BLANC, MI 48439
(810) 767-3600

9-14-5

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 Victor M. Gomez Jr. and Amy L. Gomez, a married woman, original mortgagors, to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc., Mortgagee, dated December 20, 2006 and recorded on December 28, 2006 in Liber 1106 on Page 1054 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Eighty-Two Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-Five and 81/100 Dollars (\$182,755.81), including interest at 6.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on October 13, 2011.

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

Lot 73, Northwood Heights Subdivision No. 3, according to the

Punt, Pass and Kick event set

The Caro Parks & Recreation Department invites area youth to show off their football skills in the NFL Punt, Pass and Kick competition. The event is free for kids ages 6-15 and will be held, rain or shine, at the Caro High School football field on Sunday, September 25 at 5:00 p.m. with registration/check-in beginning at 3:30 p.m.

Participants will be grouped according to age and the winners will qualify to advance to sectional competition to be held at Bridgeport High School on October 9. The best thing about the local competition being held in Caro is that each of the 10 school districts that are invited will be eligible to send ten representatives from their school - 5 boys and 5 girls. The competition is broken into 5 age divisions for boys and 5 age divisions for girls. (Ages 6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13 and 14-15.) The players who accumulate the most distance in the 3 individual events (punting, passing and kicking) combined will be that age division's winner and move onto the sectional competition. Essentially, there will be 10 separate competitions taking place where each school district will or could have 10 winners if they should have competitors in each of the boys' and girls' age divisions. If each school were to have 10 go to the sectionals, 100 in all would represent the school districts that have a presence in Tuscola County - with the exception of Vassar who is hosting their own local event. The school districts include Akron-Fairgrove, Caro, Cass City, Kingston, Marlette, Mayville, Millington, Owendale-Gagetown, Reese and Unionville-Sebewaing. Sectional winners will compete in the Detroit

Lions Team Championships at a game in November. If the Team Champion's score ranks in the top 4 nationally for their age group, they will then advance to the NFL Punt, Pass and Kick Championship to be held during an NFL playoff game in January 2011.

The NFL Punt, Pass and Kick program has been around for more than 45 years and is designed to showcase the abilities of local boys and girls. Kids must wear athletic or tennis shoes; cleats and turf shoes are strictly prohibited and all participants will be required to submit a non-returnable copy of their birth certificate to show proof of age. Pre-registration is preferred by September 21; although walk-up registrations will be allowed the day of the event. Registration forms may be obtained at most schools, Caro City Hall or at the City's website at www.carocity.net under the "Forms" pull down menu.

It is expected that over 4 million kids across the United States will take part in this event, making it one of the world's largest youth sports programs.

Caro Parks & Recreation is looking for volunteers to assist with conducting the event. If you would like to assist with set-up, registrations, spotting, measuring or recording results, please send an email to Amanda Langmaid at alangmaid@yahoo.com.

For more information on the Tuscola County Area Punt, Pass and Kick contest, please call Amanda Langmaid at (989) 670-5935. For more NFL Punt Pass and Kick contest information, visit www.nflyouthfootball.com.

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Legal Notice

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.

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You have no legal obligation to pay amounts due under the discharged note. A loan modification may not serve to revive that obligation. However, in the event you wish to explore options that may avert foreclosure, please contact our office at the number listed below.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by RICHARD J. FISHER III, A SINGLE MAN and CANDACE M. ROOSE, A SINGLE WOMAN, to CSMC INC., DBA CENTRAL STATES MORTGAGE, Mortgagee, dated September 21, 2007 and recorded on October 9, 2007, in Liber 1131, on Page 1162, and assigned by said mortgagee to NATIONWIDE ADVANTAGE MORTGAGE COMPANY, as assigned, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Two Thousand Nine Hundred Six Dollars and Eighty-Seven Cents (\$82,906.87), including interest at 6.875% per annum.

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.

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

Attention Monica Babcock and Lewis Babcock JR, regarding the property at 9828 W. Saginaw Rd., Reese, MI 48757.

The following notice does not apply if you have previously agreed to modify the mortgage loan under section 3205b, 3205a, 3205b and 3205c do not apply unless the terms of the modified mortgage loan entered into were complied with for one year after the date of the modification. You have the right to request a meeting with your mortgage holder or mortgage servicer.

Potestivo & Associates, P.C. is the designee with authority to make agreements under MCL 600.3205b and MCL 600.3205c, and can be contacted at: 811 South Blvd., Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123. You may also contact a housing counselor. For more information, contact the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) by visiting www.michigan.gov/mshda or calling (866) 946-7432.

If you request a meeting with Potestivo & Associates, P.C. within 14 days after the notice required under MCL 600.3205a(1) is mailed, then foreclosure proceedings will not commence until at least 90 days after the date said notice was mailed. If an agreement to modify the mortgage loan is reached and you abide by the terms of the agreement, the mortgage will not be foreclosed.

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

Dated: September 21, 2011

Potestivo & Associates, P.C.
811 South Blvd., Suite 100
Rochester Hills, MI 48307
(248) 844-5123
Information may be faxed to (248) 267-3004
Attention: Loss Mitigation
Our File No: 11-47866
9-21-1

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 October 13, 2011.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jeffery A. Burtrum and Tammy C. Burtrum, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated April 22, 2005 and recorded on May 4, 2005 in Liber 1037 on Page 292, and assigned by said Mortgagee to The Bank of New York Mellon, f/k/a The Bank of New York, as Trustee for the Certificate holders of CWWALT, Inc., Alternative Loan Trust 2005-28CB, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-28CB as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Sixty-Three Thousand Five Hundred Fifty and 09/100 Dollars (\$163,550.09), including interest at 6.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on October 13, 2011.

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

PART OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 12, TOWN 11 NORTH, RANGE 7 EAST, AND ALSO BEING A PART OF BLOCK 10 OF HUSTON'S ADDITION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN LIBER 1 OF PLATS, PAGE 19, BEING PAGE 20 A, OF TUSCOLA COUNTY RECORDS, DESCRIBED AS: BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF ATHLETIC STREET WHICH IS SOUTH 00 DEGREES, 40 MINUTES, 00 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID NORTH-EAST 1/4, 1377.92 FEET AND SOUTH 65 DEGREES, 34 MINUTES, 08 SECONDS EAST, ALONG SAID NORTHERLY LINE, 98.93 FEET FROM THE NORTH 1/4 CORNER OF SAID SECTION 12; THENCE CONTINUING SOUTH 65 DEGREES, 34 MINUTES, 08 SECONDS EAST, ALONG SAID NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE, 99.70 FEET; THENCE NORTH 24 DEGREES, 25 MINUTES 52 SECONDS EAST, PERPENDICULAR TO SAID NORTHERLY LINE, 140.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 65 DEGREES, 34 MINUTES, 08 SECONDS WEST, PARALLEL WITH SAID NORTHERLY LINE, 99.70 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 24 DEGREES, 25 MINUTES, 52 SECONDS WEST, PERPENDICULAR TO SAID NORTHERLY LINE, 140.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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

Dated: September 14, 2011

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC X (248) 593-1302
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #381502F01
9-14-4

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

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NATIONWIDE ADVANTAGE MORTGAGE COMPANY
Mortgagee/Assignee

Notwithstanding, if the debt secured by this property was discharged in a Chapter 7 Bankruptcy proceeding, this notice is NOT an attempt to collect that debt. You are presently in default under your Mortgage Security Agreement, and the Mortgage Holder may be contemplating the commencement of foreclosure proceedings under the terms of that Agreement and Michigan law.

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Small game hunting seasons underway through March 31

Small game hunting season begins Sept. 1 with the opening of the early Canada goose season and continues until rabbit and hare season ends on March 31. Department of Natural Resources wildlife biologists across the state say hunters should find conditions similar to last year — with a couple of improved opportunities — in Michigan's wood lots, farm fields and wetlands.

Rabbits

Season: Cottontail rabbits and varying (or snowshoe) hare can be hunted from Sept. 15 - March 31, statewide. The daily bag limit is 5 in combination with a possession limit of 10.

Outlook: Roughly 83,000 hunters pursue rabbits and hares in Michigan. Cottontail populations, as always, are good throughout their range over much of the state. Look for thick cover, such as briar patches and brush piles, often adjoining agricultural fields. Snowshoe hare populations, which are cyclical, are down somewhat because of declining habitat. Look for early-successional forests (such as aspen stands), and low-lying swamps with blow-downs and brush piles in the northern two-thirds of the state.

Squirrels

Season: Sept. 15 - March 1. Hunters may bag 5 per day with 10 in possession.

Outlook: Both fox and gray squirrels are at moderate to high levels across much of the state. Look for areas that had good acorn or nut production last year or in wood lots adjoining corn fields. Take advantage of post deer-season hunting in January and February. About 83,000 hunters pursue squirrels each year.

Ruffed Grouse

Season: Sept. 15 - Nov. 14 and Dec. 1 - Jan. 1, statewide. The bag limit is 5 per day/10 in possession in the northern two-thirds of the state, 3 per day/6 in possession in Zone 3 (southern Michigan).

Outlook: Grouse populations are cyclical, typically rising and falling over a 10-year period, and indications are that we are at or near a peak. Grouse are denizens of early-successional forests — young to moderate-aged aspen stands (with trees of a diameter ranging from a cue stick to a baseball bat) and tag alder thickets. Look for good berry and wild fruit production, too. Grouse are most numerous in the Upper Peninsula and northern Lower Peninsula but hunters may find local populations in areas with good habitat in southern Michigan as well. Grouse and woodcock hunters are asked to assist the DNR in monitoring populations by reporting their results. Cooperator forms can be found on the DNR web site at www.michigan.gov/hunting — select Upland Game Birds and then Ruffed Grouse.

Woodcock

Season: Sept. 24 - Nov. 7, statewide. The daily bag is 3 with a possession limit of 6.

Outlook: Although woodcock populations are in long-term decline because of decreasing habitat quality, hunters can expect about the same results they enjoyed last year, when roughly 38,000 hunters said they pursued woodcock. Found in all parts of Michigan, woodcock are migratory and they are commonly associated with grouse hunting. Although their population densities are higher in the northern two-thirds of the state, they often can be found in good numbers in southern Michigan later in the season as the birds head south. The best woodcock

habitat is in young cover along streams and on swamp edges; the long-beaked birds feed by probing the earth for worms and other invertebrates that are adapted to moist soils. Peak migration occurs in mid-October in the northern portions of the state. Hunters are reminded that they must have a Harvest Information Program (HIP) endorsement printed on their small game licenses to legally take woodcock. See the 2011 Michigan Hunting and Trapping Guide for details.

Sharp-tailed Grouse

Season: Oct. 10-31 in the eastern Upper Peninsula, east of M-129 and east of I-75 north of M-48. The limit is 2 daily, with 4 in possession; 6 per season.

Outlook: Back on the roster after nearly a decade of closed season, sharp-tails are birds that use grasslands and associated shrubby habitat. Think pheasant habitat. Sharp-tailed grouse feed on upland seeds and berries. They are often found in small flocks and can be difficult to approach; be prepared for relatively long-range shooting compared to ruffed grouse. Sharp-tail hunters are required to have a (free) sharp-tailed grouse endorsement on their hunting licenses.

Pheasants

Season: Oct. 10-31 in the Upper Peninsula, Oct. 20 - Nov. 14 in the Lower Peninsula and Dec. 1 - Jan. 1 in selected areas of Zone 3. The limit is 2 cocks daily, with 4 in possession.

Outlook: Pheasant populations have been in decline for a number of years, primarily because of changes in agricultural practices and urban sprawl, and there's no reason to assume they will improve dramatically this year. Typically, the best habitat is on private lands that have been managed for pheasants, especially those that are enrolled in farm set-aside programs. Generally speaking, hunters who enjoyed success last year should find similar hunting conditions in the same areas, though a cold wet spring may have affected this year's hatch. The best counties for pheasant hunting occur in south-central to mid-Michigan and into the Thumb, though locally abundant populations can be found almost anywhere. Look for warm-season grasses, especially idled farm fields. Late-season hunters can have success in cattail and shrub lands adjoining picked agricultural fields. An estimated 46,000 hunters pursue pheasants in Michigan.

Quail

Season: Oct. 20 - Nov. 14. Quail can be hunted only in Branch, Calhoun, Clinton, Eaton, Genesee, Gratiot, Hillsdale, Huron, Ingham, Ionia, Jackson, Kent, Lapeer, Lenawee, Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Montcalm, Oakland, Saginaw, St. Clair, St. Joseph, Sanilac, Shiawassee, Tuscola, Washtenaw and Wayne counties. The bag limit is 5 per day/10 in possession.

Outlook: Quail hunting often is associated with pheasant hunting in Michigan and bird populations are patchy at best. Fewer than 2,000 hunters report pursuing quail.

Wild Turkey

Season: Sept. 15 - Nov. 14 in 8 management units including the entire Upper Peninsula (except Isle Royale) and all counties to the south of and including Oceana, Newaygo, Mecosta, Isabella, Midland, Bay and Huron (except Wayne and Monroe). A total of 50,050 licenses are available — 3,350 general licenses that may be used on public or private land and 46,700 licenses for private-land only. Licenses are issued by lot-

tery, though leftover licenses are available over the counter on a first-come, first-served basis until management unit quotas are met. The limit is one bird of either sex per license.

Outlook: Fall turkey seasons are only held in areas where populations are stable to increasing, so prospects are very good. Roughly 16,000 hunters pursue wild turkeys in the fall hunt, many of them during the archery deer season.

Ducks

Seasons: Sept. 24 - Nov. 18 and Nov. 24-27 in the North Zone (Upper Peninsula); Oct. 1 - Nov. 27 and Dec. 3-4 in the Middle Zone; and Oct. 8 - Dec. 4 and Dec. 10-11 in the South Zone. The bag limit for ducks is 6 per day with no more than 4 mallards (no more than one hen), 3 wood ducks, 2 scaup (bluebill), 2 redheads, 2 pintail, one canvasback and one black duck. Five additional mergansers (no more than two may be hooded mergansers) may be taken. Possession limit is 2 days' daily bag limit.

Outlook: Hunting prospects for Michigan's 40,000 duck hunters are good as continental populations are at or above long-term averages for most species. However, Michigan experienced decreased production this spring and local mallards figure prominently in the bag. Water conditions are very good, with high water levels providing additional marsh habitat. Good opportunities for puddle ducks, especially wood ducks, exist in beaver ponds and small inland floodings. Diving ducks, which generally begin arriving in good numbers around mid-October, should be plentiful on the Great Lakes, though bluebills populations remain below the long-term average.

Canada Geese

Seasons: The early season is Sept. 1-15 except in the Upper Peninsula and Saginaw, Huron and Tuscola counties, where the season is Sept. 1-10. The daily bag limit is 5.

The regular goose seasons are Sept. 17 - Oct. 31 in the North Zone; Oct. 1 - Nov. 8, Nov. 24-27 and Dec. 3-4 the Middle Zone; and Oct. 8 - Nov. 10 and Nov. 24 - Dec. 4 in the South Zone, except in designated goose management units (GMUs). The daily bag limit is 2.



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