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Community mourning loss of Jack Esau

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

The weekend marked the loss of a wealth of living historical knowledge when it comes to Cass City and surrounding towns, a faithful veteran, truly a gentle-man who always had a story or 2 to share if you ran into him on the street or at the local library.

A friend.

The community is mourning the loss of Jack Esau, whom many consider the patriarch of Cass City. He was a master of memory, a resident who could share in his later years, still in crisp detail, exactly where he was and what he was doing when the



Jack Esau

Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor back in 1941.

Esau, 93, died Sunday at Northwood Meadows in Cass City, where he had been a resident since August.

He was born in Detroit but lived most of his life in the Cass City area, attending a country school in Greenleaf Township and graduating from Cass City High School in 1935. He attended Michigan State University and was a veteran, having enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps in 1940 and serving active duty throughout World War II in the southern Pacific theatre.

Esau worked a number of jobs over the years, including stints at the old Maier and Young Meat Market on Main Street, Walbro Corporation and the Rawson Dental Clinic. He spent 18 years working part-time at Erla's Food Center before retiring. Throughout his life he was very much involved in the community. He served on the Cass City Board of Education and was a founding member of the Cass City Historical Society and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3644, Cass City.

His complete obituary is published on page 6 of this edition.

Among other things, Esau was known in the community for a keen

memory that rarely failed him.

He was a 22-year-old U.S. Marine, tending bar at an enlisted families Christmas party at Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, Fla., when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor Dec. 7, 1941.

Perhaps those memories gave him a special insight into the events he would witness in the future, such as the terrorist attacks against the United States on 9-11.

"After the first planes went over (Pearl Harbor), we knew where we stood," he commented after that fateful day in New York City in September 2001. "But today, we don't know any more than we did yesterday. It's very vague. You're swatting at flies in the dark. They (terrorists) don't have much to lose, and they're very organized."

Residents who knew Esau agree he was one of the most friendly, personable individuals they ever met.

Take Cass City's Kris Leenhouts-Gamet, for example. Leenhouts-Gamet, a tireless supporter of veterans who organized an annual ceremony in the village to support this nation's troops a few years ago, met Esau back in the day when he was still working at Erla's Food Center.

"In 1990, my oldest son was sent to Desert Shield. After I was invited to Vassar to hang a ribbon to show support for our troops and (my son) Pete, I thought Cass City should do the same. Jack arranged for me to talk to the VFW here in town to get their support and color guard," she recalled. "For the next 7 months, whenever I saw Jack, the first thing he asked was, 'How is Pete doing?'" "When I was able to join the VFW auxiliary, Jack was there with a smile every month, still asking how Pete was doing. He will be greatly missed," said Leenhouts-Gamet, who joined the local auxiliary in 1991.

That sentiment was shared by Agnes Erla, who has worked at Erla's for some 50 years and today serves as the store's customer service representative.

"He was a very dear friend. I have so much respect for him, as most people do," Erla said of Esau.

"He was the most kind and giving person," she added. "He used to drive people to doctor's (appointments). Many of them were family or friends of veterans, but he would have taken anybody if they needed to go. He always made himself available."

Katie Jackson, a longtime Cass City resident who taught in the Cass City Public Schools for nearly 40 years and still serves as president of the Cass City Historical Society, agreed. "He was remarkable," commented Jackson, whose first memory of Esau

dates back to the 1950s, after she first arrived in town. Jackson recalled she was teaching a senior home economics class at the time, and then-school Supt. Willis Campbell told her of a nice man who worked at Erla's and who might be

willing to help her out with a unit she was teaching on meat.

"Jack brought up a half of beef," she said, adding Esau demonstrated meat cutting and explained where each cut of meat was located. "From then on, I was very fond of Jack,"

Jackson said.

Jackson acknowledged that Esau was the consummate story teller, a trait that served him well during his lifetime.

"He was the organizer of the historical society. Please turn to page 7.



CAMPBELL ELEMENTARY School teacher Robin Beckrow works with students Sandyn Cuthrell (left) and Luke Childers during their computer time last week. Beckrow and her students recently put together a video demonstrating their desire for technology upgrades in their classroom as part of a grant application submitted in the Classroom Video Makeover Contest. The winning video in their category will receive a prize package worth more than \$64,000.

Classroom caper

Beckrow hopes video will net tech grant

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Robin Beckrow isn't the first Cass City teacher to think "outside the box" when it comes to trying to secure extra dollars to help her students prepare for the future.

But the fourth grade Campbell Elementary School instructor added an interesting touch in her efforts to secure more than \$64,000 worth of technology items in her classroom; she enlisted the help of her students and a video camera in

her grant proposal.

Beckrow hasn't been named a winner, at least not yet, but even if she doesn't receive funding from the Classroom Video Makeover Contest, presented by eInstruction, the work she and "her" kids put into the project deserves recognition just the same.

"The technology being offered (through the contest) will allow students access to great products that otherwise wouldn't be available to them because of the cost," Beckrow commented.

"I originally was looking — and still am — for a technology grant that would allow me to buy 15 mini-laptop computers for my classroom," she said. "I asked Linda Bailey (a Title I staff member) if she knew of any grants for technology, and she sent me the link to this contest. Of course, my interest was piqued when I saw the dollar amount (\$64,427.90) of the grand prize.

"I read through the rules and guidelines and decided it was too Please turn to page 8.



COUSINS MCKENNA Kemp and Kate Hill show off their face painting creations during the annual Cass City/Thumb Area Branch of the American Association of University Women's (AAUW) Halloween Carnival Thursday at Cass City Middle School. (See story, page 16)

Hanson still pursuing charge against state Rep. Damrow over allegations

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Huron County Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson has made good on his promise to seek a criminal charge against 84th District State Rep. Kurt Damrow (R-Port Austin).

Hanson said last week that he recently met with Michigan State Police (MSP) Detective Brian Ferguson to discuss charging Damrow with filing a false police report. Hanson also gave Ferguson his formal statement.

Should the investigation determine there is merit to the case, Hanson indicated it's his understanding that a report would be forwarded to the Tuscola County Prosecutor's Office.

Hanson's actions stem from a 5-page complaint containing some 80 allegations against several Huron County officials and residents that Damrow passed on to the state police over the summer.

State police investigators in September confirmed that they had closed their probe into those accusations after finding no criminal wrongdoing.

Hanson, who was among those targeted in the allegations, subsequent-

ly called 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 have a hard time believing MSP knowingly investigated second- and third-hand information," he added.

Hanson said the allegations focused on several individuals, including himself, 2 judges, several attorneys, a member of the county's road com-

mission and various other citizens.

The sheriff called the accusations "outrageous" and included statements alleging that he flew a drug dealer around the country during the 1990s and has committed acts of intimidation as sheriff. One judge was accused of running over a person, causing death, and that the case was covered up by the prosecutor's office; road commission members and employees were implicated as being in conflict of interest; and a judge and attorney were accused of being with prostitutes and in possession of drugs, Hanson said.

Inmate attempts escape

Tuscola County Sheriff Lee Teschendorf reported Thursday that an inmate in the county jail in Caro attempted to escape shortly after 1 a.m.

"It was discovered that an inmate was attempting to escape through a ventilation duct in his cell in the C Block of the Tuscola County Jail," said Undersheriff Glen Skrent, who identified the inmate as a 40-year-old Flint male in jail on burglary and other charges related to an alleged scrap theft ring operating in several counties.

"In his attempt to escape, damage was done to (a) vent. The ventilation duct is over 10 feet off the floor and the inmate had climbed a 7-foot ledge that separates the shower area to try and get out."

Now, the inmate faces additional charges related to destruction of jail property and attempted escape.

4-H Fall Family Social scheduled for Sunday

MSU Extension and the Huron County 4-H Council will be hosting their 4-H Fall Family Social Sunday, Nov. 6, at the Bad Axe Free Methodist Church, 165 Pigeon Rd. (M-142), Bad Axe.

The cost is \$6 per person ages 5 and up (4 and under are free). You only need to bring your appetite and enjoy a relaxing afternoon with fellow 4-Hers, family and friends.

The program will begin at 2 p.m. with all-you-can-eat pizza, salad and homemade desserts, with the presentation to follow. The guest speakers for the afternoon program will be the 2011-12 4-H king and queen.

The Huron County 4-H Fall Family Social is an opportunity to recognize Huron County 4-H members for their outstanding work in project areas, competitive activities, and leadership roles. This is also an opportunity to recognize area 4-H adult and teen leaders, and supporters of 4-H for their time and assistance in making the Huron County 4-H Youth Development Program possible.

The Huron County 4-H Leaders' Association will also host its third annual "4-H Silent Auction" fundraiser during this event. Proceeds from the silent auction are

used for 4-H programs such as 4-H Camp, scholarships to 4-H Exploration Days, Kettunen Center workshops, 4-H Projects Galore workshops, etc. Local families and area businesses are donating items, and organizers hope it will also be another reason for those interested in 4-H to come celebrate with them.

For more information, contact Kari VerEllen at the MSU Extension Office at (989) 269-9949.

Give-A-Tree cards now available for the holidays

The Arbor Day Foundation is inviting area residents to celebrate the holiday season with friends and loved ones this year by giving back to the Earth at the same time with the help of their non-profit organization.

Send holiday greetings and plant a tree at the same time by using the foundation's Give-A-Tree cards. Give-A-Tree cards are unique in that every card plants a tree in a national forest in honor of the recipient. By send a card, residents are helping to replant forests that have been devastated by wildfires, insects and disease. Give-A-Tree holiday cards come in 20 varieties. This year, an option is available to customize the cards, including using a favorite picture in a Give-A-Tree photo card.

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The foundation's Trees in Celebration Program allows the giver to honor loved ones while at the same time making a positive impact on the environment. Trees in Celebration includes a certificate for the recipient, and for each dollar donated, a tree is planted in a damaged forest.

Area residents who give friends a membership to the Arbor Day Foundation will receive 10 free trees. A membership costs \$10 and include several benefits, including the trees, which are shipped at the right time of the year for planting.

"The holidays are a time for thinking about others, and as you do, take a moment to think about what you can do to protect the beauty and splendor of the Earth," Rosenow said. "We encourage everyone to give gifts that will have a lasting impact on the world for generations to come."

More information is available by logging onto the website www.arborday.org.

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It's a girl!

Imara Remsing

Joseph and Sherri Remsing of Pontiac announce the birth of their daughter, Imara Louise.

Imara was born March 21, 2011 in Pontiac. She weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces and was 19.5 inches long.

Her grandparents are the late Linda Remsing and Joseph and Lois Remsing of Arizona, and Doug and the late Donna Poole of Pontiac.

Senior exercise classes offered at HDC in Caro

Senior exercise classes at the Human Development Commission (HDC) Caro Dining Center, 435 Green St., Caro, have been changed from Tuesdays at 10:45 a.m. to Mondays at 10:45 a.m.

HDC officials welcome seniors, ages 60 and older, to participate in the fitness program, which is designed for older adults.

The exercise classes are led by Jeanne Putman, a certified fitness instructor who has developed a 45-minute routine that includes seated and standing exercises designed to get residents' hearts pumping, their bodies moving and their spirits lifted.

Those who are family caregivers, caring for a loved one with memory loss, Alzheimer's Disease or Parkinson's are encouraged to participate, as exercise and socialization are recommended for both caregivers and individuals with memory loss.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Wednesday, November 2
Spoonfuls of Plenty FREE Community Meal, 4-6 p.m., LeeRoy Clark Building, 435 Green St., Caro. Open to anyone wanting a hot, home-style meal.

Thursday, November 3
AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 553-5932.
Friends of the Library meeting, 1:30 p.m., Rawson Memorial District Library.

Friday, November 4
Al-Anon meeting for family and friends of alcoholics, 7 p.m., United Methodist Church, Elkton. For more information, call (989) 872-4042.

Saturday, November 5
Narcotics Anonymous meetings, 7 p.m., St. John Episcopal Church, Sand Point. Anyone with a drug problem is invited to attend. For more information, please call (989) 963-9077.
Annual Bazaar & Lunch, 8 a.m.-3 p.m., Cass City United Methodist Church (one mile north of stoplight).

Sunday, November 6
Gagetown AA meeting, 8-9 p.m., Gagetown fire hall. For more information, call (989) 665-0086 or (989) 912-5493.
Gagetown United Methodist Brunch, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. All you can eat. \$6 donation.

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

Tuesday, November 8
Al-Anon meeting, 7 p.m., St. Francis Parrish, Pigeon.

Wednesday, November 9
Meatloaf Dinner, noon, Cass City United Methodist Church, 5100 N. Cemetery Rd. Cost: \$7. For takeouts, call 872-4604, and pick up between 11 a.m. and noon, or after 12:30 p.m.



FOUR SECOND-YEAR Michigan State University Institute of Agricultural Technology Dairy Production Management Program students recently competed in the 2011 International Postsecondary Dairy Judging Contest, held during the World Dairy Expo in Madison, Wis. The team placed seventh out of the 12 teams that competed. Team members were (from left): Assistant Coach Sarah Black, Shawn Baker of Sterling, Deidre Bowen of Cass City, Jade Cox of Coldwater, Ryan Silvernail of Fremont, and Coach Dr. Joe Domecq, specialist in the MSU Department of Animal Science and director of the MSU Dairy Management Program.

Police baffled by cries of distress in Huron County

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Township resident Edward Osantoski told deputies that he had heard cries for help coming from a large wooded area south of his McGardle Road address.

"He described the cries sounding as if they were coming from a child or female," Huron County Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson reported. "He contacted his immediate neighbors and learned that they, too, had heard the cries for help. No one heard anything other than requests for help. In all, 5 individuals had witnessed these cries over an hour-long span. Once Deputy (Brian) Tetreau arrived, no other cries were heard."

A Central Huron Ambulance Service crew arrived to assist in the search along with the Kinde Area Fire Department, additional deputies and a trooper from the Michigan State Police (MSP), the Port Austin Police Department, local neighbors and an off-duty Bad Axe police officer.

"All responding personnel utilized ATVs and foot searches," Hanson said. "Deputy Warren Kuhl went door to door in a 4-square-mile radius, looking for any information. Searchers (also) looked for unattended vehicles or occupied hunting camps, which also turned up negative."

Later, 2 MSP K-9 troopers arrived to join in the search, working the area for 90 minutes, with no results.

The search was suspended and resumed the next morning with 8 members of the sheriff's department, including Hanson and Undersheriff Ron Roberts.

"A foot and air search was conducted, which once again turned up nothing," Hanson said. "A decision was (subsequently) made to call the search off because we weren't finding anything to lead us to believe that someone was actually missing."

Hanson asks that anyone with information regarding the incident contact Huron Central Dispatch at (989) 269-6421.

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Obituaries

John (Jack) Esau

John Alexander Esau, 93, of Cass City, died Sunday, Oct. 30, 2011 at Northwood Meadows in Cass City, where he had been a resident since August.



Jack (as he was known to one and all throughout his long life), was born in Detroit on Jan. 30, 1918, the son of Robert and Effie (McLellan) Esau.

His family moved back to the Thumb when he was still a very young child and he attended country school in Greenleaf Township and graduated from Cass City High School in 1935. He attended Michigan State University in 1935-1936, and then returned to Cass City to work at the old Maier and Young Meat Market on Main Street. He made his home with Fred and Fern Maier, who regarded him virtually as a son.

In 1940, with war already looming, he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps, and served active duty throughout World War II in the southern Pacific theatre. He was honorably discharged from the Marines in 1946 and returned to Cass City.

On June 10, 1948, he and Ruth Schenck were married in the Evangelical Church in Cass City. They built their home on the Schenck family farm on Milligan Road in that year, and lived there the rest of their lives. Ruth died on Feb. 6, 2008.

After leaving the Gross and Maier Meat Market (as it later became), Jack worked for a number of years as director of personnel at Walbro Corporation, then at the Rawson Dental Clinic. He worked part-time for 18 years at Erla's Foods before

finally retiring for good when he was well into his 80s.

Jack was very much involved in the civic life of Cass City throughout his adult life, and served on the Cass City School Board, including a term as president. He was a founding member of both the Cass City Area Historical Society and the Cass City Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3644, also serving as Quartermaster of the Cass City VFW.

He was an ardent reader throughout his life, with particular interests in the history of the United States Civil War era, natural history, and his beloved Scotland (the land of his maternal forebears). He relied heavily on the Rawson Memorial District Library for reading material and developed lasting friendships with many library staff members over the years.

He was a great animal lover and shared his life with many generations of beloved dogs and cats.

Jack is survived by a son, Eric (John DeSantis) of Newbury, VT; daughters: Mary Beth (Howard) Bialick of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Anne (Steve) Ballard of Cass City; 3 grandchildren: Jacob Esau Ballard, John Alexander Ballard, and Janey Elizabeth Ballard, all of Cass City; a sister, Marian Esau Kolleth of Florida; a brother, Carl Esau of Florida; many friends including Phil and Kathy Nichols of Cass City; several nephews and nieces; and 2 first cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; 2 sisters: Janet Esau of Detroit, and Elizabeth Esau Baker of Pennsylvania; 2 nieces; many first cousins of the MacRae, Wheeler and Croft families; and a lifelong friend and native of Cass City, Gerald Kercher of Connecticut, in August 2011.

Funeral services will be held at a later date, at the Fraser Presbyterian Church, with interment of ashes in the Esau-Schenck family plot in the Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Contributions in Jack's memory may be made to the Rawson Memorial District Library, Cass City.

Mary Hendra

Mary Evelyn Hendra, 91, of Cass City, died Monday, Oct. 24, 2011 in Brian's House in Bay City.

She was born Feb. 4, 1920 at home in Cloverdale.

She married the Rev. Leland W. Sherrard June 20, 1942 in Cloverdale. He died Feb. 26, 1973. She then married Wellington Hendra Dec. 8, 1979 in the Cass City Missionary Church, Cass City. He died April 1, 1996.

Evelyn and Leland served many years in the ministry in the Michigan District of the Missionary Church serving in Mancelona, Grand Rapids, Duck Lake and Mizpah and Riverside churches in Cass City. Evelyn worked for General Cable, retiring after over 21 years. She was a member of Cass City Missionary Church and served as a Deaconess there. She enjoyed sewing, reading, gardening and working in her flower gardens. Evelyn greatly loved her family and enjoyed spending time with the grandchildren.

Evelyn is survived by her children: Marcia Schember of Cass City, Milton (Marilou) Sherrard of South Bend, Ind., and Delores (the Rev. Jonathan) Boyer of Bay City; a daughter-in-law, Colleen Sherrard of Lapeer; 9 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; 2 great great-grandchildren. She is also survived by step-children: Janice (Jerry) Lacey of Croswell, Paula (James) Dell of Kimball, Karen (David) Long of Croswell, and Dale (Pam) Hendra of Croswell; 13 step-grandchildren; 19 step-great grandchildren; 3 step great great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a son, David Sherrard; a great-grandson, Jason; brothers and sisters-in-law: Lewis Horn, John (Alice) Horn, Dwight Horn; sisters and brothers-in-law: Mabel (Orville) Forman, Esther Horn, Ruth (Elmer) Anders; a step-son, Don Hendra; and a step-grandson.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Oct. 27, at the Cass City Missionary Church, Cass City, with Pastor Phil Burkett officiating.

Interment was in the Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Memorials may be made to the Cass City Missionary Church.

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

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

William Joos

William Maurice Joos, 100, of Independence, Mo., formerly of

Cass City, went to be at the right hand of God Sunday, Oct. 23, 2011 in Northcare Hospice House, North Kansas City, Mo.

He was born July 18, 1911 in Cass City, the son of Frederick William and Hattie (Muck) Joos.

He married Eva Mae Sovey Feb. 27, 1937. She died Oct. 11, 1967. He later married Frances Diebel Aug. 26, 1972 in Lapeer. She died June 9, 1995.

Maurice worked on the family farm with his dad. He also worked for McClellan Creamery, the Nestles plant in Cass City, Peters Sawmill, REA, Dr. Donahue Farms, and the Ford Garage. He retired from Bauer Candy Company after 27 years as a salesman.

Maurice's passions in life were serving the Lord and his church. He would brag to everyone who visited that he was a member of the Cass City United Methodist Church for 78 years and that he sang in the choir for 73 years. He sang in different men's choruses, quartets and trios and even sang on the radio in Detroit. Another passion of Maurice's was baseball. He loved the Detroit Tigers. He was able to see five games since he came to Independence, MO. This summer when Detroit came to play Kansas City he was able to get out to the ballpark and cheer for his Detroit team. When the Tigers would get the Kansas City Royals out he would clap his hands and have a big grin on his face. This may have been the first time he ever attended a major league game. He was amazed at the condition of the field. Maurice often boasted about his .350 batting average in high school. God had a plan for Maurice to watch his Detroit Tigers have a winning season and when they lost to the Texas Rangers his mission was over. The Lord wanted Maurice to play baseball for him now.

Maurice is survived by his sons: Richard (Connie) Joos of Independence, Mo., and Donald (JoEllen) Joos of Grand Rapids; 5 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; 10 great great-grandchildren; a brother-in-law, Ted Diebel; sisters-in-law: Bob and Mary (Diebel) Dast, Jerry and Florence (Diebel) Decker, and Lola Diebel; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by sisters: Lena Hanes and Helen Jezewski; great-grandson, Ryan Joos.

Funeral services were held Friday, Oct. 28, at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with Chuck Emmert of Duplain Church of Christ officiating.

Interment will be in the Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Memorials may be made to NorthCare Hospice, North Kansas City, Mo.

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

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

Deborah LeValley

Deborah Gwen Boylan LeValley, 61, a Petoskey resident, passed away peacefully Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2011, at Hospice of Little Traverse Bay Hiland Cottage in Petoskey.

She was born June 17, 1950 in Tampa, Fla., daughter of Clark and Phyllis (Van Riper) Boylan.

She married Paul LeValley March 28, 1970 in Cass City. They were blessed with 2 children.



Deb graduated from Cass City High School and went on to earn a nursing degree at North Central Michigan College, a Family Planning Nurse Practitioner Certification from San Jose State, a B.S. in Health Administration at Spring Arbor, and was currently working on a certification as a life, health, and business coach from the International Coaching Academy. She was a member of Zonta and the First Presbyterian Church.

In 1976, Deb and Paul settled in Petoskey, where her hobbies included reading, walking on the beach, shopping with her daughter, and being with grandchildren. She began her nursing career in 1985 and worked in a variety of capacities from staff nurse to management positions. She was currently working as clinical nurse manager for Dermatology Associates in Petoskey. Her greatest passion was her ability to communicate and coach people, touching lives all over the world. She continued to provide guidance and wisdom to family and friends right up until she died. She always had a strong faith in God which provided her with the strength to begin her new journey. We shall greatly miss her, her smile, and her laughter and we will always remember her words, Move Forward, Bounce Back, and Press On.

Deb is survived by her husband Paul; her 2 children: Cameron (Tom) Burek of Petoskey, and Jason LeValley of Petoskey; grandchildren: Jackson and Parker, and Brendan; a sister, Stephanie (Jim) Stanley of Ormond Beach, Fla.; brothers and sisters-in-law: Bruce (Yvonne) LeValley, Marty (Doris) LeValley, Richard (Paula) LeValley all of Cass City, and Allan (Tammy) LeValley of Pigeon; and many nephews and nieces.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Clark and Phyllis; a sibling Donna Daniels; and her mother-in-law, Alice Ricker.

A memorial service will be held at 5:30 p.m., Friday, Nov. 4, at the First Presbyterian Church in Petoskey, with Dr. Rev. Robert Lueck officiating.

Visitation to the family will be from 3 to 5 p.m.

She will be interred privately in the Greenwood Cemetery Memorial Garden in Petoskey.

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Community mourning loss of Jack Esau

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ical society in Cass City. I want to think it was the time of the bicentennial — ‘76 — but I would have to double check,” she said. “He was president for many years, and he was on the board for many, many years after that.”

Esau also played a key role in the production of a series of “living history” videos that are still available at Rawson Memorial District Library in Cass City. In the series, produced some 15 years ago, several longtime residents recall memories of the past, and Esau served as both a moderator

and the interviewee in a number of the segments.

“It’s kind of an end of an era. We’ve relied on him so long,” she said. “He’s going to be missed.”

“Obviously, it is hard to talk about the loss of someone so dear,” added Kate VanAuken, director of Rawson Memorial District Library. “I have been at Rawson for 9 years. During that time I got to know a small part of Jack Esau. This community has known Jack for 9 decades. I have known him for less than one.

“In that time I have learned about a small snapshot of a life so full of many wonderful details: the escapades of his youth; his love of

libraries, reading and literature; his time in the Marines; his timeless marriage to the love of his life, Ruth; his love for his children; how proud he was of his grandchildren; and, of course, the many, many recollections of his home, Cass City,” VanAuken said.

“Cass City is so very fortunate to have had such a patriarch. Far too many communities never have or will have such a treasure,” she continued. “Where would we be without Jack’s memories?”

“When they say, ‘Once a marine, always a marine’, that was Jack — not only (in terms of) service to our country, but also to the Marine

Corps,” commented Phil Nichols, a longtime friend and fellow VFW post member who said Esau was known as much for his gentle and kind demeanor as he was for his memory. “I don’t recall Jack ever having anything bad to say about anybody.”

“He was a very passionate man. He loved the VFW and he loved the corps. No matter what happened, he was there, if only just to root you on,” commented Marty Twork, who

has been a member of VFW Post 3644, Cass City, for the past 10 years, including a 4-year stint as commander.

Twork noted Esau served as post quartermaster for many years. “And he was our historian for quite awhile,” he said. “There wasn’t anything we could ask him that he didn’t know. Everything we needed, he knew.

“He’ll be missed, that’s for sure.”

Michigan House passes Damrow bill to assist former prisoners

The Michigan House of Representatives recently approved legislation designed to give the state’s released prisoners a better chance of becoming productive members of society, state Rep. Kurt Damrow (R-Port Austin) announced. The House approved a package of

ills, including Damrow’s House Bill 4076, making it less complicated for released prisoners to get a driver’s license or state identification card.

“By ensuring released prisoners can use their prison ID as one of the doc-

uments needed to obtain a Michigan ID, we are helping these individuals overcome an unnecessary obstacle as they strive to begin a new life,” Damrow said. “Valid identification helps these prisoners who have served their time find stability and become productive members of society. Without a valid ID, many people could turn to using fake IDs or aliases to get documentation, which can cause problems on many levels.”

Currently, the secretary of state allows released prisoners to use their prison identification card, in addition to a primary identification document such as a birth certificate, to receive their state ID.

“Creating a statute will make sure this agreement does not change,” Damrow said.

House Bill 4076 requires the secretary of state to accept a prisoner ID card as a form of secondary identification to obtain a state card or driver’s license.

Damrow said released prisoners incarcerated for long periods of time encounter a major hurdle if their proper identification has expired or become lost, making it extremely difficult to obtain the documentation necessary for almost any job, bank account or residence application.

The legislation now moves to the Senate for consideration.

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Beckrow hopes to net grant

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good of an opportunity to let it pass by,” Beckrow added. “Even though there was only a little over 2 weeks to get everything done, I decided to see if my class would be interested. Let’s just say the kids were more than excited, especially when they found out that we would be making a music video.

“It pretty much evolved from discussing as many of the ideas with the students and then seeing how we could incorporate as many of the ideas together as possible. Once ideas started flying around, it was hard to stop, but we only had 2.5 minutes of video time to get all of our ideas into the video,” Beckrow said.

The students were great through the whole process,” she continued. “We brainstormed different ideas for the video and for the lyrics. We practiced our lines and lyrics as much as we could, and then it was time to start filming. We enlisted 2 fantastic high school students — Ian Woodward and Morgan Erla — to help out. We could not have done it without them. They filmed and put the video together.”

“We tried to show that technology helps students to stay focused and interested longer than students who use textbooks and paper/pencil activities. We had to include the main company’s logo (elInstruction) into the lyrics and video at least once along with other companies’ logos,” Beckrow noted. “We basically were trying to show that technology is the best way to learn in this technological society we live in. I want students to be as prepared as possible to meet any technological obstacles they might encounter, (and) the best way to prepare them is to use what they will be expected to use in college and beyond.”

Beckrow explained there have been 2 steps in the contest after uploading the video. The first was asking the public to visit the contest website to watch some or all of the videos and rating them. The website for Cass City’s video is: <http://2011classroommakeover.shycast.com/submission/show/1570>.

Early this week, the companies responsible for the contest were slated to narrow down the list of entries to the top 5 in each category (elementary, middle and high school).

“If we are fortunate enough to be in the top 5, then the public can start to vote for their favorite. Public votes will account for 40 percent of the

score, and the other 60 percent will be from the panel of judges from the companies,” Beckrow said.

Win or lose, Beckrow figures her students have benefited from a valuable lesson.

“I think this project has allowed my class to see that there are wonderful opportunities out there if you go out and look for them,” she added. “I hope that they will see what wonderful things they can accomplish if they have a goal and work hard to achieve it. I think it was also a great way to showcase our school in a positive and upbeat way.”

Beckrow’s efforts haven’t gone unnoticed.

“I think it (video) turned out really well. The kids seemed to have fun with it,” commented Campbell Elementary School Principal Aaron Fernald.

“She wants to bring more into her classroom, and I think she has the right idea. I think she’s done a great job,” he said. “She’s really done a nice job with the fourth grade. She’s a good teacher, as all my fourth grade teachers are. I just have a really good staff.”

It’s a labor of love for Beckrow, a 1993 Cass City High School graduate who attended Delta College and then transferred to Saginaw Valley State University, where she earned her bachelor’s degree in elementary education.

“I was hired in 2000 as a fifth grade special education teacher for Cass City Schools,” Beckrow noted. “I worked at the middle school in all grades in special education until the 2010-11 school year, when I moved down to the elementary to become a fourth grade regular education teacher. This is my second year in fourth grade. I absolutely love this age of students. They are fun to be around and they make every day an unknown,” she added. “I never have to worry about getting bored with my class because there is such a wide diversity of personalities and needs.

“I remember growing up and having terrific teachers that made such a positive impact on my life that I decided that was the job I needed to do,” Beckrow recalled.

“I hope that I am positively impacting students and helping them realize what great individuals they are. I know education is a tough profession to be in at this point in time because of all the cuts we are experiencing, but I can’t picture myself doing anything else.

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Cass City volleyball team sky high with Class C district action on tap

The Cass City volleyball team served notice over the weekend that the Red Hawks plan to be a tough out at this week's Class C District Tournament in Bad Axe.

Not only did Coach Brenda Sherman's spikers earn top honors Saturday at the Laker Invitational, they did so with solid victories over Bad Axe and Unionville-Sebewaing Area Schools (USA), whom the Red Hawks will meet again this week if they are to successfully defend their district crown.

After defeating Bay City All Saints 25-14, 25-10 to get things started in the team's initial pool play contest, the Red Hawks recorded straight game wins of 25-8, 25-19 over Kingston, before splitting a pair of extended point games with USA.

Cass City fell 27-26 in game one against the Patriots, but was able to trade victories with their Greater Thumb West (GTW) rival, entering elimination play on the heels of a 26-24 decision.

There, Cass City needed 3 games to get by Bad Axe, before having an easy time in a semifinal contest against Reese.

Cass City's quarterfinal win over the Hatchets was the team's second straight. Earlier last week, the Red Hawks celebrated a successful parents' night outing with a Greater Thumb West triumph in 4 games.

Both schools traded 25-18 decisions on Saturday, before Cass City moved on with a 15-7 win in the rubber game. The Hatchets could get another shot at the Red Hawks this Friday in the finals of their own district.

So could USA, who would like nothing better than to end Cass City's season tonight (Wed.) in a Class C district semifinal match-up, considering, as expected, Cass City gets by Harbor Beach in their district opener.

In the championship match-up, Cass City cruised to wins of 25-21 and 25-20.

"It was an encouraging day with districts ahead. We ran into a couple of rough spots, but the girls really pulled together. A lot of our strengths were emphasized in play," said

Sherman.

Individually, Logan Rowell had a great day with 51 kills, 9 solo blocks, 2 block assists, 18 digs and 7 serving aces, while Stephanie Leeson added 60 set assists, 17 kills, 19 digs and 12 serving aces; Megan Parrish, 50 set assists, 17 kills, 37 digs and 9 serving aces; Carley Hendrick, 20 kills, 6 serving aces and 38 digs; Shania Chambers, 53 digs; Gracy Hollis, 4 solo blocks and 9 kills; and Jordyn Rasmussen, 28 kills.

Cass City enters district play with a 9-3 GTW record, 28-9-4 overall.

Owen-Gage spikers face Caseville tonight in Class D district volleyball play

Owen-Gage will have their hands full tonight when they travel to face host Caseville in Class D district volleyball action.

However, if the Bulldogs should pull off an upset over the Eagles, waiting in Thursday's championship game will be either North Huron or the Akron-Fairgrove/Port Hope winners.

And that would suit the Bulldogs just fine, as they ended their regular season last week with North Central Thumb League wins over both the Warrior and Vikings.

On Thursday, the Bulldogs' home

finale ended on a positive note when Akron-Fairgrove went down in 4 games. The scores on the night were 25-20, 23-25, 25-12 and 25-19.

Senior Mandy Muntz paced the winners with 14 points and 20 kills, while Christin Harris had 11 points and 17 kills in her final home contest for the Bulldogs.

On Tuesday, Owen-Gage defeated North Huron 25-18, 25-21 and 25-18.

Kayla Montreuil had a big night for the Bulldogs, recording 18 points, 6 aces, 5 saves and 29 assists.



RED HAWK Libero Shania Chambers makes a play during Cass City's regular season finale Thursday as teammate Carley Hendrick closes in on the action.



CASS CITY'S Erin Zdrojewski, right, and Alyssa Bennett both qualified for Saturday's Division 3 cross country state final meet with gutsy regional runs.



THE CASS CITY 8th grade spikers finished with a perfect 10-0 record in 2011. Coach Beth Howard's Red Hawks are: (front, l-r) Gloria Armstead, Faith Grimshaw-Windsor, Tara Nicholas, Kendra Goss, Cacealya Horne, (middle) Lauren Potter, Carley Stone, Laiken Smerdon, Courtney Szczepanski, Mandy Czekai, Sophia Romain, Alicia Crouch, Shannon Kawecky (back) Jessie Peters, McKenzie Kus, Macy Dickinson, Maegan LeValley, Taylor Rasmussen, Kaitlyn Fetterhoff, and Sally Groombridge.



THE CASS CITY 7th grade volleyball team finished with a 6-4 record. The 2011 Red Hawks are: (front, l-r) Alexis Bates, Alexa Torres (middle) Savana Doerr, Amy Verhines, Drew Susalla, Kelcie Autry, Olivia Smerdon, Skylar Gasta (back) Jordan Pawlowski, Emily Peters, Elena Erla, Victoria Cumper, Katelynne Mester and Coach Sally Pergande. Missing is Megan Badgley.

Zdrojewski, Bennett moving on for Lady Red Hawk runners

Sometimes you don't want to be right. And Saturday proved to be one of those times for Cass City Cross Country Coach Jon Zdrojewski.

His Greater Thumb West champion Lady Red Hawks failed to advance over the weekend at the Division 3 regional in Harbor Beach, won by M-81 neighbor Caro with a dominating performance.

The Tigers captured the regional crown with 27 points and were followed by Flint Powers with 52, Sandusky 109, Frankenmuth 132, Cass City 134, Reese 171, Bad Axe 211, Chesaning 216, St. Charles 230, Marlette 261, Vassar 271, and Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port 317.

"The competition was really tough. We knew coming into the meet that Caro was the favorite and we anticipated a strong Flint Powers team. We were correct on that count," said Zdrojewski. "Our real competition was for third place and our rivals all season have been Sandusky and Frankenmuth."

Caro had 4 of the 6 fastest individual times to secure the regional title. Erika Roe led the Tigers with a second place time of 19:30, while Casey

Hadaway was third to cross the end line with a time of 19:34 and Monica Ellicott, fourth, with a time of 19:34. The champions also had Sarah Brown, 6th overall, with a time of 19:52 and Megan Ewald with a time of 20:06 finished the race in the 12th spot.

Despite not advancing as a team, awarded to only the top 3 team finishers on the day, Cass City had a pair of individuals qualifying for the State Finals Meet slated at the Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn this Saturday.

"The top 15 individuals also qualify (for the state finals) and Erin Zdrojewski finished 14th and Alyssa Bennett finished 15th within .27 of a second of each other in at 20:10.28 and 20:10.55," said Zdrojewski.

"Alyssa had the best time of the season and Erin her second best time. The girls are excited to run Saturday to finish their seasons strong."

"All in all, Cass City's cross country had a great season and I really enjoyed my first year as the coach of the cross country team and look forward to next year."

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THE CASS CITY middle school football team ran the table in 2011 and finished with a perfect 6-0 record. The Red Hawks are (front l-r) Jose Torres, Adam Michalski, Brent Baker, Darren Dickson, Brad Baker, Shaede Perzanowski (row 2) Brad Hacker, Branden Horne, Tyler Vogelpohl, Parker Haire, Ryan Schmidt, Sawyer Cuthrell, Seth Osentoski (row 3) TJ Moore, Evan Baranski, Jacob Lawrence, Corne Devor, Keith Lounsbury, Cole Chippi, Mason Erla, Alex Naegele (back) Coaches Josh Stern and Clarke Haire.

Caro impressive in regional victory

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ward to next season.

“There will be some big shoes to fill, as we will be losing 2 strong runners in seniors Ashley Potts and Jessa Prieskorn.”

Potts finished 24th Saturday with a time of 20:54 and Prieskorn, 42nd, with a time of 22:32.

In the boys’ field, Chesaning grabbed team honors with 51 points, while Frankenmuth and Marlette each advanced into the state finals

with 77 and 82 points, respectively.

Frankenmuth’s Eric Edmond was the meet medalist with a time of 16:03.

Locally, Red Hawk Adrien Hartsell was timed in 21 minutes flat and Justin KerKau in 24:19.

Proper field care of deer is the first step towards a rewarding kitchen experience

The reasons why people hunt deer are probably as varied as the people who hunt them, but the vast majority share at least one common trait: They want to put venison on the table.

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But it’s a lengthy path from woods to the table and how hunters process their game has a significant impact on its palatability. Proper field care of deer is the first step toward a rewarding experience in the kitchen.

The Department of Natural Resources reminds hunters that proper field dressing of deer is mostly a matter of paying attention to detail. The first detail is timing; generally, the sooner you can dress a deer – especially in warm weather – the better off you’ll be. It’s also a lot easier to field dress an animal while it’s still warm.

The DNR recommends rubber or latex gloves when field-dressing deer, as much for your own sake as for that of the meat. One of the keys to field dressing an animal is to avoid contacting the meat with contaminants, either internal (feces, stomach contents or urine) or external (hair or dirt).

The first step — after you’ve tagged the deer — is to roll it on its back. Make sure you have a sharp knife (dull knives lead to accidents). Locate the breast bone. Pull the hide away from the carcass (to avoid

puncturing any internal organs) and make a small incision in the animal’s chest just below the breast bone. Insert your middle and forefingers in the shape of a V and push up against the skin. Insert the knife, cutting surface up, between the fingers and cut through the abdominal wall and down toward the pelvis. By working from the chest toward the pelvis, you are cutting in the direction the hair grows, making it easier to avoid getting hair on the meat.

If the deer is a buck, cut around both sides of the reproductive organs. Cut between the hams carefully to free a buck’s urethra. Cut around the anus.

And, if it’s a doe, cut around the vaginal tract, as well. You’ll have to cut to a depth of about four inches.

Do not sever the rectum or the urethra. If pellets or fecal material are present in the rectum, some hunters recommend tying it shut with a piece of string.

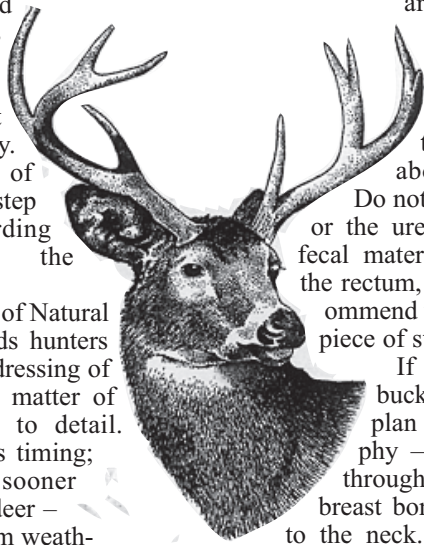
If it’s a doe — or a buck and you do not plan to mount the trophy — you can cut up through the center of the breast bone, all the way up to the neck. If it’s an old or large animal, a small saw will make it easier to get through the rib cage. If it’s a buck that you want to mount, do not cut above the breast bone; reach up into the chest cavity to grasp the windpipe and esophagus. Cut the esophagus and wind pipe as high as you can reach. Pull them down and cut them free.

The DNR does not recommend splitting the pelvic bone, as many injuries occur while doing so. If you insist on splitting the pelvis, use a small saw instead of a knife. Instead, pull the rectum and urethra from under the pelvic bone into the body cavity. Pull the windpipe and esophagus down and away from the

carcass.

Cut the diaphragm as close to the rib cage as possible on both sides, making sure you do not puncture the stomach, intestines or bladder. Roll the body on its side, allowing the entrails to begin falling out of the body cavity. You may have to free the organs from connective tissue with your knife. Keep the liver and heart for the table, if you’re inclined.

Prop the body cavity open (a stick will help) to facilitate cooling and allow the blood to drain. Wipe out the body cavity. The carcass is now ready to be transported to where you want to hang it until you’re ready to take it home or to the processor.



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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 33, Cass City 0	
9/30	Cass City 52, BCAS 0	
10/7	Vassar 48, Cass City 24	
10/14	EPB Lakers 22, Cass City 20	
10/21	Caro 25, Cass City 19	

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	Cass City 44, Reese 14	
9/29	Cass City 50, BCAS 12	
10/6	Cass City 30, Vassar 12	
10/13	Cass City 22, EPB Lakers 14	
10/20	Cass City 36, Caro 6	

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	Ubly	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

TENNIS

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
8/18	Cros-Lex 5, Cass City 3	
8/24	BCAS 5, Cass City 2	
8/25	Bay City Central	11 a.m.
9/12	Caro 7, Cass City 1	
9/15	Cass City 5, BCAS 3	
9/17	Yale Tourney	TBA
9/26	Caro	4 p.m.

FOLLOW DISTRICTS VOLLEYBALL

Class C at Bad Axe

UBLY	BAD AXE/UBLY WINNER	
Oct. 31 7 p.m.	EPBP/SANDUSKY WINNER	
BAD AXE	Nov. 2 6 p.m.	
SANDUSKY		
Oct. 31 7 p.m.		
EPBP		
HARBOR BEACH		
Oct. 31 7 p.m.	CASS CITY/HB WINNER	
CASS CITY	Nov. 2 7:45 p.m.	
		Nov. 4 Championship 6 p.m.

MIDDLE SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

All games begin at 5:30 p.m.

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION
9/14	Reese	H
9/19	Ubly	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	Ubly	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	Cass City 20, Ubly 14	
9/27	Cass City 28, Harbor Beach 0	
10/4	Cass City 42, EPB Lakers 16	
10/11	Cass City 28, Bad Axe 0	
10/18	Cass City 32, USA 20	

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

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

Dated: October 12, 2011

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Judith D. Graham, a single woman, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated December 23, 2002 and recorded on January 29, 2003 in Liber 913 on Page 256, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Bank of America, N.A., as successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, L.P. as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Eight Thousand Eight Hundred One and 46/100 Dollars (\$68,801.46), including interest at 7.5% per annum.

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

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

Part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 8, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, described as beginning at a point which is North 88 degrees 55 minutes 45 seconds East 708.62 feet along the South line of said Section 8 and North 00 degrees 11 minutes 00 seconds West 481.60 feet along the centerline of Nottingham Drive from the Southwest corner of said Section 8; thence continuing along said centerline North 00 degrees 11 minutes 00 seconds West 170.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 49 minutes 00 seconds East, 254.50 feet; thence South 00 degrees 27 minutes 35 seconds East, 170.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 49 minutes 00 seconds West, 255.32 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: October 12, 2011

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

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

Parcel B: Part of the East half of the Southeast quarter of Section 8, Town 10 North, Range 7 East, Arbel Township, Tuscola County, Michigan described as beginning at a point on the South Section line that is South 89 degrees 04 minutes 34 seconds West 394.41 feet from the Southeast corner of said Section 8; thence continuing South 89 degrees 04 minutes 34 seconds West 394.42 feet; thence North 00 degrees 19 minutes 08 seconds West 727.15 feet; thence North 53 degrees 38 minutes 31 seconds East 365.93 feet; thence North 89 degrees 04 minutes 34 seconds East 98.51 feet; thence South 00 degrees 19 minutes 08 seconds East 939.31 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: October 12, 2011

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Kathleen M. Diaz, an unmarried woman, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated January 7, 2004 and recorded February 5, 2004 in Liber 978, Page 89, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by GMAC Mortgage, LLC by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thousand Nine Hundred Eighteen and 15/100 Dollars (\$100,918.15) 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 front entrance of the Tuscola Circuit Courthouse in the Village of Caro, MI at 10:00 a.m. on NOVEMBER 10, 2011.

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

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

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: October 12, 2011

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Dale Moore and Gloria Moore, husband and wife of Tuscola County, Michigan, Mortgagor to U.S. Bank National Association, successor by merger to Firststar Bank, NA dated the 19th day of November, 2001, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 18th day of January, 2002, in Liber 857, Page 1099 of Tuscola Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal of \$67,392.81 (sixty-seven thousand three hundred ninety-two and 81/100) plus accrued interest at 8.940% (eight point nine four 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 10th day of November, 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 Village of Fostoria, in the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan and described as follows to wit:

Situated in the Village of Fostoria, County of Tuscola and State of Michigan: Lots 8 and 9, Block 16 of the Village of Fostoria, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 44-45, now being Pages 45A-46A. Commonly known as: 9225 Maple Street.

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Dated: October 12, 2011

By: Michael I. Rich (P-41938)
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by JEREMY A. DEGENEFEE, A SINGLE MAN, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated October 31, 2007 and recorded on November 2, 2007, in Document No. 200700901712, Liber 1133, on Page 1408, and assigned by said mortgagee to GMAC Mortgage, LLC, as assigned, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Three Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy-Seven Dollars and Seventy-Seven Cents (\$83,977.77), including interest at 7.625% per annum.

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

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

A parcel of land commencing at a point 315 feet South and 350 feet West of the Northeast corner of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 3, Township 13 North, Range 11 East to the point of beginning of this description; thence running North 210 feet, thence West 416 feet, thence South 210 feet, thence East 416 feet to the point of beginning, except easements, restrictions and right-of-ways of record. Also subject to an easement for ingress and egress over that portion of property described as the Southerly 33 feet of the Westerly 554 feet of the Northerly 315 feet of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 3, Town 13 North, Range 11 East.

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.

GMAC Mortgage, LLC
Mortgagee/Assignee

Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C.
23938 Research Drive, Suite 300
Farmington Hills, MI 48335
GMAC.011681 FNMA

10-12-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Charles Wren, a Single Man, & Gayle Shafor, a Single Woman, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Flagstar Bank, FSB, its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated March 18, 2009 and recorded March 25, 2009 in Liber 1170, Page 713, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned to: Flagstar Bank, FSB, by assignment dated September 21, 2011 and recorded October 5, 2011 in Liber 1231, Page 718, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Three Thousand Six Hundred Sixty-Nine Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$83,669.50) including interest 5.5% per annum.

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

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

The South 1.5 rods of Lot 2 and the North 36.5 feet of Lot 3, all in block 5 of the plat of the Village of Mayville, according to the plat recorded in Liber 15 of Deeds, Page 564, now being Liber 3 of Plats, Pages 35-36. Commonly known as 6022 Fox St., Mayville, MI 48744.

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

Dated: 10/12/2011

Flagstar Bank, FSB
Assignee of Mortgagee

Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C.
811 South Blvd., Suite 100
Rochester Hills, MI 48307
(248) 844-5123
Our File No: 11-47494

10-12-4

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a mortgage made by LONNY E. ROLAND and PAMELA E. ROLAND, husband and wife, of 398 GAWAY STREET, VASSAR, MI 48768 Mortgagors to MICHIGAN FEDERAL CREDIT UNION now known as TRI-POINTE COMMUNITY CREDIT UNION, 2343 E. HILL RD., GRAND BLANC, MI 48439, Mortgagee dated JANUARY 30, 2004, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Tuscola County, and State of Michigan on FEBRUARY 24, 2004, in LIBER 981 on PAGES 174-179 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 NINETEEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-EIGHT AND 15/100THS (\$19,778.15) 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 NOVEMBER 17, 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 under- signed, necessary to protect its interest in the premises.

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

SECTION 18, TOWN 11 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST, LOTS 7 & 8, BLOCK 4 OF THE GAWAY SUBDIVISION. MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 398 GAWAY STREET, VASSAR, MI 48786.

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: 10-19-11

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

10-19-5

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Andrew J. Burger, a married man, and Tracie Burger, His Wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated May 25, 2004 and recorded on September 15, 2004 in Liber 1008 on Page 455, and assigned by said Mortgagee to BAC Home Loans Servicing, L.P. f/k/a Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, L.P. as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-Seven Thousand Six Hundred Seventy-Four and 42/100 Dollars (\$37,674.42), including interest at 6.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on November 17, 2011.

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

Commencing at the Northeast corner of the Northwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 28, Town 10 North, Range 7 East, thence South 40 Rods; thence West 8 Rods; thence North 40 Rods to the East and West Section line; thence East on Section line 8 Rods 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: October 19, 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 #382929F01

10-19-4

IN THE EVENT THIS PROPERTY IS CLAIMED AS A PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE EXEMPT FROM TAX UNDER SECTION 7CC OF THE GENERAL PROPERTY TAX ACT, 1893 PA 206, MCL 7CC PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT (248) 844-5123. THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THIS PURPOSE. IF YOU ARE IN THE MILITARY, PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER LISTED BELOW.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Jerry W. McPherson and Tammy L. McPherson, Husband and Wife, to Commercial Lending Capital Inc., Mortgagee, dated July 6, 2007 and recorded July 18, 2007 in Liber 1125 Page 281 Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned to: Bayview Loan Servicing LLC, by assignment dated July 20, 2007 and recorded March 6, 2008 in Liber 1143, Page 104, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Six Hundred Twenty-Six Thousand Four Hundred Forty-Three Dollars and Sixty-Six Cents (\$626,443.26) including interest 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, Circuit Court of Tuscola County at 10:00am on November 17, 2011.

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

All that certain land commencing South 0 degrees 10 mins 30 secs West, 341.0 feet from the North quarter corner of Section 21, Township 10 North, Range 8 East, Millington Township, Tuscola County, Michigan; thence continuing South 0 degrees 10 mins 30 secs West along the North-South quarter line 360.0 feet; thence North 89 degrees 40 mins 24 secs East, 495.0 feet; thence North 0 degrees 10 mins 30 secs East, 360.0 feet; thence South 89 degrees 40 mins 24 secs West, 495.0 feet to the Point of Beginning; subject to easements, restrictions, and rights-of-way record. Commonly known as 9021 State Rd., Millington, MI 48746.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a,

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

Dated: 10/19/2011
Bayview Loan Servicing LLC
Assignee of Mortgagee

Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C.
811 South Blvd., Suite 100
Rochester Hills, MI 48307
(248) 844-5123
Our File No: 11-44904

10-19-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Monica Babcock & Lewis Babcock Jr., Wife and Husband, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc., as nominee for Flagstar Bank, FSB, Mortgagee, dated May 16, 2008 and recorded May 22, 2008 in Liber 1150, Page 307, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned to Flagstar Bank, FSB by assignment dated September 29, 2011 and recorded October 11, 2011 in Liber 1231, Page 1377, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Three Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty Dollars and Fifty-Two Cents (\$123,730.52) including interest 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, Circuit Court of Tuscola County at 10:00AM on November 17, 2011.

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

Land situated in the Township of Denmark, Tuscola County, Michigan: Commencing at the center post of section 30, Township 12 North, Range 7 East, Thence North 94.27 Feet along the North and South one quarter line to Centerline of state Highway M-15, thence North 58 degrees 05 minutes West on said centerline, 717.73 Feet to the point of beginning; thence North 58 degrees 05 Minutes West, 159 Feet, thence North 31 degrees 55 minutes East, 323 Feet, thence South 58 degrees 05 minutes East, 159 Feet; thence South 31 degrees 55 minutes West, 323 Feet to the point of beginning. Subject to easements, restrictions and mineral rights of record or in common use. Commonly known as 9828 W. Saginaw Rd., Reese, MI 48757.

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

Dated: 10/19/2011

Flagstar Bank, FSB
Assignee of Mortgagee

Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C.
811 South Blvd., Suite 100
Rochester Hills, MI 48307
(248) 844-5123
Our File No: 11-47866

10-19-4

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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 Orville D. Atwell, Jr., an unmarried man, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated April 21, 2006 and recorded on July 12, 2006 in Liber 1087 on Page 1214, and modified by Affidavit or Order recorded on October 13, 2006 in Liber 1099 on Page 183, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Wells Fargo Bank, NA as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Three Thousand Forty-Eight and 91/100 Dollars (\$133,048.91), including interest at 5.5% per annum.

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

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a Mortgage made by DAVID MICHAEL CRAWFORD, a single man, Mortgagor, to FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF AMERICA, Mortgagee, dated April 12, 2000 and recorded May 2, 2000 in Liber 800, Page 59 of Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due as of the date of this notice \$18,893.39, including interest at 13.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public auction to the highest bidder, on Thursday, December 1, 2011, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, Michigan.

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

Lot 23 Oak Grove Subdivision, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 40, Tuscola County Records; c/k/a 10284 Baker, Clio, MI 48420-7709.

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of the sale, unless the premises are determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days.

Dated: October 26, 2011
LeVasseur Dyer & Associates, PC
Attorneys for Mortgagee
P.O. Box 721400
Berkley, MI 48072
(248) 586-1200

10-26-4

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

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Christina J. Hackel, a married woman, and Eugene Hackel, a/k/a Eugene A. Hackel, His Wife, original mortgagors, to Independent Mortgage Co., East MI, Mortgagee, dated December 22, 2006, and recorded on January 16, 2007 in Liber 1108 on Page 452, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Independent Bank as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Two Hundred Four and 90/100 Dollars (\$125,204.90), 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 December 1, 2011.

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

Part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 12, Town 11 North, Range 11 East, Koylton Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as: Beginning at a point on the East line of said Section 12, which is South 01 degrees 10 minutes 00 seconds East 978.65 feet from the East 1/4 corner of said Section 12; thence continuing along said East line South 01 degrees 10 minutes 00 seconds East, 411.00 feet to the centerline of and existing drain; thence along the centerline of said existing drain, South 88 degrees 50 minutes 00 seconds West, 33.00 feet; thence continuing along the centerline of the drain, North 46 degrees 50 minutes 20 seconds West, 588.18 feet; thence North 88 degrees 50 minutes 00 seconds East 453.76 feet to the East line of said Section 12 and the point of beginning.

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

Dated: October 26, 2011
FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
FC F (248) 593-1313
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #387607F01

10-26-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Stephen H. Morris and Christi L. Morris, Husband and Wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for The Lending Factory, its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated October 3, 2006 and recorded October 13, 2006 in Liber 1099, Page 222, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned to SRMOF 2009-1 Trust, by assignment dated September 15, 2010 and recorded October 13, 2010 in Liber 1207, Page 1501 on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Fifty-Eight Thousand and Two Hundred Seventy-Three Dollars and Seventy-Six Cents (\$158,273.76) including interest 9.75% 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, Circuit Court of Tuscola County at 10:00AM on December 1, 2011.

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

Commencing at the Northwest corner of Section 18, Town 12 North, Range 10 East, thence East 726 ft.; thence South 300 ft.; thence West 726 ft.; thence North 300 ft to the point of beginning. Commonly known as 2002 Riley Rd., Caro MI 48723.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later.

Dated: 10/26/2011
SRMOF 2009-1 Trust
Assignee of Mortgagee

Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C.
811 South Blvd., Suite 100
Rochester Hills, MI 48307
(248) 844-5123
Our File No: 11-44189

10-26-4

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 CHRISTOPHER W. COURTER and DIANA C. COURTER, HUSBAND AND WIFE, to FIRST FRANKLIN FINANCIAL CORPORATION, Mortgagee, dated May 16, 2003, and recorded on September 16, 2003, in Liber 954, on Page 134, and assigned by said mortgagee to FV- I, Inc. in trust for Morgan Stanley Mortgage Capital Holdings LLC, as assigned, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Four Thousand Two Hundred Thirty-Six Dollars and Twenty-Three Cents (\$94,236.23), including interest at 6.500% 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 December 1, 2011.

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

LOTS 1 AND 2 OF BLOCK 11 OF THE PLAT OF THE VILLAGE OF CENTERVILLE N/K/A VILLAGE OF CARO, RECORDED IN LIBER 1 OF PLATS, PAGES 59A TUSCOLA COUNTY RECORDS, EXCEPT EAST 60 FEET OF LOTS 1 AND 2 OF BLOCK 11 OF VILLAGE OF CARO, EXCEPT A PIECE OF LAND IN THE SOUTHWEST CORNER THEREOF 24 FEET NORTH AND SOUTH BY 10 FEET EAST AND WEST.

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.

FV- I, Inc. in trust for Morgan Stanley Mortgage Capital Holdings, LLC
Mortgagee/Assignee

Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C.
23938 Research Drive, Suite 300
Farmington Hills, MI 48335
SXSS.000319 CONV

10-26-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Paul R. Zumbach, a married man and Teresa K. Zumbach, his wife, to Michigan National Bank, a National Banking Association, Mortgagee, dated July 26, 1994 and recorded July 29, 1994 in Liber 662, Page 176, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. successor by merger to Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc. formerly known as Norwest Mortgage, Inc. a Minnesota Corporation by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date here-

of the sum of Fifty-Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Seven and 38/100 Dollars (\$57,807.38) including interest at 4.75% 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 DECEMBER 1, 2011.

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

Lot 1 of Morgan Subdivision Number 1, according to the recorded plat thereof as recorded in Plat Liber 4, Pages 7 and 8, 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.

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: October 26, 2011
Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
File No. 326.1194

10-26-4

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Dennis J. Dillon, a single man, to United States of America acting through the Rural Housing Service or successor agency, United States Department of Agriculture, Mortgagee, dated August 19, 2005 and recorded on September 14, 2005 in Liber 1054, Page 194, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Eight Thousand Two Hundred Seventy-Seven and 91/100 (\$88,277.91) including interest at the rate of 5.37500% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the Circuit Court in said Tuscola County, where the premises to be sold or some part of them are situated, at 10:00 AM on December 1, 2011.

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

Commencing at a point in the center of Almer Street, 10 rods South of the North line of Indianfields Township, running thence South 52 feet, thence West 10 rods, thence North 52 feet, thence East to the place of beginning. Also commencing at a point in center of Almer Street, 13 rods 2 half feet South of the North line of Indianfields Township, running thence South 51 feet, thence West 10 rods, thence North 51 feet, thence East 10 rods to the place of beginning. All being a part of the Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 3, Town 12 North, Range 9 East. Commonly known as: 505 N Almer Street.

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

Dated: October 26, 2011

Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for United States of America acting through the Rural Housing Service or successor agency, United States Department of Agriculture
43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302
(248) 335-9200
Case No. 11MI02323-1

10-26-4

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2-4-16-tf

Real Estate For Rent

FOR RENT - Cass City Mini Storage. Call 872-3917. 4-12-10-tf

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NOTICE OF CHANGE GREENLEAF TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

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Any questions call:
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(989) 658-8625
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CASS CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR PUPIL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Date of Pre-Bid Meeting and Walk-through (Mandatory):
November 16, 2011 - 9:30 a.m., local time

Intent to Respond Statement:
November 30, 2011 - 3:00 p.m., local time

Proposal Due Date:
December 21, 2011 - 1:00 p.m., local time

Jeff Hartel, Superintendent
Cass City Public Schools
Pupil Transportation Services Proposal
4868 N. Seeger Street
Cass City, MI 48726
Phone: 989.912.1821
E-mail: jhartel@casscityschools.org
subject line: RFP Transportation

Late Proposals Will Not Be Accepted Or Considered
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CASS CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR CUSTODIAL CLEANING SERVICES

Date of Pre-Bid Meeting and Walk-through (Mandatory):
November 16, 2011 - 1:30 p.m., local time

Intent to Respond Statement:
November 30, 2011 - 3:00 p.m., local time

Proposal Due Date:
December 21, 2011 - 2:00 p.m., local time

Jeff Hartel, Superintendent
Cass City Public Schools
Custodial Cleaning Services Proposal
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Bid deadline is December 2, 2011 with all work to be completed on or before February 1, 2012.

5-11-2-3

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT THE GREENLEAF TOWNSHIP MASTER PLAN

The Greenleaf Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to review and adopt the proposed Greenleaf Township Master Plan at the regular meeting, Thursday, Nov. 17th at 7 p.m. at the township hall on Gilbert Rd. (2 miles North of Cass City Rd.) The meeting is open to the public and comments will be heard.

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200 youngsters enjoy annual carnival

More than 200 students ages 12 and under took part in the annual Cass City/Thumb Area Branch of the American Association of University Women's (AAUW) Halloween Carnival Thursday at Cass City Middle School.

In addition to a variety of games and face painting, the kids had the opportunity to select prizes and enjoy some food from the concessions, according to AAUW member Judy Brown.

"This year there was also a joint venture with the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts from Cass City, as they operated the spook house," Brown noted. "The spook house, which was manned by 9 students and parent volunteers, proved to be a very popular attraction. A mock graveyard, spooky lab and maze were some of the activities that kept students engaged and filled with thrills.

"Volunteers from AAUW operated the carnival, while several high school and older middle school students assisted in running the games," she added. "It simply would not be possible to have such a successful carnival and spook house without the volunteer help provided by students and community members."

Preliminary numbers showed that the AAUW netted about \$500 from the carnival, while the scouts took in about \$120 in their first spook house venture, according to Brown.

Proceeds from the event will be used to fund the AAUW's annual RIF (Reading is Fundamental) book distribution — all first and second grade students receive new books 3 times a year. In addition, the organization uses the money to help fund educational programs at all 3 buildings in the district, as well as the annual paint-in held in conjunction with Cass City's annual Freedom Festival.



JOHN AIDEN Bulla plays “Plinko” while volunteer Amy Verhines watches during Thursday’s AAUW Halloween Carnival.

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A photograph of a young boy dressed as Harry Potter. He is wearing a black robe with a maroon collar and a maroon and gold striped tie. He is holding a wand in his right hand and looking towards the camera with a smile. In the background, other children are visible, including a girl in a yellow shirt and red pants.

VAUGHN Severance dressed up as Harry Potter for the AAUW Halloween Carnival.

Dr. Thomas receives award of excellence

Dr. Craig Thomas, Michigan State University dairy extension educator for Sanilac, Huron, Tuscola, Lapeer, St. Clair, Saginaw, Genesee, Macomb and Oakland counties was recently presented with the prestigious “John Hannah Award for Program Excellence”.

The award was presented at the annual MSU-Extension Fall Conference in East Lansing.

The award recognizes superior Extension programs that are developed and carried out by MSU Extension professional staff members who are appointed by the MSU Board of Trustees. It is considered the most prestigious of the MSU-Extension awards as it recognizes the excellence of the program.

The award was established when Dr. John Hannah retired as president of Michigan State University. The members of the MSU-Extension educator and specialist associations voluntarily contributed funds for a “suitable memorial to Hannah that would encourage professional achievement among Extension staff.” The earnings from these gifts, plus any further gifts are used to support the award.

Thomas was recognized along with his MSU-Extension colleague Fred Hinkley of West Branch for their work in ag marketing education. The Michigan dairy industry is by far the largest sector of Michigan’s agricultural economy with total dairy producer investment in assets approaching \$3 billion. The increase in milk price risk over the past 15 years has placed producer equity and investment base at great risk.

In response to this industry need, Thomas and Hinkley developed the Ag Market Update program, which has been routinely rated as a highly effective program by farmers, agribusiness professionals, and ag lenders since it began 15 years ago. The dairy producers attending Ag Market Update in 2010 represented approximately 40,000 cows selling nearly one billion pounds of milk and used the program to protect millions of dollars in milk income and farm assets. In addition, grain producers protected millions in gross receipts and assets by participating in the Ag Market Update program.

The Ag Market Update is held 16 times per year, 8 sessions in Sandusky and 8 in St. Johns. The Ag Market Update in Sandusky is held at the MSU-Extension Office at 37 Austin St. The program is financially supported by local agribusiness, ag lenders and ag producers.

For more information about the Ag Market Update program, call Thomas at the MSU-Extension office at (810) 648-2515.

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Snyder okays legislation on staffing levels

Gov. Rick Snyder recently signed legislation that prohibits minimum staffing requirements from being added to city, village and county charters.

Minimum staffing requirements are provisions that call for a minimum number of public employees to perform certain government functions. In recent years, many local units of government have been unable to afford these provisions, forcing them to violate their own charters.

“Eliminating these rigid requirements will give locally elected officials greater flexibility to determine how to allocate resources to best meet a community’s needs,” Snyder said.

Snyder called for this change in his Community Development and Local Government Reform plan. Municipalities that already have minimum staffing requirements will not be affected by this change.

Senate Bills 485 through 492 are now Public Acts 133 through 140 of 2011.