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2012 Citizens of the Year

Chamber taps Browns, Smith, Erla

**by Clarke Haire
Publisher**

Cass City’s 2012 Citizens of the Year and Junior Citizens of the Year share a common thread – all 4 recip-

ients have devoted much of their lives to enhancing their hometown. For nearly 50 years, the Cass City Chamber of Commerce has presented the highly coveted Citizen of the Year award to individuals who have

gone above and beyond in their service to the community. These people have invested their time, their talents and their energy to ensuring Cass City remains a haven for small-town living.

Those accolades accurately describe this year’s winners, Jim and Judy Brown, whose recognition highlighted Saturday’s annual community dinner gala held at Northwood Meadows, where they were tagged as Cass City’s 2012 top citizens.

Kate VanAuken, the 2009 Citizen of the Year, presented the Browns with this year’s award, considered by many as Cass City’s most prestigious honor.

“It is an understatement to say that Jim and Judy Brown have been an asset to our community, their sphere of influence touching so many areas of our small town and its citizens,” Van Auken said while revealing the Citizens of the Year choices in front of a packed audience of supporters.

Both Browns have been active members of the Fraser Presbyterian Church for more than 30 years, serving in various capacities – Judy as treasurer and Sunday School teacher, and Jim as session member. Together they have helped prepare and serve meals twice a month at the church for more than 3 decades.

The Browns have also faithfully served as members of the Youth for Christ Advisory Board in Cass City

and have helped to coordinate the annual YFC auction. The Cass City natives have always been great supporters of the area’s public school system. Judy has coached Academic Track at the middle school and tutored various students over the years, while Jim has served as a member of both the Tuscola County Intermediate School District Board and the ag committee at Cass City High School.

On an individual level, Judy’s dedicated involvement in Cass City’s chapter of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) is noteworthy. She has been an active member of the organization and has served as its treasurer. She has helped with countless projects sponsored by the group , including (but certainly not limited to) her involvement with the RIF book distributions at Cass City Schools, the annual “paint-in” held at the park during the Freedom Festival, and her service as coordinator of the Halloween Carnival so many children in the community enjoy. In addition to her involvement with the AAUW, she has volunteered with the Friends of the Thumb Octagon Barn and has

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DOUBLE THE FUN. Jim, receiving a hug from presenter Kate Van Auken, and Judy Brown were given a standing ovation Saturday when the Cass City natives were announced as the 2012 Citizens of the Year during the Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner. Inset, accepting special recognition from District Representative James McLoskey are Cass City’s Junior Citizens of the Year Alexandria Smith and Morgan Erla, who shared the honor.



Lifesaver Halasz credited with saving a life in blaze

**By Tom Montgomery
Editor**

Elkland Township fire fighters are crediting a Cass City man with saving the life of another area resident when fire ripped through the Elkland Township residence where he was living Sunday afternoon.

The blaze was reported at about 3 p.m., according to Elkland Township Fire Chief Glenn Guilds, who said the owner of the 2 ½-story farmhouse, Todd Urban, along with his wife and young child were not home when the fire broke out.

“But they had an elderly handicapped gentleman living with them and he was home,” Guilds said, adding local resident Derek Halasz was fishing at the nearby Cass River when he saw smoke come from the residence. Halasz and a friend went to the home, peered inside and saw the man, Brian Mosher, trying to get out of a chair. “He (Halasz) went in and dragged him out of the house,”

Guilds continued. “Basically, Derek probably saved the man’s life.”

Fire fighters from 6 departments responded to the fire at 7715 Hoadley Rd., between Ritter and Seeger roads.

“It (blaze) was rolling pretty good,” Guilds said of the situation when firemen arrived. A stiff breeze fanned the flames, threatening a barn and starting grass fires.

“It looks like it started in the southwest corner in the computer room,” he added, noting a specific cause was not determined.

The fire chief estimated the dollar loss at roughly \$120,000, including \$80,000 for the structure. The family was fully insured. Guilds said the American Red Cross was called in to assist the family with temporary shelter arrangements.

The Elmwood Township-Gagetown, Argyle, Ubly, Elkton and Bad Axe fire departments assisted Elkland Township fire fighters. They remained at the scene for about 5 hours.

\$3 million for capital improvements

Owen-Gage bond vote Tuesday

**by Tom Montgomery
Editor**

Owen-Gage School District residents will determine the fate of a proposed \$3 million bond issue next week.

The request will go to voters in the

Tuesday, May 8 election.

According to school Supt. Jim Wencel, the bond issue, if approved, would pay for a myriad of projects designed to upgrade the school building in Owendale. “Most of it is infrastructure stuff — new boilers, new roof, classroom furniture,

equipment,” he said.

Also planned are electrical service and lighting improvements along with an upgraded fire alarm system to bring the district up to code. A telephone system that’s more than 20 years old would also be replaced.

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Mom charged in son’s death

**by Tom Montgomery
Editor**

A Bad Axe area woman has been charged in the death of her 23-month-old son following a 4-month Michigan State Police investigation.

Huron County Prosecutor Timothy J. Rutkowski last week authorized charges of second degree murder, involuntary manslaughter and first degree child abuse against the mother, Jennifer Lynn Emerick, 28.

Huron County District Court Judge David B. Herrington formally arraigned Emerick on the charges Thursday. Bond in the case was set at \$75,000 (10 percent cash). Emerick’s next appearance in court was scheduled for Friday.

Second degree murder is punishable by up to life in prison, while involuntary manslaughter and first degree child abuse carry a maximum sentence of up to 15 years in prison.

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Fire chief: Cass City Village hydrants needing attention

**by Clarke Haire
Publisher**

The Elkland Township Fire Chief told Cass City village officials Monday that his department needs their help keeping area residents safe.

Glenn Guilds addressed the Cass City Village Council during its regular monthly meeting and reported on a variety of concerns local fire fight-

ing personnel face when battling fires within the village boundaries.

Many of Guilds’ concerns center on the village’s 200-plus fire hydrants, which he says in numerous cases are too low for easy water hook-ups.

“A lot of the hydrants need to be raised about 6 inches to a foot,” said Guilds, who was accompanied by fellow volunteer Mark Tomlinson at the gathering.

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CASS CITY’S DEREK Halasz is credited with saving the life of an Elkland Township resident after fire broke out at the Hoadley Road home where he was living Sunday afternoon. Elkland Township Fire Chief Glenn Guilds estimated the loss at \$120,000. (Photo courtesy of Derek Halasz)

Owen-Gage students honored

Carli Warack has been named Owendale-Gagetown School's "Senior Student of the Month" for April.



Carli Warack

Warack has been a member of the volleyball and softball teams each year. She has also been a member of the high school band/marching band each year and currently serves as the band's president.

Academically, Warack has been on

the honor roll and a member of the 3.0 Honors Club each year. She has served as class president and a member of the student council for 2 years. She was inducted into the Owen-Gage Chapter of the National Honor Society as a sophomore and has served as the chapter's vice-president for 2 years.



Shiloh Starks

Warack was a class representative on the homecoming court her sophomore year and was also nominated as a homecoming queen candidate as a senior. As a junior, she was a member of the yearbook and the school's web page staff for 2

years, and is currently serving as the yearbook editor.

Warack is the daughter of Daniel and Julie Warack of Gagetown. She plans to attend the University of Michigan to pursue a career in medicine.

The focus of Owen-Gage's students of the month for April is being a goal setter. A goal setter is one who sets goals and priorities in the following areas: personal, career awareness, financial and family living. A goal setter also monitors his/her progress. The following students were recently honored for being goal setters: Hunter Dickson, fourth grade (elementary level), son of Luezem and Brandy Dickson; Alyson McCreedy, sixth grade (junior high level), daughter of Mike and Christina Witzke; Shiloh Starks, eleventh grade (high school level), daughter of Don Starks and Sherry McInerney; and Carli Warack, twelfth grade (senior student), daughter of Daniel and Julie Warack.



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It's a girl!



Jozelyn Olivia Yax

Jenna (Kruger) Yax and Michael Yax II of Cass City announce the birth of their daughter, Jozelyn Olivia Yax.

She was born March 23, 2012 at Huron Medical Center in Bad Axe. She weighed 8 pounds, 2 ounces and was 21 inches long.

She is the granddaughter of Char Kruger of Cass City, and Mike and Paula Yax of Deford. Great-grandparents are Edward Martin of Vassar, Herbert and Valirie Yax of Deford, and Evelyn Kruger of Sebawaing.

Jozelyn also has many aunts, uncles and cousins.

SCCC honors 162 students in Port Huron

St. Clair County Community College officials recently honored 162 students during its annual student recognition ceremony in the school's fine arts theatre at the Port Huron campus.

The students were recognized for work they completed and honors they received in several categories during the 2011-12 academic year.

Among the recipients of academic, leadership, personal and/or service achievement awards were Aaron T. LaPonsie of Snover and Timothy K. Vatter of Ublly.

Calling all gardeners

This year's 4-H Jr. Master Gardener Program has been scheduled for June 21, 22, 28 and 29.

Josh Roggenbuck, 4-H leader and Thumb business owner, will again be hosting the program, which gives area youth, in grades 3 through 5, the opportunity to work hands-on with plants while learning about plant science, uses for plants and the care of plants.

Youth do not need to be enrolled in 4-H to participate. The deadline to register is Friday, June 8. The class size is limited, and the cost is \$20 for Huron County 4-H members and \$30 for non-county 4-H members.

For more information or a registration form, contact the Huron County MSU Extension Office at (989) 269-9949 (ext. 604), or go online to the website www.msue.msu.edu/huron, click on 4-H Youth Development (left side), and go to "Upcoming 4-H Event Flyers".

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In Our
OPINION...

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by Tom Montgomery
Editor

State should consider school loan legislation

Michigan’s public schools are joining forces to lean on state officials in an effort to get them to pay the interest incurred when schools must borrow money to make ends meet for 4 months out of every school year simply because the school and state fiscal years aren’t aligned.

The Cass City Board of Education recently joined the list of schools on this bandwagon, and we wholeheartedly endorse their support.

The reason is simple; aligning the fiscal years is a smart idea, one that deserves some serious consideration in Lansing.

At issue here is the fact that Michigan’s fiscal year doesn’t line up with school districts’ fiscal year, leaving schools without state funding from July through October. The fiscal year for public schools begins in July of each year, while the state’s fiscal year starts in October. A few districts are fortunate enough to have money in the bank to get by during those months, but most districts are forced to borrow.

According to the resolution circulating throughout the state, schools are asking the Michigan Legislature to pass, and the governor to sign, legislation reimbursing districts for interest costs starting with the 2011-12 fiscal year and continuing for any year in which borrowing is required. The resolution also requests that the reimbursement does not come from funds already earmarked for education.

“It’s just silly what they’re (state) asking schools to do,” Cass City School Supt. Jeff Hartel commented during a recent board meeting. “Right now we’re borrowing \$1.4 million to get us through until we get state aid payments in the fall.” Which costs the district roughly \$13,000 in interest costs, according to Hartel, who added that’s money “we could clearly use in other ways if we didn’t have an alternative fiscal year.”

He’s right, and not just because a change would save money. For years, Lansing has required local school boards to approve new budgets months before they knew with any certainty how much income they could count on from the state.

Does that make sense?

Maybe the solution is more complicated than it appears, but it seems like our legislators and governor would want to jump on something that would save Michigan’s public schools a whopping \$15 million in interest payments annually — that works out to about \$10 per student.

Our legislators and governor repeatedly tell us that the education of our kids is a top priority.

Saving schools money, especially in these times, would certainly go a long way toward backing up that slogan with more than lip service.

Slices of Life

by Jill Pertler

Mealtimes and memories

Lately, I’ve had a craving for orange pop. This all started with an uncommonly annoying common cold. My nose had one. The sniffly situation required treatment, so I reverted to the tried and true illness elixir favored by my mother when I was a girl. Orange pop. At my house the fizzy beverage cured everything from runny noses to broken hearts. I hadn’t indulged in orange soda for years. Probably not since I was a kid and sick with a cold. I cracked the seal on the first bottle of my six-pack and with one sip found myself transported back in time. Who knew a bottle of soda contained so much feel-goodness? I was hooked. My cold is long gone, but I continue to stock the fridge with orange pop. A person can never be sure when she’ll experience a similar medical emergency.

The orange pop experience got me thinking. I’ve always been intrigued by the way food and memories are intertwined. From birthdays to baptisms. Weddings to funerals. Everyday to holiday. Wherever people gather, there is food. Wherever there is food, there are memories in the making.

My mom did two things when company was coming: clean the house and cook. Then she cooked some more. She compiled lists of the foods she planned to prepare. She took out the fancy dishes and silverware. A tablecloth always adorned the dining room table.

Reporter’s notebook

Facing facts: my vehicle is smarter

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

My new vehicle is smarter than I am. I admit it.

But I don’t know if I like it.

We finally retired my faithful Saturn, a car we bought used several years ago, and purchased a vehicle we’ve wanted for some time — a mini SUV. The Saturn wasn’t smart; if you wanted a window rolled down, you grabbed hold of a knob and cranked counterclockwise until you could feel the breeze. Well, until the knob broke off. Still, it was a great car and cost very little in the way of repairs over the years.

On the other hand, I have to admit I was a bit excited about driving this newer, smarter vehicle. The owner’s manual — not that I read much of it — fueled that enthusiasm. According to the manufacturer, this vehicle has ESP. Extrasensory Perception? Really? Cool! No need for that GPS. This vehicle already knows where I want to go, right? Turns out, ESP stands for Electronic Stability Program, which “enhances directional control and stability of the vehicle under various driving conditions. ESP corrects for over-steering and under-steering by applying the brake of the appropriate wheel. Engine power may also be reduced to help the vehicle maintain the desired path. The ESP uses sensors in the vehicle

to determine the path that the driver intends to steer the vehicle and compares it to the actual path of the vehicle.”

Then it goes on with a disclaimer, something about the natural law of physics, etc.

But no matter how you slice it, this ESP stuff is pretty impressive, you know? Not to mention tons of buttons. I’ve tried them all with the exception of a remote button labeled “panic”.

Actually I felt like pushing it just a few hours after we took delivery of our Journey. I ran up town to grab a bottle of water, and when I returned to the vehicle, inserted the “key”. Nothing.

I tried the remote start, which, by the way, is also really nifty. When it works.

Nothing. Turns out, it was some sort of electronic/ignition fluke — maybe I didn’t say the magic word when I inserted the key. In any event, I was stranded. However, the dealership was great about taking care of business and now we are back in business, smart SUV and all.

Just the same, I’ll always have fond memories of that old Saturn; all the snow drifts we conquered together, the miles we traveled, its modest appetite for gas. Even that stupid knob that I finally quit trying to fix.

Sure, it wasn’t all that smart. But, hey, neither am I.

I just hope I’m smart enough to figure out a way to prevent being stranded again.

Orange pop is only the tip of the food memory pyramid. For me, history is steaming (or broiling or roasting) with culinary reminiscences.

Food doesn’t need to be fancy or expensive to be special. My mom used to serve open-faced peanut butter sandwiches with the bread cut into three rectangular pieces. She called it “birthday party bread,” because she thought the name made the simple fare feel special. It did. Every day should be a birthday party kind of day, don’t you think?

Comfort food brings comfort memories. Tuna casserole with potato chips crushed on top. Porcupine meatballs wrapped in cabbage. Tomatoes from the garden, sliced thick on a plate. Iceberg lettuce with Western dressing. Ham at Easter. Turkey on Thanksgiving. Spaghetti at Christmas. Your foods may differ from mine, but I bet the memories follow similar trails.

I don’t cook exactly like my mom did. We were a meat and potatoes family living in a meat and potatoes era. I don’t use tablecloths or even own a set of fancy silverware. Mealtimes have changed. The relationship between food and memories has not.

I may not make porcupine meatballs often (okay, never) but I hope my family experiences the same feel-good sentiments around the kitchen table that I grew up with.

Food brings us together. As we pass the potatoes and break the bread, conversation provides the human connection. Laughter makes us stay at the table a little longer and tastes as sweet as any dessert ever could. Inexplicably, it’s no longer just about the food. It’s no longer merely sustenance. It is a meal.

Because our bodies require food, we all continue the tradition — whether we realize it or not. At my house, we stir together a pot of oyster stew every New Year’s Eve. Throughout the year — winter or summer — my kids request ice cream cake for each of their birthdays. And when they are sick, I make homemade chicken noodle soup and buy them pop. Orange pop.

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Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Mary Ann Minkler, Owendale-Gagetown Area Schools Administrative Assistant, reports that on Wednesday, May 9 at 1:30 p.m. a public speaking contest is scheduled in the Owendale school gymnasium. The event is sponsored by the Owendale Lions Club in conjunction with Owen-Gage Schools.

Minkler also says the public is invited to attend. They’ll hear student speeches on bullying.

Also on May 9, a Spring Band Concert is scheduled in the Cass City Middle School gym. Red Hawk Band Director Jonelle Lull reports the 7 p.m. show will feature all bands, including the popular jazz band, 2 very special soloists and a big closing finale.

The band boosters will hold a silent auction in conjunction with the concert starting at 6 p.m. and running through intermission.

Hats off — especially dunce hats, it would appear - to the Kingston girls’ basketball team.

Coach Jim Green’s squad recently was named to the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan (BCAM) Girls Academic All-State team for 2011-12.

The Lady Cardinals’ 3.714 GPA was among the top 10 in Class D for BCAM members.

Individually, senior Quinn Daily was named to the BCAM All-State list with a 3.99 GPA and was voted to one of the All-State Teams by the Detroit News, Detroit Free Press, Associated Press, or BCAM.

I was impressed with the turnout Saturday for the Cass City Chamber of Commerce Annual Community Dinner, highlighted by the announcement of this year’s winners, Jim and Judy Brown.

The crowd was at least a third larger than 2011’s gathering and included recognized past years’ winners Lambert Althaver, Geraldine Prieskorn, Nina Davis, Gary Jones, Robert Hirn, Curt Strickland, David Osentoski and Kate Van Auken.

Missing from the chamber gala Saturday was Cass City’s 2011 Citizen of the Year Ken Martin, Jr.

Usually that person(s) introduces the current year’s recipient(s).

But Martin had what I would call a better offer on the table for the night. His son, Andrew, was going through graduation ceremonies at the University of Michigan over the weekend.

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

Wednesday, May 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, May 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, May 4

Al-Anon meeting for family and friends of alcoholics, 7 p.m., United Methodist Church, Elkton. For more information, call (989) 912-0546.

Saturday, May 5

Closed AA meeting, 10-11 a.m., St. Joseph Church, 4960 N. Ubyl Rd., Argyle. (Meeting will be held in the hall next to the little stone church). For more information, contact Mandy at (989) 975-0544.

Sunday, May 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, May 7

Alcoholics Anonymous, "Monday at a Time," 8 p.m., Parkside Cafe, 2031 Main St., Ubyl. 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, May 8

Al-Anon meeting, 7 p.m., St. Francis Parrish, Pigeon.
Thumb Octagon Barn meeting, 7 p.m., fire hall in Gagetown.
Tuscola County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, 1:30 p.m., HDC Generations Building, 430 Montague Ave., Caro. For more information, contact Kim at (989) 673-4121.
Kedron OES #33 of Caro meeting, 7 p.m.

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Steele a "star"

Committee honors county's top citizen

by Tom Montgomery Editor

Ask Rawson Memorial District Library Director Kate VanAuken about Ruth Steele, and she'll tell you Steele has always gone above and beyond the call of duty.

Steele was recently recognized during the 10th annual Celebrating Tuscola Stars Awards Breakfast, held at the Tuscola Technology Center in Caro, where organizers presented her with this year's "Above and Beyond" award.

Accompanied by her husband, Cameron, and the staff from Rawson Memorial District Library in Cass City, she was honored for her varied contributions both at work and throughout the community.

Steele, who was also nominated in the Stars' "Individual" category, took on the job of assistant library director at Rawson Memorial District Library in Cass City when she and her family moved to the Caro area about 10 years ago.

"Her consistent desire to help everyone is in her blood," VanAuken said of Steele. "She is one of the most compassionate, caring, helpful and knowledgeable individuals I have ever known.

"Ruth's duties at the library are numerous. She prepares staff schedules, is our main interlibrary loan contact, works the circulation desk, is one of our main computer support staff, and takes my place whenever I am not available," she said. "One of the examples of how Ruth goes above and beyond...is a program she started 8 years ago called 'Threads Across the Thumb'. This program entailed contacting over 100 area quilters, compiling their information about their quilts, and hanging and displaying them with her committee. This year the library (was) blanketed with over 120 quilts for the month of February."

VanAuken noted Steele also spearheads several other projects. "One was a fundraiser for the library where she coordinated with the Cass City United Methodist Church to provide a luncheon and tea as well as quilt program on turn-of-the-century quilts.

"Her attention to detail is amazing, and these traits are not only while she is performing her duties....but also when she is helping others in the many groups she is involved with," VanAuken continued.

Those groups include the Friends of Rawson Memorial District Library, Cass City Area Historical and Genealogical Society, LEAD Tuscola and St. Paul Lutheran Church in Caro, where her husband serves as pastor.

"Ruth consistently goes above and beyond at her job and for other groups in Cass City and Caro. She is always asking, 'What more can I

do?', How can I help?, Is there anything else I can do?," VanAuken said. "If I could clone this woman, I would. She is invaluable to Rawson Memorial Library as I know she is to (other) organizations. Ruth is truly a Tuscola County Star."

Other nominees for the Above and Beyond award were George Holmes, Amy Schuette, Amy Baldwin and the secretaries of the Caro Community Schools, Brenda Stein, Christy Martin, Doreen Odey, Tina Smith, Natalie Hoffman, Cheryl Ogg, Barb Miklovic, Cindy Fox and Karen Phillips.

OTHER AWARDS

County residents were also nominated in the following categories:

- Individual** — Linda Vaughan was named the 2012 Individual Star for her dedication to the community and children in the Caro area, including her work at Schall Elementary School, where she leads the walking program to promote physical fitness among kids, assists with the physical education program and assists with field days, physical fitness testing and jumping rope for health, science days and an annual book fair.

Officials noted Vaughan also lends a hand to her neighbors when she can by providing them with transportation to appointments. She's also active in the local Moose Lodge.

Also nominated for the honor were Dagmar Brown, Rob Moen, Robin Vollmar, Kim Manke, Janet Ihle, Sam and Linda Fackler, Ruth Steele, Ron Harmon, Robert Moss, Sandy Keyes, Carl Nicol, James Welke and

Rachel Karabats.

- Group** — In the Group award category, the Kiwanis Club of Caro was named the 2012 winner for its extensive contributions in the community — activities such as helping the needy with holiday gifts, food and other necessities. The club also donates money to area schools and sends children to camp.

The group is also well-known for its "Fly In" event, which draws some 2,000 visitors to the Tuscola Area Airport in Caro each year and raises funding for scholarships and other causes.

Also nominated in the Group category were the Rotary Club of Caro, Anchor Cove Outreach Church, Millington Masonic Lodge 470, and Women's Life Chapter 848, Cass City.

- Business** — The Thumb MRI center near Cass City was honored as this year's Business "Star".

Officials cited not only the business' leadership in the Thumb and its role as a provider of valuable, state-of-the-art medical services to area residents, but also for building a reputation as "a terrific partner in building our community."

Two Thumb MRI staffers are enrolled in LEAD Tuscola, a leadership development program, and the business as a whole has been active with the Economic Development Corporation as well as several non-profit organizations.

Also nominated in the Business category were Moore Motor Sales, Laursen Veterinary Service, The Red Zone, J.J. Jamokes, Walther Farms and Northwood Meadows.



THE 2012 "ABOVE and Beyond" Tuscola Stars winner, Ruth Steele, assistant director of Rawson Memorial District Library in Cass City, poses with her husband, Cameron.

Circuit Court

Several face felony charges

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

- Alan A. Mills, 22, Vassar, was sentenced to 365 days in the county jail and 36 months probation for his pleas of guilty to charges of carrying a weapon with unlawful intent, domestic violence, third offense, 2 counts of assault or assault and battery, and malicious destruction of personal property valued at less than \$200 Nov. 1 in Vassar.
- He was also ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$2,676. Restitution in the case is to be determined.
- Doris M. Fierros, 49, Caro, received a one-year delayed sentence for her pleas of no contest to 2 counts of stealing/retaining a financial transaction device without consent of the device holder Sept. 15-16 in Caro.
- She was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,146 plus restitution of \$213.78.
- Kipp G. Schultz, 47, Clio, pleaded guilty to writing 3 non-sufficient fund checks within 10 days. The checks, for \$32.93, \$45.85 and \$70, were all drawn on Bank of America May 7-8 in Arbelia Township, according to court records, which state Schultz was also convicted of being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convictions).
- A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.
- Randy D. Walker-Decker, 28, Cass City, was sentenced to 5 to 15 years in prison for his pleas of guilty to 5 counts of third degree criminal sexual conduct involving a victim at least 13 years of age but under 16 years between December 2010 and

April 2011 in Indianfields Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (2 prior felony convictions).

In addition to prison time, he was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$470.

- Marc V. Barrera, 22, Saginaw, pleaded guilty to a charge of possession of a controlled substance (cocaine, heroin or another narcotic), subsequent offense, April 4 in Caro.
- A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.
- Mark A. Jenkins, 50, Caro, pleaded guilty to writing a no-account check for \$1,100, drawn on Northstar Bank Dec. 10 in Caro. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convictions).
- A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued. Sentencing is to be scheduled.
- Steven M. Galloway, 25, Snover, pleaded guilty to one count of writing 3 non-sufficient fund checks within 10 days. The checks were for \$50, \$50 and \$100, according to court records, which state they were drawn on Independent Bank April 15-16, 2011, in Dayton Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).
- A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued. Sentencing is to be scheduled.
- Aaron E. Sykes, 31, Reese, was sentenced to 9 months in jail and 36 months probation for his plea of no contest to attempted felonious assault Jan. 27 in Reese. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).
- In addition to jail time, he was

ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$2,298.

- Tammy A. Miller, 48, Clifford, pleaded guilty to a charge of inducing another person to violate controlled substance laws Oct. 26 in Kingston.
- A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued. Sentencing is to be scheduled.
- Karissa A. Tausch, 23, Vassar, was sentenced to 90 days in jail for her plea of no contest to possession of burglars tools, and her pleas of guilty to possession of marijuana, operating a motor vehicle without insurance, and allowing a person with a suspended license to operate a motor vehicle owned by her Nov. 18 in Tuscola Township.
- She was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$2,028.
- Steven D. Diehl, 50, Caro, was sentenced to 34 months to 8 years in prison for his plea of guilty to violating the Sex Offenders Registration Act Feb. 1 in Almer Township by failing to verify his address with law enforcement authorities during the state's January 2012 address verification period. He was also convicted to being an habitual offender (2 prior felony convictions).
- In addition to prison time, he was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$198.
- Jason L. Garlick, 30, Caro, pleaded no contest to a charge of violating the Sex Offenders Registration Act by failing to notify local law enforcement of a change in address between July 2010 and Jan. 28, 2011, in Caro. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convictions).
- A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.



THE LATEST recipients of the coveted Red Hawk Award of Excellence are (left to right) Lukas Hayes, fifth grade; Cortney Thompson, high school senior; and Madilyn Tschirhart, fourth grade.

Thompson, Hayes and Tschirhart award recipients

Cass City Public School officials recently honored the latest recipients of the district’s coveted Red Hawk Award of Excellence.

During the months of October, December, February and April, the staffs in each school building are asked to nominate students for the award, which recognizes leadership, service, outstanding behavior, excellent academic performance, being most improved or other accomplishments in or outside of school.

The nominees and their families are then invited to a regular board of education meeting, where school officials personally congratulate each award recipient and present each with a maroon ribbon and certificate.

The latest recipients are:

*Madilyn Tschirhart, a fourth grade student and the daughter of Sonya Horne and Scott Tschirhart.

“Smart, hardworking, responsible and caring are only a few words that describe Madi. I have been so blessed to have such a great individual in my class this year,” commented teacher Robin Beckrow, who nominated Tschirhart. “I can always rely on Madi to do her best work in a neat and timely fashion. I have seen some really good growth this year in Madi.

“Another reason Madi is so deserving of this award is because she displays respect for everyone around her,” Beckrow said. “I know that I can pair Madi up with any student and she will work well with them. Because of this quality, Madi is a highly sought-after work partner and friend.

“Recently, Madi did something that earned herself even more respect. She found some money in the computer lab. It would have been easy

for her to put it in her pocket, but instead she brought it to me. This just shows another great quality in her — honesty,” she continued.

*Lukas Hayes, a fifth grader and the son of Kelli Callanan and David Hayes.

“When identifying a Red Hawk Award of Excellence recipient, a teacher looks for the student that daily exhibits all the qualities of a Red Hawk; honesty, always responsible, has a great work ethic, exhibits kindness and caring, and always shows respect,” the fifth grade teaching team wrote in its nomination letter.

“When describing Lukas, these characteristics are only the tip of the iceberg. Lukas is very inquisitive. Questions he asks spark a more in-depth conversation about the content being studied, thus developing a better understanding for the rest of his peers,” the letter states.

“He uses his time effectively and efficiently, which inadvertently makes him a perfect role model for his fellow classmates. His hard-working, cooperative nature makes it easy to place him in any group and it is easy to say that students like Lukas are a definite asset to any classroom environment.”

*Cortney Thompson, a high school senior and the daughter of Penny Horne and William Thompson.

“Cortney is an outstanding student,” said teacher Jim Green, who nominated Thompson. “She takes challenging courses and through her hard work performs very well. More importantly, however, Cortney is a fine individual. She treats classmates and staff members with respect and is very helpful with others.

“Cortney keeps a positive attitude and has a strong character.”

Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO (2007)

Bruce Sherman, 79, of Cass City, bagged his first turkey Friday while hunting in Tuscola County. The bird weighed 13 1/2 pounds and had a 5” beard.

Independent Bank East Michigan recently awarded 9 scholarships to high school seniors in communities served by its banking offices. The recipients include Jessica Lange of Decker, a student at Cass City High School; Kendra Guilds of Gageton, a student at Owen-Gage High School; and Sara Bass of Caro, a student at Caro High School. Students were chosen based on their academic record, letters of reference and their essays on the topic, “5 practical Steps for Ethical Decision Making Businesses Should Adopt.” Winners can use the \$500 scholarships toward tuition and expenses at any Michigan college or university.

10 YEARS AGO (2002)

When it comes to Joe Hillaker’s craft, variety is not only the spice of life, it’s a necessity. Which is why the Deford area resident didn’t flinch when Oliver Township fire fighters asked him to create a life-size statue of a fireman for a “wall of honor” the Huron County department plans to erect in the village of Elkton. The project would involve molding clay – a first for Hillaker, who is known throughout the area and beyond for his unique, natural wood furniture, figurines and carvings. “This is the first time for clay,” Hillaker commented in his workshop. He added that clay is very forgiving compared to working with wood or stone. “It’s an oil-based clay, so it doesn’t harden. I mean, it gets hard, but you can still work it.”

Gary Todd and Keith MacDonald bagged a trophy-sized turkey Tuesday, April 23, just off of Lampton Road. The bird weighed 22 pounds with an 11-inch beard and 1 5/16-inch spurs. Todd called the bird in and MacDonald did the shooting. It was one of 2 visible along with 3 jakes and 5 or 6 hens.

A win streak that coach Dave Hoard estimated had reached 10 years was broken Thursday when Cass City dropped the opening game of a double header to visiting Lakers. Cass City didn’t bow easily, the game went 8 innings before a 3-run spurge ended it. Lindsey Hendrick took the tough loss. She went the distance and allowed 6 hits and struck out as many. The key to the game was the fifth inning when Lakers scored 3 times on just one walk and no hits. Roestel pitched the win and helped her own cause with 3 of the Laker’s 6 hits, driving in 3 runs.

25 YEARS AGO (1987)

It was an idea in the back of Clare Comment’s mind when he built the Charmont, and now it’s become reality. Last week Comment started building a 12-unit motel, calling it (what else?) the Charmont Motel. The facility, located just west of the restaurant should be ready for business sometime in July.

Marine Cpl. Robert J. Brown, son of Diane J. and Robert J. Brown Sr., of Snover, was recently awarded the U.S. Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal. Brown received the award for good behavior and conduct over a 3-year period in the Marine Corps. He is currently serving with 1st Marine Amphibious Brigade, Marine Corps Air Station, Kaneohe Bay, HI.

50 YEARS AGO (1962)

Carl Palmateer, 30, of Caro was selected by the Cass City Village Council as the new Cass City Police Chief at a special meeting held last Friday night at the Municipal Building. He will take over his new duties Monday. He was born in Deford and still owns a farm there. He attended Cass City High School. Married Oct. 21, 1958, he and his wife, Gazella Jean, have three children: Carl Jr., 3, Joel, 2, and Julie, one month.

Cpl. Norman R. Ulfig, USMC, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ulfig of Decker, is serving with the Second Marine Division, observed by President John F. Kennedy during a two-day visit recently to the Atlantic Fleet in Norfolk, Va.

Cass City’s High School diamond nine pulled a Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde act in their opening two Thumb B Conference games of the season. They bowed to Bad Axe, 15-8, in one of the sloppiest defensive exhibitions of any Cass City team, Coach Irv Claseman said, and they showed a complete reversal of form as they white-washed Sandusky, 4-0, Monday. Wayne Brown allowed just three hits in the Sandusky game, called when a severe thunderstorm hit with one away in the seventh. The Hawks broke a scoreless pitching duel open in the fifth with three runs. Roger Karr reached first on error.

Bob Morley fanned. Tom Ellis doubled to score Karr and Brown followed with a two-base smash to send Ellis home. Brown scored a moment later on Wayne Dillon’s single. In the sixth, the Hawks added their final run. Dick Creason singled and stole second. He scored on Karr’s hit.

100 YEARS AGO (1912)

The board of education of the Cass City schools has engaged 8 of the 13 instructors who will be employed in the local schools next year. J.E. Kennedy has been re-engaged as superintendent at a salary of \$1,150 and all the other teachers were offered the same positions they are now holding. Seven have accepted to date and their names and salaries are here given: Miss Beulah Whitney, English, \$625; Miss Mable Lawrence, Mathematics, \$600; Miss Bessie Miller, 6th grade, \$425; Miss Ella Cross, 5th grade, \$425; Mrs. Dora Fritz, primary dept., \$500; Miss Reva Tucker, primary dept., \$475.

Owning to the fact that so many Near Beer Companies have taken advantage of the Near Beer Label to

sell intoxicating beverages, the Michigan Anti-Saloon League has found it necessary to enforce section One of Act 183 of Public Acts of 1899 which reads as follows: “That it shall be unlawful for any person, directly or indirectly, himself or by his clerk, agent or employee, to manufacture, sell, keep for sale, give away or furnish any vinous malt, brewed, fermented, spirituous or intoxication liquors or any mixed liquors or beverages, any part of which is intoxicating, or keep a saloon, or any place where any such liquors are manufactured, sold, stored for sale, given away or furnished.” Please notice the part of the statute that says, “Any part of which is intoxicating.” This makes it a violation to sell any beverages that contain any part alcohol.

Stanley Graham, who started his second year as a member of the Rochester (N.Y.) baseball team, has been sold by the manager of that club to the baseball team of Atlanta, Georgia, in the Southern league. Stanley plays the position of catcher and the new job increases his salary to \$225 a month.

Ask your neighbor

Fulchers enjoy gigs together as a family

Cass City resident Tommy Fulcher has been a D.J. for the last 12 years. When asked how he started the business, Fulcher stated, “About 12 years ago my mom heard about a sale on D.J. and karaoke equipment being sold in a garage sale, my dad decided to buy the equipment. Since then we have added more equipment to that set and my dad, sister and I have played at gigs ever since. It’s great to be able to do something you love as a family.”

“We will perform just about anywhere, we’ve played for weddings, graduation parties, holiday parties and local bars will ask us to play for open karaoke nights. The most random gig was a Halloween party out in the middle of a field. All we had to plug all our equipment into was one extension cord that was stretched out to where they wanted us to set up, everything worked out and the party was a blast,” Fulcher said.

When asked about the music he likes to sing at the gigs, Fulcher said, “I like all kinds of music such as Bob Marley, Radio Head and Jumping the Line. When both of my parents are at a gig, then I always sing their song ‘Unchained Melody’ for them. When my dad is at a gig, he handles all the country requests.”

Tommy Fulcher is the son of Tom and Brenda Fulcher of Cass City. Brenda is a retired educator for Cass City Public Schools and Tom is an LPN at Marlette hospital. Tommy is also the brother of Mindy (Fulcher) LeValley who is an RN at Marlette Hospital.

Tom and Tommy Fulcher recently sang ‘Cecilia’ by Simon & Garfunkel at Gilligan’s Restaurant and Bar in Cass City for a karaoke night.

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Sunday School 9:45 a.m. • Worship Service 10:50 a.m.
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www.casscitymc.org

Cass City United Methodist Church
5100 N. Cemetery Rd., P.O. Box 125, Cass City, MI 48726 • 872-3422
Worship: 11:00 a.m. (Summer 9:30 a.m.) • Sunday School - Sept.-May 9:30 a.m.
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6430 Chestnut Blvd., Cass City, MI 48726 • 872-5060
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Wednesday Prayer Group 7-8 p.m. • Wednesday Kids' Club 7-8 p.m.
Pastor Dale Bullock 989-325-0736



Red Hawk News

by Alex Warju



For seniors and juniors who attend Cass City High School, May 5, is not just another Saturday night; it is the long-awaited night of prom. With a theme of “Sweet Dreams, Sweetheart”, the evening promises the magical quality associated with prom night. An added perk this year are new features to the night.

Every year a theme is put in place for prom. This time a romantic theme was picked hoping to evoke thoughts of a dream date. “Sweet Dreams, Sweetheart”, will be implemented with star decorations and dark colors such as blue, silver, purple and black. Designers of this year’s event are going for a dreamy, slightly dark feel.

Similar to past years, the dance will be held at Ubley Heights, and a dinner will be beforehand. Just like every year, students are excited for their prom night. Seniors, especially, cannot wait for their last chance to dance the night away with their classmates. Juniors are a little more nervous for their first prom night.

Prom 2012 aims to be different from any of the proms Cass City has held in the past.

New features were added this year to make the night more exciting for the prom goers. For starters, the DJ has never been used by the high school and boasts a unique quality. Rush Entertainment, the company hired, is expected to give an interactive performance with crowd involvement. The committee putting together the event hopes this will make the dance more memorable.

Also to better memories of the night, a different picture option is available. Students who buy this new package will be able to use a photo booth with their friends. Up to 15 people can fit in the booth to take pictures. The prints of these pictures can be put onto a keychain and printed for normal copies.

It is an exciting time for the upperclassmen who are getting ready for prom 2012. Whether picking out dresses and tuxes, or ordering their new photo booth packages and prom tickets, those planning to attended are hurrying to prepare for the night of dancing with friends. New features this year have all excited, and a romantic theme should create a relaxing atmosphere.



THE CASS CITY Lions Club recently presented Cass City exchange student Abidin Karademir and his host father, Mark Martin, with Kapten Plus GPS Navigators. Both Karademir and Martin are blind and this particular GPS uses voice control and voice commands along with many other features to help assist them with mobility, Lions Club members explained, noting club member Ed Knight suggested the gift idea. Pictured above are (left to right) Knight, Karademir, Martin and Lions Club President Earl Volmering.

4 teens injured in accident

Sanilac County Sheriff’s deputies say excessive speed and road conditions contributed to a one-vehicle traffic crash Saturday evening in Sanilac County’s Austin Township.

The accident was reported at about 9:50 p.m. on Wheeler Road just north of Holbrook Road.

being driven by 17-year-old Zachary Grifka of Ubley was southbound on Wheeler Road when he lost control of the pickup truck,” Sanilac County Sheriff Garry Biniecki reported. “The pickup truck entered the ditch on the east side of the road and rolled over one time before landing on the tires.”

Biniecki said 3 passengers, Gabrielle Pineau, 15, of Bad Axe, Lauren Heilig, 14 of Ubley, and Kristopher Andrews, 16, of Kinde, were transported along with Grifka to Huron Medical Center in Bad Axe for treatment of minor injuries.

The Bingham Township Fire Department, Bingham EMS and Cass City and Bad Axe MMR ambulance crews assisted deputies at the scene.

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PTO pride

Weekend fundraisers enable group to benefit kids in the Cass City Schools

by Ryan Walker
Freelance Writer

The continuous stream of vehicle traffic entering and exiting the Cass City Middle School parking lot Saturday was a reflection of the number of bargain shoppers at the Cass City Parent Teacher Organization's (PTO) annual Mom-to-Mom sale. Twenty-six vendors sold clothing, toys, books and a variety of other items that covered 61 tables. The vendors rented table space at the cost of \$10 a table, and a \$2 fee enabled shoppers entry to the middle school gym, where they could search for deals. The indoor event corresponded with the Schwan's food sale, another PTO fundraiser, which was taking place in the parking lot.

PTO president Liz Swiderski explained that the Mom-to-Mom sale raised \$1,000 and the Schwan's sale also brought in \$1,000. As is the case for any PTO fundraiser, every cent goes back to the students in the Cass City School District.

In addition to providing more educational opportunities for students, Saturday's event also brought together buyers and sellers in a relaxed atmosphere.

Renee Golder of Elkton, an independent representative for Usborne Books, has attended the Cass City Mom-to-Mom sale in the past. "The people in Cass City are very nice. The best part about the Mom-to-Mom sale is meeting new families who don't know about Usborne Books," she said.

Sarah Green of Kingston is another veteran vendor who has attended the sale in previous years. "My goal was to get rid of clothes and toys that the kids have outgrown. I like coming to the Cass City Mom-to-Mom sale because there's always a good turnout," Green commented.

Nicole Pionk of Ubly was a first time attendee to the sale. Pionk and her 5 year old step-daughter were looking for deals on clothes, books and movies. "It seems really well organized. There's lots of room to walk around," she said.

PTOs are volunteer groups that bring together parents, teachers, school staff and members of the community in a manner that directly benefits students. Throughout the calendar year, the Cass City PTO has organized a number of events intended to raise money that will enhance the educational experience for local students. Two other fundraisers organized by the PTO this year were a fall pie sale and a donkey basketball game.

During the 2011-2012 school year, the PTO has bought computer technology that assesses the middle and high school band students weekly. It also purchased a score board for the weight room to keep track of weight lifting scores. Two high school seniors received scholarships of \$500 each from the PTO — the students had to write an essay on the topic "What Volunteering Means to Me" in order to be eligible. First grade students at Campbell Elementary benefitted from MP3 players, purchased through the PTO, that are

used in conjunction with their reading program. The PTO also provided funds for the Campbell Elementary Reading Counts program this year, and profits from PTO fundraisers are also used for field trips and classroom supplies.

The current Cass City PTO board consists of Liz Swiderski-president, Stazha Hartsell-vice president, Mary Keroson-secretary and Stephanie Hutchinson-treasurer. New members are encouraged to join, and the next PTO meeting is scheduled to take place Tuesday, May 8, at 7 p.m. at the Campbell Elementary media center. For more information about becoming an active member of the Cass City PTO, contact Swiderski at lizswiderski@yahoo.com or check out the Cass City PTO's Facebook page.

Obituary

Beatrice McPhail

Beatrice McPhail, 90, of Cass City, died following a long illness, Thursday, April 26, 2012 in Tendercare Nursing Facility, Cass City.

She was born Nov. 24, 1921 in Argyle Township, the daughter of Charles Archibald and Margaret J. (Hutson) McPhail.

Beatrice worked as a secretary for a doctor. Then she worked at Cunningham Drug Store in Detroit. Beatrice later worked for White Chapel Cemetery in Troy. Her last job was in a dentist office. She enjoyed golfing and reading.

Beatrice is survived by her brother, Charles "Jack" J. (Winifred) of Southgate; sister, Eunice Matthews of Livonia; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by an infant sister; brothers: Archie and Hutson McPhail; sisters: Marion Winter and Eula McPhail.

Funeral services were held Sunday, April 29, at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with the Rev. David Blackburn of Cass City First Presbyterian Church officiating.

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

Memorials may be made to Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America, 8201 Corporate Dr., Suite 1000, Landover, MD 20785.

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.



VENDOR SARAH Green of Kingston sold kids' clothes and toys at the Mom-to-Mom sale, which raised \$1,000. The sale was one of several events sponsored by the PTO to raise money for supplies, trips and other items that benefit students in the Cass City School District.



CASS CITY PTO Vice President Stazha Hartsell (left) and President Liz Swiderski work a concession table during the organization's Mom-to-Mom sale Saturday at Cass City Middle School.

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The purpose of the public hearing will be to consider the application by Emanuel Mullet for a SPECIAL LAND USE & VARIANCE REQUEST for the purpose of a home based business (bakery) & a variance setback request from 100' to 80' to be located at 7791 Bay City-Forestville Rd., Cass City, MI, on property identified as tax parcel number I.D. #007-001-000-1250-00.

All interested persons are encouraged to attend the public hearing to ask questions or to make comments as to the application. Written comments may be submitted to the Clerk at 6691 Church Street, Cass City, MI 48726 at any time prior to the public hearing.

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THIS RAT SEEMED at ease with its temporary accommodations in a large fish tank, apparently unaware of the mortal danger close by. The rat’s room-mates were a pair of ball pythons — named Jasmine and Jeffrey — each measuring about 5 feet in length. They were raised by and belong to Brandon Montgomery, a 2011 Cass City High School graduate who is now studying computer information technology at Saginaw Valley State University.

Roggenbuck invites students to showcase talents

Tuscola County Probate Judge Amanda Roggenbuck hopes to educate area youth and engage them in the judicial process in a positive manner by inviting them to participate in a contest showcasing their talents.

After speaking with some area educators, Roggenbuck said she decided to develop a project designed to educate students about the Constitution and the judicial branch of government. She then contacted elementary, middle and high schools in the county with her idea.

“Elementary students have the opportunity to color patriotic symbols, while middle and high school students have a chance to write an essay about the Constitution or create an original piece of art depicting an historical building, document or person in government,” Roggenbuck explained.

“Several of the projects will be framed and displayed throughout the probate court,” she said, adding her goals are 3-fold: “Students learn about the Constitution and the judicial branch of government, students get to showcase their talents, and the projects serve as an inspiration to the youth who come to the probate court.”

“Most times youth come into court during a crisis. This is an opportunity for youth to have a positive experience and showcase their talents while serving as an inspiration to other youth.”

Students whose work is selected will be invited to the probate court to view their creations on display.

Agreement expands ag opportunities for Michigan students

Saginaw Valley State University and Michigan State University have reached a new agreement to provide students with more opportunities in the growing fields of agriculture and natural resources.

“The Memorandum of Understanding between MSU’s College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, and SVSU’s colleges of Science, Engineering and Technology, Education and Business and Management will increase access for students to these educational programs.

“Not only is this a win-win for both institutions, but more importantly, this is a win for Michigan residents who want a college degree in agriculture or natural resources,” said Deborah R. Huntley, dean of SVSU’s College of Science, Engineering and Technology.

The agreement allows students at SVSU to choose agriculture and natural resources majors and specializations available at MSU and transfer there to earn a bachelor’s degree, after completing the initial 2 years at SVSU. Students will have to meet MSU’s transfer admission requirements. Additionally, both MSU and SVSU will work together on financial aid.

“As one of the state’s top revenue and job generators, agriculture and natural resources are bound to attract more and more students,” said MSU Provost Kim Wilcox. “With an agreement like this, we are able to open the doors to careers that are not only in demand but very rewarding.”

In addition to the transfer agreement, SVSU also is developing an academic minor in agricultural studies for its students who choose to complete a bachelor’s degree.

“The intent is really to create a seamless pathway for students to start at SVSU and finish at MSU, using the best resources at both institutions without duplicating programs,” said Randy Showerman, associate professor in the Department of Community, Agriculture, Recreation and Resource Studies and director of the MSU Institute of Agricultural Technology.

On hand for the recent agreement signing between the 2 universities was former 84th State Rep. Terry Brown, who while representing Tuscola and Huron counties included provisions in one of his budget bills that required efforts to explore expanded agriculture-related education at SVSU.

“After 2 years of work involving local agribusiness leaders, MSU and SVSU, high school ag programs, Michigan Works! and others, today we have an agreement which is providing a cooperative endeavor unlike ever experienced by either university,” Brown said.

“The Thumb and Great Lakes Bay Area has been the premier agricultural region in the state and has provided economic growth even during the difficult times we have endured,” he added.

“The value of a partnership between the 2 universities and industry will provide an important driver to fill the highly technical jobs that exist and propel the area into expanding opportunities for local employment. With this cooperation, students will find more affordable options for college closer to home. And, area employers will have a greater talent pool from which to hire highly qualified individuals.”

Home buying course slated

The Human Development Commission (HDC) will host a free Home Buyer Education Class Wednesday, May 16, from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the HDC office in Caro, located at 429 Montague Avenue.

The class is sponsored by the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) and will cover topics such as how to read a credit report, how to repair credit, tips on writing a purchase agreement, and more.

HDC is a non-profit Community Action Agency serving Tuscola, Huron, Sanilac and Lapeer counties. More information is available by calling Mike Walker at 1-800-843-6394.



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Lady Red Hawks sweep Lakers in GTW opener

Cass City ran its win streak to 8 straight Thursday, when the Lady Red Hawks swept guest Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port to open Greater Thumb West play.

Shannon Stec led the hosts to victory in game one, tossing a 2-hitter, while fanning 10 in the 6-2 victory. Cassi Gogolin was tagged with the loss. She recorded 6 strike outs.

The Red Hawks jumped out to a quick 5-0 lead, before the Lakers put a pair of tallies on the board in the top of fourth inning, drawing to within 5-2. However, when it counted most, Stec delivered the most, holding the visitors scoreless through the final 3 frames.

Cass City has benefited from the services of freshman Allie Riddle during the team's recent success. She had 2 singles in Thursday's opener, but more importantly she has helped improve the team defensively.

"I had Allie at third base during our last tournament because Shania (Chambers) was taking driver's education that day. Against the Lakers, Megan Parrish was out sick and we put her at shortstop. She's doing a fine job," said Coach John Hacker.

In game 2, Cass City provided plenty of run support for starter Rebecca Hacker, who went the distance on the hill to earn the 14-4 mercy win.

Leading 7-2, Cass City removed

most doubt from the game's outcome in the fourth inning when they added 5 runs to the margin.

Carley Hendrick provided the big blow for the winners with her 3-run homer, while Hacker helped her own cause with a 2-RBI double.

Kacy Shetler and Ashley Richmond had doubles for the Lakers, but it wouldn't be nearly enough to prevent Gogolin from suffering her second loss on the night.

HARBOR BEACH

Harbor Beach provided little challenge for Cass City, last Monday, as the Red Hawks made quick work of defeating their Greater Thumb East host.

Cass City opened both ends of their final non-conference tune-up striking for 4 runs in the first innings en route to mercy victories of 16-0 and 10-0.

Stec, in the opener, and Hacker, in the late game, handled the pitching duties for the winners.

Cass City's hit parade in game one was highlighted by a Chamber's fence clearing shot and doubles from Hendrick, Parrish and Morgan Potter.

Game 2 had Red Hawks Hendrick, Parrish and Ellen Hulburt with extra base hits.



NICK KAPPEN (right) and Ethan Nicol celebrate Cass City's game one win over Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port slapping a high five.

Cass City punches out 23 runs in sweep of guest Lakers

Cass City opened its Greater Thumb West schedule in convincing fashion Thursday, grabbing wins of 12-4 and 11-1 over the visiting Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port Lakers.

The Red Hawks struck for 4 runs in the first, fourth, and sixth innings to earn the easy game one victory.

Lukas Schenk collected 3 hits to pace the winners in the early affair, while Cody Orban and Morgan Erla each chipped in 2 hits.

Red Hawk Jake Hacker worked 4 innings to receive credit on the mound. He surrendered 3 hits and 2 earned runs.

In game 2, Cass City used a 9-run fourth – all scored with 2 outs - to secure the sweep.

Orban tossed 4 scoreless innings, and struck out 8 to collect the win.

Schenk, Watson Moore, and Kyle Hanby all had extra base knocks for Cass City.

HARBOR BEACH

In a battle between Greater Thumb Conference powers last Monday in Harbor Beach, Orban showed why he's considered by many as the pride of the Thumb.

The Red Hawk ace came out on top of a pitching duel with Pirate Jason Hanson, when Lukas Schenk rode home on Erla's game-winning double in the final frame.

Both hurlers turned in impressive numbers. Orban struck out 8 and yielded just 3 hits. Hanson, meanwhile, whiffed 10 and surrendered 4 hits in the hard knock loss.

The Pirates managed to earn a split on the night with a 4-0 win in the late game.

Nick Kappen was the victim of little offensive support and was saddled with the loss for Cass City.

At the plate, Nicol had 2 singles in vain.



ELKTON-Pigeon-Bay Port's Taylor McGathy scores in Thursday's GTW outing against Cass City as catcher Lauren Perry gathers up a late throw to home plate.

Mega meet held at Vassar Friday

Cass City took part in a 16-school mega meet Friday in Vassar, captured by the Marlette boys' team, while the Caro Lady Tigers topped the girls' standings.

"It was the first time we were able to see other teams in the area and many of the kids stepped up to the competition. Our athletes are improving and that is exactly what we want to continue to see," said Cass City Coach Amy Cuthrell.

Among the highlights for the Lady Red Hawks was the return of senior pole vaulter Stephanie Leeson. She cleared 8' 6" to finish fourth.

"It was nice to have Leeson back in the pole vault. The vault is her passion and sadly her injuries in the last

year have kept her from what she loves. To see her vault any height is an accomplishment," said Cuthrell.

Cass City also had freshman Erin Zdrojewski and senior Haley Wynn with fourth place efforts in the 3200-meter run and long jump, respectively.

"Erin Z found herself in a field of very accomplished runners. She raced with some of the best in the area. She is very competitive and is not intimidated by a field of experienced runners. She has a very bright future," said Cuthrell.

"The boys didn't earn the points, but showed significant improvement with many of their events. From field events to running events, we

saw improvement across the board. It was a good day for them all personally," she said.

REESE QUAD

Earlier in the week, on Monday, Cass City traveled to Reese for a quad meet that also included Brown City and Bay City All Saints.

The host Rockets captured both the boys and girls competition.

Individual wins for the Lady Red Hawks were earned by Katie Hacker, Logan Rowell, Zdrojewski, Wynn, Logan Rowell and Leeson.

Braden Perzanowski and Garrett Ferguson turned in winning efforts for the Cass City boys' team.

Girls' results

3200-meter relay - Cass City (Shelby Abell, Haley Wynn, Erin Zdrojewski, Ashley Potts), 12:30.00; **100-meter hurdles** - Drew Findlay, Reese, 17.39; **100-meter dash** - Katie Hacker, Cass City, 13.78; **800-meter relay** - Reese (Paige Gotham, Abbie Gnatkowski, Drew Findlay, Jaydn Fuerst), 1:56.00; **1600-meter run** - Erin Zdrojewski, Cass City, 5:59.00; **400-meter relay** - Brown City (Kaila Ellis, Jordan Jones, Lauren Kalbfleisch, Stephanie Lerchenfeldt), 57.52; **400-meter dash** - Haley Wynn, Cass City, 1:03.00; **300-meter low hurdles** - Drew Findlay, Reese, 52.22; **800-meter run** - Erin Zdrojewski, Cass City, 2:36.00; **200-meter dash** - Katie Hacker, Cass City, 28.17; **3200-meter run** - Erin Zdrojewski, Cass City, 12:46.00; **1600-meter relay** - Reese (Jadyn Fuerst, Amy Hecht, Paige Gotham, Drew Findlay), 4:37.00; **Discus** - Ashley Linck, Brown City, 81'03.00"; **Shot Put** - Shelby Aguilar, Reese, 29'09.00"; **High Jump** - Logan Rowell, Cass City, 4'10.10"; **Long**

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CASS CITY sprinter Braeden Perzanowski, right, is at full throttle in the 200-meter dash during Friday's mega meet in Vassar.



TROPHY TURKEY. Todd Gould, of Cass City, took this tom while hunting on the farm of Roger Root, north of the village, during the opening week of the 2012 spring season. The 3-year-old bird weighed 23 pounds, had a 10" beard and one inch spurs.

Cass City victorious at Rolling Hills Golf Course

Cass City didn't waste their home course advantage last week and defeated Ubly, 176-207, at Rolling Hills Golf Course.

Scorers for Ubly in Tuesday's contest had Mike Pichla and Austin Drake each score 49, while Zack Nowicki carded a 53, and Jerry Grifka, a 56.

Scores for Cass City in their home opener match had medalist Tyler Samons with a 41, Trenton Loomis, 43, Michael Mulligan, 45 and Drew King, 47.

"The scores are lower than I expect,

the conditions were very windy," said Coach Jon Zdrojewski.

"My expectations from these golfers has not yet been met, but Trenton Loomis has been a very consistent performer so far this year as well as Drew King. Tyler Samons has been a surprise in that he has posted low scores a couple of times that are excellent, his consistency is lacking but his potential is very good. I am still waiting for sophomore Michael Mulligan and junior Brandon Green to shoot the scores

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Vassar hosts 16-school track meet

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Jump – Haley Wynn, Cass City, 15’02.00”; **Pole Vault** – Stephanie Leeson, Cass City, 8’06.00”.
Boys’ results
3200-meter relay – Reese (Cameron Marsrow, Ryan Weaver, Nick Arnold, Travis Stockmeyer), 9:41.00; **110-meter hurdles** – Andrew Houghtaling, Reese, 16.88; **100-meter dash** – Brandon Perzanowski, Cass City, 11.88; **800-**

meter relay – Cass City (Braeden Perzanowski, Garrett Ferguson, Malik Bell, Terrance Benett), 1:41.00; **1600-meter run** – Cameron Marsrow, Reese, 5:05.00; **400-meter relay** – Reese (Andrew Houghtaling, Noah Reinert, Austin Felske, Matt Kushion), 47.45; **400-meter dash** – Garrett Ferguson, Cass City, 56.93; **300M interm. Hurdles** – Gabe VanSumeron, Bay City, 47.83; **800-meter run** – Travis Stockmeyer, Reese, 2:19.00; **200-meter dash** –

Braeden Perzanowski, Cass City, 23.95; **3200-meter run** – Cameron Marsrow, Reese, 11:04.00; **1600-meter relay** – Reese (Adam Fuerst, Justin Guerro, Aaron Szymkowiak, Travis Stockmeyer), 3:54.00; **Discus** – Eric Schian, Reese, 130’06.00; **Shot Put** – Mitch Gilmore, Reese, 49’02.00”; **High Jump** – John Trombley, Reese, 6’00.10”; **Long Jump** – Andrew Lindsay – Brown City, 18’04.00”; **Pole Vault** – Austin Felske, Reese, 12’02.00”.

Cass City gets in practice round at Timbers Golf Course, site of the Hawks’ district action

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they did last year, these 2 should be shooting much better and I think they will begin scoring much better soon.”

TIMBERS

A day earlier, Cass City traveled to

play at the Timbers Golf Course and finished third among 6 schools. The final standings had Caro on top with 167 points. Following the Tigers were Birch Run with 171, Cass City, 180, Vassar, 196, North Branch, 202 and Millington, 218. “Playing the Timbers was just a practice round really as Districts will be there on June 1. I was glad we got

to see the course as none of the boys had played there before. Now we have an idea what to expect from the course and they have cards to study the holes by,” said Zdrojewski. Individual scores for the Red Hawks had Loomis with a team best 42, while King chipped in with a score of 43, Mulligan, 47 and Kyle Middaugh, 48.

Chamber taps Browns, Smith and Erla

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served as a Hills and Dales General Hospital Board Member. Jim, meanwhile, has contributed to a host of projects and organizations over the years. He has been a dedicated member of the area’s agricultural community, and is a member of both the Michigan Corn Growers Association and Michigan Farm Bureau. In addition to agricultural involvement, he has served on the Rawson Memorial District Library Fundraising Committee and has been a dedicated leader on the Evergreen Township board for over 30 years.

JUNIOR CITIZENS OF THE YEAR

Just like there senior counterparts,

Cass City’s 2012 Junior Citizen of the Year honorees, Alexandra Smith and Morgan Erla, have fervently served the community. Smith’s service record to the community includes spending time as a Big Brothers-Big Sisters lunch buddy and volunteering at American Red Cross blood drives. She has also been active with Cass City’s Christmas in the Village promotion and the Community Thanksgiving Dinner. The Red Hawk senior also has been active with the Catholic church vacation Bible school and youth groups. During her high school career, Smith has won awards in geometry, history and civics, while serving in the capacity of class secretary and class president. Her future plans include attending

either the University of Michigan or Notre Dame to pursue a degree in science, and a pre-med course of study with an eye on becoming a pediatrician or surgeon. “Wow, thank you,” said Smith after accepting the award from Chamber board member Jim Luth. “It takes a village to raise a child and Cass City is a great place to grow up. I wouldn’t trade it for anything.” Erla, too, has a long list of service to the community. He has spent time working at the Thumb Octagon Barn and at the chamber’s Christmas in the Village, Summer Mania, and Breakfast with Santa campaigns. Additionally, Erla has helped with local highway clean-up endeavors and the school’s backpack program. Aside from being a 3-sport star for the Red Hawks in football, basketball, and baseball, Erla has collected academic honors in chemistry, geometry, and algebra during his high school tenure. Erla has also been involved in school government as a student council member. Away from school, Erla is committed to the United Methodist Church Youth Group. “This is a great honor, thank you,” said Erla at the podium while acknowledging that each of this year’s Junior Citizens of the Year candidates were worthy of the award. Those nominees included Nicole Kelly, Megan Parrish and Heather Sweeney.




EARLY SUCCESS. Hugh Walker, 8, took this jake while hunting with his grandpa Bob. Thanks to the Mentored Youth Hunting program, Hugh can legally purchase a license and hunt with a licensed adult.

Schneeberger's

ATHLETE of the WEEK

This week’s Schneeberger’s Athlete of the Week award winner is Cass City’s Carley Hendrick. The Red Hawk senior has had the hot bat for Coach John Hacker’s softball squad lately, including a huge effort in the team’s Greater Thumb West opener Thursday against the Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port Lakers. Hendrick tripled in game one and then crunched a 3-run blast to highlight Cass City’s game 2 victory. “Carley started the season with an injury she suffered in basketball,” said Hacker. “Her first 8 games weren’t her best. But since the Tuscola County Tournament, she has been hitting the ball really hard. I moved her up to bat clean-up against the Lakers and she responded with a home run. She also hit for power against Harbor Beach and had a bases loaded double that scored 3 runs.” Carley is the daughter of Kelli and Chuck Hendrick.



Carley Hendrick

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***Actual Mileage Will Vary**

Owen-Gage bond vote Tuesday

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Wencel said school officials plan to sink about \$150,000 into technology upgrades. “Our wiring is in pretty good shape and our routers are in pretty good shape. Most of it will go into ‘end-of-the-line’ technology — new computers, projection devices,” he explained.

The improvements would include \$64,000 in site work, which would consist of paving a parking lot and service drive along with minor upgrades to athletic fields.

An estimated \$1.37 million would pay for renovation projects, including remodeling the gymnasium floor, new locker rooms and demolition of the concrete bleachers in the cafeteria. About \$385,000 of the total is the price tag for a new roof, while another \$130,000 would go for a new ceiling and \$24,000 is expected to cover replacement of some flooring sections in the building.

In addition, new boilers would cost \$120,000, and the electrical upgrades are expected to run about

\$180,000.

Wencel said another segment of the bond issue — some \$343,000 worth — would be spent on a new bus, a video security system, the new telephone system and furniture for 15 classrooms.

The Owen-Gage Public Schools currently has no outstanding debt, noted Wencel, who said the bond issue would initially cost the owner of a \$40,000 home about \$120 annually, while the owner of a home valued at \$60,000 would pay roughly \$180 a year.

Residents can obtain a more detailed estimate of how the vote could affect their tax bills by logging onto the school district’s website and then clicking on the Owen-Gage Bond Proposal Tax Calculator link.

“(It) estimates the after-tax impact of millage-backed proposals by considering Michigan’s homestead tax credit and the federal income tax deduction of property tax. Some taxpayers may receive part of the property tax increase back in the form of an increased tax credit,” Wencel explained.

Mom charged in son’s death

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The charges stem from the death of Donavin J. Cochrane, who was found unresponsive in his home in Huron County’s Sheridan Township, about 5 miles south of Bad Axe. Troopers arrived at the residence and attempted to resuscitate the child until ambulance personnel could arrive. The child was then transport-

ed to Huron Medical Center in Bad Axe, where he was pronounced dead a short time later.

Investigators have not released the cause of death. Rutkowski authorized charges after reviewing toxicology tests on the child.

Donavin Cochrane was one of 2 children residing in the home. The other youngster, Emerick’s 5-year-old daughter, has been temporarily removed from the home and placed with a family member.

Hydrants

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“We know money is tight, but we would like to know how many hydrants you plan on doing (raising) during the year.”

Village Manager Peter Cristiano quickly responded that 3 hydrants are currently on the budget for repair. “Over time the hydrants just sink,” lamented Cristiano. “It costs about \$2,000 to fix each hydrant and I’d say about 50 percent (of the hydrants) are in need of some attention.”

Guilds then asked the village council to color code each hydrant to identify its flow capacity. Painting each hydrant with a recognizable color, fire fighters say, could provide crucial information in a life or death situation.

“Sure we can do that,” Cristiano swiftly responded to the request. “And after we do one, if it’s what you want, we’ll do (paint) them all.”

Finally, Guilds told council members that the south end of the village is absent of a hydrant.

Cristiano and Trustee Mick Kim, also an Elkland Township fireman, noted areas south of Elizabeth Street actually are the responsibility of the township.

Cristiano, however, told Guilds to talk to his township officials about entering into a cooperative agreement with the village in order to provide better fire protection on the southern outskirts of town.

“If Elkland Township would pay for the hydrants, the village would be more than happy to allow them to tap into our water lines,” he said.

RENTAL ORDINANCE

Another worry for Guilds and his crew is a lack of an inspection ordinance for rental property owners in Cass City.

Guilds pointed to a recent fire in the downtown area that underlined the need for a defined policy.

According to the chief, the apartment fire on Main Street earlier this month had 8 people living together in a one or 2 bedroom apartment, without a smoke detector. Compounding the danger, there was only one way in and one way out of the building for those renters.

“We were putting our guys’ safety at risk to fight that blaze, said Guilds.

“We need to change that before someone dies,” added Tomlinson.

And that’s exactly what’s on tap for the local planning commission’s May meeting, according to Cristiano.

“It (the rental inspection ordinance) is on their next agenda. Highlights of the ordinance will include registration of all rental units with the Village of Cass City and inspections of all rental units by construction code inspectors.

The costs to bring any rental unit into compliance with the 2003 International Property Code will be the responsibility of the property owners, according to the proposed ordinance.

Benefit ride slated in Thumb Saturday

There’s still time to sign-up for Saturday’s “Thunder Across The Thumb” benefit ride, which pays tribute to our serving and fallen soldiers.

Line up starts at 11 a.m. at the Caro Municipal Airport. There’s no charge to enter and the ride, which ends at the Sandusky Airport, is open to all vehicles.

For more information, call Bill at (989) 823-2554 or Talonda at (989) 673-2750.

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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 Deborah Halvorson, a single woman, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registrations Systems, Inc., as nominee for Aegis Lending Corporation its successors and assigns., Mortgagee, dated January 24, 2003 and recorded on February 3, 2003 in Liber 913 on Page 711, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. successor by merger to Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota, N.A., as Trustee for Aegis Asset Backed Securities Trust 2003-1 Mortgage Loan asset Backed Certificates, Series 2003-1 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 Four Hundred Two and 56/100 Dollars (\$68,402.56).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on May 31, 2012.

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

Lot 4, Block 2, Village of Gates (now Reese), Tuscola County, Michigan as Recorded in Liber 29, Page 115, 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.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Dated: May 2, 2012

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #375528F01

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YOU MAY BE ENTITLED TO THE BENEFITS OF THE SERVICEMEMBERS’ CIVIL RELIEF ACT.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Laura A. Killinger and Edward J. Periso III, a single man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Polaris Home Funding Corp., its successors or assigns., Mortgagee, dated August 18, 2006 and recorded August 24, 2006 in Liber 1092, Page 1397, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-Five and 27/100 Dollars (\$80,335.27) 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 front entrance of the Tuscola Circuit Courthouse in the Village of Caro, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on MAY 31, 2012.

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

Land situated in the Township of Kingston, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, described as: Commencing 80 rods South of the Northeast corner of the Northeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 33, Town 12 North, Range 11 East; thence West 470 feet; thence North 184 feet; thence East 470 feet; thence South 184 feet to the place of beginning.

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

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 the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.

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

Dated: May 2, 2012

Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
File No. 682.2901

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For more information or to obtain nominating petitions and other required documents for the vacating seats or ANY Board seat, please contact the Township Clerk, Joann Tauber, at 989-670-2943.

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Lila Arroyo at 989-872-2658 or 989-912-0405.

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

OTHERWISE, FEDERAL LAW REQUIRES US TO ADVISE YOU THAT COMMUNICATION FROM OUR OFFICE COULD BE INTERPRETED AS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND THAT ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

IF YOU ARE NOW ON ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY OR HAVE BEEN IN THE PRIOR NINE MONTHS, PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AS YOU MAY BE ENTITLED TO THE BENEFITS OF THE SERVICEMEMBERS' CIVIL RELIEF ACT.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Joshua D. Hills, a married man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for CSMC, Inc. DBA Central States Mortgage, its successors or assigns, Mortgagee, dated November 26, 2008 and recorded December 2, 2008 in Liber 1162, Page 1244, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-One and 8/100 Dollars (\$58,771.08) including interest at 6.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Tuscola Circuit Courthouse in the Village of Caro, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on MAY 17, 2012.

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

Commencing at the Southeast corner of Section 35, Township 14 North, range 8 East, thence North 13 Rods 14 feet, thence West 10 Rods, thence South 13 Rods 14 feet, thence East 10 Rods to Place of Beginning. Except right of way to Michigan Bell Telephone Company Akron, Township, Tuscola County, Michigan.

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

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 the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.

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

Dated: April 18, 2012

Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
File No. 682.0923

4-18-4

FORECLOSURE NOTICE 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. IF YOU ARE A MILITARY SERVICEMEMBER ON ACTIVE DUTY NOW OR IN THE PRIOR NINE MONTHS, PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Tracy Mcmahan, a single woman, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Decision One Mortgage Company, L.L.C., Mortgagee, dated April 11, 2006 and recorded on April 24, 2006 in Liber 1078, Page 874, Tuscola County Records, said mortgage was assigned to DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, as Trustee under POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT Dated as of June 1, 2006 MORGAN STANLEY ABS CAPITAL INC. TRUST 2006-HE5 by an Assignment of Mortgage dated February 13, 2012 and recorded February 24, 2012 in Liber 1241, Page 983, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety and 64/100 (\$138,790.64) including interest at the rate of 8.49000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the Circuit Court in said Tuscola County, where the premises to be sold or some part of them are situated, at 10:00 AM on May 17, 2012.

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

The South 8 acres of the Southeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 28, Town 10 North, Range 7 East Commonly known as: 9738 Barkley If the property is eventually sold at foreclosure sale, the redemption period will be 6.00 months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned or used for agricultural purposes. If the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 and/or 600.3241a, the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of sale, or 15 days after statutory notice, whichever is later.

If the property is presumed to be used for agricultural purposes prior to the date of the foreclosure sale pursuant to MCL 600.3240, the redemption period is 1 year. Pursuant to MCL 600.3278, if the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, the borrower(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages are, if any, 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: April 18, 2012

Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, as Trustee under POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT Dated as of June 1, 2006 MORGAN STANLEY ABS CAPITAL I

INC. TRUST 2006-HE5
43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302
248-335-9200
Case No. 110MI01416-1

4-18-4

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MORTGAGE SALE – Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Joseph R.J. Ball, a single man, to Icon Financial Group Inc., Mortgagee, dated June 18, 2002 and recorded June 27, 2002 in Liber 883 Page 638 Tuscola County Records, Michigan Said mortgage was assigned through mesne assignments to: CitiMortgage, Inc., by assignment dated February 16, 2012 and recorded March 5, 2012 in Liber 1242, Page 555, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Four Thousand Three Hundred Thirteen Dollars and Eighty-Two Cents (\$54,313.82) including interest 7.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, Circuit Court of Tuscola County at 10:00AM on May 17, 2012.

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

Lot 25, Block 6 of Charles Montague's Subdivision, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 10, now being Page 11A of Tuscola County Records. Commonly known as 335 Norman St, Caro MI 48723.

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; or unless MCL 600.3240(17) applies.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Dated: 4/18/2012

CitiMortgage, Inc.
Assignee of Mortgagee

Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C.
811 South Blvd., Suite 100
Rochester Hills, MI 48307
(248) 844-5123
Our File No: 12-59499

4-18-4

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

MORTGAGE SALE – Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Kenneth R. Stuart, A/K/A Kenneth Stuart, a married man, and Sandra K. Stuart, his wife, of Tuscola County, Michigan, Mortgagor to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for GMAC Mortgage, LLC, f/k/a GMAC Mortgage, Corporation, its successors and assigns dated the 24th day of March, 2008, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 1st day of April, 2008, in Liber 1145, Page 382, and further evidenced by Affidavit of Scrivener's Error recorded on February 9, 2012 in Liber 1240, Page 1127 of Tuscola Records, which said mortgage was assigned to GMAC Mortgage, LLC successor by merger to GMAC Mortgage Corp, thru mesne assignments, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal of \$132,110.90 (one hundred thirty-two thousand one hundred ten and 90/100 plus accrued interest at 5.875% (five point eight seven five) percent per annum.

And no suit proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on, the 24th day of May, 2012, at 10:00:00 AM said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI, Tuscola County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage.

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

Situated in the Township of Tuscola, County of Tuscola and State of Michigan: Commencing at the Southwest corner of Section 23, Township 11 North, Range 7 East, thence North 00 degrees East, 1065.52 feet to a point of curvature of curve to right having a radius of 819 feet; thence Northerly on arc of curve 744.02 feet to a point of tangency of said curve, said arc being subtended by a chord bearing North 26 degrees 01 minutes 30 seconds East, 718.69 feet to said point of tangency; thence North 52 degrees 03 minutes East on centerline of relocated Buell Road 7.61 feet to the point of beginning of this description, said point of beginning being 1542.65 feet South 52 degrees 03 minutes West of intersection of said centerline and East-West 1/4 line; thence South 52 degrees 03 minutes West, 7.61 feet to a point of curvature of a curve to the left having a radius of 819 feet; thence Southwesterly on arc of curve 118.58 feet to a point said arc being subtended by a chord bearing South 47 degrees 54 minutes North 02 seconds West, 118.48 feet to said point; thence North 32 degrees 47 minutes 06 seconds West 304.87 feet, North 62 degrees 32 minutes 20 seconds East on reference line approximately 35 feet Southeasterly of water's edge at Southerly bank of Cass River 100 feet; thence South 37 degrees 57 minutes East, 276.86 feet to the point of beginning. Commonly known as: 6306 Buell Road.

Tax Parcel No.: 019-23-000-3000-00

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

Dated: April 25, 2012

By: Foreclosing Attorneys
Attorney for Plaintiff Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A.

2155 Butterfield Drive, Suite 200-S
Troy, MI 48084
WWR #10089418

4-25-4

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

In the event this property is claimed as a principal residence exempt from tax under section 7ec of the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 7.c 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 Donald A. Thomas and Stephanie J. Thomas, Husband and Wife, Joint Tenancy with Full Rights of Survivorship to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for PLB Lending LLC its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated August 11, 2005 and recorded August 16, 2005 in Liber 1049 Page 1483 Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned to: CitiMortgage, Inc., by assignment dated April 10, 2012 and subsequently recorded in Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Six Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy-Seven Dollars and Fourteen Cents (\$126,877.14) including interest 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, Circuit Court of Tuscola County at 10:00AM on May 24, 2012.

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

Commencing at the Northeast corner of Section 25, Town 11 North, Range 9 East, thence South 89 degrees 44 minutes 50 seconds West, 300.35 feet along the North line of said Section 25 to the point of beginning; running thence South 00 degrees 07 minutes 46 seconds East, 605.0 feet; thence South 89 degrees 44 minutes 50 seconds West, 360.0 feet; thence North 00 degrees 07 minutes 46 seconds West, 605.0 feet; thence North 89 degrees 44 minutes 50 seconds East, 360.0 feet along the North line of said Section 25 to the point of beginning. Commonly known as 1940 E. Snover Rd., 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; or unless MCL 600.3240(17) applies.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Dated: 4/25/2012

CitiMortgage, Inc.
Assignee of Mortgagee

Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C.
811 South Blvd., Suite 100
Rochester Hills, MI 48307
(248) 844-5123
Our File No: 12-61284

4-25-4

SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE - Tuscola COUNTY

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 MELVIN CUNNINGHAM and RUTH J. CUNNINGHAM, HUSBAND AND WIFE, to CSMC INC., DBA CENTRAL STATES MORTGAGE, Mortgagee, dated April 17, 2007, and recorded on May 2, 2007, in Document No. 200700895285, Liber 1118, on Page 297, and assigned by said mortgagee to NATIONWIDE ADVANTAGE MORTGAGE COMPANY, as assigned, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty Thousand Five Hundred Ninety-Two Dollars and Fifty-Six Cents (\$120,592.56), including interest at 4.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, front entrance of the Courthouse Building in the City of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM o'clock, on May 24, 2012.

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

COMMENCING AT A POINT 16 RODS EAST OF THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 15, TOWN 11 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST; THENCE NORTH 20 RODS; THENCE EAST 16 RODS; THENCE SOUTH 20 RODS; THENCE WEST 16 RODS TO PLACE OF BEGINNING, EXCEPT THE WEST 100 FEET THEREOF AND ALSO EXCEPT THE EAST 1 ROD THEREOF.

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.

If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 600 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

NATIONWIDE ADVANTAGE MORTGAGE COMPANY
Mortgagee/Assignee

Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C.
23938 Research Drive, Suite 300
Farmington Hills, MI 48335
NAM.000519 FHA

4-25-4

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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 Denise J. Dembowske, unmarried, original mortgagor, to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, Mortgagee, dated January 22, 2009 and recorded on April 3, 2009 in Liber 1171 on Page 296 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety Thousand Six Hundred Thirty and 33/100 Dollars (\$90,630.33).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on May 31, 2012.

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

The North 7 1/2 acres of the South 15 acres of the North 30 acres of the East 90 acres of the Southeast 1/4, North of Chesapeake and Ohio railroad right of way in Section 8 Town 11 North Range 8 East.

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

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Dated: May 2, 2012

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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Attorneys for Servicer
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Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #398794F01

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Michael Fisher and Peggy Fisher, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Draper and Kramer Mortgage Corp., Mortgagee, dated October 7, 2005 and recorded on November 1, 2005 in Liber 1059 on Page 1472, and assigned by said Mortgagee to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty-Three and 85/100 Dollars (\$150,983.85).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on May 31, 2012.

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

Lot 15, 16 and 17 of Fred Huston's Subdivision No. 2, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 2 of Tuscola County Records.

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

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Dated: May 2, 2012

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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File #131611F02

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Gerald D. Kern, a married man, and Deborah Kern, his wife, original mortgagors, to Flagstar Bank, FSB, Mortgagee, dated August 3, 2001 and recorded on August 9, 2001 in Liber 840 on Page 817, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Chase Mortgage Company as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-three Thousand Seven Hundred One and 69/100 Dollars (\$43,701.69).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on May 31, 2012.

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

Parcel 1/B: Part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 34, Township 11 North, Range 8 East, described as: Beginning at a point on the East line of said Section 34 which is South 00 degrees 07 minutes 54 seconds West, along said East line, 513.85 feet from the East 1/4 corner of said Section 34; thence continuing along said East line, South 00 degrees 07 minutes 54 seconds West, 135.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 37 minutes 54 minutes West, 560.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 07 minutes 54 seconds East, 135.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 37 minutes 41 seconds East, 560.00 feet to the Point of Beginning. Except an undivided 1/2 interest of the oil, gas and other mineral to L.H. Gilman as set forth in mineral deed recorded in Liber 211 of Deeds, Page 63, also except reserving 1/2 of all oil and mineral rights as set forth in Warranty

Deed recorded in Liber 385 of Deeds, Page 157 and any interest from subsequent instruments recorded pertaining to same.

Affidavit of Affixture of Manufactured Home recorded June 3, 2005 in Liber 2041, Page 44.

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.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Dated: May 2, 2012

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File #398983F01

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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 Vernon W. Bush and Carol Bush, his wife, original mortgagors, to Gehrke Mortgage Corporation, a Michigan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated January 2, 1997 and recorded on January 7, 1997 in Liber 703 on Page 814, and assigned by mesne assignments to MidFirst Bank as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Seven Thousand Two Hundred Thirty and 68/100 Dollars (\$47,230.68).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on May 31, 2012.

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

The East 59 1/4 feet of Lots 13 and 14 of Block 3 of Montague and Wilmot's Addition to the Village of Caro, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 17, now being page 18A of Tuscola County Records.

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

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Dated: May 2, 2012

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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 Nicholas D. Mallory and Kelly L. Mallory, Husband and Wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated September 18, 2006 and recorded on September 21, 2006 in Liber 1096 on Page 579, and assigned by said Mortgagee to CitiMortgage, Inc. as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Nine Thousand Five and 07/100 Dollars (\$89,005.07).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on May 31,

Legal Notices

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by V. Leota Glazier, by Barbara E. Childs - Attorney in Fact, original mortgagees, to James B. Nutter & Company, Mortgagee, dated June 18, 2008 and recorded on July 31, 2008 in Liber 1155 on Page 180 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Sixteen Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-Seven and 23/100 Dollars (\$116,767.23).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on May 10, 2012.

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

Commencing at a point on the Southeast corner of Lot 12, Block 6, Huston's Addition to the Village of Vassar, Michigan according to the recorded Plat thereof, thence Northerly 82 1/2 feet along the East boundary line of Lot12; thence Westerly 99 feet; thence Southerly 82 1/2 feet parallel to East boundary line of Lot 12; thence Easterly 99 feet along Southern boundary line of Lots 11 and 12 to place of beginning, being part of Lots 11 and 12, Block 6, Huston's Addition to the Village of Vassar.

Also, commencing at a point 8 1/2 rods South of the Northeast corner of Lot 1, Block 6, Huston's Addition to the Village of Vassar, according to the recorded Plat thereof on the East line of said Lot 1; thence Westerly 99 feet parallel with the North line of Lots 1 and 2 of said Block 6; thence South at right angles 4 1/2 rods; thence Easterly 99 feet parallel with North line of Lots 1 and 2 of said Block 6; thence Northerly 4 1/2 rods to the point of beginning, all being a part of Lots 1, 2, 11 and 12, Block 6, Huston's Addition to the Village of Vassar, according to the recorded Plat thereof.

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.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Dated: April 11, 2012

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jason D. Zyrowski and Jessica K. Zyrowski, husband and wife, original mortgageors, to Mac-Clair Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated April 9, 2007 and recorded on April 10, 2007 in Liber 1115 on Page 1265, and assigned by mesne assignments to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tusculga County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Two Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-Three and 52/100 Dollars (\$72,773.52).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on May 10, 2012.

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

Lot 6, Block 4 of Plat of Newberry (now Village of Kingston), according to the Plat recorded in Liber 24 of Deeds, Page 304, except the West 2 Rods thereof.

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.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Dated: April 11, 2012

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #353959F02

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Michael Lagness, a single man, whose address is 1230 Coolidge, Benton Harbor, Michigan 49022, to Oxford Bank Mortgage Services, LLC, mortgagee, which mortgage is dated October 10, 2005 and was recorded on October 20, 2005, in Liber 1058, Page 872, Tuscola County Records, and is now held by Oxford Bank, as successor by merger to the mortgagee. The mortgage was modified by Balloon-Note Mortgage Loan Extension Agreement, dated November 18, 2010, which was recorded on November 24, 2010 in Liber 1211, Page 465, Tuscola County Records. There is claimed to be due on that mortgage, at the date hereof the sum of SIXTY-FIVE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED EIGHTY-FIVE and 96/100 Dollars (\$65,685.96), including interest, plus all expenses incidental to or arising from the sale or sales of the mortgaged premises. Additional interest will continue to accrue until the mortgage is satisfied.

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, Michigan, at 10:00 am on Thursday, May 10, 2012.

Said premises are situated in the City of Vassar, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, described as follows:

Lot 14, Block 24, Plat of the Village (now City) of Vassar, Tuscola County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 143 and in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 93, Tuscola County Records. Commonly known as: 218 Cherry Street, Vassar, MI 48768.

Tax Id No. 79-051-500-124-1400-00

The redemption period shall be 6 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 from the notice provided under that statute, whichever is longer.

Dated: April 9, 2012

Oxford Bank Mortgagee

WALTON & DONNELLY, P.C.
Attorneys for mortgagee
By: Jonathan T. Walton, Jr.
1550 Buhl Building, 535 Griswold Street
Detroit, MI 48226
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4-11-4

FORECLOSURE NOTICE 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. IF YOU ARE A MILITARY SERVICEMEMBER ON ACTIVE DUTY NOW OR IN THE PRIOR NINE MONTHS, PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE.

Mortgage Sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by RONALD RAY LOONEY, JR. AND KRISTI LYNN LOONEY, HUSBAND AND WIFE, AS TENANTS BY THE ENTIRETY, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. acting Solely as a nominee for Primary Residential Mortgage Inc., Mortgagee, dated March 24, 2009 and recorded on April 9, 2009, in Liber 1171, Page 1088, Tuscola County Records, said mortgage was assigned to Bank of America, N.A. successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing LP, F/K/A Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, LP by an Assignment of Mortgage dated June 20, 2011 and recorded June 27, 2011 in Liber 1224, Page 1467, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Three Thousand One Hundred Twenty-Five and 29/100 (\$133,125.29) including interest at the rate of 5.50000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the Circuit Court in said Tuscola County, where the premises to be sold or some part of them are situated, at 10:00 AM on May 10, 2012.

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

The South half of the Northeast quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section 12, Town 10 North, Range 7 East, except the West 36 rods of the South half of the Northeast quarter of Southeast quarter, also except land commencing at Southeast corner of Northeast quarter of Southeast quarter of Section 12, running thence North 114 feet, thence West 440 feet; thence South 114 feet, thence East 440 feet, to the place of beginning, also except land commencing at a point 18 rods North of the Southeast corner of Northeast quarter of Southeast quarter of said Section 12, running thence North 15 rods, thence West 26 and two-third rods, thence South 15 rods, thence East 26 and two-third rods to the place of beginning. Commonly known as: 8368 VASSAR ROAD.

If the property is eventually sold at foreclosure sale, the redemption period will be 6.00 months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned or used for agricultural purposes.

If the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 and/or 600.3241a, the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of sale, or 15 days after statutory notice, whichever is later. If the property is presumed to be used for agricultural purposes prior to the date of the foreclosure sale pursuant to MCL 600.3240, the redemption period is 1 year.

Pursuant to MCL 600.3278, if the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, the borrower(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages are, if any, 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: April 11, 2012

Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Bank of America, N.A. successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing LP, F/K/A Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, LP
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Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302
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Case No. 12MI00616-1

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MORTGAGE SALE – Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by DAVID A. REAMER and JO L. REAMER, HUSBAND AND WIFE, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. (“MERS”), solely as nominee for lender and lender’s successors and assigns,, Mortgagee, dated April 3, 2006, and recorded on April 12, 2006, in Document No. 200600879582, Liber 1077, on Page 142, and assigned by said mortgagee to GMAC Mortgage, LLC successor by merger to GMAC Mortgage Corporation, as assigned, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirty Thousand Seven Hundred Forty-Five Dollars and Seventy-Six Cents (\$130,745.76), 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 May 10, 2012.

Said premises are located in Tuscola County,

Michigan and are described as:

COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE EAST 30 ACRES OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 9, TOWN 12 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST; THENCE EAST 356 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 165 FEET; THENCE WEST 356 FEET; THENCE NORTH 165 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 600 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

GMAC Mortgage, LLC successor by merger to GMAC Mortgage Corporation Mortgagee/Assignee

Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C.
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GMAC.010192

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OTHERWISE, FEDERAL LAW REQUIRES US TO ADVISE YOU THAT COMMUNICATION FROM OUR OFFICE COULD BE INTERPRETED AS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND THAT ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

IF YOU ARE NOW ON ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY OR HAVE BEEN IN THE PRIOR NINE MONTHS, PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AS YOU MAY BE ENTITLED TO THE BENEFITS OF THE SERVICEMEMBERS' CIVIL RELIEF ACT.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Michael E. Low, a married man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Polaris Home Funding Corp., its successors or assigns,, Mortgagee, dated March 31, 2008 and recorded April 7, 2008 in Liber 1145, Page 1194, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-One Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty-Six and 84/100 Dollars (\$81,926.84) 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 front entrance of the Tuscola Circuit Courthouse in the Village of Caro, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on MAY 10, 2012.

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

Land situated in the City of Vassar, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, is described as follows: Lot 21 of Swanson's Acres, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 101 of Tuscola County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. 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 the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

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

Dated: April 11, 2012

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File No. 682.2369

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Marc H. Waske, and Elizabeth A. Waske, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for America's Wholesale Lender, its successors or assigns,, Mortgagee, dated February 24, 2006 and recorded March 10, 2006 in Liber 1073, Page 1048, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Bank of America, N.A., as successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, L.P. FKA Countrywide Home Loans Servicing L.P by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Four Thousand Eight Hundred Seventeen and 71/100 Dollars (\$204,817.71) 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 front entrance of the Tuscola Circuit Courthouse in the Village of Caro, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on MAY 10, 2012.

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

Commencing at a point that is North 90 degrees East 928.16 feet from the South 1/4 corner of section; thence North 00 degrees 22 minutes 11 seconds West 293 feet, thence North 90 degrees East 366.57 feet, thence South 00 degrees 29 minutes 04 seconds East 293 feet; thence South 90 degrees West 367.16 feet to the point of beginning. Township of Vassar, Tuscola County, Michigan. Section 26 Town 11 North, Range 8 East

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. 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 the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.

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Dated: April 11, 2012

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MORTGAGE SALE – Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Trevor H Foster, a married man to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for C & M Lending, Inc. its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated September 24, 2004 and recorded November 15, 2004 in Liber 1017 Page 531 Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned to: Flagstar Bank, FSB, by assignment dated July 1, 2011 and recorded July 13, 2011 in Liber 1225, Page 1423, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Four Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty Dollars and Ninety-Four Cents (\$104,880.94) 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 May 10, 2012.

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

Commencing at a point that is due West 665.22 feet and North 00 degrees 16 minutes 06 seconds East, 1322 feet from the South Quarter corner of said Section 13, Town 10 North, Range 9 East, thence continuing North 00 degrees 16 minutes 06 seconds East 267 feet; thence East 663.03 feet; thence South 00 degrees 11 minutes 40 seconds West 267 feet; thence 663.37 feet to the point of beginning. Together with an easement for ingress and egress purposes over and across a 66 foot wide strip of land, the centerline of which is described as beginning at a point on the South Section line that is West 655.22 feet from the South Quarter corner of Section 13; thence North 0 degrees 16 minutes 06 seconds East 1984.26 feet to a point of ending. Commonly known as 8353 Marys Ln, Fostoria MI 48435.

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; or unless MCL 600.3240(17) applies.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Dated: 4/11/2012

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: 12-58964

4-11-4

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MORTGAGE SALE – Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Robert L. Rossman and Karen J. Rossman, Husband and Wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for CitiMortgage, Inc. its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated May 16, 2007 and recorded May 25, 2007 in Liber 1120 Page 822 Tuscola County Records, Michigan Said mortgage was assigned to: CitiMortgage, Inc., by assignment dated February 16, 2012 and recorded March 12, 2012 in Liber 1242, Page 1224, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Seventy-One Thousand Three Hundred Forty-Five Dollars and Sixty-Four Cents (\$171,345.64) 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 May 10, 2012.

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

The East 6.00 acres of the West 20.50 acres of the North half of the fractional Northeast quarter of Section 3, Town 10 North, Range 8 East. Commonly known as 4259 Swaffer Rd, Vassar MI 48768.

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; or unless MCL 600.3240(17) applies.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Dated: 4/11/2012

CitiMortgage, Inc.
Assignee of Mortgagee

Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C.
811 South Blvd., Suite 100
Rochester Hills, MI 48307
(248) 844-5123
Our File No: 12-58504

4-11-4

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jeff Vanamburg single man, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated February 2, 2006 and recorded on February 24, 2006 in Liber 1072 on Page 694, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Flagstar Bank, FSB as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Sixteen Thousand Six Hundred Two and 49/100 Dollars (\$116,602.49).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on May 17, 2012.

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

Lot 14 of Cardwell Acres, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Liber 1, Page 40B, 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.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Dated: April 18, 2012

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
FC J (248) 593-1311
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #305880F04

4-18-4

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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 Timothy M. Dunham and Laura H. Dunham, Husband and Wife, original mortgageors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated January 14, 2011 and recorded on January 26, 2011 in Liber 1215 on Page 512, and assigned by said Mortgagee to U.S. Bank National Association as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Eighty Thousand Six Hundred Fifty and 31/100 Dollars (\$280,650.31).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on May 17, 2012.

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

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Shannon Ferguson, a single woman of Tuscola County, Michigan, Mortgagor to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. dated the 25th day of May, 2004, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 3rd day of June, 2004, in Liber 995, Page 31, and further evidenced by Affidavit of Scrivener's Error recorded in Liber 1239, Page 50 on January 17, 2012 of Tuscola Records, which said mortgage was assigned to U.S. Bank National Association ND, thru mesne assignments, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal of \$54,167.04 (fifty-four thousand one hundred sixty-seven and 04/100) plus accrued interest at 8.000% (eight point zero zero 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 May, 2012, at 10:00:00 AM said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI, Tuscola County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage.

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

Situated in the Township of Koylton, County of Tuscola and State of Michigan: Part of the West 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 35, Township 11 North, Range 11 East, described as: Beginning at a point on the West section line that is South 00 degrees 40 minutes 15 seconds East, 2141.45 feet from the Northwest corner of said Section 35; thence continuing South 00 degrees 40 minutes 15 seconds East, 466.69 feet; thence North 89 degrees 19 minutes 45 seconds East, 466.69 feet; thence North 00 degrees 40 minutes 15 seconds West, 466.69 feet; thence South 89 degrees 19 minutes 45 seconds West, 466.69 feet to the point of beginning. Commonly known as: 6725 Clothier Road.

Tax Parcel No.: 016-035-000-0775-00

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

Dated: April 11, 2012

By: Foreclosing Attorneys
Attorney for Plaintiff
Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A.
2155 Butterfield Drive, Suite 200-S

Troy, MI 48084
WWR# 10086266

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Paula Tuneburg, a married woman, and Timothy Tuneburg, a/k/a Timothy C. Tuneburg, her husband, of Tuscola County, Michigan, Mortgagor to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for MILA, Inc., DBA Mortgage Investment Lending Associates, Inc. its successors and assigns dated the 2nd day of September, 2004, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 17th day of September, 2004, as Book 1008, Page 1215 of Tuscola Records, which said mortgage was assigned to The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, National Association, F/K/A The Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A. successor to JPMorgan Chase Bank N.A., as Trustee for RASC 2004-KS10, thru mesne assignments, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal of \$84,978.39 (eighty-four thousand nine hundred seventy-eight and 39/100) plus accrued interest at 6.45% (six point four five) percent per annum.

And no suit proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on, the 17th day of May, 2012, at 10:00:00 AM said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI, Tuscola County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage.

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

SITUATED IN THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF TUSCOLA, TOWNSHIP OF TUSCOLA, AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: THE NORTH 444.00 FEET OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE EAST 1/2 OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE SOUTH-EAST 1/4 OF SECTION 15, TOWN 11 NORTH, RANGE 7 EAST, TOWNSHIP OF TUSCOLA, TUSCOLA COUNTY, MICHIGAN, EXCEPTING THEREFROM A PARCEL DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER THEREOF, THENCE WEST 130.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 444.00 FEET; THENCE EAST 130.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 444.00 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING. Commonly known as: 6671 Frankennuth Road.

Parcel Number 019-015-000-2100-00

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

Dated: April 18, 2012

By: Foreclosing Attorneys
Attorney for Plaintiff Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A.
2155 Butterfield Drive, Suite 200-S
Troy, MI 48084
WWR# 10091566

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FORECLOSURE NOTICE 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. IF YOU ARE A MILITARY SERVICEMEMBER ON ACTIVE DUTY NOW OR IN THE PRIOR NINE MONTHS, PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE.

Mortgage Sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Dale R. Rutkowski and Patricia A. Rutkowski, Husband and Wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Heartland Home Finance, INC, Mortgagee, dated September 15, 2005, and recorded on September 27, 2005, in Liber 1055, Page 583, Tuscola County Records, said mortgage was assigned to DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST COMPANY AMERICAS, as trustee for the registered holders of SAXON ASSET SECURITIES TRUST 2005-4 MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-4 by an Assignment of Mortgage dated April 22, 2011 and recorded April 28, 2011 in Liber 1221, Page 179, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Three Thousand Seventy-Two and 67/100 (\$123,072.67) including interest at the rate of 8.75000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the Circuit Court in said Tuscola County, where the premises to be sold or some part of them are situated, at 10:00 AM on May 17, 2012.

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

A parcel of land in Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of section 36, T.12 N. - R.8 E., Juniata Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as follows: Beginning at a point on the North and South Quarter line of said section 36 which is 1591.00 feet, S. 00 degrees -09 minutes -13 Seconds E., from the North Quarter corner of said section; thence continuing S.00 degrees -19 minutes -13 seconds E., on said North and South Quarter line, 248.91 feet; thence N. 89 degrees -27 minutes -21 seconds W., parallel with the North one-eight line of said section, 350.00 feet; thence N. 00 degrees -09 minutes -13 seconds W., parallel with said North and South Quarter line, 248.91 feet; thence S89 degrees -27 minutes -21 seconds E., parallel with said North one-eight line, 350.00 feet to the point of beginning Subject to highway use of the East 33.00 feet thereof, and also subject to any other easements of record. Commonly known as: 3800 Kile Road.

If the property is eventually sold at foreclosure sale, the redemption period will be 6.00 months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned or used for agricultural purposes. If the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 and/or 600.3241a, the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of sale, or 15 days after statutory notice, whichever is later.

If the property is presumed to be used for agricultural purposes prior to the date of the foreclosure sale pursuant to MCL 600.3240, the redemption period is 1 year. Pursuant to MCL 600.3278, if the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, the borrower(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages are, if any, 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: April 18, 2012

Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST COMPANY AMERICAS, as trustee for the registered holders of SAXON ASSET SECURITIES TRUST 2005-4 MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-4
43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302
248-335-9200
Case No. 110MI00265-2

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NOTICE TO BORROWER PURSUANT TO MCL 600.3205a(4)

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NOTICE is hereby provided to the Borrower(s) regarding the property located at 4923 Milligan Road, Cass City, MI 48726.

State law requires that you receive the following notice: You have the right to request a meeting with the mortgage holder or mortgage servicer. Pursuant to MCL 600.3205a(1)(c), Owen Loan Servicing, LLC, has designated the Loan Modification Department of Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C. 43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302 at (248) 883-0157 as its agent to serve as the contact under MCL sections 600.3205a-3205c and has the authority to make agree-

ments for a loan modification pursuant to MCL sections 600.3205b and 600.3205c.

You may contact a housing counselor by visiting the Michigan State Housing Development Authority's website at <http://www.michigan.gov/mshda> or by calling 1-800-A-SHELTER, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, year-round.

If you request a meeting with the designated agent, foreclosure proceedings will not start until 90 days after the notice required by MCL 600.3205a was mailed to your last known address, subject to the provisions of MCL 600.3205b. If an agreement to modify the mortgage is reached and you abide by the terms of the agreement, the mortgage will not be foreclosed.

You have the right to contact an attorney. If you do not have an attorney, the telephone number for the Michigan State Bar Lawyer Referral Service is (800) 968-0738.

Dated: May 2, 2012

Notice given by: Randall S. Miller
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Thumb wolverine tour on tap, Ford co-autors book

Editor's note: Tuscola County resident Jeff Ford has co-published a book detailing his years of tracking and researching the first wolverine spotted in Michigan — in the state's Thumb area — in nearly 100 years.

"For 6 years I researched the only wild wolverine ever confirmed in the state of Michigan," Ford said recently in a news release issued to members of the media.

"There are exciting new developments regarding the Michigan Thumb wolverine. Education Services Manager Kevin Frailey of the DNR in Lansing contacted me...with great news," Ford said. "The DNR has voted to put the Michigan wolverine on a traveling display and she will travel throughout the state starting either this summer or at the latest early fall. Kevin said the wolverine tour will start in various locations in the Thumb, spending 2 to 4 weeks at each before moving on. They will search for secure venues at local courthouses, libraries, etc. She will tour the entire state of Michigan, both Lower and Upper Peninsulas!"

Ford, a Thumb area science teacher, amateur naturalist and CMU graduate, recently co-authored the book, "The Lone Wolverine: Tracking Michigan's Most Elusive Animal", with Elizabeth Philips Shaw, a freelance reporter and fellow of Michigan State University's Knight Center for Environmental Journalism and the Institutes for Journalism & Natural Resources.

The book, now available from the University of Michigan Press website, Amazon, and Barnes and Noble, takes the reader on Ford's journey, starting in the late winter of 2004 when coyote hunters caught a glimpse of the wolverine in a frozen field in the northern Thumb region.

Ford devoted himself to locating and filming the animal. By the time hikers found the wolverine dead in early 2010, Ford had taken hundreds of rare, live-action photos and shot numerous hours of video, with the story of the "Wolverine Guy" attracting national attention through countless newspaper and magazine articles and appearances on Animal Planet and PBS Nature.

The following story, describing the book, was penned by Shaw.

Writing "The Lone Wolverine" by Elizabeth Philips Shaw

It's been more than 8 years since that snowy day in February, 2004 when coyote hunters Aaron and Ryan Schenk put their dogs on a set of mysterious tracks in the fields and woodlots near the Verona State Game Area in Huron County. By the time night fell, word had spread across the country like a breaking wave: the "wolverine state" had its first confirmed wild wolverine in at least 100 years. By daybreak, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources had issued an emergency order to protect it from harassment or hunting.

Where had it come from? When had it arrived? Was it alone? Was it here to stay or simply passing through? How long would it survive?

There were so many mysteries around this incredible event...but who had the money or motivation to find the answers? Certainly not the DNR, its budget already stressed to the limit just tending the vast public resources under its charge. No local university stepped forward either to fund the extensive field work such a task would require. Most serious wolverine research was occurring far away in the boreal forests of Alaska and Russia, or the glacier-capped mountains of the Pacific Northwest. Michigan's lone wolverine was an oddity, sure, but nothing of serious scientific merit. Most likely it was just an escaped pet that would soon die or move on, never to be seen again.

That should have been the end of the story.

It wasn't, of course, thanks to Tuscola County resident Jeff Ford, at the time a Deckerville High School science teacher living in Sanilac County.

First, he spent nearly a year searching for some sign of where she'd gone. For the next 5 years after that, the avid deer hunter and outdoorsman devoted his free time to study-

ing the wolverine deep within the swampy flats of the Minden City State Game Area where she'd taken up residence. Initially with the help of friends and eventually on his own, Ford compiled hundreds of photographs and countless hours of videotape, rigorously documenting his observations and providing hard-earned physical evidence to wildlife researchers in the hopes of solving the mysteries of Michigan's lone wolverine.

Many of his photographs and first-person stories appeared in the pages of Woods n Water News. Other media outlets were also able to keep audiences informed thanks to regular updates from "The Wolverine Guy." Ford's sister, Teri Skidmore, even designed and maintained a popular website that drew thousands of faithful fans.

Over the course of those years, Ford became the wolverine's unofficial and self-appointed spokesman and guardian, tirelessly campaigning to keep her story out in the public eye while ruthlessly concealing her exact whereabouts with near-religious fervor. At the same time, he managed to both intrigue and infuriate the scientific community with his shotgun approach to the subject, never hesitating to speak out and loudly argue his own opinions regardless of who he might offend.

Then on March 13, 2010, a pair of hikers found the wolverine, dead and partially submerged next to a beaver dam within the sanctuary she'd called home.

Once again, what should have been the end of the story turned out to be just another beginning.

At that time, I had recently left my 12-year post as a reporter for the Flint Journal, where I worked as the outdoors, environment and health beat writer. I'd known about the wolverine for years but had never actually covered the story myself, until a friend and fellow outdoors writer, Tim Lintz of Grand Blanc Township, called to tell me the news of her death and suggested I might want to contact Jeff Ford.

I thought it was going to be just a straightforward news story about a dead wolverine. I quickly realized it was something far more: what I found was a quirky and compelling love story between one mysterious, misplaced wolverine – Michigan's own last unicorn – and the man who had devoted his life to studying her and sharing her with the world.

What should have been a simple one-hour phone interview turned into a deep and lasting friendship built over 15 months of endless e-mails, exhaustive research and interviews, and countless deep-into-the-night writing sessions that eventually culminated in a jointly authored book, "The Lone Wolverine: Tracking Michigan's Most Elusive Animal," due out this month from the University of Michigan Press.

Like the seasons of the natural world that created her, it seems the wolverine's story has come full circle now.

The "pretty gal" herself, as Ford called her, is now on permanent display in the Saginaw Bay Visitors Center at Bay City State Recreation Area, beautifully mounted in a pose modeled on one of Ford's own photographs of her in the wild. According to DNR Education Services Manager Kevin Frailey, the wolverine will go out on a traveling display sometime this summer or early fall, with tour stops at libraries, courthouses, DNR sites and other secure venues where the public can see her up close and learn about her unique story. Some of her first stops should be in the Thumb, near the area she once called home. Frailey plans to use the book as a main reference for the state historians compiling the facts and details of her life, to be included with the natural history display.

"I hope Michigan folks take away from this book a better understanding and appreciation for the coolest critter on the planet," said Ford. "Wolverines are very rare and this book dives deeply into a wolverine's personality and the admirable traits that make them so cool."

But both authors admit there is a lot the book – and Ford's research – didn't do. Even all the photos and videos can only provide the briefest

and most limited glimpse into this lone wolverine's life, most of which was lived far beyond the reach of any trail camera's lens.

"I regret not spending more time with video in hand documenting her travels through her tracks. I followed her back in June, 2004, but other than that all my video footage was done right at the research site," said Ford. "I also wish, looking back, that I would have put more effort into seeing her in the flesh. In 6 years, I only saw her for 2 fleeting seconds when she charged Jason Rosser and me, so the episode is like a blip on the radar screen."

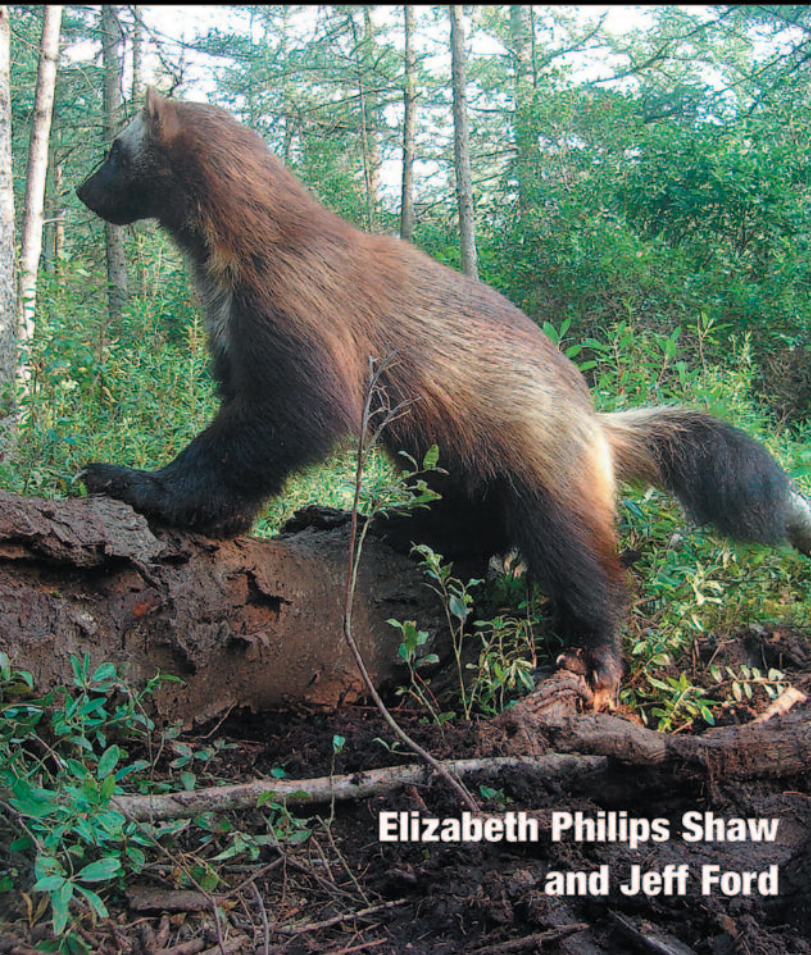
And while the book tries to faithfully and accurately recount the theories, evidence and arguments surrounding the wolverine's origins as they rose and fell throughout the years, it can't answer the biggest question of all: where did she come from, and how did she arrive?

"The biggest regret I have with the project is that my untimely articles put my friend (Alaskan wolverine researcher) Audrey Magoun in a difficult situation between the 2 genetics labs," said Ford, referring to the varied publicity and opinions that arose from 2 separate DNA analysis that were performed on the wolverine's hair samples while she was still alive. "I don't think the mystery of her origins will ever be resolved unless the muscle sample the DNR extracted from her buttocks during the necropsy is sent to a genetics lab for an expanded analysis that closes the gap."

Until then, we leave it up to you, the readers of "The Lone Wolverine," to decide.

The Lone Wolverine

Tracking Michigan's Most Elusive Animal



Elizabeth Philips Shaw and Jeff Ford

THUMB AREA resident Jeff Ford, a former Deckerville High School science teacher, co-authored the book, "The Lone Wolverine: Tracking Michigan's Most Elusive Animal". The book details Ford's 6-year personal quest to track and research the first Wolverine sighted in Michigan in nearly 100 years.



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