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wen-Gage preparing for bond vote

by Tom Montgomery Editor

proceeding with plans to secure a place for the district's bond issue request on the Tuesday, Feb. 26, election ballot.

The board of education approved a resolution formally requesting the review and approval.

vote during a rescheduled monthly meeting Monday night.

"We went back to (the Michigan Owen-Gage School officials are Department of) treasury and got our pre-application approved for the bond issue," said school Supt. Jim Wencel, who noted the resolution the board approved Monday will now be sent to the department for a final

to approve a 2.95-mill levy to generate funding for a number of longoverdue capital improvement projects. If approved, the tax would raise roughly \$2.9 million.

This is the district's third attempt at a vote, although it will be only the second election.

proposed tax levy was narrowly defeated, 141 votes to 134 votes.

reduced the proposed bond amount and collected more than enough signatures to have to the issue placed on а September. However, the district's School officials first asked voters to attorney neglected to include the

School officials are asking residents approve 3.2 mills in May, but the proposed date of the referendum on the petitions, prompting the Michigan Bureau of Elections to The board of education then deny Owen-Gage's petition for the special election.

Although schools officials scaled back their wish list, Wencel has special election ballot in made it clear that Owen-Gage's long-term future will be at stake when voters head to the polls in February.

If approved, the bond issue will pay for infrastructure necessities, including a new roof and new boilers. Also needed are technology upgrades along with electrical service and lighting improvements, and an upgraded fire alarm system to bring the district up to code. A telephone system that is more than 2 decades old also needs to be replaced.

"We're not asking for anything that our neighbors around us don't already have," Wencel said. "Our kids need the same things as the kids

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House fire damage set at \$17,000

> by Tom Montgomery Editor

A Cass City area man and his 2 young children escaped unharmed after their Dodge Road home caught fire Thursday night.

Elkland Township fire fighters were dispatched to the Micah Wilson residence, located just south of Kelly Road at 2977 Dodge Rd., at about /:35 p.m. Elkland Township Fire Chief Glenn Guilds reported his department arrived to find flames shooting out of the attic of the single story, wood frame house. "It turned out that trash cans next to the porch caught fire and ignited the porch and burned up the side" of the residence, Guilds said. "There was hardly any damage on the inside of the house." Wilson and the children, both under the age of 2 years, were not injured. Guilds called in a state fire marshal to investigate in hopes of nailing down the fire's point of ignition. However, he added, "He couldn't pinpoint what started it, so it was ruled undetermined." The fire chief estimated the damage at \$15,000 to \$17,000. Wilson was insured Elkland Township firemen remained at the scene for 2 1/2 Teschendorf has served with the hours. They were assisted by the Elmwood Township-Gagetown and Caro fire departments.

Mystery **Stolen guns** returned to Wild John's

by Tom Montgomery Editor

The thief who broke into Wild John's Party Store in August and walked away with nearly 4 dozen firearms apparently had a change of heart, returning about half of the guns at the rear entrance of the Cass City area business over the weekend.

Sanilac County Sheriff's Department investigators, meanwhile, say

they're "turning up the heat" on their probe into who committed the burglary.

Wild John's owner Jeff Trepkowski arrived at the store early Saturday morning to find a trail of corn seed leading from the front door to the back door, where the guns were left, some of them in the cases they were stolen with. He also found a note that read, "Jeff, I have brought all the



VETERANS DAY arrived in Cass City Sunday with balmy temperatures and a stiff breeze, perfect conditions for members of the VFW Post 3644, Cass City, to display their Avenue of Flags along Main Street in honor of all those

guns I could"

"That's about it," said Trepkowski, who theorized that recent stories broadcast in the Saginaw area Please turn to page 8.

men and women who have served their country. Cass City students observed the holiday early with their annual Veterans Day Assembly Friday. (See story, page 8)

General election round-up Brown reclaims seat; Gierhart, Thane win

by Tom Montgomery Editor

A hard-fought battle for the 84th District State House seat ended with



Terry Brown

Tuscola and Huron counties. Brown claimed victory in last week's general election with a combined 21,608 votes, a nearly 6,000-

vote margin over challenger Dan Grimshaw, a Vassar Republican who left his post



Lee Teschendorf

J. (Ned) Canfield received 3,804 votes. Canfield, who ran without a party affiliation, entered the race following the primary election.

The House seat was previously held by Elkton Republican Kurt Damrow, who defeated Brown by just 28 votes in 2010.

Tuscola County Clerk Margie White reported a countywide voter turnout of nearly 62 percent in the general election, with 25,899 of the county's 41,812 registered voters making it to the polls.

In a pair of heated judicial races, Tuscola County voters overwhelm-Pigeon Democrat Terry Brown heading to Lansing for a third and term repre-

residents in

Deeds

pursue the

House seat.

Grimshaw

garnered 15,654

votes, while

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physician Dr. Edward

Amy Gierhart er this year, and gave a veteran friend of the court official the nod over a sitting judge serve as the county's to

program/family court judge. Gierhart garnered 13,169 votes 59.28 percent) over Vassar attorney Robert Betts, who received 9,047 as Tuscola votes

Judge races

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Gierhart earned her law degree County Register of from the University of Kentucky in Her to



Caro, before **Nancy Thane** starting her own practice in Caro.

In the race for probate judge, Amanda Roggenbuck — the first female to hold the office of judge in Tuscola County, came up short to keep the post she was appointed to in 2010 following the resignation of longtime probate Judge W. Wallace Kent. Roggenbuck received 10,559 votes (49.22 percent), compared to

votes (50.78 percent).

Thane earned her undergraduate degree at Michigan State University, receiving her law degree from Thomas M. Cooley School of Law. ported Caro In 1987, Thane was named assistant prosecutor in Tuscola County. She Amy Grace was appointed the county's friend of the court - family court referee in 1988, a position she held until 2011. At that time she was named staff attorney and deputy friend of the court. She is currently Tuscola

challenger Nancy Thane's 10,892 County Friend of the Court and staff attorney.

Sheriff

Incumbent Republican Sheriff Lee Teschendorf overcame a challenge from one of his officers, defeating Democrat Chris Rogner, 14,750 votes (57.7 percent) to 10,814 votes (42.3 percent).

County Sheriff's Tuscola Please turn to page 8.



All aboard!

THE GRAND TRUNK Western Railroad Company filed a formal application of abandonment and, in February 1984, the last train to leave Cass City departed with 2 diesel engines, a snow plow, 2 empty cars and a caboose. (See story, page 11)

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Movies for seniors set this week

Rawson Memorial District Library in Cass City will show the following Senior Citizen Movies Friday, Nov. 16, at 1:30 p.m. Huron County Through the Years:

Al and Dave Eicher produced this

dvd honoring Huron County's 150th

anniversary. It highlights many of

the places and events in Huron

County's history while showing the

potential for the future in the area.

Come and enjoy this look at one of

known as "the place where Noah left

his Ark": 1,500 square miles of lush

floodplains in central Mozambique,

packed with wild animals. But 15

years of civil war has taken a heavy

toll - and many species have been almost completely wiped out. Journey with National Geographic to

Mozambique's Gorongosa National

Park and discover what is being done

to bring this African oasis back to its former glory including perhaps the

most ambitious restoration effort

ever attempted, with elephants, hip-

pos and scores of zebra, wildebeest,

impala and buffalo being relocated

Refreshments will be served. This

into the park. (50 minutes)

the Thumb's treasures. (50 minutes) Africa's Lost Eden: It was once

Wildlife is moving to town. I was surprised the other day to see a wild turkey strolling around the Dollar General parking lot. When I left the store he was still there, but was flirting with the traffic on M-81, just pecking his way along the side of the road.

I tried to persuade him back to the relative safety of the field next to the store. A couple of store employees helped corral him and he reluctantly went under the fence. I was told the determined turkey didn't stay put long and was seen later in front of Thumb National Bank.

Then a friend told me she was driving in downtown Bad Axe when 2 deer ran across the street dodging traffic. What's with these crazy animals? Guess they'd rather be hit by a car than a bullet.

Speaking of animals, thanks to everyone who offered advice regarding my dog, Shadow's, balking when we're walking. I'm happy to report that she's been much more complacent and cooperative lately. (I really don't believe she intentionally tripped me that day causing me to fall on my face on the sidewalk and end up with two black eyes and a goose egg on my forehead.)

Anyway, one dog lover told me that when one of her Bichons became temperamental and refused to budge on their walks, she simply picked him up and carried him for a while. When she put him back down, he walked along without further ado.

Now this is a beautiful lady, and watching her pick up and carry that little 10-pound ball of fluff would make a pretty picture.

However, I don't think that's a plausible solution for Shadow and me. Shadow is a German Shorthair/Lab mix and weighs over 70 pounds. Not quite as big as the St. Bernard we once had, but if I ever tried to pick her up and carry her it would not be pretty. Hilarious maybe, but not pretty.

The lady's suggestion that you have to break a dog's concentration on whatever it's focused on is right, though. I don't know if it's characteristic of a breed or true of dogs in general, but I've seen Shadow get so intent on the Older Adult Program is offered free activity of a bug, that she forgets everything and everyone else around her. of charge. It takes something pretty dramatic to regain her attention.

Speaking of changing focus, my sister, niece and I went to see "My Fair Lady" presented by the Thumb Area Center for the Arts. The performance far exceeded our expectations.

job. I was particularly impressed by Andy Eisingruber as Prof. Henry **farms earn** Higgins. It was an ambitious undertaking and the troupe was up to the task. Bravo!





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2 Tuscola recognition

The Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development's (MDARD) Michigan Environmental Agriculture Assurance Program (MAEAP) is recognizing 2 farms in Tuscola County for implementing appropriate pollution prevention practices.

The program assists farmers to comply with state and federal environmental regulations and with Right to Farm practices. Technical assistance was provided by Steve Schaub of the Tuscola Conservation District.

The Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program (MAEAP) recognized:

* Paramount Enterprises Dairy, of Caro, as a verified farm in the Livestock and Cropping Systems.

Fun By The 3 Numbers 9 4 1 Like puzzles? Then you'll love 7 2 5 sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have 2 8 4 you hooked from the moment you 3 1 4 6 square off, so sharpen your 7 6 5 pencil and put vour sudoku 6 7 3 savvy to the test! 2 3 5 5

a verified farm in the Farmstead, Cropping and Livestock Systems.

"I am pleased to announce that these Tuscola County farms have taken the steps necessary to become an environmentally verified operation," said MDARD Director Jamie Clover Adams. "Michigan is leading the way nationwide in effective stewardship practices with the voluntary, incentive-based MAEAP program. This continued effort shows agricultural producers' long term commitment to protecting the environment while maintaining eco-

MAEAP is a collaborative effort of farmers, MDARD, Michigan Farm Bureau, commodity organizations, universities, conservation districts, conservation and environmental groups and state and federal agencies.

More than 100 local coordinators and technical service providers are available to assist farmers as they move through the MAEAP process toward verification. An average of 5,000 Michigan farmers attend educational programs annually; 10,000 Michigan farms have started the verification process; and more than 1,100 farms have been verified todate.

To become MAEAP verified, farmers must complete 3 comprehensive steps which include attending an educational seminar, conducting a thorough on-farm risk assessment, and developing and implementing an action plan addressing potential environmental risks. MDARD conducts an onfarm inspection to verify program requirements related to applicable state and federal environmental regulations, Michigan Right to Farm guidelines, and adherence to an action plan. When completed, the producer receives a certificate of environmental assurance.

To remain a MAEAP verified farm, inspections must be conducted every 3 years and action steps must be followed.

In March of 2011, Gov. Rick Snyder signed Senate Bill 122 and House Bill 4212, now Public Acts 1 and 2 of 2011, to codify the Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program into law.

MAEAP is a multi-year program allowing producers to meet personal objectives, while best managing both time and resources. The program encompasses 3 systems designed to help producers evaluate the environmental risks of their operation.

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Here's How It Works:

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



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Feeling blue? Why not lend a hand?

"I am only one, but still I am one. I cannot do everything, but still I can do something; and because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do something I can do."

Edward Everett Hale American author, clergyman

The holidays have a tendency to leave some folks feeling a bit down, especially those unable to share these special times with their families.

If you're in that boat as Thanksgiving approaches, and you'd like to shake that feeling in short order, why not share a holiday meal surrounded by other members of the Cass City community?

Here's your chance: this year's annual Cass City Community Thanksgiving Dinner is just around the corner, Thursday, Nov. 22, at the Cass City United Methodist Church.

And since there's no better way to beat the blues than by focusing on others, you might want to consider arriving early, rolling up your sleeves and lending a hand with setting up for the meal. In case you're wondering, chances are good no one's going to turn you down if you offer to help serve or feel like hanging around after to clear tables and wash a few dishes.



We met in driver's training class when we were 15 and really matter. have been best friends ever since.

We both passed our driving test on the first try, but I think he scored better than me. I lost points on the technicalities of parallel parking. Now, however, I am an excellent parallel parker. You learn some important skills as the decades pass.

We've been married for 25 years and know nearly everything about one another. That's to be expected, after so much time.

He knows the exact amount of cream to pour in my coffee. I can predict what he'll order off a menu, even before he's decided himself.

He hates squash, but says nothing when it is the secret ingredient in my homemade macaroni and cheese. I am not always fond of his choice of TV programs, but try to refrain from comment when the NASA channel is on. Again.

I am aware he prefers meatloaf made with ground beef, instead of turkey. He is aware I can be somewhat of a health nut in the kitchen.

He appreciates surround sound and a high definition picture on a really big screen. I appreciate silence and a good book. He holds the remote. I do not.

We've traveled across the country with four kids in tow more than a handful of times. He drives. I hold the road atlas. He has a mental map in his head that allows him to get from point A to point B anywhere in the world. I hold the road atlas

He dislikes frozen peas; I hate canned, so we agree to disagree and hardly ever have peas for supper.

We own a boat. Despite his excellent teaching skills (and extreme patience), I've never mastered driving it. We have needles and thread, but he never learned to sew on a button. So, he drives the boat and I sew on buttons. Everything else we share. Almost.

We were practically children when we met, and now we approach middle age together. I'm closer to him than anyone, yet part of him remains a mystery. It's the Mars-Venus thing. Cliché, I know. Despite our nearly infinite familiarity with one another, certain bits of knowledge hang just beyond my curtain of understanding regarding the man I married.

I can predict many of his actions. I often know what he is going to say before he says it. Still, there are imperceptible nuances that remain unknown to my female psyche. In those moments, he is as mysterious as he is familiar.

I look at him and wonder what he sees when he gazes up at the stars – or into my eyes. What does he think about in the last moments before falling asleep at night? What do his mental maps look like? Why is surround sound so important? Does he ever wonder what would have happened if we hadn't been in the same driver's training class?

After all these years, I know practically every hair on his head, yet I don't always know what goes on inside it. I've yet to completely figure him out. He is my mystery man.

I hope he feels the same way about me.

My husband and I have shared the births of four children, the demise of two minivans and three cats. We can whip each other in a good game of cribbage. We've remodeled bathrooms and designed kitchens together and called seven different locations "home." We both like cooking and the Food channel - whether high definition or not. We've been poor and not so poor, but

We both love the beach and long walks on warm days. We love old Cary Grant movies and Saturday afternoon naps. And we love each other. I best not forget that one. After 25 years, we're still a bit of a mystery to one another. I guess the Scooby Doo intrigue works for us.

To sum it up, my mystery man and I met in driver's training class at age 15 and have never looked back. Well, except when we are parallel parking.

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Just in case you can't remember, the summer of 2012 was a hot one.

According to the National Weather Service (NWS), the frequent hot weather led to one of the warmest summers (June 1 – Aug. 31) on record. The average summer temperature at Detroit Metro Airport was 74.8 degrees, which tied it with 2005 for the warmest summer on record (keep in mind that the urban build up in metro Detroit has led to much warmer nighttime lows over the last 30 to 40 years). The average summer temperature at Flint Bishop Airport was 71.7 degrees, tying it for the 14th warmest summer and at Midland/Bay City/Saginaw Airport the average temp was 72.0 degrees, tying it for the 7th warmest. This past summer was also noted for a lack of rainfall, leading to the worst drought in Southeast Michigan since the summer of 2002.

Fast forwarding, according to NWS, changes in the upper air pattern over North America this fall suggest the potential for a more active winter compared to the balmy winter of 2011-2012.

You've been warned

This Thursday could be life changing for some folks. Not because they shoot the buck of a lifetime, but

because they participate in Michigan's 37th Annual Great American Smokeout. The American Cancer Society and the Michigan

Department of Community Health are encouraging smokers to use Nov. 15 to make a plan to quit, or to plan in advance and quit smoking that day.

Research shows that while quitting is difficult for most tobacco users, people who use tobacco can increase their success in quitting with help. Quitters are most successful when using a combination of therapies, including resources such as nicotine replacement, counseling, selfhelp materials, and a strong support network of family and friends. Resources available to Thumb residents

Just ask Scott Mills, who has been organizing the community dinner for 19 years now.

Mills says he's always enjoyed the support of a willing and faithful crew of volunteers to put this dinner together, but he'll also tell you he's never turned away a willing soul.

And for good reason; it's no small task organizing the set-up, preparation, serving and cleaning up for an event that involves serving 250 meals or so in a matter of a few hours.

Mills relies on volunteers because, like the meal itself, the planning is handled family-style, with everyone — from individuals to churches to local businesses — pitching in with labor and food.

But don't get the wrong idea; this is no charity event. From day one, this dinner was meant to be a community gathering, a time for sharing some good food and fellowship with your friends and neighbors.

So c'mon, don't be shy. If you're not sure how to help out, just give Mills a call at (989) 872-5114 or (989) 912-0753.

If the home cooked spread and great conversation don't have you smiling, you're bound to feel better just by giving a little of yourself.

Who knows? This could be your best Thanksgiving ever.

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This past Friday my hus- cal attack. band and I attended the Veterans' Day celebration ing my husband leave for at the junior/senior high Desert Storm, not knowschool along with other ing if he would return or fellow veterans and spous-

so much recognition.

I think it is important for young people and others have given the greatest to be aware of the sacrifices our men and women make for our country. My husband served 21 years in the Army. I saw him them for all they have train soldiers at Fort Hood, Texas, in 100-degree weather on what to do if Patty Yax they were hit by a chemi-

Saying goodbye and seenot, was one of the hardest things I ever had to do in I want to recognize the my life. I saw others sayschool for honoring our ing goodbye to their loved vets, because they deserve ones, also not knowing their fate.

Some men and women sacrifice for our country -their life. So if you know someone who has served our county, thank done.

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Never stop quitting.

By the way, if you do down that buck (or doe) of your life, I'd love to see it. So would many of our Chronicle readers who have often remarked on some of the trophies that have appeared in print.

While the easiest way to provide us with a photo may be to e-mail a jpeg file to clarke@ccchronicle.net (don't forget to include the standard information), it's not the only wav.

In fact, if you are the first to show up at the Chronicle's front door Thursday with your prize - Congratulations! You have just won a FREE one year subscription to the Cass City Chronicle.

Retired Cass City teacher Fran Lovejoy provided this interesting piece on the Cass Theatre.

Lovejoy says her 95-year-old mother and Cass City native Georgene Van Winkle Palmer was reading Editor Tom Montgomery's article on the theater (front page, Oct. 10) and told me that her brother Richard used to run the projector and she ran the "victrola" until talking movies came out and she lost her job.

With Thanksgiving just around the corner, another retired Cass City teacher, Shirley Tuckey, wants to make sure needy kids in the area have a reason to be thankful this holiday season.

My former elementary school teacher is the local collection site coordinator for "Operation Christmas Child (OCC).'

OCC is holding a national collection week, Nov. 12-19, when volunteers nationwide will fill empty shoe boxes with toys, school supplies and necessity items for impoverished children around the world.

Locally, the Cass City Missionary Church, 4449 Koepfgen Road, will serve as the drop off location. Call Mrs. Tuckey at 989-872-2729 for collection hours.

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

Wednesday, November 14

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.

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

Thursday, November 15

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

Genealogy Meeting, 7 p.m., Rawson Memorial District Library. Sanilac County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, 3 p.m., HDC Adult Day Services Building, 227 N. Elk St., Sandusky. For more information, contact Kim at (989) 673-4121 or Amanda at (810) 648-4497.

Friday, November 16

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

Senior Citizen Movies, 1:30 p.m., Rawson Memorial District Librarv.

Fish & Chicken Dinner, 4-7 p.m,. Knights of Columbus Hall, Cass City. Adults \$8; children \$4; under 10 FREE.

Saturday, November 17

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

Christmas Bazaar and Bake Sale, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Sanilac Restoration Branch Church, Elmer (5 miles west of Sandusky on M-46). Admission: FREE. Luncheon begins at 11 a.m.

Christmas Bazaar and Craft Show, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Deckerville Community School. Admission: \$1 per person. Lunch served from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. for a fee. No strollers until after 1 p.m.

Sunday, November 18

Brunch with the Bunch, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m., St. Agatha Cathollic Church, 4618 South St., Gagetown. \$7 or what you can afford.

Monday, November 19

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

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

Women's AA meeting, 7 p.m., Faith Free Methodist Church, 2380 Deckerville Rd. For more information, call the Rev. Wayne at (810) 672-9242 or Bob at (810) 672-9084.

Tuesday, November 20

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

Narcotics Anonymous: "Restored to Sanity", 7 p.m., Church of the Nazarene, 6538 Third St., Cass City. Anyone with a drug problem is invited to attend. For more information, call Brenda at (989) 325-1558.

RECOVERY...

HOPE

Deer blamed in 2-car crash

by Tom Montgomery Editor

Sanilac County Sheriff's deputies reported minor injuries to 2 motorists when their vehicles colliddeer in the roadway.

The mishap occurred at about 6:25 a.m. last Wednesday on Ruth Road, about a half-mile south of being driven by 45-year-old Daniel ening injuries.

Township.

According to Deputy Shelly Park, 55-year-old Ismael Pachecco of Argyle was traveling southbound on and then released, while Smith was ed after one of the drivers struck a Ruth Road when he struck a deer, causing him to swerve into the northbound lane, striking a vehicle head- EMS personnel for treatment of what on. "The northbound vehicle was deputies described as non-life threat-

Downington Road in Bridgehampton Smith of Watertown. Smith's vehicle...continued north and overturned, causing the airbags to deploy," Park reported.

> Pachecco was treated at the scene transported Deckerville to Community Hospital by Sanilac

Snover man arrested for rustling

by Tom Montgomery Editor

say they arrested a would-be cattle rustler red-handed after a county resident reported seeing the suspect commit the crime.

Flynn township resident Matthew Sutton called Sanilac Central Dispatch Tuesday, Nov. 6, and reported he had just caught a man stealing his cattle and wanted officers to respond, according to Sgt. dispatched to Sutton's location, Charlene Washkevich. "Sutton...purchased 10 Holstein

Sanilac County Sheriff's deputies cattle from the Cass City stockyards the day prior. When he went to check on the cattle, he noticed 4 missing and filed a police report," Washkevich said. "Then, at approximately 7:30 a.m., Sutton caught a County Jail on a \$10,000 bond pend-25-year-old Snover man on his property, stealing 5 feeder calves that charges of larceny of property valued were loaded into the back of the suspect's trailer."

Deputy Christopher Kravitsky was not released.

where he placed the suspect into custody.

Sutton told the deputy that the cattle are valued at \$1,100 each, according to reports, which state the Snover resident was lodged at the Sanilac ing his formal arraignment on at more than \$1,000 and probation violation. The suspect's name was

Circuit court news

Several appear on felony charges

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

•Damirs Maksutovs, 27, North Branch, pleaded no contest to a charge of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, May 19 in Watertown Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case and bond was continued at \$8,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Arturo T. Reynero, 41, Caro, pleaded guilty to a charge of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Sept. 25 in Caro.

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

•Shawn D. O'Hearn, 22, Fort Campbell, Ky., received a one-year delayed sentence following his pleas of guilty to charges of carrying a concealed weapon, impaired driving, second offense, and possession of a weapon while under the influence of liquor July 15 in Vassar.

He was ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$1,548.

•Michael A. McNinch, 20, Otter Lake, pleaded guilty to charges of unlawfully driving away an automobile and larceny in a building Oct. 10 in Watertown Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony convic-

ordered in the case. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Dillon W. Legue, 18, Vassar, was sentenced to 180 days in the county jail and 12 months probation for his pleas of guilty to 2 counts of attempting assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer June 10 in Vassar.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,975.

•Jay J. Schmidt, 39, Caro, received a one-year delayed sentence following his pleas of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, and driving while his license was suspended or revoked, subsequent offense, June 4, 2011, in Dayton Township.

He was placed on 60 months probation.

•Kristina J. Farr, 37, Cass City, was sentenced to 365 days in jail for her plea of guilty to identity theft Oct. 20 in Cass City. She was also convicted of being an habitual offender (2 prior felony convictions).

In addition to jail time, she was placed on 60 months probation and ordered to pay costs and fines total-•Heather N. Mayer, 41, Birch Run,

ing \$398 plus restitution of \$949.43. received a 3-year delayed sentence being an habitual offender (one prior following her plea of guilty to felony conviction). charges of larceny in a building and embezzlement of \$200 to \$1,000 last April in Vassar. She was placed on 24 months probation and ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$248 plus restitution of \$780. •Duane P. Wilcox, 44, Deford, was sentenced to 365 days in jail, with work release, for his plea of guilty to motor vehicle while under the influoperating a motor vehicle while ence of liquor, and possession of a under the influence of liquor, third offense, July 28 in Kingston Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior tion and ordered to pay costs and felony conviction).

In addition to jail time, he was A pre-sentence investigation was placed on 60 months probation and ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$898.

•Jeffrey J. Causley, 39, Munger, received a one-year delayed sentence following his pleas of guilty to charges of possession of a stolen, false or counterfeit registration tab, driving while his license was suspended or revoked, and driving without insurance July 16 in Reese.

He was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,098 plus restitution of \$5

•Ryan W. Brede, 33, Caro, was sentenced to 365 days in jail (115 days deferred) and 60 months probation for his pleas of guilty to charges of larceny in a building and assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer June 3 in Caro. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convictions).

In addition to jail time, he was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$566. Restitution in the case is to be determined.

•Kenneth W. O'Neill, 35, Fairgrove, was sentenced to 365 days in jail (deferred) and 60 months probation for his plea of guilty to larceny of property valued at \$1,000 to \$20,000 June 9, 2011, in Indianfields Township. He was also convicted of In addition to jail time, he was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$698 plus restitution of \$5,424.26. •Kyle P. Mahoney, 36, Caro, received a one-year delayed sentence following his pleas of guilty to possession of a loaded firearm in or upon a motor vehicle, operating a firearm while under the influence of liquor July 14 in Gilford Township. He was placed on 24 months probafines totaling \$298.

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

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Reporter's notebook

A little of this and **Down Memory Lane** that from my desk by Tina Pallas



by Tom Montgomery Editor

I'm sure I'm not alone in enjoying the relative peace and quiet now that the election is over. The phone has stopped ringing, the television isn't plastered with silly political ads spouting more drama than fact, and I no longer have to push my wheelbarrow out to the mailbox to collect all those flyers telling everyone who to vote for (or who not to vote for)

On the other hand, I'm set for life in the kindling department.

That's not to say there still aren't plenty of irritating commercials. My favorite is one paid for by Western Sky Financial, an installment loan company owned and operated by a resident of the Cheyenne River Sioux Reservation (considered a sovereign nation within the United States), which promises to deposit a \$10,000 loan in your bank account overnight, with no collateral — only your signature.

Caveat Emptor, folks.

Have you ever read the fine print on the screen? If you qualify and go for the full \$10,000, you'll actually receive \$9,925 (minus a \$75 loan fee). Not bad, I guess, until you see your annual percentage rate (APR) is more than 86.5 percent. Seriously. That translates into 84 monthly payments of \$743.49, for a total payback of nearly \$62,500.

There's no penalty for paying off the loan early, but if you had that kind of money, why on earth would you do business with these folks?

I'm guessing the Massachusetts man recently arrested for assaulting his girlfriend won't be getting a Christmas card this year from PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals).

Seems this guy was taken into custody after beating his girlfriend with a python. News outlets reported the assault left the woman with bruises fident that the rest of us will.

on her body and \$10,000 worth of damage to her home. The suspect, meanwhile, was charged with domestic violence and malicious destruction of property.

There was no word on whether or not the snake survived, but the man was also charged with cruelty to animals.

Wow. Whatever happened to talking things out?

Here's your sign...

A woman caught on camera driving on a sidewalk to avoid a school bus that was unloading children in Cleveland was recently ordered by a judge to stand at an intersection wearing a sign that says, "Only an idiot drives on the sidewalk to avoid a school bus", according to an Associated Press story published last week.

The woman, who was required to wear the sign for one hour on 2 days, also lost her driver's license for 30 days and was ordered to pay \$250 in court costs.

Finally, I can't help but feel there's really something wrong with a country where the major political parties raise millions of dollars for campaigns when we still have hungry children, couples are losing their homes after a lifetime of working hard, and our elderly have to fight for just about every dollar owed to them.

I read in a New York Times article that the Obama campaign had raised \$934 million and the Romney campaign nearly \$853 million as of September. And that doesn't count the cash spent by non-profit groups and "super PACs" that spent at least another \$65 million on television advertising.

I hope they got their money's worth, because I'm not terribly con-

5 YEARS AGO (2007)

Dave Burnette of Cass City was the first successful area hunter to stop by the Chronicle with his deer on the opening day of the regular firearm deer season opener Thursday. Burnette shot the 8-point buck at about 8 a.m. while hunting on private land about 2 1/2 miles west of Cass City.

It's remarkable that Earl Grigg of Cass City celebrated his 104th birthday earlier this month. It's remarkable and astonishing that he reached this age in a physical and mental condition that many 25 years younger would envy. Grigg lives on a farm near his daughter, Betty Fuller, moving to the area from Munger when he was about 60 years old. His son, Neal, still lives in Munger. His professional career and jobs he may have had in his long life, he summed up with one word-"farmed". At a dessert staged by his daughter following the morning service, he thought for a moment when asked what were the greatest changes he has experienced since he came to Cass City. It's the large machinery they have today and the size of the farms. You can't get by anymore without a lot of acres to work, he replied.

The Cass City Veterans Support Group recently honored area veterans with a candlelight ceremony at the Cass City Veterans Memorial. More than 60 people gathered and lit candles to show their support for U.S. servicemen and women. Veteran Mark Zmierski introduced Pastor Keith W. Misany from the Living Word Church of God Worship Center, who provided an opening prayer, followed by a song performed by Rick Fibranz. The guest speakers included state Rep. Terry Brown (D-Pigeon); Mary Drier of Caro, who lost her son in Iraq; and Kris Gamet, mother of an Operation Desert Storm veteran.

10 YEARS AGO (2002)

The first of four awards of excellence presented 4 times during the school year went to Ethan Nicol, Larissa King, Ashley Froede and Stephanie Jamison.

The Cass City Red Hawk cross country team qualified for the state playoffs. The team was 25th with a score of 567. Hillsdale was the state champion with a score of 152. Team

Argyle Road farm that housed a Bill Hutchinson and large marijuana growing/manufacturing operation in the mid-1990s. The property, which was later forfeited, sold for \$170,500.

25 YEARS AGO (1987)

"Hazen" William Guinther saw the shores of Iwo Jima. Guinther, a Cass City native, was a member of the 5th Division, 27th Marines when U.S. forces invaded the island Feb. 19, 1945. The 69-year-old was reminded recently of the fierce fighting that took place on the island — one of the marines' renowned battles — when he received his Purple Heart along with several other decorations he had earned, but never received, during his 4-year duty. Aside from the Purple Heart, Guinther received a Good Conduct medal, Military Defense medal, American Defense 1st place, Curtis Strickland, 108; 2nd medal, Asiatic Pacific Campaign medal, World War II medal, Navy Occupation medal and Presidential Citation. All of the awards arrived by mail Nov. 2.

Seven Cass City Intermediate School 5th and 6th graders have been named as the school's "motivated students" for November. Those receiving the honor are 5th graders Nathan Mastie, Shawn Zawilinski and Bobby Beyette, and 6th graders Ed Nizzola, Darcie Monroe, Sarah Wright and Steve Muska. Students chosen for the honor are selected based on a number of criteria, including all-around student, high self-esteem, well-adjusted attitude, citizenship, good conduct in and out of class, peer respect and friends, helpful to others and self, and being a good worker with pride in accomplishments.

First hunter reporting bagging a buck was Ed Adams of Decker. He killed an 11-pointer that dressed out at 162 pounds Sunday morning at 7:05 o'clock on state land east of Cass City. Adams said that it was the sixth buck that he has downed and reports he was successful last year.

50 YEARS AGO (1962)

Fifteen Cass City High School stuschool grid careers and will have acres, he averaged \$63 an acre. pleasant memories of their final game, a victory over Caro. Coach

ning bidder in the auction sale of an Seeley, Gerald Behr, Bob Rockwell, Dennis Rienstra.

Members of Cass City Schools' four bands sold an estimated \$1,550 worth of candy during their recent sale, according to Richard Case, band director. In the contest, that It's been more than 4 decades since ended recently, Mick Pomeroy, junior, took the top prize by selling \$80 worth of candy. He was followed in second place by Bruce King, fifth grade, with \$63.50. Third place went to Richard Lorentzen, seventh grade, \$63.00, and Joyce Gordon, sixth grade, was fourth in the contest with \$45.00. Pomeroy won a table radio; bloodiest and most King was awarded a transistor radio; Lorentzen won a flash camera set, and Miss Gordon received a pen and pencil set.

Winners among the 42 boys entered in the local Ford Punt, Pass and Kick contest, sponsored by Auten Motors, have been named. Seven-year-olds: place, Scott Hartel, 85 and 3rd place, Robert Ross, 72. - Eight-year-olds: 1st place, Arden Lapp, 118 ½; 2nd place, Mike Wood, 98 and 3rd place, Jim Knoblet, 85. - Nine-year-olds: 1st place, Robert Alexander, 181; 2nd place, Scott Guernsey, 144 1/2 and 3rd place, Duncan Wallace, 107. - 10-year-olds: 1st place, Tom Crow, 127; 2nd place, Thomas Hunt, 119 and 3rd place, Tim McComb, 98. -Tom Guinther, Joey Mark and Gary Rich finished one, two, three in the 11-year-old category with 186 1/2, 158 ¹/₂ and 148, respectively.

100 YEARS AGO (1912)

The rainy season last spring and summer is responsible for a big bean crop on the farm of D.E. Turner in Ellington township. Mr. Turner had prepared 15 acres for a corn crop, but it rained for several days and then it rained some more. Mr. Turner got tired of waiting for Jupiter Pluvius to suspend his schedule and one day announced to "the boys" that he guessed he'd put in beans instead of corn. The bean crop from the 15-acre plot was sold to The Farm Produce Co. the other day for \$1,050.00, an average of \$70 an acre. Geo. Compton, another farmer, had an average return nearly as good as that dents have concluded their high of Mr. Turner. On a crop from 14

Patrons of rural routes should remember that now that the weather Oarie Lemanski said that the follow- is getting cold they should provide ing boys are senior gridders who will themselves with stamps and thus graduate this year: Dean Rienstra, save the carrier from picking pennies out of the boxes. They are not Ross, Mike Bryant, Roger Parker, required to do this and it is an impo-Richard Reid, John Shagena, John sition to ask them to do it in cold



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CASS CITY High School junior Justin Zaleski holds one of the Cass City Future Farmers of **America (FFA) Broiler Project chickens. Members** of the local FFA chapter raised the chickens and are now offering them for sale, just in time for the holidays.

Local FFAers complete project with poultry sale

by Ryan Walker **Freelance Writer**

The holiday season is quickly approaching and so are numerous visits by family members, friends and acquaintances. Providing scrumptious dinners is a staple of the holidays in the same mold as Thanksgiving football and Christmas lights.

What a nightmare it would be to open the freezer in preparation of a spectacular holiday meal only to find your meat options bare.

However, area residents can avoid that concern by looking to the Cass City

Hometown heros Students, staff honor veterans

by Ryan Walker **Freelance Writer**

Veterans Day dates back to the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918 when the armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, between the Allied nations and Germany was declared during World War I.

The following year, Nov. 11 was commemorated as Armistice Day, the area as well as the nation gave which became a national holiday in thanks to military veterans whose the United States in 1938. After World War II and the Korean War, country ensures the American way of Veterans Day was established by name to honor American veterans of and staff marked the holiday early all wars. The holiday now is seen as Friday with a long-standing tradition a way to honor all men and women of honoring local veterans during an who have served their country.

General election round-up

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Department for 39 years in various roles, including as a road patrol deputy, shift sergeant and lieutenant/jail administrator.

Register of Deeds

Republican John Bishop defeated Democratic challenger J. Warren Taylor for the office of register of deeds. Bishop garnered 14,438 votes (59.34 percent), while Taylor received 9,982 votes (40.66 percent).

Commissioners

The following candidates were victorious in their campaigns to serve on the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners:

•District One Commissioner Roger Allen, Republican, won reelection unopposed with 3,874 He represents Wisner, votes. Gilford, Akron, Fairgrove, Columbia, Elkland and Elmwood townships

•District 2 Commissioner Thom Bardwell, also a Republican, defeated Democratic challenger Ricky A. Jonas, 2,691 votes (62.03 percent) to 1,647 votes (37.97 percent). The district is comprised of the city of District elected 2 new board mem-Caro and the townships of Almer, Ellington, Novesta and Kingston.

•District 3 Commissioner Tom Kern, a Democrat from the Deford area, opted not to seek reelection. Republican Christine Trisch won the seat last week, defeating Democratic challenger Lynne L. Staples, 2,572 votes (55.71 percent) to 2,045 votes (44.29 percent). The district is composed of Indianfields, Wells, Fremont, Dayton and Koylton townships

•District 4 Commissioner-elect Craig W. Kirkpatrick, a Republican, who defeated Douglas DuRussel in the August primary election, ran unopposed last week, garnering 3,878 votes. He will be representing Tuscola Arbela Millington and

races for supervisor, treasurer and trustee in the general election. They also rejected a proposed one-mill tax senior high student councils, readied levy for road improvements by a vote of 370 to 218.

Veteran township official Ralph their families. Zinnecker was elected supervisor with 310 votes (56.06 percent), while challengers Wade M. Kappen and David Field received 178 and 65 votes, respectively. None of the candidates specified a party affiliation. Valerie A. Peters was elected to the treasurer's post, garnering 319 votes (62.55 percent) over challenger Danielle Dickson. Neither candidate specified a party affiliation.

In a 3-way race for trustee, the winners were David K. Little, 343 votes (40.12 percent) and Democrat Marlene A. Sieradzki, 334 votes (39.06 percent), while challenger Bob Dickson garnered 178 votes. Neither Little nor Dickson indicated a party affiliation.

Democrat Joann M. Tauber ran unopposed and was reelected town-ship clerk, receiving 431 votes.

School vote

Voters in the Cass City School bers. They are Jeff Loomis, 1,973, and Janie Meeker, 1,710 votes. They will fill vacancies left by incumbent Kathy Leslie, who opted not to seek reelection, and former board member Jim Veneziano, who left the district in September, just shy of completing his first 4-year term. The board appointed Chad Kreeger to serve in Veneziano's place until the election.

In the Kingston Community Schools, L. Jeffery Phillips successfully challenged a pair of incumbents for one of 2 available 4-year terms on the board of education. Phillips cent). Incumbent Eugene "Tip" MacGuire received 552 votes (27.91

On Sunday, residents throughout sacrifices and commitment to their life is preserved. Cass City students assembly.

Cass City Junior-Senior High School teachers Mary Keroson and Tana Shrader served as coordinators for the event. The duo, with the aid of Assistant Principal Don Markel and members of the junior high and the gym for its honored guests and the staff and students, and sent out 130 invitations to area veterans and

"This was a way Cass City Junior/Senior High wanted to recognize our local veterans for their dedication to our country's ideals," Keroson explained.

Markel added, "We wanted to honor the veterans and all they do for our country."

The morning's activities kicked off with a flag-raising ceremony in front of the junior-senior high school. Shortly after students, staff members and others were seated in the gvm for the assembly, the veterans entered to find their seats of honor in front. When all were present, the Cass City band played an inspiring rendition of the Star Spangled Banner. Markel, who served as emcee for the event, welcomed the veterans and their families before turning over the microphone to junior high student council President Chase Winter, who read a poem highlighting the meaning of being a veteran.

New to this year's Veterans Day assembly was a slide show including pictures from both the past and present, featuring the veterans in attendance. Cass City resident Kathy Milligan collected the photographs and information used in the program, which was followed by high school student council President Erin Moore introducing each veteran in attendance, along with any family members present. The students and staff applauded after each name was read, and the veterans received a gift as a token of heartfelt appreciation.

Next on the agenda were 2 music videos that served as tributes to the garnered 814 votes (41.15 percent), men and women of the armed forces. while incumbent Anthony Goss was The assembly ended with the stureelected with 612 votes (30.94 per- dents and staff giving the veterans a well-deserved standing ovation.

Future Farmers of America (FFA) Chapter, whose members are offering whole chickens, dressed and plucked, for sale. The local FFA's Broiler Project chickens don't just serve as a great food options; they also helped Cass City agriculture students learned the basics of poultry production.

The Cornish Rock Cross chicks arrived at the Cass City Ag Learning Lab from Townline Hatchery in Zeeland Sept. 23. The students weighed the chicks on the first day and found them to be 2 ounces. In a matter of just 6 weeks, the chicks grew to 7 to 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ pounds.

Animal science students from last year built and designed the pens as their final projects. This year's students, meanwhile, took a hands-on approach to livestock rearing when they raised 220 chickens. They began by setting up the chicken pens in preparation for the new arrivals. Students weighed the birds and recorded the results throughout the project. They also calculated average daily weight gain, production prices and profit/loss statements.

Student involvement wasn't limited to the business side of chicken production. They also cleaned the pens, measured food and provided fresh water. Another important lesson the students learned was how to handle unplanned events. The treacherous weather that blew through the area a few weeks ago drove rain into the ag learning lab. Students reacted quickly by moving the pens to drier ground and cleaning up the aftermath.

Agriscience teacher Ashlee Gibson noted the work involved in raising and caring for the chickens was 100 percent tackled by the students. "We go from baby chicks to dinner," Gibson said. "The Broiler Project is a condensed version of raising an animal from birth until processing time.'

The chickens' fast growth rate enabled students to see the entire business side of commercial chicken production in the span of a few months.

"We mostly manage and take care of the chickens out in the barn. We know how to raise them and make a good profit," commented Cass City freshman Sam Kolacz.

Sophomore Rachel Tanner added, "I learned everything about raising broiler chickens from the time they are born until they are 6 weeks old. I learned what their needs are and exactly what you should know about raising healthy broilers.'

Anyone interested in purchasing the processed poultry is asked to contact Gibson at (989) 872-2148 (ext. 3305). Each chicken costs \$10, with the proceeds going to the Cass City FFA program.





•District 5 Commissioner candidate Matt Bierlein, a Republican, incumbents Dan Warack and Julie K. defeated Democratic challenger John L. Schlicht, 2,939 votes (57.84 percent) to 2,142 votes (42.16 percent). The district is composed of the city of Vassar along with Denmark, Juniata and Vassar townships.

Township vote

Novesta Township voters decided

In the Owen-Gage School District, Good won reelection to 4-year terms, receiving 321 votes (42.40 percent) and 315 votes (41.61 percent), respectively, while challenger Adam Harp garnered 121 votes. Winning 2-year terms were candidates Matthew Roemer (296 votes), Sarah Ondrajka (277 votes), Terry Fahrner (254 votes) and Thomas S. Jeffery (248 votes).

Cass City High School senior Garret Ferguson, who has enlisted in the U.S. Army and reports for duty July 23, commented, "I feel they served and they deserve to be remembered. If they were willing to risk their lives for me, then why shouldn't I for them?"

As the rest of the student body returned to classes, the student council representatives accompanied the veterans to the cafeteria, where the students served breakfast to the honored guests.

Mystery burglar returns stolen guns

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regarding the arrest of a man who allegedly burglarized a gun store in Bay County may have motivated the thief who struck his business. "It (note) was kind of hard to read, but it said something like, 'I don't want no part of the law'," Trepkowski said.

Trepkowski, who had just returned from a 2-week deer hunting trip, said the guns were dropped off sometime between closing Friday at 10 p.m. and when he arrived Saturday at 4 a.m. to open.

"I was really surprised to see the guns again," he said, adding the discovery also left him a bit uneasy. "It's pretty scary. Obviously the person knew who I was. It's probably somebody we know on a regular basis.'

Trepkowski contacted the Sanilac County Sheriff's Department, which collected the stolen property in order to process it as evidence.

Sheriff's deputies were initially called to investigate the theft at Wild

Cass City at 6348 N. VanDyke Rd., suspects are potentially liable for shortly after 4 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 15.

Johnson, the stolen firearms include handguns, shotguns and high-powered rifles, as well as ammunition. "A large amount of cash, not usually left on hand, was also stolen," he reported.

Johnson said Sanilac County investigators, with assistance from Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) agents, have been making checks related to the stolen guns within Sanilac County and neighboring counties as well as reaching into the metro areas of Flint and Saginaw.

Sheriff Garry Biniecki said both county and federal law enforcement officials are "turning up the heat, as one of the stolen handguns surfaced recently in the Utica, Michigan, area.

"We are aggressively seeking the individual that turned these firearms in for questioning," Biniecki said. "As other stolen guns start to sur-

John's, located about 4 miles east of face, it is important to remember that crimes committed with the stolen guns. ATF agents, having more According to Detective Sgt. Jim resources to dedicate to this case, along with my detective bureau, will go a long way as the investigation continues.

> Anyone with information regarding the crime is asked to contact the Sanilac County Sheriff's Department Detective Bureau at (810) 648-8630. Citizens can also provide information anonymously by calling 1-800-SpeakUP for a possible cash reward.





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CHRONICLE SPOR **Cass City trio among GTW volleyball stars**

Gracy Hollis and Maegan LeValley were all named to the Greater Thumb West 2012 all-conference volleyball selections released Monday.

All 3 Red Hawk stars were honored as honorable mention choices. Chambers, a junior, was honored at the Libero position, while senior Hollis and freshman LeValley were praised for their strong performances along the front row and honored as outside and middle hitters.



Maegan LeValley

Turning to the GTW all-conference first team, co-champions USA and Bad Axe dominated the 7-member

Cass City's Shania Chambers, among the league's best, including Legue, middle hitter; Elkton-Pigeonsophomore Erica Treiber (H/BL), senior Miranda Fuerst (H/B), and senior Chelsey Bitzer (setter). Joining the trio as dream team members are Hatchet senior Alyssa Kociba (setter) and junior Rachel Breault (middle hitter). Rounding out the first team from Reese were



senior Drew Findley (H/B) and sen-

ior Paige Gotham (Libero). Landing on the GTW all-confer-

ence second team were Bad Axe's Kayla Kokotovich, junior outside hitter, and Stephanie Butch, senior Libero; USA seniors Mackenzie Treiber and Ashlyn VanHoost, outsquad. Three Patriots were included side hitters; Vassar junior Allie Macy Zwerk.

Bay Port junior Ashlyn Albrecht, middle hitter; Reese junior Monica Hagen, middle hitter; and Bay City All Saints senior Katie Klapish, middle hitter.

The GTW honorable mention players also include: Bad Axe's Rebecca Gorkowski and Syndney MacAlpine, Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port's Brittany Hatfield and Beane Richmond, Reese's Theresa Pickell



Gracy Hollis

and Marissa Kratz, Bay City All Saints' Danielle Lutz, Lizzie Gillard and Brooke Jasman, USA's Stephanie Newman and Vassar's

Ricker, Perry highlight Red Hawk gridiron selections Five Cass City Red Hawks were are senior Brenden Ricker and junior GTW defensive second team are:

included among the Greater Thumb West gridiron stars, according to the



high school career with first team and all-conference honors, landing on the defensive squad at linebacker. Perry, meanwhile, was Coach Scott Cuthrell's only player to receive both offensive and defensive recognition. Besides Ricker, the GTW defensive first team included: junior tackle Eli

Harper, Vassar; junior end Brendan Ballard, USA; senior linemen Kyle Yatsevich, Brandon Bauer, Reese; senior punter, Tanner MacKay, Vassar; senior linebacker Jimmy Rogers, Bad Axe; senior linebacker John Bauer, USA; junior linebacker William Abbott, Vassar; junior linebacker Michael Pratt, Vassar; junior back Brandon Harper, USA; junior back Cody Peyok, Reese; senior back Trevor Elbers, Reese; senior back Landon Zwerk, Vassar; and senior specialist Matt Frost, Reese. Joining linebacker Perry on the

Jacob Perry. Ricker closed out his Vassar seniors Ethan Slough (tackle) John Blasius (end):



2012 GTE ALL-CONFERENCE FOOTBALL PICKS

OFFENSE

FIRST TEAM Beau Heilig Mike Lackowski

Tyler Dropiewski

Justin Lasceski

Clayton Wehner

Kyle Ratcliff

Kurtis Booms

Avery Wehner

Derek Pfaff

Gage Frank

Ian Reagin

Alex Howe

Skye Grifka

Patrick Brown

Logan O'Mara

Zackary Kady

Brad Schaub

Ryan Hagg

Bobby Rich

Aaron Ginther

Andy Newland

Nick Sweeney

Jacob Burg

Aaron Hayes

FIRST TEAM

Mike Lackowski

Tyler Dropiewski

Logan O'Mara

Dan Lindsay

Ryan Jurgess Bobby Rich

Aaron Ginther

Jacob Primeau

Mark Dreyer

Eli Kraft

Gage Frank

Josh Keyes

Ryan Hagg

Lex Wiles

Alex Bartle

Billy Rankin

Cody Laroque

Nick Sweeney

Kurt Kubacki

Avery Wehner

Nick Hessling

Brad Schaub

Nick Booms

Jacob Lasecki

David Gaedere

Travis Essenmacher

Jared Wagester HONORABLE MENTION

Brandon Oswald

Brandon Angerbrandt

Ian Reagin

Ryan Spokaeski

Kurt Kubacki

Jacob Primeau

Tyler Crenshaw Brandon Oswald

Eli Kraft

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Punter Specialist End Nose Tackle Line Tackle Linebacker Linebacker Linebacker Back Back Back Back Back Punter Specialist Back Back Linebacker

2012 GTE VOLLEYBALL ALL-CONFERENCE PICKS <u>First Team</u>

Senior

Junior

Junior

Senior

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Jacob Perry

vote of league coaches. Highlighting the Red Hawk picks

Brenden Ricker

BCAS senior Justin Gasta (nose Please turn to page 10.



THE 2012 Cass City 8th grade volleyball team members included: (front, l-r) Alexa Torres, Alexus Bates (middle) Kelcie Autry, Amy Verhines, Katelynn Mester, Victoria Cumper, Jordan Pawloski, Claudia Riddle, Savana Doerr (back) Emily Peters, Megan Badgley, Paige Bagnall, Karasten Warford, Josephine Loomis and Coach Sally Pergande.



THE 2012 Cass City 7th grade volleyball team members included: (front, l-r) Katie Autry, Brooklyn Stilson, Rylie Weiler, Bailee Ross, Konnor Warren, Sami Stern, Layna Oliphant (middle) Brittany Swiderski, Bailey Murphy, Brittany Stilson, Kelsey Bouverette, Kate Stimpfel, Savanna Walker, Lauren Dickenson, Riley Klein (back) Dakota Cook, Lydia Montei, Sayge Cutthrell, Katie Kuenzli, Jacklyn Palmer, and Megan Graham.

OKIE Kelly Wheeler Skye Willer Alvssa Briolat Ashley Kubacki Hailey Kubacki Katie McDonald Second Team Danielle Leander Abigail Kaufman Janelle Leppek Ashley Guitar Laken Guza Courtney Quade Lotte Vanden Goore Kristen Rienstra Amanda Molina **Honorable Mention** Allison Krause Stephanie Lerchenfeldt Kylie Ambu Kara Muxlow Marisa Guza Michela Guza Shanae Woolner Steffaney Vigari Brooke Blanchard Jamie Weber Janelle Volmering Lily Solgat Emily Marchand Kayley Striebich Virginia Jahr Morgan Paehlig

Nick Batz

Erick Ford

Brett Jones

Alex Byers

Libero OutsideHitter Setter Hitter Libero Outside Hitter Outside Hitter Setter Middle Hitter Middle Hitter Def. Spec. Hitter/Setter Setter Libero Back Row

Setter

2012 GTS BOYS' SOCCER ALL-CONFERENCE PICKS <u>First Team</u>

Senior

Sandusky

Justin Jaehn Memphis Senior Keeper Matthew Grosso Sandusky Senior Forward Dylan Bandemer Brown City Senior Midfield/Defense Brown City Junior Forward/Defense Casey Johnson Marlette Senior Sweeper Midfield Alex Hayden Marlette Senior Andy Bowman Marlette Senior Midfield Austin Malburg Midfield Memphis Senior Jacob Weidner Memphis Senior Midfield Zack Haack Memphis Senior Stopper Alex Menzies Senior Memphis Forward Second Team Dalton McNary Marlette Freshman Keeper Alex Carpentor Brown City Junior Keeper Brandon Cowley Sandusky Midfield Senior Defense/Midfield Garrett Bular Sandusky Senior Defense/Forward Brown City Sophomore Caleb Gould Brown City Junior Defense Morgan Grutsch Brown City Senior Forward Anthony Jakubowski Brown City Midfield Senior Christian Mason Marlette Senior Defense Chad Walker Marlette Junior Defense Sophomore Logan Dean Marlette Forward Grant Baker Memphis Junior Defense **Honorable Mention** Vicholas Sleda Sandusky Junior Forward Dylan Coats Sandusky Defense Senior Andrew Partacka Sandusky Senior Midfield Jarred Dorman Sandusky Junior Forward Sandusky Midfield Junior Colton Vogel Sandusky Junior Keeper Brown City Robert Jakubowski Midfield Freshman Matt Perry Ray Pytieski Brown City Senior Forward Brown City Senior Defense Matt Takacs Midfield Brown City Senior Marlette Junior Defense Junior Aaron Čook Marlette Defense Matt Chappel Marlette Senior Forward Garrett Fearson Marlette Freshman Forward Midfield/Forward Dave Hayden Marlette Senior Juan Hamlin-Morgan Memphis Sophomore Sweeper Memphis Midfield Brandon Stoops Senior Tommy Kaliszewski Memphis Sophomore Defense Andrew Vivian Memphis Midfield Sophomore

GTW airs football stars

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guard); EPBP senior Jack Dutcher (line); BCAS sophomore William ers Brendan Ballard, USA junior, Daniels (punter); Reese junior Archie Neart (linebacker); Reese senior Brian Meyer (linebacker); EPBP senior Austin Jobes (linebacker); EPBP sophomore Terrance Dubs (linebacker); USA senior Dan Rieck (back): USA senior McKav Jones (back); Reese junior Tony Bentley (back); EPBP senior Evan Kosinski (back) and USA senior Zach Comer (specialist).

The GTW defensive honorable mention players included Cass City junior Watson Moore and senior Kelby Rowell, while Bad Axe's Phil Delpiere and Josh Guigar, EPBP's ior Austin Baker at tackle and Perry Austin McCabe, USA's Nathan at guard, while Reese's Ben Mielke and BCAS's Curtis Leaman Anderson (tackle), Vassar's Garrett

complete the defensive honorees.

Named as GTW offensive leaders were first team all-conference playtackle; Tanner Vanpetten, Reese junior, tackle; Joe Lutz, USA senior, guard: Matt Kushion. Reese senior. guard; Zach Kingsley, Vassar senior, guard; Brandon Bauer, Reese senior, center; Tanner MacKay, Vassar senior, kicker; Archie Naert, Reese senior, end; Austin Jobes, EPBP senior, end; Cody Peyok, Reese senior, quarterback; Nathan Greaves, Vassar senior, back; Brandon Harper, USA junior, back; Trevor Elbers, Reese senior, back.

The GTW offensive all-conference second team included Cass City sen-

Deanzer (tackle), USA's John Bauer (guard), Vassar's Brik Rupprecht (center), BCAS's Nolan Rochelle (kicker), Reese's Adam Janson (end), Vassar's Josh Bassett (end), EPBP's Nick Post (quarterback), Vassar's Ray Martinez (back), USA's USA's Tim Zube (back), and BCAS's Noah Peterson (back) complete the list of second team standouts.

Leading the list of players who earned honorable mention offensive status is Cass City senior Andy Kaake. Also with honorable mention accolades are Frank Fulco, William Daniels, Tyler Cardinal and Adam Butch, BCAS, Dan Rieck and Jake Beachy, USA, Jarrod Emerick, Bad Axe, Matt Frost, Reese and Terrance Dubs, EPBP.

Antler-point restrictions prompt debate

ed hunters to a bucks-only harvest in order to protect the reproductive capacity of the herd. This approach sustained deer populations that, at times, were scarce but still allowed recreational opportunity and a chance to put food on the table.

As deer became increasingly numerous and widespread, however, it became obvious to wildlife managers that a continued focus on maximizing deer production was no longer the best approach.

Meanwhile, hunters - who became increasingly successful as the herd increased in size - began seeking different challenges. Many hunters no longer found it satisfying to simply kill a buck; instead, these hunters wanted to seek older bucks with larger antlers - "quality bucks," to coin a phrase.

The single most important factor in determining antler size is age. Although genetics and nutrition play into the equation, virtually all bucks grow larger antlers as they age. Given Michigan's tradition of allowing all hunters the opportunity to kill a buck every year and its large hunter population, the majority of Michigan bucks were killed the first year they sported legal antlers.

So, as some hunters began lobbying for a way to pass more of those bucks into an older age class, the idea of antler-point restrictions (APRs) was broached. APRs require that deer have a certain number of antler points before they can be Michigan.

firearms and 2 for archery - so the law was difficult to enforce.

"In 1997, Michigan enacted APRs for the first time," Rudolph said. "Hunters who used a second-buck tag were not allowed to take a deer unless it had at least 4 antler points on one side."

The following year, second-buck licenses for both archery and firearm hunting were eliminated when the Legislature created the combination license. The combination license is good for 2 bucks - both may be taken in either season, or one each in archery and firearm. Though hunters may still choose to purchase both an archery and firearm license instead of the combo license, any hunter taking 2 bucks - regardless of the licenses they use - must ensure at least one of them has 4 or more points on one side

Also in 1997, the DNR enacted APRs in 3 deer management units on all tags, requiring that harvested bucks have at least one forked antler to be legal on South Fox Island. Drummond Island and in a portion of Iosco County (DMU 101). "These areas were all essentially viewed as experimental approaches to reducing harvest pressure on young bucks," Rudolph explained.

In 1999, hunters in a portion of Clare County (DMU 107) successfully lobbied the Natural Resources Commission to enact APRs restricting the harvest to bucks with at least 3 antler points on one side. legally harvested - a radical idea in Deliberations over the proposal had been ongoing for quite some time, "Michigan's basic statewide deer and similar discussions were being will sa hunting regulation - an 'antlered held around the state as interest in hunters.

For many years, Michigan restrict- still buy up to 4 buck tags - 2 for address several hunter concerns at once.

> The NRC agreed to implement the rules, which have now been in place in the Upper Peninsula since 2009. (A similar regulation has been enacted in DMU 487, the 6-county area in the northeast Lower Peninsula where bovine tuberculosis is a problem in the herd.)

> In 2011, a proposal was submitted to consider establishing a 3-point APR in 12 counties in the northwest Lower Peninsula (Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Lake, Manistee, Mason, Missaukee, Osceola and Wexford counties).

> Meanwhile, the NRC assembled a work group to provide input regarding whether the process for APR proposals should be modified. The moratorium on considering proposals was lifted, several changes were made, and the proposal for northwest Michigan came into consideration. A slightly modified version of the public support survey, which continues the two-thirds requirement of hunters surveyed, remains a key feature.

> The survey for northwest Michigan was initiated in September 2012, with potential APR implementation forthcoming for the 2013 season, Rudolph said.

> Although antler-point restrictions remain a topic sure to prompt healthy debate, the Department of Natural Resources and the Natural Resources Commission will continue to explore ways to provide diverse hunting opportunities that will satisfy the desires of deer



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deer' defined as one with at least one APRs increased. antler that measured 3 inches or more - was adopted in 1921 and has remained essentially unchanged," said Brent Rudolph, the Department of Natural Resources deer and elk coordinator. "Hunters were restricted to one buck when that definition was adopted, though any hunting camps that had four or more hunters in it could get a permit to take an additional 'camp buck' for camp meat."

In 1956 - by which time the herd had grown significantly - the state years under the restriction. began to allow hunters to take some antlerless deer, too, by making licenses good for "any deer" in specified areas with high deer numbers. It was a controversial regulation.

Nine years later, antlerless deer hunting was expanded to allow archery hunters to take a deer of either sex with their bow license. But there were so few archery hunters and their success rate was so low, the rule seemed rather inconsequential.

But 21 years later, in 1986, the Legislature created the second-buck license, allowing hunters to purchase an additional deer tag for firearms or archery season (though the second archery tag was good in the Lower Peninsula, only). Because the regulations would not affect the herd's reproductive capacity, there was no biological impact in allowing additional buck harvest. So the season limit was suddenly doubled; hunters who used both firearms and bows could take up to four bucks annually, putting even more pressure on the buck population.

Five years later (in 1991) the rule was changed to limit hunters to 2 bucks annually, though they could tion they would face - seemed to

After the DMU 107 rule was enacted, the NRC established a uniform process for considering future APR proposals. A key feature of that process was that implementation required a survey to determine support among individuals in proposed APR areas. Two-thirds majority was required in order to create a restricted harvest area. That same level of support would be required in order to keep the APR in place after five

"With that process in place, some new APR areas were established and some proposals failed," Rudolph explained. "Likewise, some restrictions were supported and retained after the initial years, and some lacked sufficient support and were removed - including the Clare County area.

"There were some concerns that the proposal process was too divisive and demanded too much department time, so the NRC declared a moratorium on accepting proposal for any new APR areas in 1996.'

During the moratorium, some Upper Peninsula hunters approached the NRC with a different proposal: Allow hunters who do not buy combo tags the opportunity to take any legal buck, but be limited to a single buck. At the same time those who chose to buy a combo tag would be limited to a buck with at least three points on a side for one of those bucks with the four-point restriction on a second buck. This "hunter's choice" approach - implementing restrictions while leaving an option open to hunters as to which restricthru November 17th. See us for Details!



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November 1882 - February 1984

Railroad brought excitement to village

by Tyler R. Perry **Special for the Chronicle**

Were you to visit Cass City Nov. 18, 1882 (130 years ago this Sunday), you would feel excitement and energy in the air.

For the past 20 years, the residents of this growing settlement had been striving to make their little burg a prosperous and respectable town. With a sizeable business district, a modest school house, a handful of churches, and the newly built township hall, a small, yet growing village had been carved out of the dense wilderness that not long ago covered the Thumb area. But the break they had been looking for - the opportu-

world - was soon to arrive ... around 9 a.m., in fact.

The book, "The History of Tuscola & Bay Counties", provides the following account of that momentous day — the day the Pontiac, Oxford, and Port Austin Railroad came to Cass City:

"About 9 o'clock in the morning, the engine appeared in sight around the bend to the northwest of the village, with the track laying going on in advance of it. An hour later, the locomotive crossed Main Street." This was the dawning of a new era for the people of Cass City, and the feeling of progress was electric.

It's hard to imagine the excitement

railroad. At the time - the late nineteenth century - Cass City had certainly progressed throughout its short history. The homes and fields early pioneers envisioned remained mere fantasies until they cleared the land of its great White pines. Their dreams were soon realized, however, as the dense forests were quickly eaten away by the ax of the logger and farmer. Before they knew it, settlers were able to see their neighbors' homes acres away. The wilderness had been conquered.

This path of progress was not without its difficult, and often tragic, challenges, however. While unintentional, the result of the mass deforestation of the Thumb region in the late 1800s, combined with a severe drought, was a widespread fire, which developed into a formidable wall of destruction. In fact, the fire, which became infamously known as the "Fire of '81", claimed thousands of dollars in property damages, not to mention scores of lives lost.

Due largely to the resilience of area residents who fought the flames for 3 daunting days, as well as the close proximity of the Cass River, the village of Cass City did not fall victim to the fire. Despite their close call, Cass Citians, though their strength was wearing thin, continued marching toward their goal of expanding their fledgling community.

Which prompted local business and civic leaders to begin an effort to bring the railroad to Cass City. A railroad, reported the Cass City Enterprise, meant "no more lugging heavy loads of grain and merchandise 16 or 20 miles through the mud...and good old Uncle Samuel will put in an appearance with his mail bags oftener than once in 2 days. There will be no more running off 16 miles before we can get telegraphic communication with the outside world." Before long, news reached local residents of a proposed railroad that would be coming from Pontiac this way, and, although it never did, it was expected to extend all the way to Port Austin- just the sort of break they were looking for. Soon after the news was received, local leaders made an offer to the railroad company, in which the community would give a \$6,000 bonus to the company as an incentive for them to come by way of Cass City, as well as several hundred dollars

By October 1881, the offer had peen accepted and most of the necessary funds had been raised. The Cass City Enterprise reported the news to its readers in the Oct. 20 edition of the paper: "Have you heard the good news?" Well, we are to have a railroad...The work of soliciting subscriptions in this vicinity has progressed slowly, but the amount we were asked for, \$6000, is so nearly raised that it will be a small matter to secure the small

more to secure the right of way.

nity to be connected to the rest of the that was felt over the arrival of the raise an additional seven or eight During that time period, "Cass City hundred dollars to secure the right of way across the township...We have no particular fears but that this will be promptly done." According to "A History of Cass

City and Elkland Township" "Construction was begun from both the north and the south terminals of the line simultaneously". The week-ly newspaper, which featured updates on the progress of the railroad in almost every issue, seemed to be just as excited about the railroad's coming as the residents were. Reports of the grading of the railroad bed and the shipping of 1,800 tons of rails to Caseville only caused the excitement to grow. Slowly but surely, the P.O. & PA inched its way closer to Cass City; its anticipated date of arrival set at Nov. 18, 1882. And with that fall day marked on everyone's calendars, a local committee of organize a gala welcoming celebration.

"After a period of anxious waiting and longing expectation the sound of the track-layer's sledge and the whistle of the locomotive were heard," reported one account. "A grand reception and entertainment of their welcome guests (had been prepared), and at noon Messrs. P.R. Weydemeyer and W.L. McLachlan, men employed on the construction to dinner. A procession was formed, and, headed by the band, marched to the town hall, where a bountiful repast awaited them."

The town hall (now the Elkland Township Cultural Center) was filled to capacity, as over 300 residents celebrated a new era in their own lives and the life of their community. Business stopped for the entire day, a flag was flown high atop the town hall, and the guests enjoyed their dinner. After the meal, those in attendance stood around their tables, as the railroad workers formed a line at the front of the hall. Over the noise of the crowd, the men shouted, "Three cheers for the ladies of Cass City! Three cheers for the prosperity of Cass City! And 3 cheers for the band!" It was truly a day to remember

The Pontiac, Oxford, and Port Austin Railroad, later the Pontiac, Oxford, and Northern (P.O. & N), went into bankruptcy in 1900 and became part of the Grand Trunk Western Railroad in 1909. A depot children, from preschool through age was built sometime during the latter 5, screened for problems such as sigpart of the nineteenth century on the nificant variance in eve power southwest corner of Vulcan and blurred vision, farsightedness, near-Garfield Streets. That depot burned in 1909. Shortly thereafter, a large cement block building was built in its place, where it stood until its demolition in 1980. According to the Cass City Area Historical Society's "The Way It Was, Vol. 1", a branch line between Cass City and Bad Axe was added in 1913. But it was in the early 1920s balance. It will only be necessary to that the railroad reached its zenith.

was serviced by 6 passenger trains in a 24-hour day!" And this did not include the freight and work trains that also came to town.

The heyday didn't last long. By the end of the '20s, passenger trains were becoming fewer, as Henry Ford and others like him made the automobile affordable for the working man. By the 1930s, Cass City was down to a mixed train, which consisted of a freight train with a passenger car attached.

The depot closed in 1975 and the furniture was sold to Huckleberry Railroad. In 1980, it was torn down after more than 70 years of use.

The Grand Trunk Western Railroad Company, according to the historical society, "filed a formal application of abandonment, and in February 1984, the very last train to leave Cass City departed with 2 diesel engines, a men and women had formed to snow plow, 2 empty cars, and a caboose". The rushing by of that last train car and the final blast of its whistle marked the end of an era.

The season of locomotive travel, at least in this neck of the woods, is over. Not a soul living at the time of that "day of jubilee", back in 1882, remains today. The railroad bed has been converted into a walking trail; the tracks across Main Street were removed years ago; and the town on behalf of the citizens, invited the hall that was the center of activity that momentous November afternoon, filled with hundreds of people, sits vacant, staring out at the same Main Street it has for well over a century.

When Cass City's residents saw the iron horse pull into town for the first time, they would never have guessed how transportation would change in the next century; their buggies would be forced to give way to the automobile, their skies would be traversed by airplanes, and one of their own native sons would one day command a shuttle crew bound for outer space.

Lions offering vision screening

The Cass City Lions Club is sponsoring Project Kidsight, a free vision screening for children, slated for Saturday, Dec. 1, from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Kelly & Co. Office, 6451 Main St., Cass City.

Parents are encouraged to have their sightedness, eye alignment issues and unequal pupil size.



THIS WAS CASS City's second train depot, built in 1909. The first one burned in the early 1900s. The depot was located on the southwest corner of Garfield Avenue and Vulcan Street.



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Project Kidsight is a Lions International project worldwide that is designed to provide early detection of vision issues and proper follow-up care.





THIS PHOTO, TAKEN at the turn of the century, shows the train on the bridge over the Cass River (now part of the village's recreational walking trail), facing south.



O-G gearing up for bond issue vote Secretary of State offices close

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in other schools districts. It's time." It's expected the millage would be levied for a period of about 24 years, costing the owner of a home with a market value of \$70,000 about \$100 more in taxes the first year. However, Wencel indicated he anticipates the tax burden will be reduced in light of rising farm land values and projections for capturing taxes related to wind farms.

Scott Fritz, owner of the Farm of storage rental units.

rescheduled monthly meeting, the Bureau Insurance Agency in Bad board reviewed the planned sale of 6 Axe, is purchasing the property, acres of district-owned land in located just west and south of the Gagetown. The closing is scheduled former Gagetown Elementary for next week, according to Wencel, School building. Wencel said Fritz who said the price is about \$12,800. has indicated he intends to develop the land with plans for construction

Federal aid targeting foreclosure of homes

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Federal dollars are available for according to officials at the Human In other business during the area homeowners facing foreclosure, Development Commission (HDC),

which is partnering with the Housing Michigan State Development Authority (MSHDA) to assist residents in accessing assistance

The partnership involves the Step Forward campaign to prevent home foreclosure.

The U.S. Department of Treasury established the Hardest Hit Fund in 2010 to provide targeted aid to families in states hit hard by the economic and housing market downturn. Michigan received a total of \$498.6 million in Emergency Economic Stabilization Act (EESA) or Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP) funds to operate its Hardest Hit Fund program.

The Michigan program operates under the name Step Forward Michigan, accepting homeowner applications online at www.stepforwardmichigan.org.

Homeowners may be eligible to receive assistance on their primary residence from one of Michigan's 4 programs. They are:

*Unemployment Mortgage Subsidy Program — Helps unemployed homeowners stay in their homes by providing monthly mortgage payment assistance directly to their mortgage lender.

The program may provide up to the lesser of \$1,000 or 50 percent of a homeowner's monthly mortgage payment each month for a maximum of 12 months. The homeowner is responsible for the remaining portion of the monthly payment.

To be eligible, the homeowner or their spouse must be actively receiving state of Michigan unemployment benefits at the time of application. Homeowners who are currently delinquent on their mortgage may also be awarded funds, not already reserved for the monthly payments, towards the delinquent mortgage amount. The maximum program reservation is \$20,000.

*Mortgage Loan Rescue Program - Helps homeowners that have fallen behind on their mortgage and need help catching up if the homeowner can sustain the mortgage payments in the future. Assistance is paid directly to the mortgage lender to fully reinstate the delinquent amount. These funds can also be used toward second mortgage lien delinquency if the first mortgage account is documented as current. The maximum program reservation is \$20,000. *Modification Plan Program — Helps homeowners that have fallen behind on their mortgage and are still struggling to make their monthly payment. Funds are used to pay the delinquent amount so the lender can modify the existing mortgage terms to provide the homeowner a more affordable or sustainable payment. The maximum program reservation is \$20,000. *Principal Curtailment Program Helps homeowners who are struggling to pay their mortgage payment and their current loan balance is higher than the value of their home. Maximum program reservation is \$10,000 and requires a one-toone match from the lender to equal a total amount of \$20,000. These funds are used towards principal reduction so the lender can modify the reduced principal balance to provide a more affordable or sustainable payment. These funds can also be used towards a second mortgage lien if the first mortgage account is documented as current. Area residents can obtain assistance in applying for help from one of the programs by calling HDC at (989) 673-4121.

branches for Thanksgiving

Secretary of State Ruth Johnson reminds residents that all branch offices and the Office of the Great Seal will be closed in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

All offices will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 22, Friday, Nov. 23, and SUPER!Centers will be closed on Saturday, Nov. 24.

The Department of State mails notices to motorists 45 days before their driver's license or license plates expire to give them ample time to renew. Licenses and plates that expire on a day when state offices are closed, such as a holiday or weekend, can be renewed the following day without penal-

Most people renewing license plates, driver's licenses and ID cards can do business online at www.ExpressSOS.com or by mail. Easy to follow instructions can be found with the renewal notice. Additional services can be done online as well.



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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by TRACI LOSEE, A SINGLE WOMAN, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for Lender, GMAC Mortgage Corporation, Lender's Successors & Assigns, Mortgagee, dated December 7, 2004 and recorded December 28, 2004 in Liber 1022, on Page 351, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by GMAC Mortgage, LLC successor by merger to GMAC Mortgage Corporation by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Five Thousand One Hundred Sixty-One Dollars and Eighty-Four Cents (\$65,161.84) including interest at 3.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at front entrance of the Courthouse Building in the City of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on December 6, 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 23 AND 24 OF WELSH ESTATES, TOWN 11 NORTH RANGE 8 EAST ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN LIBER 3, PAGE 17, 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 a foreclosure sale, 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, you may have certain rights.

Dated: November 7, 2012

GMAC Mortgage, LLC

TION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THIS PURPOSE. IF YOU ARE IN THE MILITARY, PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUM-BER LISTED BELOW

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Kent W. Cook, Sr., and Dolores P. Cook, Husband and Wife, to Household Finance Corporation, III, Mortgagee, dated March 3, 2006 and recorded March 10, 2006 in Liber 1073, Page 1114, Tuscola County Records, Michigan on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Nine Thousand Four Hundred Thirty-Seven Dollars and Eighty-One Cents (\$139,437.81) including interest 8.38% per annum

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, Circuit Court of Tuscola County at 10:00AM on December 13, 2012.

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

Commencing at the center, Section 27, Town 11 North Range 11 East, Koylton Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, running thence South 0 degrees 22 minutes 27 seconds East 248.92 feet along the North South one-quarter line (Old Meandering Fence Line), thence West 175.0 feet thence North $\tilde{0}$ degrees 22 minutes 27 seconds West 248.92 feet. thence East 175.00 feet along the East West onequarter line to the point of beginning. Being part of the Southwest one-quarter, Section 27, Town 11 North, Range 11 East, Koylton Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, and containing 1.000 acre more or less including road right of way, Liber 503, Page 1063, Tuscola County Records. Commonly known as 6760 Lanway Rd, Kingston MI 48741.

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: 11/14/2012

Household Finance Corporation, III Mortgagee





The Cass City Chamber of Commerce & the Downtown Development Authority **Proudly Present** Cass City's Spotlight Business of the Week

Treats N Tutus

Jennifer Hartwick has been making little girls smile for over four years with her successful online business, selling one of a kind tutus and more. Now she has moved that success and her dream into downtown Cass City. Treats N Tutus will be opening their doors for business starting Monday, November 12, 2012. Treats N Tutus will be offering a wide variety of services nd merchandise including:

- ~ Event Planning & Services ~ Wedding Rentals ~ Wedding Cakes
- ~ Party Supplies ~ Cake Pops & Treats ~ Custom or Pre-made Tutu Outfits ~ Flower Girl Dresses ~ Diaper Cakes

~ And Much, Much More

Located at 6265 Main Street in downtown Cass City, Treat N Tutus is a trip nto a fantastic world of fantasy and fun. The store is open Monday through Saturday, from 1:30 PM - 5:00 PM. They can be reached by telephone at (989) 912-8202 or by email at treatsntutus@gmail.com. Stop in, say welcome, and let Jennifer and Treats N Tutus bring a smile to your face.

Be sure to check next week's paper for the next Cass City Spotlight Business of the Week. And Remember to Shop Local and Support Those Who Support Cass City!



GMAC successor by merger to Corporation Mortgagee/Assignee

11-7-4

SCHNEIDERMAN & SHERMAN, P.C. 23938 Research Drive Suite 300 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48335 GMAC.002281

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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 Fayleen J. Swearinger, a single woman, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated December 20, 2002 and recorded on January 7, 2003 in Liber 910 on Page 7, and assigned by said Mortgagee to MidFirst Bank as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-Eight and 14/100 Dollars (\$107.848.14).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on December 6, 2012.

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

Commencing 2147.46 feet East of the Southwest corner of Fractional Section 19, Town 11 North, Range 8 East; thence North, 1354.98 feet; thence West 274.46 feet; thence South, 1356.49 feet; thence East, 274.46 feet to the point of beginning.

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

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: November 7, 2012

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC C (248) 593-1301 Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #408292F02

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Attorneys: Potestivo & Assoc ates. P.C 811 South Blvd., Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 12-66250

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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 Jamie Krupa, single, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems. Inc., as nominee for Polaris Home Funding Corporation, its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated December 8, 2008 and recorded on January 2, 2009 in Liber 1164 on Page 676 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association as assignee as documented by an assignment dated September 12, 2012, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Six Thousand Two Hundred Seventy-Nine and 21/100 Dollars (\$46,279.21).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided. notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on December 13, 2012

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

A parcel of land in and being a part of the Southeast 1/4 or Section 34, Town 10 North, Range 9 East, being more particularly described as: commencing at the East 1/4 corner of Section 34. Town 10 North. Range 9 East, thence South 00 degrees 30 minutes East 1117.80 feet along the East Section line to the point of beginning, running thence South 89 degrees 11 minutes 39 seconds West 208.71 feet; thence South 00 degrees 30 minutes East 208.71 feet; thence North 89 degrees 11 minutes 39 seconds East 208.71 feet; thence North 00 degrees 30 minutes West 208.71 feet along the East Section line to the point of beginning.

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

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: November 14, 2012

11-7-4 FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC S (248) 593-1304 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #412457F01 11-14-4



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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 Thomas Collier, a single man, as his sole and separate property, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Lighthouse Financial Group, Inc. its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated April 18, 2007 and recorded on April 24, 2007 in Liber 1117 on Page 766, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Nationstar Mortgage LLC as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty-Four and 72/100 Dollars (\$47,854.72).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on November 29, 2012.

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

Commencing 410 feet East of the Northwest corner of the East half of the West half of the Northwest fractional quarter of Section 2. Town 13 North. Range 8 East; thence South 240 feet; thence East to the East line of the East half of the West half of the Northwest fractional quarter, thence North 240 feet; thence West to the point of beginning.

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

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: October 24, 2012

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC H (248) 593-1300 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #411577F01 10-24-4

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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 Roger Gordon and Teeia Gordon, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Draper and Kramer Mortgage Corp., Mortgagee, dated November 16, 2006 and recorded on November 20, 2006 in Liber 1103 on Page 64, and assigned by said Mortgagee to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Four Thousand Six Hundred Two and 03/100 Dollars (\$54,602.03).

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

All of the following described property except the South 175.00 feet and except the West 300.00 feet thereof, which is described as follows: Beginning at the Northeast corner of Section 9 Town 10 North Range 8 East, thence South 775.78 feet; thence West 623 feet; thence North 799.56 feet, thence East 623.50 feet to the point of beginning

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 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: October 24, 2012

FOR MORE INFORMATION. PLEASE CALL: FC S (248) 593-1304 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #392737F02 10-24-4

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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 Thomas Lopez, a single man, original mortgagor, to DMR Financial Services, Inc., Mortgagee, dated June 14, 1999 and recorded on June 15, 1999 in Liber 774 on Page 340, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-One Thousand Five Hundred Sixty-Nine and 01/100 Dollars (\$51,569.01).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on November 29, 2012.

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

Commencing at a point 300 feet North of the Southwest corner of Section 33, Town 13 North, Range 10 East: thence 300 feet East: thence 160 feet North; thence 300 feet West; thence 160 feet South to the place of beginning. Right of way for Murray Road over the Westerly side 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.

Attorney for Plaintiff Weltman, Weinberg & Reis office as you may have certain rights. Co., L.P.A. 2155 Butterfield Drive, Suite 200-S

Troy, MI 48084 WWR# 10073645

Dated: October 31, 2012

Orlans Associates PC Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Trov MI 48007 File No. 12-510447

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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 Robbin Hartman, an unmarried woman, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated June 26, 2007 and recorded on July 17, 2007 in Liber 1125 on Page 221, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Bank of America, N.A., successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, L.P., f/k/a Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, L.P. as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-Two Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-Eight and 57/100 Dollars (\$32,268.57).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on December 6, 2012

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

Commence at a point 40 rods South of the Northeast corner of the West half of the Southeast quarter of Section 27, Town 14 North, Range 8 East, thence running West 30 rods; thence South 16 rods; thence East 30 rods; thence North 16 rods 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.

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: November 7, 2012

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC X (248) 593-1302 Trott & Trott. P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #414216F01 11-7-4

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PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY

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

10-31-4 MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Richard W. Withers and Vicki L. Withers, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Pioneer Mortgage, Inc., Mortgagee, dated October 12, 2001 and recorded on December 1, 2001 in Liber 850 on Page 957, and assigned by said Mortgagee to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, 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 Sixty-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Fourteen and 55/100 Dollars (\$63,814.55).

> Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on December 6, 2012.

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

> Lot 20. Swanson's Acres, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1, Page 51B, 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: November 7, 2012

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC C (248) 593-1301 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #414023F01 11-7-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Elaina M. Francisco and Michael A. Francisco, a married woman, Mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems. Inc. as nominee for Ross Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated the 30th day of September, 2008 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for The County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 22nd day of October, 2008 in Liber 1160 of Tuscola County Records, Pages 388-395, said Mortgage having been assigned to BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of One Hundred Seventy Nine Thousand Hundred Seventy Two & 13/100 Four (\$179,472.13), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by FRANCES K. BAUR, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN, and AUDREY ANN FOSTER, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN, to INDEPENDENT MORTGAGE COM-PANY, Mortgagee, dated September 24, 2008 and recorded on September 29, 2008 in Liber 1158 on Page 1224, and assigned by said mortgagee to MICHIGAN STATE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, as assigned, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Sixty Thousand Six Hundred Ninety-Seven Dollars and Fifty-Nine Cents (\$160,697.59), including interest at 4.625% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, front entrance of the Courthouse Building in the City of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM o'clock, on November 29, 2012.

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

COMMENCING AT A POINT THAT IS 349.68 FEET SOUTH OF THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 30, TOWN 13 NORTH, RANGE 10 EAST. THENCE EAST 200 FEET: THENCE SOUTH 300 FEET; THENCE WEST 200 FEET; THENCE NORTH 300 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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

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.

MICHIGAN STATE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY Mortgagee/Assignee

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

IF YOU ARE CURRENTLY IN BANKRUPTCY

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on November 29, 2012.

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

Lot 17. Block 2. Westdale Subdivision, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1, page 24B, 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: October 24, 2012

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC S (248) 593-1304 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Service 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #409620F01

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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 Linda L. Hall, a married woman, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Independence Mortgage Company, a Division of First Independence Bank its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated June 25, 2010 and recorded on July 1, 2010 in Liber 1201 on Page 190, 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 Eighty-One Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy-Eight and 70/100 Dollars (\$81,878.70).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on November 29, 2012.

Dated: October 24, 2012

FOR MORE INFORMATION. PLEASE CALL: FC S (248) 593-1304 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #200122F03 10-24-4

AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPT-ING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFOR-MATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTIFY (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 Colleen Gugel and Kenneth A. Gugel, wife and husband, of Tuscola County, Michigan, Mortgagor to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., dated the 21st day of August, 2003, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 5th day of September, 2003. in Liber 952, Page 506, and further evidenced by Affidavit of Scrivener's Error dated 9-15-11, and recorded 9-26-11, in Liber 1230, Page 1251 of Tuscola Records, which said mortgage was assigned to Federal National Mortgage Association, thru mesne assignments, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal of \$91,221.85 (ninety-one thousand two hundred twenty-one and 85/100) 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 statue of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on, the 29th day of November, 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 Denmark, in the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan and described as follows to wit:

Situated in the Township of Denmark, County of Tuscola and State of Michigan: Commencing at a point in center of M-15, 5.16 chains Easterly from point of intersection of said road with the North and South 1/4 line of Section 32, Township 12 North, Range 7 East, thence South 390 feet. East at right angles 56 feet, thence North at right angles to center of said M-15, thence Northwesterly along center of M-15 to point of beginning. Commonly known as: 9171 West Saginaw Road.

PPN: 006-500-100-5500-00

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: October 24, 2012

By: Foreclosing Attorneys

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 Joseph McKeage, a married man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns., Mortgagee, dated September 30, 2009 and recorded October 20, 2009 in Liber 1185, Page 1376 and 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 Forty-Six Thousand One Hundred Sixty-Five and 49/100 Dollars (\$46,165.49) including interest at 5.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of 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 AM on NOVEMBER 29, 2012.

Said premises are located in the Township of Arbela. Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Land in the Township of Arbela, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, described as:

Parcel 1: Commencing at the Southeast corner of land of Charles Cooper and Violet Cooper as described in Liber 202 of Deeds, Page 150; thence West 8 rods, thence North 10 rods, thence East 8 rods thence South 10 rods to the place of beginning, being a part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 31, Town 10 North, Range 7 East.

Parcel 2: Part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 31, Arbela Township, Town 10 North, Range 7 East, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as beginning at a point which is North 89 degrees 27 minutes 25 seconds East, 469.52 feet, thence North 00 degrees 02 minutes 15 seconds East, 165.00 feet from the Southwest corner of Section 31, thence continuing North 00 degrees 02 minutes 15 seconds East, 33.00 feet: thence North 00 degrees 54 minutes 42 seconds West, 238.64 feet; thence North 39 degrees 27 minutes 30 seconds East 165.00 feet; thence South 50 degrees 32 minutes 30 seconds East. 40.35 feet; thence South 00 degrees 02 minutes 15 seconds West, 372.11 feet; thence South 89 degrees 27 minutes 25 seconds West, 132.00 feet parallel with the South line of Section 31 to the point of beginning.

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

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

If 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

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 Eric M. Johnson and Tiffany Johnson, a/k/a Tiffani K. Johnson, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated November 2, 2007 and recorded on November 30, 2007 in Liber 1136 on Page 302 and assigned by said Mortgagee to Chase Home Finance LLC as assignee as documented by an assignment in Tuscola County Records Michigan on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Eight Thousand Forty-Nine and 04/100 Dollars (\$78,049.04).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on December 6, 2012.

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

Lot 10, Block 1, Village of Richville, commencing on the Northwest corner of the said Lot 10, thence running East 9 rods, 1 foot, thence in a Southwesterly direction 4 rods; thence West 8 rods, 11 feet; thence North 4 rods to the place of beginning. Township of Denmark. Tuscola County, Michigan, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 53, now being 54A.

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: November 7, 2012

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC S (248) 593-1304 Trott & Trott. P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #312980F03 11-7-4

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secured by said mortgage or any part thereof

Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 6th day of December, 2012 at 10:00 AM o'clock Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Tuscola is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 6.500% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises.

Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land, including any and all structures, and homes, manufactured or otherwise, located thereon, situated in the Township of Wells, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit:

PART OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 36 TOWN 12 NORTH, RANGE 10 EAST, TOWNSHIP OF TUSCOLA COUNTY, MICHIGAN, WELLS, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTH 1/4 CORNER OF SAID SECTION; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 19 MINUTES 10 SECONDS WEST 660.39 FEET ALONG THE NORTH SECTION LINE TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 45 MINUTES 28 SECONDS EAST 1320.78 FEET: THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 36 SECONDS WEST 660.15 FEET ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 46 MINUTES 05 SECONDS WEST 1321.46 FEET ALONG THE WEST LINE OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 19 MINUTES 10 SECONDS EAST 660.39 FEET ALONG THE NORTH SECTION LINE TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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

Pursuant to MCLA 600.3278, the mortgagor(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Dated: 11/7/2012

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. Mortgagee

FABRIZIO & BROOK, P.C. Attorney for BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. 888 W. Big Beaver, Suite 800 Troy, MI 48084 248-362-2600 BOA FHA Francisco 11-7-4



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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by DENNIS BRANDLE, A SINGLE MAN, to NATIONAL CITY MORTGAGE A DIVISION ON NATIONAL CITY BANK, Mortgagee, dated December 14, 2007 and recorded on January 2, 2008 in Liber 1138 on Page 134, and assigned by said mortgagee to MICHIGAN STATE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORI-TY, as assigned, Tuscola County Records, Michigan on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Four Thousand One Hundred Thirty Dollars and Four Cents (\$64,130.04), including interest at 5.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, front entrance of the Courthouse Building in the City of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM o'clock on November 29, 2012.

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

PARCEL A: PART OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 10 NORTH, RANGE 7 EAST, DESCRIBED AS BEGINNING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 29; THENCE ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 29, WEST 366.05 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 19 MIN-UTES 10 SECONDS EAST, PARALLEL WITH THE EAST LINE OF SAID SEC-TION 29; THENCE ALONG SAID EAST LINE, 119 FEET; THENCE EAST, 366.05 FEET TO THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 29; NORTH 00 DEGREES 19 MINUTES 10 SECONDS WEST, 119.00 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 29 AND POINT OF BEGINNING.

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

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.

MICHIGAN STATE HOUSING DEVEL-OPMENT AUTHORITY Mortgagee/Assignee

Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C. 23938 Research Drive, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 **USBW.001804 CONV** 10-24-4

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LISTED BELOW.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Benjamin Freitas and Shirlee Freitas, Husband and Wife, to Mortgage Registr nominee for Flagstar Bank, FSB, its successors and assigns , Mortgagee, dated March 25, 2008 and recorded April 2, 2008 in Liber 1145, Page 421, Tuscola County Records, Michigan Said mortgage was assigned to: Flagstar Bank, FSB, by assignment dated October 11, 2012 and recorded October 24,2012 in Liber 1263, Page 553 in Tuscola County records on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Nine Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-Two Dollars and Eighty-Four Cents (\$69,332.84) including interest 6% per annum

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: 10/31/2012

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: 12-69575 10-31-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by GERALD L. GREENIA and JANN K. GREENIA, HUSBAND AND WIFE, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated July 17, 2003 and record-ed July 25, 2003 in Liber 945, on Page 1218, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by GMAC Mortgage, LLC successor by merger to GMAC Mortgage Corporation by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-One Thousand Forty Dollars and Fifty-Three Cents (\$71,040.53) including interest at 5.875% per annum

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at front entrance of the Courthouse Building in the City of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on November 29, 2012.

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

Land situated in the Village of Reese, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, is described as follows: WEST 10 FEET OF LOT 14 AND EAST 32 FEET OF LOT 15. BLOCK 9, SECTION 7, TOWN 12 NORTH, RANGE 7 EAST, VILLAGE OF REESE, TUSCOLA COUNTY, MICHI-GAN PART OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION.

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 a foreclosure sale, 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, you may have certain rights.

Dated: October 31, 2012

Road of Section 16, Township 11 North, Range 8 East, in the Township of Vassar, County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, being known and designated as follows: Commencing at the West 1/4 post of Section 16, Township 11 North, Range 8 East; thence North 0 degrees 34 minutes 37 seconds West, 1635.24 fet to the center line of Saginaw Road; thence South 76 degrees 02 minutes 57 seconds East, 949.56 feet to the point of beginning; thence continue South 76 degrees 02 minutes 57 seconds East 250.00 feet along the center line of Saginaw Road; thence South 0 degrees 34 minutes 27 seconds East, 1016.24 feet; thence North 89 degrees 53 minutes 10 sec-onds West 242.03 feet; thence North 0 degrees 34 minutes 27 seconds West 1076.04 feet parallel to the West section line to the point of beginning

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

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: October 31, 2012

Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 File No. 396.0402

10-31-4 JONATHAN W. TAPPAN, PLLC, 2549 SOMERSET BLVD., #102, TROY, MICHIGAN 48084, IS A DEBT COLLEC-TOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT (248) 622-0206 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTENTION PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by RAYFORD D. SOWDEN & MAU-REEN SOWDEN, HUSBAND AND WIFE, original mortgagor, to INTERVALE MORTGAGE CORPORATION Mortgagee, dated OCTOBER 11, 2005 and recorded on OCTOBER 25, 2005 in Liber 1059 on Page 18, and assigned to SEM-RAU, LLC, as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-ONE THOUSAND NINETEEN AND 12/100 Dollars (U.S. \$231,019.12), including interest at 8.540% 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, Tuscola County Circuit Court in the Tuscola County Courthouse, 440 N. State St., in the City of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, at 10:00 AM o'clock, on December 13, 2012.

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



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FOR SALE – Slab wood, \$25 a pickup load w/no rocks. Easy to get to. Call 872-4659. 2-11-7-3



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FOR RENT

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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, Circuit Court of Tuscola County at 10:00AM on November 29, 2012

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

Section 27, Town 14 North, Range 8 East, described as: Beginning distant West (assumed bearing) 358.00 feet along the North section line from the North one-quarter corner of said Section 27; thence, from said place of beginning, South perpendicular to said section line, 224.00 feet; thence West 222.00 feet; thence North 224.00 feet to said section line; thence East along said North section line to the place of beginning. Commonly known as 4289 Cass City Rd., Akron, MI 48701

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

GMAC Mortgage, LLC successor by merg-er to GMAC Mortgage Corporation Mortgagee/Assignee

SCHNEIDERMAN & SHERMAN, P.C. 23938 Research Drive, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48335 GMAC.012749

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IF YOU ARE NOW ON ACTIVE MILI-TARY DUTY OR HAVE BEEN IN THE PRIOR NINE MONTHS, PLEASE CON-TACT OUR OFFICE AT 248-502-1502.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Samuel S. Tester and Pamela S. Tester, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated October 16, 2003 and recorded October 27, 2003 in Instrument Number 200300839775, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Everbank, successor by merger to Everhome Mortgage Company by assignment. There is claimed be due at the date hereof the sum of Part of the Northwest one-quarter of Fifty-One Thousand Eighty-Seven and 40/100 Dollars (\$51,087.40) including interest at 1.875% per annum.

> Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Tuscola Circuit Courthouse in the Village of Caro, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on 11/29/2012.

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

All that certain parcel of land situate in part of the North 30 acres of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 and part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 lying South of center line of Old State (Saginaw)

Beginning at the northwest corner of Section 8; thence north 89 degrees 58 minutes 00 seconds east, 318.65 feet along the north line of Section 8: thence south 0 degrees 09 minutes 10 seconds east, 656.44 feet; thence south 89 degrees 45 minutes 30 seconds west, 320 feet to the west line of Section 8; thence north 657.60 feet along the west line of Section 8 to the Point of Beginning. Section 8, Town 10 North, Range 7 East, Township of Arbela, Tuscola County, Michigan.

Address: 8041 Lewis Rd., Vassar, MI 48768. Tax Map or Parcel ID No.: 003-008-200-0600-00.

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.

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.

Dated: November 7, 2012

SEMRAU, LLC Mortgagee/Assignee

For more information, please call: Jonathan W. Tappan, PLLC Attorney for Mortgagee/Assignee Semrau, LLC 2549 Somerset Blvd., #102 Troy, Michigan 48084 (248) 622-0206 #45000089 11-7-4

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Robert Hutchinson

Robert E. Hutchinson, 66, of Cass City, died following a short illness Monday, Nov. 5, 2012, in Tendercare Nursing Facility, Cass City.

He was born March 17, 1946 in Cass City, the son of Orval and Gladys (Willard) Hutchinson.

He married Susan Kay VanVliet John, Mike and Joe Wik. Oct. 29, 1966.

Robert studied at the Institute of Technology in Elkhart, Ind., to become a registered X-Ray technologist. He worked as a registered X-Ray technologist for 12 years for Hills and Dales General Hospital before beginning a 20-year career as a sales representative for Philip Morris, U.S.A. He was a longtime former member of the Cass City Gavel Club. At one time, he was an avid pheasant hunter. Robert also enjoyed golfing and spending time with friends.

Robert is survived by his sister, Ann Marie Erlenbeck of Burney, Calif.; a sister-in-law, Jeanine Hutchinson of Saginaw; an uncle, Alvin (Barbara) Hutchinson of Cass City; nieces: Kelly (Wally) Estes, Leigh Ann (Craig) Huang, M.D., Shawn (Doug) Scott, and Melissa (Brant) Arendts; a nephew, Dave (Allison) Hutchinson; and several great nephews, great nieces and many cousins.

He was preceded in death by his beloved son, Michael; his parents; and a brother, Gary Hutchinson.

Graveside committal services were held Saturday, Nov. 10, at his grave in the Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Interment was in the Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Memorials may be made to Rawson Memorial Library or Cass City Gavel Club.

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

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

Mary Leppek

Mary S. Leppek, 87, of Cass City, passed away Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2012 at her residence while under hospice care

She was born May 8, 1925 in Detroit, the daughter of the late John and Mary (Cantor) Wik.

She married Sylvester A. Leppek Church, Hamtramck.

cheting and crossword puzzles. She painting, reading and sports, espeand great grandchildren. Mary is survived by her husband of 59 years, Sylvester of Cass City; 3 daughters: Marian (David) Taylor of Nashville, Sylvia (Dave) Miller of Cass City, and Cathy Hahn of Deford; 2 sons: Jim (Lori) Leppek of

Ubly, and Larry (Brenda) Leppek of Bad Axe; 6 grandchildren: Angi (Jesse) Rademacher, Nathan, Leandra, Janelle and Courtney Leppek, Samantha (Brian) Dorsch; 3 great-grandchildren: Leisl, Seren and Crusoe Rademacher.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Sophia Milow; and 3 brothers:

Mass of Christian burial was held Saturday, Nov. 10, at St. Columbkille Catholic Church, Sheridan Corners, with the Rev. Joseph Griffin, pastor, officiating.

Burial was in the church cemetery. Family and friends may share condolences at www.smigielskifuneralhomes.com.

Arrangements were made by Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home, Ubly.

Richard Short, DVM

Dr. Richard Short, DVM, passed away peacefully at his home Saturday, Nov. 3, 2012.



He was the beloved husband of Dr. Rhoda Short for 43 years. They met and married while attending veterinary school at Michigan State University. Together they started the Bad Axe Animal Medical Clinic and practiced side-by-side for over 40 years.

In the early years, the county had many wonderful family dairy farms. Dr. Short enjoyed the dairy work, loved horses and developed his skills as an excellent small animal orthopedic surgeon. In more recent years, he also found pleasure working with the July 4, 1953 at St. Florian Catholic Amish farmers. Dr. Short was a serious student of the Bible and was one Mary enjoyed recipes, cooking, of Jehovah's Witnesses for 40 years. canning, gardening, reading, cro- Dr. Short enjoyed his horses, art, truly enjoyed spending time with her cially MSU and Lions football and family, especially her grandchildren the Tigers broadcasts. He enjoyed hunting. He cherished the time he spent travelling with his wife and family. Dr. Short was a kind and patient man. He will be greatly missed by his wife, Rhoda, his five children, Grant Short, Anne (Brandon) Vosburgh, Garth (Shawn) Short, Nancy (special friend, Derek) Short and Janet (Cheyenne) Welsh; his four grandchildren, Shane, Graden, Brynne and Erin Short. The memorial service was held Saturday, Nov. 10, at the Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home, Ubly. Family and friends may visit www.smigielskifuneralhomes.com to sign the guest book for Dr. Short's family. Arrangements were made by Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home, Ubly.

County Equipment and the Wadsworth family, the Sanilac County Sheriff's Inmate Work Crew Program will be helping the community with mowing work next summer using a new John Deere zero-turn mower.

"After the purchase (of a lawnmow-

Thanks to the generosity of Tri- er) was presented to the board of Sheriff Garry Biniecki. commissioners by Treasurer Trudy Nicol and was put on hold at the county level, Dan Wadsworth con- Equipment's gesture. "I can't tell tacted work crew Supervisor Deputy you how much we appreciate the Doug Shagena and advised that Tri-County would be donating the zeroturn mower to the work crew program," explained Sanilac County

Biniecki lauded Tri-County very generous donation and continued commitment to our community," he said.



PICTURED ABOVE with the zero-turn lawnmower Tri-County Equipment recently donated to the Sanilac County Sheriff's Inmate Work Crew Program are (from left) Tri-County representative Doug Pagel, Sheriff Garry Biniecki, work crew Supervisor Deputy Doug Shagena, Treasurer Trudy Nicol and Tri-County representative Scotty Wadsworth.



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