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CASS CITY WASTEWATER Treatment Plant Supt. Rick Mohr stands in the laboratory of the facility where hundreds of thousands of gallons of waste water generated by local residents are treated and then discharged into the Cass River on a daily basis. Mohr is moving on after nearly 32 years with the village, having accepted the position of water and wastewater department chief for the city of Charlevoix.

Moving on

Veteran treatment plant chief leaving Cass City to accept another position

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Rick Mohr will tell you that treating millions of gallons of waste water wasn't exactly on his list of career choices when he graduated from high school.

In fact, he started out working at the former General Motors Steering Gear plant in Saginaw, but the Bridgeport native found himself laid off after just a few months. His search for another job led him to the wastewater treatment plant in Saginaw.

"Basically I hated it, being the hours were so bad; I worked a swing shift. And then I started to see the potential," recalled Mohr, 57, who noted the Clean Water Act that was passed in the mid-1970s would mean plenty of federal money for projects to upgrade water treatment facilities. That would mean jobs.

"I was called back to GM, but I passed it up. I needed the job security. I was going to get married later that year," he said.

Mohr set his sights on earning the necessary certifications in his field, and after a few years of working in Saginaw, another job offer brought him to Cass City.

That was more than 30 years ago.

Today, Mohr, the village's veteran wastewater treatment plant superintendent, is gearing up to leave the community he's called home for 3 decades after accepting a job offer as

chief of the water and wastewater departments for the city of Charlevoix.

He officially starts his new duties Jan. 4, exactly 32 years after starting his lengthy tenure in Cass City.

"I didn't plan on being here any more than 5 years. I was going to progress to a bigger plant in a bigger town," Mohr said. "But Cass City was always good to me. It's just a great community."

Mohr noted he and his wife, Anita, enjoy spending time in the Petoskey area and have been thinking for some time about retiring in that area. "When this job opened up, it just fit right in to our plan," he said.

But that wasn't the only motivation behind changing jobs at this point in his life.

"This (Cass City) plant looks better than when it was built, and that's something to be proud of," said Mohr, who is qualified to run a plant of any size in Michigan. "But I'm the type to look for a challenge. I've done all I can do here."

The challenges that await Mohr in Charlevoix include overseeing a major treatment plant upgrade. "I'll thrive on that. That's right up my alley," he said.

Mohr's ability to look at potential projects through the eyes of an engineer has served him well in Cass City. "The things I've enjoyed the most are the different projects we've developed and seen come to pass," he said, noting one of the biggest challenges was the design work

involving installation of the village's arsenic storage tank.

And that's in addition to the day in and day out business of treating an entire community's waste water. It's no small task given the fact that combined, every toilet flush and drained sink or tub of water adds up to a plant flow of more than 250,000 gallons a day. As an advanced tertiary treatment plant, the local facility utilizes a series of tanks and treatment processes that remove impurities in the water before it's discharged into the Cass River, which involves ensuring that a mountain of state and federal regulations are adhered to at all times.

Work aside, he acknowledged the idea of moving is bittersweet. "The difficulty is leaving the relationships we've developed here for 32 years," said Mohr, who along with his wife have 3 children — son Jason, who is self-employed and resides in Elkton with his wife and 5 children; daughter Stephanie, who works in human resources at a long-term care nursing facility in Muskegon and his married with one child and another on the way; and son Brian, a senior at Cass City High School.

At the same time, Mohr is proud of the job he and his fellow wastewater treatment plant employees have done over the years.

"Who could ask for a nicer plant to run? My crew is excellent," he said. "It's been a good run here. I don't have any complaints."

Village officials air 2013 budget

by Clarke Haire
Publisher

The Cass City Village Council Monday approved an adjusted 2012 budget and adopted the proposed 2013 spending plan highlighted by Village Manager Peter Cristiano during its regular monthly meeting.

Following a brief public hearing, with no input from taxpayers, the council approved a strategy for the upcoming year that calls for more than \$3.537 million in spending, without the need for a property tax increase, according to Cristiano. The tax rate, which will be allocated in May, is slated to remain at 18.137

mills, meaning the owner of a house with a market value of \$80,000 and a tax base of \$40,000 will pay roughly \$725 for the year.

However, turning to water and sewer rates in the upcoming budget, for the seventh straight year, Cass City residents will see a modest increase in their monthly bills starting next month.

"A 3-percent raise in water and sewer rates is necessary," stated Cristiano, who explained the hike is required by law to pay the debt associated with meeting acceptable standards concerning arsenic levels in

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Foundation gifts reach \$2 million

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Tuscola County Community Foundation (TCCF) officials handed out more than \$71,000 in grant awards during the organization's annual fall check distribution, which marked a milestone for the foundation.

"One significant achievement, as a result of these awards, is that this total distribution will take the amount of total grant funds distributed by TCCF over the \$2 million mark since the beginning of TCCF," foundation Executive Director Ken Micklash said. "The foundation board and I are very proud of this support that has helped make Tuscola County a better place to live."

Monday's distribution was held at the Tuscola Technology Center in Caro.

Officials presented the following grants from 3 separate funds:

•**William A. and Ruth Janks Fund** — Tuscola Tech Center, \$5,500 (replace sound system); city of Vassar, a \$2,500 matching grant, with the city to raise the remaining \$2,000 to remove a concrete dam in the Cass River; LEAD Tuscola, \$625 (scholarship for one participant); Tuscola Tech Center Electronics Program, \$5,000 (install 480-volt AC power for robot); Good Samaritan Fund, \$5,000 (food and assistance with utility shut-off for the needy); Tuscola Tech Center Welding Program, \$4,000 (metal shear); Great Start Tuscola's Imagination Library, \$2,000 (books for preschool children in the county); Highland Pines School Adults Transition Program, \$2,000 (Stanfield DVD series to help cognitively impaired develop employment skills); Forgotten Man Ministries,

\$2,000 (library materials for rehabilitation program); Tuscola Tech Center Nursing Careers Program, \$600 (new human mannequin for training); Tuscola ISD, \$2,500 (back pack food program for needy youth); Tuscola ISD Occupational Therapy Department, \$1,465 (iPads for disabled students); Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency, 2,500 (Second Step Learning kits for preschool programs); and Caro Chamber of Commerce, \$500 (support farmers market).

•**Claude D. and Etta Andrews Fund** — Tuscola Tech Center, \$2,500 (replace sound system); Tuscola Tech Center Electronics Program, \$1,000 (install 480-volt AC power for robot); Tuscola Tech Center Welding Program, \$1,000 (metal shear); Highland Pines School Adult Transition Program, \$2,000 (Stanfield DVD series to help cognitively impaired develop employment skills); and Tuscola ISD, \$2,500 (support back pack program for needy youth).

•**Future Youth Involvement (FYI) Fund** — Tuscola Technology Center, \$3,335 (replace sound system). Please turn to page 2.

16-year-old hurt in crash Friday night

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Three people were injured, one seriously, in a traffic accident Friday night in Tuscola County's Ellington Township.

Troopers from the Michigan State Police post in Caro reported the accident occurred at about 10:08 p.m. on Hurds Corner Road north of Shabbona Road.

Troopers reported a 20-year-old Caro resident was driving northbound on Hurds Corner Road when he was blinded by the headlights of a parked vehicle in the northbound lane that was facing south. The driver swerved off the road into a ditch to avoid hitting the parked car, and he struck a 16-year-old pedestrian.

According to reports, the teen, along with another 16-year-old, both from Caro, had parked their vehicle in the roadway and were in the ditch attending to some dogs they had found.

The teen who was struck suffered serious injuries and was transported to Covenant Hospital in Saginaw by MMR Ambulance personnel. Troopers said the other teen was not hurt.

The driver of the other vehicle and his passenger both suffered minor injuries when their vehicle rolled over after impact, but they refused medical treatment.

The accident remains under investigation.

Group recognizes Hills and Dales for employee retention

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Employee turnover is a challenge many companies struggle to address in an effort to achieve and maintain consistency when it comes to retaining a talented workforce.

So when a corporation successfully manages to post a 10-fold reduction in its worker turnover rate, Michigan Health Council officials figure that's an accomplishment worth special recognition.

The Okemos-based Michigan Health Council recently honored officials at Hills and Dales General

Hospital in Cass City with its Building Michigan's Health Care Workforce Award for Employee Retention after the local hospital reduced its staff turnover rate from 17 percent to 2 percent.

Hills and Dales employs about 180 people, so the percentages translate into a current average turnover of 3 to 4 employees, compared to roughly 30 employees previously.

"Health care employers face many challenges to recruit and retain talented employees," said Michigan Health Council President and CEO Anne Rosewarne. "The Hills and Dales program is an example of how a critical access hospital can achieve

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THE MICHIGAN HEALTH Council recently presented Hills and Dales General Hospital, Cass City, with its Building Michigan's Health Care Workforce Award in recognition of the local hospital's success in reducing employee turnover from 17 percent to 2 percent. Pictured above are hospital senior team members (from left) Chief Financial Officer Ken Baranski, President and CEO Mike Falatko, Chief Operating Officer Jean Anthony and Thom Bardwell, vice president of Human Resources.

Council recognizes Hills and Dales

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a ‘retention turnaround’ by bringing employees together around shared engagement.”

The employee retention award recognizes organizations’ efforts to retain health professionals and reduce turnover in inpatient and out-patient care settings, recognizing that employee engagement is essential to creating high-quality patient care.

“Employee engagement”, also called worker engagement, is a business management concept described as a “measurable degree of an employee’s positive or negative emotional attachment to their job,

colleagues and organization that profoundly influences their willingness to learn and perform at work.”

“Reducing employee turnover and making Hills and Dales the health care employer of choice in our region has been an ongoing process that we started 6 years ago,” said Thom Bardwell, vice president of Human Resources at Hills and Dales General Hospital. “It has been accomplished through a steadfast commitment to employee satisfaction on the part of management and outstanding engagement and input from the employees on our front lines of patient care and treatment.

“We are honored to be recognized for the efforts of all the employees

and the excellent outcomes this process has produced,” Bardwell added.

“It seems like we only read about the challenges facing health care today,” noted Rosewarne. “The Michigan Health Council wants to recognize those individuals and organizations who share our value of creating collaborative, sustainable solutions to health care issues.”

The Michigan Health Council created the Building Michigan Health Care Workforce award in 2009 to recognize the efforts Michigan health care employers and professionals make to expand, diversify and improve the quality of Michigan’s health care workforce.

Foundation reaches \$2 million mark

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tem); Tuscola Teen Mentors 4-H Club, \$1,300 (support mentoring program via horsemanship activities); Deford Community Church, \$3,500 (replace and upgrade playground equipment); Akron-Fairgrove Schools, \$5,000 (iPads to increase student achievement); Tuscola ISD Transitions Network, \$600 (sponsor Making Good Choices Transitions Day for students with disabilities); Cass City Public Schools Agriscience Program, \$1,632 (poultry housing project); Tuscola Tech Center Electronics Program, \$2,280 (install 480-volt AC power for robot); Tuscola Tech Center Computer Technology Program, \$2,156 (transformer pads to integrate hand-held devices in curriculum); Tuscola Tech Center Welding Program, \$2,751 (metal shear); Tuscola Tech Center DECA Program, \$1,000 (laptop computers to assist students in creating projects electronically); and Tuscola ISD, \$2,500 (pay for mentor speakers for students ages 6 to 18 to reduce truancy and drop outs).

In addition, foundation officials earlier presented another \$38,000 in grant awards as well as more than \$8,000 in scholarships for a total of \$117,174.79 in fall grants and scholarships.

The Tuscola County Community Foundation’s roots date back to the late 1990s.

“In 1997 and 1998, 9 Cass City and Caro residents took on the challenge of establishing the TCCF,” Micklash recalled.

The William and Ruth Janks Foundation and Claude and Etta Andrews Foundation were both private, but their boards agreed to leave the private status and form TCCF to receive funds from the Kellogg Foundation,” he said. “Kellogg offered \$1 for every \$2 raised. In 1998, these 2 foundations had assets of about \$2 million, so Kellogg gave another \$1 million.

“TCCF began with about \$3 million in assets,” Micklash noted. “The Kellogg money had to be controlled by youth in order for them to learn about philanthropy and reviewing grant applications and making grant awards — thus this is how Tuscola County got the Future Youth Involvement group which meets monthly at the Tuscola Tech Center to take care of business associated with their \$1 million-plus fund.”

The Tuscola County Community Foundation was established with 3 funds. Today, the foundation consists of more than 70 funds with assets totaling about \$8.5 million.

“I always like to emphasize the fact that the funds are the primary ‘doer

of good things,’” Micklash said. “TCCF facilitates the gift receiving and grant awarding, but the funds deserve the credit. The various funds are established and granting is determined by the wishes of the donors. TCCF makes sure that this occurs.”

Open house planned at Purdy Home

The Friends of the Thumb Octagon Barn are inviting area residents to the first Christmas open house at the Purdy Home since the “friends” was organized back in 1994.

The home is decorated as Cora Purdy would have back in the 1920s and 1930s. She was known for entertaining and made her home welcoming. The home will be open Saturday, Dec. 15 and Sunday, Dec. 16, from 1 to 4 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. Cost is \$4 per person and children 6 and under are free. Tickets are available at Chemical Bank in Cass City and Caro (main office), Our Treasures Antique Mall in Caro, and Coach Light Pharmacy in Cass City.

For more information, call Marilyn Phillips at (989) 665-0210.

Friends of Library sponsoring trip to the Fox Theatre

Need an idea for a Christmas gift? How about a trip to see “Hair” at the Fox Theatre?

The Friends of Rawson Memorial District Library, Cass City, is sponsoring an exciting trip to see the Tony award winning revival of the classic musical at the historic Fox Theatre in Detroit March 3. This exuberant musical about a group of young Americans searching for peace and love in a turbulent time has struck a resonant chord with audiences young and old. Hair features an extraordinary cast and unforgettable songs, including “Aquarius,” “Let the Sun Shine In,” and “Good Morning, Starshine.”

Following the matinee, the group will travel to Traffic Jam and Snug, one of Detroit’s hidden treasures, known throughout Midtown for its in-house bakery, microbrewery, dairy and an eclectic menu of made-from-scratch dishes.

Tickets are \$130 and include transportation, matinee and dinner. For more information, call Gail Smith at (989) 872-3121 by Jan. 15.

Baker enrolling for winter classes

Baker College of Cass City, a satellite campus of Baker College of Flint, is enrolling students for winter 2013 quarter, with classes beginning Monday, Jan. 7. Registration continues through the first week of classes.

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In Our
OPINION...

Clarke Haire
Publisher

Tom Montgomery
Editor

Take time to say “thanks” in town

Santa and Mrs. Claus say they enjoyed their recent visit in the Thumb during Cass City’s Christmas in the Village celebration and will long remember the spirit of giving they witnessed in town.

The Clauses also hope local residents truly appreciate the generosity they and their children enjoyed courtesy of an army of volunteers, businesses and organizations whose contributions make the annual holiday festival exciting and virtually cost-free for the young as well as young at heart.

Okay, so we’ve preached this sermon before. But it bears repeating.

It can be easy to take for granted the efforts put forth by the Cass City Chamber of Commerce and local businesses this time of year. After all, residents have come to expect outstanding Christmas celebrations with the small-town touch, not to mention a star span-gled Freedom Festival and “fun in the sun” Summer Mania party each year, and the folks behind these community get-togethers rarely disappoint.

To her credit, chamber Coordinator Dee Mulligan makes it look easy, but make no mistake; the job of organizing and planning these events involves plenty of foot work.

The same goes for those civic-minded business owners who continue to give, in spite of countless knocks on their doors from other groups — students, scouts, benefit organizers, etc. — looking for contributions. All good causes, but in these times, stretching a dollar is no small task.

Still, this community doesn’t want for generous merchants who have proven time and time again that doing business in Cass City isn’t just about the bottom line.

Need another example? Talk to any Cass City Rotary Club member or visit the Curtis Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram dealership in town and ask how this year’s Christmas for Kids drive is going (and while you’re at it, drop off a new, unwrapped toy or hand Dan Curtis \$5 or \$10 to help the cause).

Which brings us to our point: while the folks who help to make Cass City a better place to work and live don’t expect it, they deserve a personal “thank-you” from each of us. And there’s no better way to do just that than giving them some of your business.

Go ahead, spread the spirit of giving this holiday season. It’s something we all can (and should) do, especially this time of year.



Slices of Life

by Jill Pertler

Is that the sky falling?



It’s been in the news, on the History channel and even the Today show – so there’s got to be a hint of truth to the story. The end is near.

We’ve been informed the Maya calendar ends this year – on December 21. Since the Maya calendar does not go beyond the fourth Friday in December, some experts believe neither will we. The day of reckoning is predicted to occur right before Christmas. If that isn’t a good reason to peek at your presents, I’m not sure what is.

The world ending generates numerous repercussions, which I’m sure you’ve already pondered. Missing out on Christmas presents and New Year’s champagne might be the least of our worries. Or good fortunes.

Okay, so the world will cease to exist, but let’s attempt to perceive the glass as half full, shall we? (The sky may be falling, but why not at least try to put on a happy face? Maybe order a pizza or something.)

I realize destruction and mayhem might ensue, but if the world ends in two weeks, I will no longer have to fret about gaining a few extra pounds over the holidays. I can eat all the Twinkies I want – if only I could find them at the store. I won’t have to be concerned with the current fashion trends or if boat shoes for men are coming back into style (although according to my husband, they never left).

I won’t have to agonize over whether I should phase out my Facebook account to focus on Twitter. Fiscal cliffs will be the least of our worries and we’ll never know how the whole Star Wars saga would have played out now that Disney owns the franchise.

We should be used to a little destruction and mayhem; they happen all the time – in ordinary places like Main Street and Sesame Street. Consider the Elmo debacle. If the world ends, Elmo won’t have to worry about getting kicked off the block he’s called home for 20-plus years. Sesame Street will be no more.

Speaking of guys in red fur coats, Santa won’t need to spend an entire night delivering all those presents we don’t really need to buy (end of the world or not). We won’t have to watch the news to see if William and Kate become parents to a future king or queen – or wonder if Kate ever has a craving for Twinkies.

Oh sure, we’ll have seen the last of sunrises and sunsets, but we won’t have to set the alarm for oh dark thirty or be concerned with silly concepts like bedtimes, making the team, saving for retirement, helping put the kids through college or whether Hugh Hefner will ever tie the knot. I won’t have to muddle my way through

Letters to the Editor

Local editor usually avoids obvious bias

Recently I read a comment made directly from the editor, Tom Montgomery, regarding a complaint on his articles being “biased” or “slanted” to either protect someone or some group, etc.

I have been in Cass City for over 25 years now and I will say that I have read many articles from (the late Chronicle Publisher) John Haire that showed certain biased opinions, and his leanings were not difficult to notice. Not so with Tom Montgomery.

While Tom has never seen a school issue that should be even considered for refusal, I truly believe that it is his honest opinion

even when shown that there is enough money being given to the schools right now. Tom simply does not have the time or money to really investigate this issue as needed and he “wants” to believe this continued request for additional funds is only being asked to strengthen a crumbling system of education. He would never consider that there are other motives such as selfishness or corruption.

That being the only issue that I could see that any bias existed in his work, and I actually believe that he believes what he is told by the school boards and Please turn to page 10.

Protecting ourselves a constitutional right

I have to assume that many people in our community are gun owners. We have a lot of hunters and people who just like target shooting for the sport of it. Many of us rely on our firearms just in case we need them in the event of a criminal attack, and if it came down to it, an invasion from one of this country’s adversaries.

I hate to sound like a conspiracy theorist, but there is a lot of information out there about our own government not having our best interest in mind to say the least. You can research this by looking into the Agenda 21 by the U.N., which the United

States is a part of. My point is, we have not only the constitutional right, but a God-given right to protect ourselves and our families from threats.

Our founding fathers knew it would be a vital part of this nation’s survival and gave us the Second Amendment. It has been argued that it was only meant for military purposes. At that time the citizens were the military, and they intended for every citizen to have the right to keep and bear arms.

Our military alone cannot defend us in the event of a Please turn to page 10.

eighth grade math homework ever again. Exclamation point.

Endings are hard. I get that. I’ve always had difficulty with transitions myself. But endings are merely the start to new beginnings. (Think of that little red Elmo!) Consider Rhea Perlman and Danny Devito. They recently broke up after 30 years of marriage. Al and Tipper Gore after 40. (I blame that one on global warming.) Kim Kardashian lasted 72 very long days before filing her papers. If these ordinary celebrities can pick themselves up and start over again maybe the whole end of the world thing isn’t so bad after all.

Besides, the expert doomsday advocates obviously don’t have access to Wikipedia. If they did, they’d note their claims expose a slight misinterpretation of the Maya calendar. This is understandable (to me at least) because numbers in general put me in a tizzy and the Maya calendar is complicated and full of them.

The Maya people measure time using varying cycles or counts. As best I understand it, December 21 of this year is the end of a measure called a long count that began over 5,000 years ago. According to our buddies at Wiki, the Maya calendar isn’t ending on December 21. Instead, another long count begins – this one slated to end in the year 4772. By then, I don’t believe any of us (except for Santa, Elmo and Hugh Hefner) will be around to worry about whether the world is ending then – or not.

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Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Frank Kemp has been appointed to another 4-year term on the Rawson Memorial District Library Board. He has served on Cass City’s library board since 2005.

Frank and his wife, Val, are an integral part of the library family, officials say, and represent what Cass City is all about – community, service and integrity.

The Cass City Police Department is planning ahead. They requested, and received, approval to place 50-percent of their budgeted unexpected funds at year end into a special fund earmarked for capital improvements.

To date, the police department has \$15,419 in restricted fund balance. Their 2012 budget is estimated at \$10,000, meaning roughly \$5,000 would be added to the police department restricted fund balance, after the current year’s audit has been completed.

Their goal is for improvements to the rear of the municipal building which would house police vehicles in a protected area.

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If you happen to see some rugged men wandering around Cass City this week, don’t be surprised. There’s a good chance they are members of the Saginaw Spirit hockey team who have volunteered to spend time reading to Cass City elementary students.

Chairman Scott Mills reports that 250 people attended this year’s annual Cass City Community Thanksgiving Dinner. The event has come a long ways in its 26-year history.

It was originally held in the parish hall of the St. Pancratius Catholic Church and called “The Cass City Ecumenical Thanksgiving Diner.” In 1993 it was moved to the VFW hall due to an increase in attendance, and in 2007 to the United Methodist Church. The philosophy from the beginning, says Mills, was that all were welcomed to sit down as a family and enjoy the free feast together.

By all accounts, mission accomplished.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Wednesday, December 12

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.

Chicken 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, December 13

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

Caregiver Connection, 3:30 p.m., Country Gardens, Scheurer Hospital, Pigeon. For more information, call Marie at (989) 453-5222.

Friday, December 14

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

Saturday, December 15

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.

Sunday, December 16

Brunch with Santa, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., St. Agatha Catholic Church, Gagetown. Free brunch and free picture with Santa & Mrs. Claus.

Men's Brunch, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., St. Agatha Catholic Church, Gagetown. \$7 donation or what you can afford.

Mass, 10:30 a.m., St. Agatha Catholic Church, Gagetown.

Monday, December 17

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, December 18

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

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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3-vehicle crash leaves 4 people injured last week

by **Tom Montgomery**
Editor

A 3-vehicle traffic accident about 5 miles west of Cass City left 4 people injured early last week.

Tuscola County Sheriff's deputies were dispatched to the scene, the intersection of M-81 and Cedar Run Road in Elmwood Township, just after 1 p.m. Monday.

According to Tuscola County Undersheriff Glen Skrent, a sheriff's department accident reconstruction expert determined that a vehicle driven eastbound by Philip Rancilio of New Baltimore rear-ended another eastbound vehicle driven by Jennifer Guinn of Unionville, who was stopped in the roadway to make a left turn onto Cedar Run Road. "After the impact, Rancilio's vehicle swerved into the westbound lane and struck a westbound car," Skrent said.

The westbound vehicle was driven by Rachel Maurer of Snover, a U.S. mail carrier from the Cass City Post Office.

Emergency responders at the scene attempted to bring in a FlightCare helicopter to transport at least one of the victims. However, the low cloud ceiling forced crews to transport the occupants by ambulance.

Skrent said Maurer and Rancilio

were taken to Saginaw area hospitals for treatment, while Guinn and her passenger were transported to Hills and Dales General Hospital in Cass City.

No information was available on their conditions.

Cass City police, Elkland Township

fire fighters, the Elmwood Township-Gagetown Fire Department, MMR ambulance crews and the Tuscola County Road Commission all assisted deputies at the scene.

The accident remains under investigation.



A TRAFFIC CRASH at the corner of M-81 and Cedar Run Road left 4 people injured early last week.

Circuit court news

Several appear on felony charges

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

- Christopher J. Sweatland, 31, Caro, pleaded guilty to 2 counts of delivery/manufacture of marijuana July 3 in Fremont Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (2 prior felony convictions). A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case and bond was continued at \$3,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.
- Timothy G. Kinsella, 45, Fairgrove, was sentenced to 93 days in the county jail (91 days deferred) and 12 months probation for his pleas of guilty to possession of a controlled substance and operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, second offense, and no contest to assault Sept. 9, 2011, in Gilford Township.
- He was also ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$1,778.
- Kelly W. Buck, 42, was sentenced to 90 days in jail, with work release, for his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influ-

ence of liquor, third offense, Sept. 1 in Caro.

- He was also placed on 60 months probation and ordered to complete 480 hours of community service and pay costs and fines totaling \$4,098.
- William H. Sarles, 42, Caro, pleaded guilty to possession of a controlled substance (cocaine, heroin or another narcotic – less than 25 grams) July 31 in Caro.
- A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$8,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.
- Christine M. Featherstone, 49, Constantine, pleaded no contest to 2 counts of escape – aiding a prison charged or convicted of a felony May 8 in Indianfields Township.
- A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$10,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.
- Shawn L. Rowley, 43, Caro, was sentenced to 5 to 20 years in prison for his plea of no contest to home invasion, second degree, Feb. 16 in Cass City/Almer Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convictions).
- In addition to prison time, he was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$698.
- John L. Robinson Jr., 65, Caro, was sentenced to 365 days in jail and 60 months probation for his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, June 30 in Akron. 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 \$4,098 plus restitution of \$120.
- Valentine R. Montelongo, 52, Bad Axe, was sentenced to 270 days in jail and 60 months probation for his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Sept. 11 in Columbia Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).
- In addition to jail time, he was ordered to complete 480 hours of community service and pay costs and fines totaling \$2,498.

- Arturo T. Reynero, 41, Caro, was sentenced to 180 days in jail, with work release, for his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Sept. 25 in Caro.
- He was also placed on 60 months probation and ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$4,398.
- Richard E. Tuttle, 55, Millington, pleaded guilty to charges of delivery/manufacture of marijuana and possession of marijuana July 23 in Arbela Township.
- A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case and bond was continued at \$4,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.
- Christopher L. Dubay, 32, Cass City, was sentenced to 365 days in jail, with work release, for his pleas of guilty to 5 counts of using a computer to commit a crime, and one count of possession of child sexually abusive material between August and October 2011 in Cass City.
- He was also placed on 60 months probation and ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$2,602.
- Richard L. Lesoski, 32, Cass City, was sentenced to 90 days in jail and 24 months probation for his plea of no contest to domestic violence, third offense, June 10 in Cass City. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (2 prior felony convictions).
- In addition to jail time, he was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$738.
- Brian P. Wilson, 41, Vassar, was sentenced to 365 days in jail and 60 months probation for his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor June 22 in Vassar. 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 \$1,798.
- Shane A. Holcomb, 26, Caro, was sentenced to 180 days in jail (delayed one year) and 24 months probation for his pleas of guilty to delivery/manufacture of marijuana, subsequent offense, and possession of marijuana, subsequent offense, May 16 in Caro.
- He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$906.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Village Ordinance 137 prohibits parking on any Village street from 2:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. during the winter months, from December 1 to March 31, for snow removal and emergency access.

Violators of this ordinance will be cited.

Nanette Walsh
Village Clerk

Reporter’s notebook

Dear MMR, we have a job to do

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

It’s been awhile since I’ve been yelled at while covering a traffic crash or house fire, but it happened again recently.

And you know what? I didn’t like it.

It’s not that I’m especially sensitive to folks sometimes being a bit upset at my (“the media’s”) presence. But the fact is, I was simply doing my job, covering a news event — in this case, a bad car crash involving 3 vehicles about 5 miles west of town at the intersection of M-81 and Cedar Run Road early last week.

After parking my car off the road-way about a block from the intersection (out of the way of all emergency vehicles), I walked up to the scene, decided the best way to approach the corner and began taking photos.

In the process, an MMR crew member, who was inside a vehicle assisting one of the victims, saw me and yelled, “Get him out of here!”

Her partner looked in my direction and chimed in. “No pictures!”

Umm, excuse me? Wrong on both counts, folks.

In the first place, I wasn’t there to gawk, and I go out of my way to stay clear of the professionals on hand who are working to save lives. In

fact, I was standing about 20 feet from the vehicle I was photographing. By the way, I always make certain that I’m not getting a picture of a seriously injured accident victim. In other words, we don’t take body photos. Ever.

In the second place, it seems to me that medical personnel have better things to do than worry about policing the media. If a member of the press is out of line, you can bet a fireman or police officer will let them know in quick order. A smart reporter will step back if he’s asked to, you know?

However, I wasn’t asked to step back by a police officer or fire fighter, I’m guessing because after 26 years on the job in Cass City, I’m familiar with many of the local first responders, and they’re familiar with the way I conduct myself in these situations.

For me, that means doing whatever it takes not to impede emergency response personnel in any way, shape or form. After all, their job is the priority at the scene of any accident or fire.

In all fairness, I guess I can understand those MMR crew members’ concerns, and I respect the work they do.

But they need to keep in mind that we have a job to do, too.

Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO (2007)

Robby Simpson, 15, of Cass City, bagged his first deer ever during the muzzleloading season Friday night while hunting on private land east of town. The buck had a 7-point rack with a 15-inch inside spread.

Cass City started its Greater Thumb Conference wrestling campaign on a positive note Wednesday night in Mayville where coach Don Markel’s Red Hawks defeated Brown City, 54-30, before moving on to nip Marlette, 40-38. Jon Couch, Kevven Dorland and Clark Walsh all recorded pins to lead Cass City over Brown City, while T.J. Marker recorded the team’s lone pin in the Marlette match. Adding to the teams’ success on the night were double winners: Marker (119), Travis Mabe (125), Bryan Burk (135), Chris Wingett (189) and Abrien Swires (285).

Santa came to Cass City a bit early this year in the form of a trio of announcements from village officials. Topping the list is the sale of the Nestles building last week. Officials also said a portion of the walking trail property from Mulligan’s Irish Links to M-81 has been given to the village by former Nestles building owner Dwaine Peters, and that the Cass City Downtown Development Authority has purchased the cultural center building for \$1 from the former owner, a downstate resident.

10 YEARS AGO (2002)

Cass City’s Amy Howard, a junior, and Deidre Deering a senior, were named to the 6-person Greater Thumb West all conference first team selected by conference coaches. Howard was an honorable mention selection last year and Deering is a repeat selection for the dream team.

Cass City DPW crews were out long before sunrise Monday, clearing about 4 inches of snow that fell Sunday night. The snowfall to-date is nearly 7 inches, according to statistics compiled at the village wastewater treatment plant.

Adam T. Dorland of Cass City has accepted membership in Golden Key International Honour Society and was individually honored during a campus ceremony at Central Michigan University. “It is only fitting that a high academic achiever like Adam be recognized by Golden Key,” said Alexander D. Perwich II, Golden Key executive director.

25 YEARS AGO (1987)

Don Schelke, a 15-year veteran in the Cass City school system, was selected to replace Bob Stickle as principal of the Intermediate School by the Cass City School Board Monday night after applications were reviewed in a session closed to the press and the public.

Cut the game ball in two. Give it to Jeff Sontag for the first half and Mike Randall for the second for leading the Cass City Red Hawks to a win over the Imlay City Spartans in the first Thumb B Association game of the season. Cass City won a comparatively easy game, 75-56.

Nine Cass City 7th and 8th graders earned medals in a solo and ensemble festival held Dec. 5 in North Branch. Participants, their ratings and categories are Rosie Blue, 1st, percussion solo; Mike Furness, 2nd, cornet solo; Jude McNaughton, 2nd, piano solo; Tina Pallas, 2nd, clarinet solo; Melissa Micklash, 1st in both flute and piano solos; Deb Adams, 2nd, trombone solo; Roxanne Rutkoski, 2nd, flute solo, Soo Yun, 1st, piano solo and Julia Milligan, 2nd, clarinet solo.

50 YEARS AGO (1962)

Flying Foxes – Raymond Fox, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Fox, Cass City, became the fourth member of his family to be commissioned in Air Force through the Michigan State University ROTC when he received his second lieutenant bars Friday, Dec. 7. Other Foxes commissioned through the program include James, 1955, Robert, 1957 and Edward, 1959.

Two area sisters switched places this year in vying for honors in the

Shropshire sheep division of the 33rd annual Detroit Junior Livestock Show last week at the State Fairgrounds. Linda Severance, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Severance, showed the champion pen of three lambs and the champion individual lamb. Her sister, Ruth Ann, had the Reserve Champion lamb and fourth pen. Last year their roles were reversed with Ruth Ann copping most of the honors in the Shropshire division. Linda, a Cass City High School student, was awarded a trophy for her individual winner by the Michigan Shropshire Breeders Association. Her lambs sold for 23 cents a pound.

The worst pre-Christmas storm in recent years paralyzed activities in the Cass City area and the state Thursday and Friday as workers were unable to get to jobs and farmers were forced to heroic measures to get milk to market. Although Cass City plants did not close, they operated with absenteeism as high as 80 per cent. One official said, “There were not many there and we wondered why the ones that were bothered to come in.”

100 YEARS AGO (1912)

The first exhibition of the Cass City Poultry and Corn Growers Asso. closed last evening and the officers express themselves as well satisfied over the venture and believe that it is the stepping stone to larger and more extensive exhibitions in future years. In the poultry department, 104 birds were shown by local and outside breeders. Anconas had the largest exhibit of any one breed.

Two guns were taken from J.N. Dorman’s store building two months ago and the owner concluded that he had seen them for the last time. He was much surprised on arriving home Friday evening to find that they had been returned.

Miss Freda Fillwock, who has been employed at Mrs. M.J. McGillvray’s millinery store, left Monday for her home in Crosswell. Miss Ida Brown of Holbrook is assisting Mrs. McGillvray at present.

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Cass City’s newspapering history dates back to the early 1880s with the founding of the Cass City Enterprise, which went to press following The Great Fire of ‘81. The first issue was printed Sept. 8, 1881.

In the years that followed, 2 young entrepreneurs published the one-page Cass City Times for a period. Then, in 1899, Frederick Klump founded the Tri-County Chronicle, which co-existed for 7 years with the Enterprise

Herbert F. Lenzner eventually purchased the Times along with his competitor, consolidating the 2 under the name Cass City Chronicle April 20, 1906. Six years later the building at the corner of Oak and Main was built. Lenzner retired in 1951, at which time a young journalist from Pinconning -- John C. Haire -- became the new editor and, eventually, sole owner of the Chronicle. He remained active at the paper until his death in 2009 at the age of 87.

Today, Clarke Haire is publisher of the Chronicle, continuing his father’s nearly 60-year legacy. The paper has seen a multitude of changes over the years, from hot lead type and photographic film to the digital technology utilized to produce today’s weekly issues.

But the Chronicle’s place as an independent, family-owned newspaper in the Thumb hasn’t changed, nor has the paper’s mission to serve the community with the news, features and advertising readers have come to expect from their local newspaper.

Be sure to check next week’s paper for the next Cass City Spotlight Business of the Week.
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Cass City Area Church Directory

<p>Anchor Cove Outreach Church 201 E. Sanilac Rd. Caro, MI 48723 989-872-2262 Sunday Service: 10:30 a.m. www.anchorcoveoutreachchurch.com</p>	<p>Cass City United Methodist Church 5100 N. Cemetery Rd., P.O. Box 125, Cass City, MI 48726 872-3422 Worship: 11:00 a.m. (Summer 9:30 a.m.) Sunday School - Sept.-May 9:30 a.m. Community Dinner - Monthly (2nd Wed. at noon) Pastor: Rev. Jackie Roe</p>	<p>Good Shepherd Lutheran Church 6820 E. Main St., Cass City, MI 48726 872-2770 Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Bible Class & Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Pastor: Rev. Steve Bagnall www.goodshepherdlutherancasscity.webs.com</p>
<p>Calvary Bible Fellowship an Independent Baptist Church 4446 Ale St., Cass City, MI 48726 989-872-4088 Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship Service 11:00 a.m. Evening Service 6:00 p.m. Wednesday - Pray/Bible Study & Youth Group 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Evangelical Free Church of Cass City 6430 Chestnut Blvd., Cass City, MI 48726 872-5060 Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Midweek Bible Studies Biblical Counseling Pastor: Rev. Todd R. Gould www.casscityefc.org</p>	<p>Novesta Church of Christ <i>"the friendly church that cares"</i> 2896 Cemetery Rd., Cass City, MI 48726 872-3658 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Minister: Brad Speirs Visit our website at: www.novestachurch.org</p>
<p>Cass City Church of Christ 6743 E. Main St., Cass City, MI 48726 Contacts 872-2367 or 872-3136 Worship Service Sunday 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. Bible Study - Sunday 10:00 a.m. & Wednesday 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>First Baptist Church (Independent, Fundamental) Barrier Free 6420 Houghton St., Cass City, MI 48726 989-872-3155 Sunday School All Ages 9:45 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship Service 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 6:00 p.m. Wednesday - Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 7:00 p.m. AWANA Clubs 6:45 p.m. During School Year Thursday Teen Club 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Pastor: David G. Hill Website: www.fbccc.us</p>	<p>Potter's House Christian Fellowship Church Corner of 6th and Leach, Cass City, MI 48726 872-5186 Thursday Evening 7:00 p.m. Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m. Pastor: F. Robert Tucker</p>
<p>Cass City Church of the Nazarene 6538 Third St., Cass City, MI 48726 872-2604 or (989) 912-2077 Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship Service 11:00 a.m. Wed. Prayer & Bible Study - & Children's Activities 6:00 p.m. Pastor: Jerry Harrington Associate Pastor: Judy A. Esckilsen</p>	<p>First Presbyterian Church Barrier Free State & National Historical Registry 6505 Church St., Cass City, MI 48726 872-5400 Worship Service 10:45 a.m. Pastor: Dave Blackburn</p>	<p>St. Pancratius Catholic Church 4292 S. Seeger St., Cass City, MI 48726 872-3336 Summer Saturday Liturgy 5:30 p.m. DST Sunday Liturgy 9:00 a.m. Winter Saturday Liturgy 4:00 p.m. EDT Sunday Liturgy 9:00 a.m. Pastoral Administrator: Sr. Maria Dina Puddu MC</p>
<p>Cass City Missionary Church 4449 Koepfgen Rd., Cass City, MI 48726 989-872-2729 Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship Service 10:50 a.m. Sunday Evening Service & Youth Group 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Family Night 6:30 p.m. Pastor: Phil Burkett www.casscitymc.org</p>	<p>Fraser Presbyterian Church 3006 Huron Line Rd., Cass City, MI 48726 872-5400 Sunday School - Sept.-May 10:30 a.m. Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Pastor: Dave Blackburn</p>	<p>Mizpah Missionary Church 4631 N. Van Dyke, Cass City, MI 48726 Sunday School: 10 a.m. Sunday Service: 11 a.m. Wednesday Prayer Group 7-8 p.m. Wednesday Kids' Club 7-8 p.m. Pastor Dale Bullock 989-325-0736</p>
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Visitors always welcomed... Please join us today!

Cass City students welcome the holidays in song

**by Ryan Walker
Freelance Writer**

Children of all ages hold fast to memories that were created during the Christmas holiday season. Many warm remembrances focus on Christmas morning surprises, special family outings, or other yuletide time spent enjoying the spirit of the season. A common childhood connection to the holidays, regardless of what part of the nation you hail from, is often the experience of taking part in a Christmas play, choir performance, or school program.

Cass City Elementary students in grades Young 5s through fourth grade recently delighted capacity crowds. Judging from the smiles on the faces of the students, they also had a great time while entertaining those in attendance. Under the direction of Cass City Elementary creative arts teacher Rebecca Walker, the students shared their talents through song and dance.

One of the programs highlighted performances by the Young 5s, kindergarten and first grade students. The Young 5s students started by

donning Santa hats and singing “I want to be an Elf” and “Must be Santa”. The first graders followed, performing “My Red Sled” and “I Want a Kitty for a Present”, which highlighted a special narration by Cass City Elementary School Principal Aaron Fernald. After the first graders departed the stage, the kindergarteners broke out their dancing shoes to an upbeat song called “Snowman Jump”. “Go in Peace” was the next number, featuring the vocal talents of kindergartner Mason Brown, who performed a solo during the first verse of the song. The evening drew to a close after all the Young 5s through first grade students joined together to break out their hip-hop moves while singing “Hip-Hop Reindeer”.

The Cass City Elementary School gym was full of spectators again when the second, third and fourth grades welcomed the holiday season in song.

The Cass City fourth grade students kicked off the show by playing several different types of bells while singing “Season of Bells”. They continued the festivities with “First Day

of Winter”, a song describing the significance of the Winter Solstice. The final individual number wowed the crowd through the simultaneous movement of the group as one unit. “Candy Cane Lane” was a rhythm and blues song that left many spectators repeating its chorus as they departed for home later in the evening.

After the fourth graders exited stage left, the second grade entered while receiving red and white scarves. They incorporated the scarves into the dance moves that accompanied their singing of “Merry, Merry, Joy, Joy”. They then dropped their scarves before singing “Christmas Tree What Will You Be This Year?” which concluded their second grade showcase. Next in the program was an emotional salute to U.S. military personnel, past and present. A slideshow displayed pictures of a number of local service men and women who have served or are currently serving. Fourth grade soloist Dawson Klein along with back-up singers Lauren Peters, Abby Phillips, Kaylyn Kappen, Shandella Missoovich, Isabella Hill, Autumn

Turnbull and Sophie Mazure touched the hearts of the crowd when they sang “Will you be Here this December?”, a song about soldiers who will be away from families and friends at Christmas.

The third grade’s first number was “Brown Christmas”; a spoof on the classic “White Christmas” in which the lyrics focused on a mother’s desire for a snowless holiday season. Snow confetti flew in the air, to the delight of the crowd, as the song concluded. A Celtic rendition of “Over the River and Through the Woods” was the third grade’s final individual performance. The finale was a surprise for the audience as the third grade students began the well-known dance, the Macarena, to a Christmas version of the song which was a medley of traditional Christmas tunes. They were joined by the second and fourth graders so the stage and surrounding area were

filled with students dancing until the last beat when they all fell to the ground at the same time.

At the conclusion of the finale, Cass City High School students shot off confetti cannons covering the second, third and fourth graders, as well as some of the audience, in a shower of streamers, sparkles and confetti. Following the program, Walker invited all audience members to walk through the gym and surrounding hallways to see the students’ artwork on display.

After both programs, Walker said, “The students have been practicing since October. They were excited to finally be able to perform their songs for their families. I was really proud of all of our students; they worked really hard for several weeks. The Christmas program was something they were looking forward to, and I feel like it is a festive way to bring the community together.”



KINDERGARTEN STUDENT Mason Brown, son of Paul and Rochelle Brown of Cass City, performs his solo during recent concerts presented by a host of Cass City Elementary School students.

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Hawks suffer defeat to Lady Redskins

After a sluggish start against visiting Harbor Beach proved fatal in their season opener, the Cass City Lady Red Hawks came out and gave perennial powerhouse Sandusky all they could handle for 8-minutes before suffering another double digit defeat.

A low scoring first quarter saw Cass City trailing 5-3 entering the second frame, where the host Redskins held the visitors scoreless to gain a 17-3 edge at the intermission.

“We looked much improved from our first game,” said Cass City Coach Clarke Haire. “We reduced our turnovers from 35 to 24. That’s still too many, but we’re headed in the right direction.”

Cass City’s Gracy Hollis and Sandusky’s Angela Lasecki were the only players to enter the scorebook in the initial quarter, but 5 different Redskins scored from the field in period 2 to help build a double-digit cushion for the home team at the halfway point.

“Cass City’s 2-3 zone gave us some trouble earlier,” said Sandusky’s veteran Coach Al DeMott, who moved into third place on the MHSAA all-time win list in girls’ basketball with the 60-19 victory.

In the final half, Sandusky used a 23-3 run to open the third quarter to lead 40-6 entering the final stanza. Alyssa Webb tossed in 13 of her game-high 15 markers after the break to remove any doubt from the game’s outcome.

“Sandusky started to hit their outside shots in the last half. Give Coach DeMott some of the credit. He drew up some open looks for his players at halftime and they responded,” said Haire.

Sandusky, who was without the services of star Miara Okie – out with a knee injury – displayed a balanced attack that saw 3 players reach double figures.

Besides Webb, the winners had Lasecki with 11 tallies, while Jean Kursinsky added 10. The hosts also had Audrey Bracken and Brooke Krueger each chip in 8 points.

Elisabeth Milligan scored 6 points over the final 2 frames to pace Cass City, while Shania Chambers and Hollis split 10 points on the evening.

CASS CITY – Chambers 1-1 (0-0) 5; Reif 0-0 (0-1) 0; Martin 0-0 (0-2) 0; Kolacz 0-0 (1-2) 1; Venema 1-0 (0-0) 2; Hollis 2-0 (1-2) 5; Milligan 3-0 (0-0) 6.
TOTALS – 7-1 (2-7) 19.

SANDUSKY – Woodward 2-0 (0-2) 4; Blank 2-0 (0-0) 4; Lasecki 4-1 (0-0) 11; Webb 6-1 (0-0) 15; Krueger 2-1 (1-1) 8; Kursinsky 5-0 (0-0) 10; Bracken 4-0 (0-2) 8.
TOTALS – 25-3 (1-5) 60.

Owen-Gage boys defeat Deckerville, bow to Flint International

Owen-Gage opened its 2012-13 season by trading decisions with the International Academy of Flint and Deckerville.

On Monday, the Bulldogs hosted the International Academy Phoenix and surrendered, 84-43, in Michigan Summit League play.

The hosts had no answer for Phoenix Tyree Keys, who led all scorers with 26 points. He had plenty of help from Shala Woods, who added 18 markers for the winners.

Owen-Gage was led by Ben Good’s 19 points.

On Thursday, Owen-Gage traveled to Deckerville and came out on top of a hard fought non-conference affair with the Eagles, 51-43.

Brett Stockton had the hot hand for the Bulldogs and tallied 35 points, while Andrew Fahrner added 9.

Ben Smith and Bryan Mason split 20 points to lead Deckerville.



CASS CITY’S Garret Ferguson, right, works towards pinning Brown City wrestler Jon Dueweke Saturday in Marlette.

Defense key in Cass City hoop victories

A pair of strong defensive showings has the Cass City boys’ basketball team sitting at 2-0 following the first week of action.

In both nearly identical non-conference wins, the Red Hawks trailed 13-11 after one period, before racing to decisions of 50-37 Tuesday at Sandusky in their 2012-13 season debut, and 52-37 Friday during the team’s home opener with Capac.

Against Capac, the hosts held their guests to a couple of field goals from Noah Mailloux in the second period to help build a 29-20 gap entering the final half.

There, Cass City continued to apply defensive pressure and stretched their advantage to 38-25 with 8 minutes remaining.

The hosts held Capac at bay down the wire by hitting on 7-of-11 free throws in the closing minutes. Capac, meanwhile, went to the foul line 9 times in the final quarter and converted on just 2 tosses.

As expected, seniors Cody Orban and Cole Israelson led the winners with double digit performances. Orban posted game scoring honors with 20 points, which included a pair of treys and an 8-of-12 effort at the stripe. Israelson tallied 10 points, all but 2 coming in the deciding half.

Tyler Maday’s 10 points were tops for Capac.

SANDUSKY

Deadlocked at 22-22 after 2 periods, and trailing 29-27 after 3, Cass City exploded for 23 markers in the

final frame to earn a victory in the season opener for both schools at Sandusky.

A trio of Red Hawks reached double figures for the winners. Israelson led the way with 17 points, one more than Orban, who was 10-16 at the foul line, while junior Jacob Perry tossed in 10 in his first varsity appearance.

Sandusky had Chase Bullis with a team-best 12 points.

For Cass City, Cody Ross and Perry each hauled in 7 rebounds.

CASS CITY – Orban 3-0 (10-16) 16; Hartwick 0-1 (0-0) 3; Schenk 0-0 (2-2) 2; Perry 4-0 (2-4) 10; Churchill 1-0 (0-0) 2; Israelson 7-0 (3-7) 17.
TOTALS – 15-1 (17-29) 50.

SANDUSKY – Hale 1-0 (0-0) 2; Frank 1-2 (0-2) 8; Wedge 1-1 (0-0) 5; Grosso 2-1 (1-1) 8; Bullis 4-1 (3-4) 14.
TOTALS – 9-5 (4-7) 37.

CASS CITY – Orban 3-2 (8-12) 20; Rasmussen 0-0 (0-2) 0; Hartwick 2-0 (3-5) 7; Schenk 1-0 (2-4) 4; Perry 1-0 (2-2) 4; Dickinson 2-1 (0-0) 7; Kuntz 0-0 (0-1) 0; Israelson 4-0 (2-5) 10.
TOTALS – 13-3 (17-30) 52.

CAPAC – Mailloux 1-2 (1-4) 9; Jacob Boers 3-0 (0-5) 6; Maday 2-2 (0-0) 10; Turnbull 1-0 (2-2) 4; Sermo 1-2 (0-0) 8; Davila 0-0 (0-2) 0.
TOTALS – 8-6 (3-13) 37.



CASS CITY guard Lukas Schenk applies full court pressure to Sandusky’s Tyler Wedge during the season opener for both schools.

CC wrestlers open season at Capac

Cass City traveled to Marlette Saturday and recorded a 4th place finish at the Red Raider invitational team wrestling tourney.

Coach Don Markel’s grapplers suffered lopsided defeats by North Branch 54-18 and Algonac 66-18, before rallying to beat Brown City 42-36 and Sandusky 49-18. In the Red Hawks’ final bout of the day, host Marlette posted a 51-30 victory.

“We are a very young and inexperienced team that will experience growing pains as we work hard towards rebuilding during the course of the season. Our younger wrestlers will gain confidence as they get some mat time. Our goal is to use each contest as a stepping stone towards another league championship,” said Markel about his 3-time defending Greater Thumb Conference champs.

North Branch grabbed team honors on the day with a perfect 5-0 mark. Following the Broncos in the team standings were Algonac, with a 4-1 mark, Marlette 3-2, Cass City 2-3, Brown City 1-4, and Sandusky 0-5.

Three Red Hawks turned in medal performances to pace Cass City over the weekend. Sophomore Blake Lebioda led the way with a perfect 5-0 showing in the 130-pound weight class, while freshman Sam Kolacz and senior Austin Baker went 4-1 to finish as the runners-up in the 103 and 285-pound weight classes, respectively.

CAPAC

Earlier last week, the Red Hawks fell to a pair of non-conference foes to kick-off their 2012-13 campaign in Capac.

Host Capac recorded a 60-15 decision over the Red Hawks in their opening match, while Imlay City squeaked out a narrow 39-37 win in the nightcap.

Garret Ferguson and Baker went undefeated to pace the visitors. Ferguson picked up wins competing in the 125 and 130-pound weight classes, while Baker dominated the heavy weight matches.



RED HAWK Bobby Beyette was able to defeat Brown City’s Dillon Natke over the weekend at the Marlette invitational wrestling tourney. Cass City Coach Don Markel called Beyette’s pin key in defeating the Green Devils.

Kingston knocks off Akron-Fairgrove

Kingston opened its 2012-13 cage season Thursday in splendid fashion, knocking off defending North Central Thumb League boys’ champion Akron-Fairgrove 47-41 on the Cardinals’ home floor.

A huge second quarter by the hosts proved too much for the Vikings to overcome.

Akron-Fairgrove took an early 13-10 cushion, only to see Kingston close out the half on a 22-13 run resulting in a 32-26 advantage halfway through the non-conference affair. The Vikings, who enter the season with back-to-back district titles, are first year members of the Michigan Summit League, which also includes Owen-Gage, Saginaw Arts & Science Academy, Saginaw Buena Vista and Flint International Academy.

The visitors were able to slice into the Kingston margin shortly after the break, but Akron-Fairgrove was outscored 7-4 down the wire to produce the final outcome.

Kingston’s Steven Hill and Akron-Fairgrove’s Austin Fader shared game scoring honors with 14 points apiece. Hill also snagged 8 rebounds and passed for 5 assists in a complete showing.

The winners also had Eric Hartsell with 9 points and 6 rebounds, while Justin Ruggles collected 5 rebounds to go along with 8 points. Cardinal Cam Steele was credited with 5 assists.

Nick Maguire chipped in 9 points in vain for Akron-Fairgrove.

KINGSTON – DeLong 3-0 (0-0) 6; Lemos 0-2 (0-0) 6; Hill 5-0 (4-4) 14; Steele 2-0 (0-0) 4; Hartsell 4-0 (1-3) 9; Ruggles 1-2 (0-0) 8.
TOTALS – 15-4 (5-7) 47.

AKRON-FAIRGROVE – Aldrich 2-1 (0-0) 7; Hiser 4-0 (0-0) 8; Crane 0-1 (0-0) 3; Maguire 3-0 (3-5) 9; Fader 6-0 (2-5) 14.
TOTALS – 15-2 (5-10) 41.

Schneeberger’s ATHLETE of the WEEK

Schneeberger’s honors Cass City basketball star Cody Orban as their Athlete of the Week award winner.

The senior outside shooting wizard recorded 36 points last week while leading Coach Aaron Fernald’s Red Hawks to a pair of non-conference victories.

In the team’s season opener Tuesday at Sandusky, the first team all-conference performer posted 16 points, which included a 10-for-16 effort at the foul line.

In the team’s home opener Friday against Capac, Orban went off for 20 markers, which included a pair of hoops from behind the 3-point arc and 8-of-10 shots from the foul line in the final period with the game on the line.



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Caro at Lakeville	Lakeville	Caro	Lakeville	Lakeville
Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2012				
Owen-Gage at Peck	Peck	Peck	Owen-Gage	Peck
Port Hope at Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston
Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2012				
Cass City at Reese	Reese	Reese	Reese	Reese
Vassar at BCAS	Vassar	Vassar	Vassar	Vassar
Ubyl at Bad Axe	Ubyl	Bad Axe	Bad Axe	Ubyl
EPBP at USA	EPBP	EPBP	USA	EPBP
Friday, Dec. 14, 2012				
Vassar at Cass City	Vassar	Vassar	Vassar	Vassar
BCAS at EPBP	EPBP	EPBP	EPBP	EPBP
Reese at Bad Axe	Reese	Reese	Reese	Reese
USA at Marlette	Marlette	Marlette	USA	Marlette
Caro at Garber	Garber	Caro	Garber	Garber
Ubyl at Sandusky	Sandusky	Sandusky	Sandusky	Sandusky
Owen-Gage at Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston
BOYS' BASKETBALL				
Monday, Dec. 10, 2012				
Peck at Owen-Gage	Peck	Peck	Owen-Gage	Owen-Gage
Kingston at Port Hope	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston
Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2012				
Harbor Beach at Cass City	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach
Ubyl at BCAS	Ubyl	Ubyl	Ubyl	Ubyl
Sandusky at Vassar	Sandusky	Sandusky	Vassar	Vassar
Caro at Reese	Reese	Reese	Reese	Reese
Marlette at Bad Axe	Marlette	Marlette	Marlette	Marlette
SASA at Owen-Gage	SASA	Owen-Gage	Owen-Gage	SASA
Thursday, Dec. 13, 2012				
Millington at Reese	Millington	Reese	Reese	Reese
Bad Axe at Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach
USA at Sandusky	Sandusky	USA	USA	USA
Kingston at Owen-Gage	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston
Friday, Dec. 14, 2012				
BCAS at John Glenn	John Glenn	John Glenn	John Glenn	John Glenn
Saturday, Dec. 15, 2012				
Millington at Vassar	Millington	Millington	Vassar	Vassar
EPBP at Ubyl	Ubyl	EPBP	Ubyl	Ubyl
Last Week's Results	19-9	21-7	19-9	19-9
Season's Results	19-9 (68%)	21-7 (75%)	19-9 (68%)	19-9 (68%)

DNR reports successful season

The 2012 firearm deer season wrapped up late last week, and the Department of Natural Resources recently announced that hunter reports from around the state have been mostly positive.

Into the first few days of the firearm season, the number of individuals that purchased a deer license was up 2 percent compared to the same point in 2011. Firearm season check station activity also increased this year in the Upper Peninsula and southern Lower Peninsula, but was about the same in the northern Lower Peninsula. Check station data indicated deer were in good condition, with improvements to key measurements compared to 2011.



BUCK LUCK. Bobbie Keys-Chappel, 17, of Kingston, shot this nice 6-point buck during the 2012 firearms season while hunting with her dad Rod Chappel.

"Hunters coming to deer check stations have a great opportunity to contribute data that we use to manage the resources they care so much about," said Dr. Russ Mason, DNR Wildlife Division chief.

Each year the DNR generates preliminary estimates of the firearm deer harvest shortly after the season closes on Nov. 30. Those estimates are replaced by a rigorous assessment of harvest and participation over all deer seasons using an annual hunter mail survey.

The 2012 firearm deer season harvest appears similar or up slightly compared to the 2011 season. Experiences can differ widely within regions. DNR biologists estimate the harvest, compared to 2011, was up perhaps as much as 10 percent across the Upper Peninsula and very similar to last year in the northern Lower Peninsula. Experiences in the southern Lower Peninsula varied widely, and harvest in that region is expected to be anywhere from 5 percent lower to 5 percent higher compared to 2011.

Impacts related to epizootic hemorrhagic disease (EHD), a viral disease that affects Michigan deer but does not have human health concerns, appear to have been highly localized, but pronounced where they did occur. Data on hunter observations about the impacts of EHD collected at the check stations suggested these impacts were not widespread, but the DNR also has been getting input from unsuccessful hunters that did not have deer to bring to a check station.

"Some hunters in southern Michigan saw substantially fewer deer compared to last year," said Brent Rudolph, DNR Wildlife Division Deer and Elk Program leader, "yet we had pretty good conditions for hunters to enjoy their time afield, and the overall attitudes of deer hunters around the state have been upbeat."

Rudolph also stressed the importance of cooperation with the hunter harvest survey, which he called "another vital tool for Michigan's deer program, and another way in which data provided by hunters contributes to our information base."

Hunters that do not receive a survey in the mail but wish to provide their hunting and harvest information may visit www.michigan.gov/deer and select the Deer Harvest Reporting Form link. Hunters should only provide this information once they have completed all of their 2012 hunting activities, including seasons open through as late as Jan. 1, 2013.

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1/16 USA
1/18 Brown City
1/25 EPB Lakers
1/30 Reese
2/1 Vassar
2/6 Bad Axe
2/8 BCAS (Snowcoming)
2/15 Brown City
2/20 USA
2/22 Lakers
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GIRLS' BASKETBALL

All games at 6 p.m.
11/27 H. Beach 48, Cass City 20
12/5 Sandusky 60, Cass City 19
12/12 Reese
12/14 Vassar
12/19 Imlay City
12/20 Ubly (JV)
12/21 Ubly (Varsity)
12/28 Caro (Varsity)
1/4 Marlette
1/9 Bad Axe
1/11 BCAS
1/15 USA
1/17 Brown City
1/24 Lakers
1/29 Reese
1/31 Vassar
2/5 Bad Axe
2/7 BCAS
2/14 Brown City
2/19 Brown City
2/21 Lakers
2/28-3/2,4 Districts

WRESTLING

12/5 Imlay City/Capac	5:30 p.m.
12/8 Marlette Team Tourney	8:00 a.m.
12/12 Caro/Cros-Lex/Yale	6:00 p.m.
12/15 Cros-Lex Team Tourney	8:00 a.m.
12/28 Mayville Tourney	TBD
1/3 Memphis/Lakers	6:00 p.m.
1/5 North Branch Team Trny	9:00 a.m.
1/9 Bad Axe/Marlette	6:00 p.m.
1/12 Imlay City Invite	9:00 a.m.
1/16 Sandusky	6:00 p.m.
1/19 Mayville Team Tourney	TBA
1/23 Brown City/Vassar	6:00 p.m.
1/26 Bullock Creek Team Trny	9:00 a.m.
2/2 GTC Leag. Meet @Sandusky	TBD
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2/22-23 Team St. Finals @Battle Creek	TBD
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12/13 Vassar	6:30 p.m.
1/17 Vassar	6:30 p.m.
1/21 Farmington Invite	8:30 a.m.
1/26 Vassar/Freeland	6:30 p.m.
1/22 Freeland	6:00 p.m.
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1/30 Reese
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2/11 Marlette
2/13 USA
2/20 Harbor Beach
2/25 Reese

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11/14 USA
11/19 Harbor Beach
11/26 Reese
11/28 Memphis
12/3 Vassar
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12/10 USA
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Letters to the Editor (cont.)

Local editor usually avoids obvious bias

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administration. How could they tell him that by proposing a ballot issue for a school means they do not have use (of) any of the money they get from the state and can push more into the union, pensions, benefits, etc.?

Now it is true that the main stream media is so biased that it has become a joke to many in the country and around the world, but those in the field of “political journalism” will never walk out of their fantasy world and face the truth. They live in the world of utopia where every Democratic plan is sent from God on high and they are sticking to it. Forgive the pun on using the word “God”, as I know they have already taken that terrible word out of their mission statement recently.

So, in conclusion, I feel that Mr. Montgomery has done a fine job and I personally am very pleased he came back to work, as he was missed by many. I truly see no serious bending to anyone or any group, and certainly he does his level best to tell you what is going on and “not” to tell you how to think about it.

Mr. Montgomery should not be placed in the same category as the main stream idiots that actually

printed on the front page of their national newspaper the following words: “Documents fake, but accurate”, and tell me this is real journalism? If you would like to see this, just check out the New York Times as it was on their front page.

You should know them, as they pride themselves on saying their paper has “everything you need to know”? Now you know why they are a joke.

Keep up the good work, Tom, for a long time. I enjoy your comments very much.

Sincerely,

Mike Byron
Cass City

Editor's note: Thanks for the words of support, Mike.

As for the issue of education in general, I believe you and I simply have different views based on our respective backgrounds and experiences.

I will say that, although I'm spread a bit thin compared to some news staffs, that doesn't mean I can't/don't find time to investigate and research the stories I produce — education stories included. And after more than 2 decades of covering local

schools, I'm convinced this bonanza of education funding you believe exists simply doesn't.

I've seen countless examples of politicians recalling per-pupil funding increases, shifting K-12 dollars to colleges and universities (which have the ability to hike tuition rates — and do so regularly), and implementing one unfunded mandate after another.

At the same time, Michigan's struggling economy has forced many families to seek greener (employment) pastures elsewhere, which has led to a mass exodus of students from area schools over the past few years — more than 500 kids in the Cass City School District alone, each representing the loss of roughly \$7,000 in state funding a year.

It's no wonder local educators are constantly having to look at further reducing their staffs, consolidate buildings, etc.

If anyone is contributing to a “crumbling system of education”, it's the elected leaders in Michigan who have failed to consistently put their money where their mouths are concerning promises to make educating our kids a priority.

It hardly takes an in-depth investigation to figure that out.

Protecting ourselves a constitutional right

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real homeland threat and should not be expected to.

Once again, our Second Amendment is under attack. Only this time, our president has a much larger agenda. He wants to ban every semi automatic firearm. He wants to limit the amount of ammunition we can own at any given time. He also wants every state to hand over records of gun ownership, including citizens' addresses and other information, as well as keep track of how much ammunition citizens have and give that information to the U.S.

This is part of the U.N. arms trade treaty that President Obama is trying to sign this, our country, up with. I

am not okay with this, and assume that not many people are.

Our minds can run wild with why the U.N. would ever want this kind of information. There are approximately 100 million registered gun owners in this country, and if we let our elected officials know how upset we are about this, we may win this battle.

Please contact our senators, representatives and the White House. It's easy to do and does not take much time. But even if it did, isn't it worth it? If our Second Amendment is taken away or even largely altered, we will surely not get it back, and there isn't anything we will do about it.

Please don't buy into the lie that

this is for our own good and it will reduce crime. It's that simple. There is another agenda here.

Also please consider supporting the NRA (National Rifle Association), as it is our main defense in the battle for our right. It doesn't even cost much.

Please don't hesitate on this matter, as I guarantee that the movement to take away our freedom is not!

The only reasons this has been a free nation is God and responsible gun owners, and they are trying to do away with both. People have their own reasons for political affiliation, but we have this in common. Let's not sit by and let it happen.

Matt Spencer
Cass City

Expect repercussions when you fire people

In my opinion...

You recently printed an article from the owner of Erla Foods Store (Venu Ganga) concerning his business.

old workers. They say it is all new faces in there. Also, they are not very friendly.

In my opinion, a lot of people do not like change. When you take honest, hard working people who have been with a company for many years and replace them with other people because they are either too old or too slow, there will be repercussions. All these employees have a lot of family in Cass City and surrounding

communities.

It is too bad that Venu Ganga had to resort to writing an article in your paper, talking about his loss and that he feels his loss was from ex-employees, instead of maybe just a mistake in his bookkeeping, since they have not had a grocery store before.

Erla Foods ex-employee,
Shirley Orvis
Kingston

Owner's actions have affected his business

This is a letter that was requested and needed to be written. This is not a story, but a factual account that many wonder why you don't see the friendly faces of some 40 or more employees at the local grocery store. Those who gave a lot of years to one employer were not treated with respect by the new owner and his wife, management and others of his staff. Our jobs were taken from us with no regard to the work we did and the knowledge of our position. The owner called it “cleaning house”. I call it uncaring and disrespectful.

The absence of these employees has shown in the decline of your business. They call it “karma” — what goes around comes around. If you aren't careful it will bite you in the butt or in this case — your business. Your act of cleaning house has shown in your lack of business. Hasn't it?

Negativity or boycotting, which is being spread like — wildfire? Are we negative? Are we boycotting? Maybe we are just hurt from the way we were treated and now we have no jobs.

Accusations of theft — whether it be \$650,000 or \$100. Are there any charges? Is anyone behind bars?

When good people are hurt, what do you expect? You can say you are sorry, but sometimes that's not

enough. By the time you get around to saying you're sorry, we have moved on. Remember there are other places we can go to shop. This has affected us all gravely and affected those who are our family and friends. I guess you didn't think your actions then would affect your business. Well, it has.

Ex-employee of Erla's,
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Case No. 12-27239-CH
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I shall sell at public auction to the highest bidder, at public venue, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan (that being the place of holding the Circuit Court for Tuscola County), on the 10th day of January, 2013 at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon, Eastern Standard Time, the following described property, viz:

All certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Township of Arbelia, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, and more particularly described as:

Commencing at a point on the West side of Bray Road 759 feet South of the Northeast corner of the East half of the Southeast quarter; thence West 200 feet; thence South 89 feet, thence East 200 feet, thence North 80 feet to the point of beginning, Section 5, Township 10 North, Range 7 East. Commonly Known as: 7720 Bray Road, Vassar, Michigan 48766.

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Dated: November 12, 2012

Leland Teschendorf Sheriff
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Mortgagee

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11-21-7

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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 June C. Barrow, an unmarried woman, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated December 6, 2006 and recorded on January 26, 2007 in Liber 1109 on Page 690, and assigned by mesne assignments to Federal National Mortgage Association as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty Thousand One Hundred Fifty-Three and 79/100 Dollars (\$120,153.79).

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 20, 2012.

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

Lot 317, except the North 10 feet and all of Lots 318 and 319, of Shay Lake Heights Subdivision No. Two, as recorded in Liber 2, Page 1A of Plats.

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 21, 2012

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

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made the 10th day of April, 2003 by Douglas Rocho and Betty J. Rocho, husband and wife, of 7935 Huston, Millington, MI 48746, Mortgagor to Lapeer County Bank & Trust Co., a Michigan Banking Corporation, of 83 W. Nepessing St., P.O. Box 660, Lapeer, Michigan 48446, Mortgagee, recorded on the 27th day of May, 2003 in Liber 932, Pages 1209 to 1224 of Tuscola County Records, Caro, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid as of November 13, 2012, for principal, interest, costs and late fees, the sum of one hundred forty eight thousand seven hundred seventy eight dollars and 99/100 (\$148,778.99).

No suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt, or any part of the debt, secured by said mortgage, and the power of sale in said mortgage contained having become operative by reason of such default. Now therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 20th day of December, 2012 at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon, at the main entrance of the Circuit Court building located at 440 N. State St., Caro, Michigan (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Tuscola is held), said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, 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 the interest thereon at six and 3/8 (6.375%) percent 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: Township of Millington, County of Tuscola and State of Michigan to wit:

Commencing at a point on the Section line 1,488.56 feet East of the South 1/4 corner of Section 1, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, Township of Millington, Tuscola County, Michigan, thence (North 10 degrees 20 min. East Magnetic Bearing) Northerly making

an angle with the Section line of 88 deg. 10 min. in the Northwest quadrant 671.3 feet for a point of beginning; thence East parallel with the South line of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 1 to the water's edge of Murphy Lake, a distance of 538 feet; thence Southeasterly along the shore of Murphy Lake to a point 60 feet South thereof; thence West parallel with the first line from the point of beginning, 550 feet to the Easterly edge of private road running North and South; thence Northerly along the Easterly line of said private road 60 feet to the point of beginning. Commonly known as: 7935 Huston, Millington, MI 48746.

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

Dated: November 13, 2012

Martin W. Hable (P-27634)
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Mortgage Sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Dale R. Rutkowski and Patricia A. Rutkowski, Husband and Wife to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Heartland Home Finance, INC, Mortgagee, dated September 15, 2005, and recorded on September 27, 2005, in Liber 1055, Page 583, Tuscola County Records, said mortgage was assigned to Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as Trustee for Saxon Asset Securities Trust 2005-4, Mortgage Loan Asset Backed Certificates, Series 2005-4 by an Assignment of Mortgage dated April 22, 2011 and recorded April 28, 2011 in Liber 1221, Page 179, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-One Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-Four and 25/100 (\$121,264.25) including interest at the rate of 8.75000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the Circuit Court in said Tuscola County, where the premises to be sold or some part of them are situated, at 10:00 AM on December 20, 2012.

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

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

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

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

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

TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages are, if any, limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights.

Dated: November 21, 2012

Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as Trustee for Saxon Asset Securities Trust 2005-4, Mortgage Loan Asset Backed Certificates, Series 2005-4
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11-21-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Patsy A. Lachapelle, a single person, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Lehman Brothers Bank, FSB, its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated October 12, 2004 and recorded November 4, 2004 in Liber 1015, Page 1466, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned to Nationstar Mortgage, LLC, by assignment dated September 18, 2012 and recorded October 22, 2012 in Liber 1262, Page 1360, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Eleven Thousand Sixty-Seven Dollars and Seventeen Cents (\$11,067.17) including interest 2.875% 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, Circuit Court of Tuscola County at 10:00AM on December 20, 2012.

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

That part of the North three-fourths of the East half (East one-half) of the Southeast quarter (Southeast one-quarter) of Section 20, Town 10 North, Range 7 East, that lies North and East of the centerline of Cole Drain, but excepting therefrom a parcel described as commencing at the Northeast corner thereof, thence South 50 rods; thence West to the centerline of Cole Drain, thence Northerly along the center line of Cole Drain 50 rods, more or less to the North line of the Southeast quarter of said Section 20; thence East to the place of beginning. Commonly

known as 9338 Bray Rd., Millington, MI 48746.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later; 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: 11/21/2012

Nationstar Mortgage, LLC.
Assignee of Mortgagee

Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C.
811 South Blvd., Suite 100
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(248) 844-5123
Our File No: 12-70862

11-21-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Kerry N. Bader and Susan M. Bader, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Home Star Mortgage Services, LLC, its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated April 25, 2003 and recorded June 5, 2003 in Liber 934, Page 676, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned to CitiMortgage, Inc., by assignment dated September 28, 2012 and recorded October 12, 2012 in Liber 1262, Page 204 and by assignment dated September 21, 2012 and recorded October 16, 2012 in Liber 1262, Page 581, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty-Six Dollars and Twenty-Eight Cents (\$73,856.28) including interest 6% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, Circuit Court of Tuscola County at 10:00AM on December 20, 2012.

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

Commencing at the Southeast corner of that 34 acre parcel of land described in the deed from Albert Smith to Harry Swaffer and Mary Swaffer, husband and wife, dated March 9, 1929 and recorded March 21, 1929 in Liber 208 of Deeds on page 116 in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Tuscola County, Michigan, said point of beginning being a point on the centerline of State Highway M-38; thence Westerly along the centerline of State Highway M-38 200.00 feet; thence North and parallel to the East line of the 34 acre parcel described in said Deed to the South line of the P.M. Railroad; thence Easterly along the South line of the P.M. Railroad to the Northeast corner of the 34 acre parcel described in said Deed; thence South to the place of beginning. Being part of the North half (North one-half) of the Southwest quarter (Southwest one-quarter) of Section 14, Township 11 North, Range 8 East.

The property description within the Deed recorded in Liber 208 of Deeds page 116 reads as follows:

Commencing in the center of the State Road between Sections fourteen (14), and fifteen (15), twenty-five and thirty-five hundredths (25/35) chains North of the corner of Sections fourteen (14) and fifteen (15) twenty-two (22) and twenty-three (23); thence North on Section line thirteen (13) and twenty-two hundredths (22) chains to the South line of the F & P.M. Railroad; thence South seventy-five (75) degrees East along the South line of said railroad ten and fifty two hundredths (10.52) chains; thence South thirteen and twenty-two hundredths (13.22) chains to the center of the State Road and thence North seventy-five (75) degrees West along the State Road ten and five hundred eighty-five one thousandths (10 & 585/1000) chains to the place of beginning. Also that part of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 14 lying between the State Road leading from Vassar to Port Huron and the F & P.M. Railroad, being twenty (20) acres lying East of said piece of land heretofore deeded by Remos Disbrow to Norton Sherman and being a part of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 14, Township Eleven (11) North, Range Eight (8) East.

Property description in the Deed from Remos Disbrow and Esther J. Disbrow, his wife to Norton C. Sherman reads as follows:

Town of Vassar County of Tuscola County, State of Michigan, commencing at a point in the center of the State Road on the line between Sections fourteen (14) and fifteen (15), twenty-five and thirty-five one hundredths (25 & 35/100) chains North of the corner of Sections fourteen (14) and fifteen (15) twenty-two (22) and twenty-three (23) run thence North on said Section line thirteen and twenty-two one hundredths (13 & 22/100) chains to the South line of the F & P.M. Railroad; thence South seventy-five (75) degrees East along the South line of said railroad ten and fifty-two one hundredths (10 & 52/100) chains; thence South thirteen and twenty-two one hundredths (13 & 22/100) chains to the center of the State Road; and thence North seventy-five (75) degrees West along the State Road ten and five hundred eighty-five one thousandth (10 & 585/1000) chains to the place of beginning. Commonly known as 3866 W Saginaw Rd., Vassar, MI 48768.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later; or unless MCL 600.3240(17) applies.

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

Dated: 11/21/2012

CitiMortgage, Inc.
Assignee of Mortgagee

Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C.
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Our File No: 12-70554

11-21-4

IF YOU ARE NOW ON ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY OR HAVE BEEN IN THE PRIOR ONE YEAR, PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT 248-502-1502.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jeremy T. Beierler, a married man, and Jeannie M. Beierler, his wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated April 13, 2004 and recorded April 19, 2004 in Liber 988, Page 580, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now

held by Federal National Mortgage Association ("FNMA") by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Three Thousand Sixty-Five and 2/100 Dollars (\$53,065.02) including interest at 6.875% 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 12/27/2012.

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

Commencing at the Northwest corner of Lot 10, Block 5, Montague's Subdivision to the Village of Caro; thence North 45 degrees East 47.50 feet; thence South 45 degrees East 100 feet, South 45 degrees West, 24.14 feet; thence West 33.04 feet; thence North 45 degrees West, 76.64 feet to the point of beginning. Being the Southwesterly 47.50 feet of Lots 10 and 11 of Block 5 of the Plat of Montague's Subdivision, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats Page 10 now being 11A.

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: November 28, 2012

Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
File No. 650.3255

11-28-4

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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 Johnnie Lee Carpenter, a married man, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Flagstar Bank, FSB it's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated May 28, 2003 and recorded on June 2, 2003 in Liber 933 on Page 1103, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Flagstar Bank, FSB as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Two Thousand One Hundred Seventy-One and 26/100 Dollars (\$62,171.26).

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 January 3, 2013.

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

Parcel 1: Commencing 20 rods South of the Northeast corner of Section 14, T12N, R8E East; thence South 4 rods; thence West 20 rods; thence East 20 rods to the point of beginning.

Parcel 2: Commencing 24 rods South of the Northeast corner of Section 14, T12N, R8E East; thence South 5 rods; thence West 16 rods; thence North 5 rods; thence East 16 rods to the point of beginning, 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: December 5, 2012

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #086193F04

12-5-4

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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 Daniel W. Dulaney, Jr., a married man, and Ruth Dulaney, his wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Mac-Clair Mortgage Corporation its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated February 9, 2005 and recorded on March 10, 2005 in Liber 1030 on Page 906, and modified by Affidavit or Order recorded on August 22, 2005 in Liber 1051 on Page 1, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Wells Fargo Bank, NA as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand Six Hundred Eighteen and 88/100 Dollars (\$135,618.88).

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 January 10, 2013.

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

Part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 12, Town 11 North, Range 7 East, Township of Tuscola, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as follows: Commencing at a point on the East and West 1/4 Line of Section 12, Town 11 North, Range 7 East, 87

feet West of the Northeast corner of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 12, thence due West along said 1/4 line 90 feet, thence South 00 degrees 40 minutes 00 seconds East 300 feet, thence due East parallel with said 1/4 line 90 feet, thence North 00 degrees 40 minutes 00 seconds West 300 feet to 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: December 5, 2012

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #301457F02

12-5-4

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

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Lisa K Regis, unmarried, original mortgagors, to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated June 24, 2003 and recorded on July 1, 2003 in Liber 939 on Page 984 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 Eighty-Five and 16/100 Dollars (\$63,885.16).

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 January 3, 2013.

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

Part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 9, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, described as: Commencing 12.5 rods East of the Southwest corner of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 9, thence North, 10 rods; thence East, 4 rods; thence South, 10 rods; thence West, 4 rods to the point of beginning. ALSO Commencing 12.5 rods East of the Northeast corner of Lot 2, Block 4, The Plat of Village of Millington; thence North, 8 rods; thence East, 4 rods; thence South, 8 rods; thence West, 4 rods to 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.

Legal Notices

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Norman E. Brueggemann and Lideth J. Brueggemann, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Carnegie Mortgage, LLC its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated March 4, 2010 and recorded on March 15, 2010 in Liber 1194 on Page 107, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Wells Fargo Bank, NA as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date here-of the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Eight Thousand Four Hundred Ninety-One and 29/100 Dollars (\$138,491.29).

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 January 10, 2013.

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

Part of Section 35, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, Commencing at a point South 89 degrees 53 minutes 20 seconds West 323.91 feet from North 1/4 corner of Section; Thence South 89 degrees 53 minutes 20 seconds West 647.80 feet; Thence South 00 degrees 04 minutes 05 seconds East 1329.54 feet; Thence North 89 degrees 53 minutes 34 seconds East 647.98 feet; Thence North 00 degrees 04 minutes 55 seconds West 1329.56 feet to point of beginning. Except that part described as: Part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 35, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, Vassar Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as beginning at a point on the North line of said Section 35, which is South 89 degrees 53 minutes 20 seconds West 323.91 feet from the North 1/4 corner of said Section 35; thence continuing along said North line, South 89 degrees 53 minutes 20 seconds West 323.90 feet; thence South 00 degrees 04 minutes 55 seconds East 1329.56 feet to the South line of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of said Section 35; thence along said South line North 89 degrees 53 minutes 34 seconds East 324.22 feet; thence North 00 degrees 05 minutes 45 seconds West 1329.59 feet to the North line of said Section 35 and point of beginning. Subject to the use of the Northerly 33 feet thereof as Brown Road.

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: December 12, 2012

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC D (248) 593-1309
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File #415207F01

12-12-4

AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTIFY US AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Rick C. Marz and Audra Marie Marz, husband and wife, Mortgagors, to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated the 15th day of May, 2004 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for The County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 9th day of July, 2004 in Liber 1000 of Tuscola County Records, page 82-99, said Mortgage having been assigned to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., successor by merger to Chase Home Finance LLC, successor by merger to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Ninety Nine Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Nine and 90/100 (\$99,569.90), and no suit or proceeding 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 statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 10th day of January, 2013 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 7.150% 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 Koylton Township, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit:

Parcel C: Commencing at the Southeast corner of Section 36, Town 11 North, Range 11 East, Koylton Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, thence South 89 degrees 27' 42" West 704.37 feet along the South Section line to the point of beginning; running thence South 89 degrees 27' 42" West 307.63 feet along the South Section line;

thence North 0 degrees 17' 37" West 305.0 feet along the centerline of an existing ditch, thence North 89 degrees 27' 42" East 307.63 feet; thence South 0 degrees 17' 37" East 305.00 feet to the point of beginning. Being part of the Southeast quarter of Section 36, Town 11 North, Range 11 East, Koylton Township, Tuscola County, Michigan. Subject to the Right of Way for Marlette Road over the Southerly side thereof.

Parcel E: Commencing at the Southeast corner, Section 36, Town 11 North, Range 11 East, Koylton Township, Tuscola County, Michigan: thence South 89 degrees 27' 42" West 404.37 feet along the South Section line to the point of beginning. Running thence South 89 degrees 27' 42" West 300.0 feet along the South Section; thence North 0 degrees 17' 37" seconds West 305.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 27' 42" East 300.00 feet, thence South 0 degrees 17' 37" East 305.0 feet to the point of beginning. Being part of the Southeast quarter, Section 36, Town 11 North, Range 11 East, Koylton Township, Tuscola County, Michigan. Subject to the Right of Way for Marlette Road over the Southerly side thereof.

Being the same property conveyed to Rick C. Marz and Audra Marie Marz, husband and wife by deed dated 10-12-96 and recorded 11-7-96 in Deed Book 700, page 900, in the Office of the Recorder of Tuscola County, Michigan.

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: 12/12/2012

JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., successor by merger to Chase Home Finance LLC, successor by merger to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation

FABRIZIO & BROOK, P.C.
Attorney for JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., successor by merger to Chase Home Finance LLC, successor by merger to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation
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CHASE MARZ

12-12-4

IF YOU ARE NOW ON ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY OR HAVE BEEN IN THE PRIOR NINE MONTHS, PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT 248-502-1400.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Timothy Yarch, a single man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for J. Virgil, Inc., Mortgagee, dated March 21, 2008 and recorded April 8, 2008 in Liber 1145, Page 1424, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by CitiMortgage, Inc. by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Ten Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty-One and 43/100 Dollars (\$110,981.43) 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 a.m. on 01/10/2013.

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

Commencing at a point 236.00 Feet East from the Northwest corner of the North 80 Acres of the West 135.92 Acres of the Northwest Fractional 1/4 of Section 7, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, Millington Township, Tuscola County, Michigan; thence South 321.00 Feet East 210.00 Feet North 321.00 Feet; thence West 210.00 feet to the point of beginning.

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

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

If 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: December 12, 2012

Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
File No. 671.1551

12-12-4

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

MORTGAGE SALE – Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Linda E. Bossert, a single woman, of Tuscola County, Michigan, Mortgagor to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc. dated the 30th day of May, 2006, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 6th day of September, 2006, in Liber 1094, Page 91 of Tuscola Records, which said mortgage was assigned to Nationstar Mortgage LLC, thru mesne assignments, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal

of \$41,505.59 (forty-one thousand five hundred five and 59/100) plus accrued interest at 7.25% (seven point two five) percent per annum.

And no suit proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on, the 10th day of January, 2013, at 10:00:00 AM said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI, Tuscola County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage.

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

Situated in the Village of Caro, County of Tuscola and State of Michigan:

PARCEL 1: Lot 15, Block 25 of the Plat of the Village of Centerville (n/k/a Village of Caro), except the Northwestly 6 feet thereof, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 56, now being Page 59A of Tuscola County Records.

PARCEL 2: Lot 16, Block 25 of the Plat of the Village of Centerville (n/k/a Village of Caro), according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 56, now being Page 59A of Tuscola County Records. Commonly known as: 244 E. Bush St.

Tax Parcel No.: 050-500-125-1500-00 (Parcel 1); 050-500-125-1600-00 (Parcel 2)

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: December 12, 2012

By: Foreclosing Attorneys
Attorney for Plaintiff Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A.
2155 Butterfield Drive, Suite 200-S
Troy, MI 48084
WWR# 10105696

12-12-4

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by RANDY M. HOLLENBECK, A/K/A RANDY HOLLENBECK, and STACEY HOLLENBECK, HIS WIFE, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated August 13, 2003 and recorded October 14, 2003 in Liber 959, on Page 940, 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 Ninety Thousand Fifty-Four Dollars and Fifty-One Cents (\$90,054.51) including interest at 5.750% 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 January 10, 2013.

Said premises are located in the VILLAGE of FREMONT, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Land situated in the VILLAGE of FREMONT, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, is described as follows:

LOT 8, EXCEPT THE EAST 32 FEET OFF THE WEST SIDE THEREOF, BLOCK 2 OF WILLIAM TURNER'S ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE OF MAYVILLE RECORDED IN LIBER 24, PAGE 342, 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: December 12, 2012

GMAC Mortgage, LLC successor by merger to GMAC Mortgage Corporation

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23938 Research Drive, Suite 300
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Jan Maxwell and Lloyd Maxwell, Husband and Wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for First NLC Financial Services, LLC, DBA The Lending Center, Mortgagee, dated September 1, 2006 and recorded on September 15, 2006 in Liber 1095, Page 869, Tuscola County Records, said mortgage was assigned to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Soundview Home Loan Trust 2006-

NLC1, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-NLC1 by an Assignment of Mortgage dated August 31, 2012 and recorded September 07, 2012 in Liber 1259, Page 565, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-One Thousand Fifty-Six and 35/100 (\$81,056.35) including interest at the rate of 8.33000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the Circuit Court in said Tuscola County, where the premises to be sold or some part of them are situated, at 10:00 AM on January 10, 2013.

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

Commencing at the intersection of the North line of Sherman Street and the East line of Pearl Street in the Village of Caro, thence North 9 rods 10 half links; thence East 7 rods 9 half links; thence South 9 rods 10 half links; thence West 7 rods 9 half links to the point of beginning. Except a strip off the East side thereof being described as: commencing at a point on the North side of Washburn Street (now Sherman Street) in the Village of Caro, 27 rods North and 9 rods 15 half links West of the Southeast corner of Lot 12, Block 3 of the Village of Caro, running thence West 60 feet; thence North 9 rods 10 half links; thence East 60 feet; thence South 9 rods 10 half links to the place of beginning. Being part of the Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 3, Town 12 North, Range 9 East. Commonly known as: 420 West Sherman Street.

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

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

TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages are, if any, limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights.

Dated: December 12, 2012

Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Soundview Home Loan Trust 2006-NLC1, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-NLC1
43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302
248-335-9200
Case No. 120MI01068-1

12-12-4

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF TUSCOLA

PUBLICATION NOTICE TO CREDITORS
DECEDENT'S TRUST ESTATE

Patrick William Sheridan, a/k/a Patrick W. Sheridan, Deceased
Date of Birth: December 4, 1937

Name of Trust: Patrick W. Sheridan Living Trust

NOTICE TO CREDITORS:
The Decedent, Patrick William Sheridan, a/k/a Patrick W. Sheridan, died November 11, 2012. There is no probate estate.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the Trust estate will be forever barred unless presented to Patrick M. Sheridan and William D. Guthrie, trustees, within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Dated: December 4, 2012

Patrick M. Sheridan and William D. Guthrie
2101 N. Sheridan Rd.
Fairgrove, MI 48733

Jack S. Couzens, II (P12274)
39395 West Twelve Mile Rd., Suite 200
Farmington Hills, MI 48331
(248) 489-8600

12-12-1

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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 Barbara Sytek, single woman, as her sole and separate property, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated July 31, 2006 and recorded on August 17, 2006 in Liber 1091 on Page 1341, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Flagstar Bank, FSB as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twelve Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-Five and 93/100 Dollars (\$112,365.93).

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 January 3, 2013.

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

The West 132.00 feet of the North 10 acres of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of

Section 13, Town 11 North, Range 8 East. Also the East 132.00 feet of the West 264.00 feet of the North 10 acres of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 13, Town 11 North, Range 8 East.

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

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

Dated: December 5, 2012

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC J (248) 593-1311
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #408488F03

12-5-4

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE: Default having been made in the conditions of certain Mortgage made by VIRGINIA L. SOUSA, a single woman, of 4422 Leix Road, Mayville, MI 48744, to THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting through Rural Development, United States Department of Agriculture, with its Office being located at 4300 Goodfellow Blvd., Building 105, FC-215, St. Louis, MO, 63120, the Mortgagee, the Mortgage being dated October 9, 2003, and recorded October 14, 2003, in Liber 959, Pages 1189-1195 in Tuscola County Records, such Mortgage being given to secure Promissory Note payable to the Government, and by reason of such default the Mortgagee elects to declare the entire unpaid amount of such Mortgage due and payable forthwith, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due as of date of the notice, for principal, interest and other charges, the sum of NINETY SEVEN THOUSAND, NINE HUNDRED TWENTY-ONE AND 95/100 (\$97,921.95) DOLLARS, and no proceedings having been instituted at law or equity to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative;

Now, Therefore, Notice is Hereby Given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and in pursuance of the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, the said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described, or so much thereof as may be necessary, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the County Courthouse at 440 N. STATE STREET, in the City of Caro, County of Tuscola, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, 2013 at 10:00 a.m., local time, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount due as aforesaid on the Mortgage together with 5.375% interest, legal costs, attorneys' fees and also any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee does pay on or prior to the date of said sale.

Which said premises described in said Mortgage are situated in the State of Michigan, Tuscola County and are described as:

PARCEL F: Land situated in the Southeast one quarter of the Southeast one quarter of Section 8, Town 11 North, Range 9 East, Township of Fremont, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan. Commencing at the Southeast corner of Section 8; thence North 00 degrees, 00 minutes, 00 seconds East, 534.61 feet along the East Section line to the point of beginning; thence South 89 degrees, 56 minutes, 05 seconds West, 587.42 feet; thence North 00 degrees 05 minutes, 11 seconds East, 164.22 feet; thence North 89 degrees, 56 minutes, 21 seconds East, 587.17 feet to the East Section line; thence South 00 degrees, 00 minutes; 00 seconds West, 164.17 feet to the point of Beginning. Commonly known as: Parcel F. Leix Road.

In further consideration of and as further security for the above described loan(s), borrower hereby pledges the mobile home/manufactured home, model NM 285213S, Redmond New Moon with serial number 11267349.

During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed unless the property is abandoned, in which case the redemption shall be thirty (30) days from the date of sale. According to MCL §600.3278, 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.

For further information with regard to this foreclosure, contact USDA - Rural Development, Centralized Servicing Center, Foreclosure Centralization Initiative, 4300 Goodfellow Blvd., Building 105, FC-215, St. Louis, MO, 63120, telephone (800) 349-5097 ext. 4500.

Dated: December 5, 2012

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting through the Farmers Home Administration (now Rural Development), United States Department of Agriculture

Michael I. Conlon (P43954)
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CUTE!!

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Nice home setting on 28.34 acres just 3.2 miles from Cass City. Living room is open to the 2nd floor with open stairway. Fireplace with built-in area above it. Tiled floors in kitchen/dining area. 4 bedrooms, 1 bath and an unfinished bath on the 2nd floor. Pond on property and more. Seller is offering up to \$500.00 towards home warranty of buyer's choice for owner occupants. CC-681

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Cari Hunt



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Spending plan revealed

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the village’s water supply. Village residents who use just the minimum amount of water each month will see an increase of \$1.43 when their water and sewer bills arrive in 2013.

The new budget calls for no cost-of-living increases for village workers, while their current health insurance plan will remain in place with deductibles introduced in 2011, despite a 7-percent increase for health insurance costs in 2013.

Also presented Monday were 2012 budget amendments and a 5-year capital improvement plan.

Looking at the current year’s finances, Cristiano reported that, as the fiscal year winds down, all departments of the village reduced their budgets by 5 percent.

“The village has been able to weather the storm of reduced revenues – from decreased state shared revenues and declining property values – for 2 major reasons. First, we have been building fund balances for 5 years by conservative budgeting, and secondly, department heads have been innovative, creative and worked outside the box to meet the needs of the village,” he said.

Capital improvements in 2012 included installing solar panels at the municipal building with federal grant monies, which Cristiano says will save the village \$50,000 over a 10-year period.

Grants also paid for 2 cameras installed in Cass City police cars,

while yet another grant of \$210,000, plus matching funds of \$75,000, provided Cass City Schools students with a safe route to schools.

“New sidewalks on the east side of West Street and Leach Street from Garfield Avenue to Main Street; new sidewalks on the west side of Ale Street from Rose Street to the middle school entrance, and lighting on Ale Street from Rose Street to the high school have all been completed with the help of a MDOT grant,” Cristiano said.

In the Motor Vehicle and Equipment Fund, a much needed Vac-All Truck, with a Jet Vac, was purchased for the department of public works.

“This piece of equipment has dramatically reduced our labor costs in repairing water leaks, sewer cleaning, and water main construction project,” Cristiano noted.

In the upcoming year, capital improvements planned will include the enclosure of the ferric tank at the wastewater treatment plant and additions to the SCADA system. Also during 2013, the village will continue its hydrant replacement program and install phase III of the GIS system.

As usual, Cristiano commented the theme that runs through the proposed budget is one of maximizing available recourses, both physical and human, to continue an exceptional quality of life for residents of Cass City.

Thumb Ag Day on tap

Thumb Ag Day 2012 will be held today (Wednesday), at the Uby Heights Country Club in Ubyly.

The program features educational programming and a chance to visit with more than 70 agribusinesses exhibiting at this year’s program. Area plat books will also be available for sale.

Doors open at 8:30 a.m. and remain open until 4 p.m. for participants to view exhibits and attend educational programs.

Beginning at 9 a.m., join Dennis Stein, MSU Extension District Farm Management educator as he discusses: “Land Prices and Rental Values: Options and Alternatives in Today’s Market” followed by “Commodity Market Update” with Dr. Jim Hilker, professor, Michigan State University Department of Agriculture, Food and Resource Economics at 10 a.m. At 10:45 a.m. “Reflections on a Growing Season of Weather Extremes, Climate Trends, and Implications for Agriculture” will be presented by Dr. Jeff Andresen, Michigan State University Department of Geography. The afternoon session will round out the day starting at 12:30 p.m. with “Ag Review: Results of this Year’s Field Trials” by Thumb Field Crops Extension educators.

Restricted Use Pesticide (RUP) credits are available from the Michigan Department of Agriculture. New this year, MAEAP Phase 1 credit will be available to producers who visit the Conservation District/MAEAP booth (#6) during Thumb Ag Day and sign an attendance form. Attendance at a MAEAP Phase 1 training is one of the requirements to achieve MAEAP verification.

Lunch will be served from 11 a.m.

to 1 p.m. and is optional at \$8 per person, admission otherwise is free. For more information, call your local MSU Extension office in Huron at (989) 269-9949, in Sanilac at (810) 648-2515 or Tuscola County at (989) 672-3870.

Flu activity on the rise

An annual flu vaccine is the best way to prevent the flu and the flu-related complications that could lead to hospitalization and even death and the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) is recommending that all Michigan’s citizens 6 months and older get a flu shot.

Nationally, flu vaccination coverage estimates show that roughly 42 percent of people 6 months of age and older received a flu vaccine last season. Unfortunately, that means that the majority of those who are recommended to receive the influenza vaccination went unprotected. Michigan estimates for flu vaccination coverage are at 38.8 percent, which is even lower than the national average.

“Every year, flu spreads across the country from person to person, family to family, and community to community,” said James K. Haveman, Director of the MDCH. “One of the greatest challenges we face from the flu is the uncertainty of the disease. Flu viruses are constantly changing which is why we need to protect ourselves and our families with an annual flu vaccine.”

Flu activity throughout the United States recently increased. In Michigan, flu activity has been sporadic so far this season, however reports of laboratory-confirmed flu cases have been documented across the state and are starting to increase.

The severity of the flu can vary from mild to severe. When severe, flu complications can lead to hospitalization and in some cases death. Even healthy children and adults can get sick from the flu.

Each year it’s estimated that more than 200,000 people are hospitalized because of flu-related complications. People with long-term health conditions such as heart disease, diabetes, and asthma are at greater risk of experiencing serious health complications as a result of flu. A flu vaccine is the first and best way to prevent influenza and is particularly important in people who are at higher risk of serious flu complications.

Getting a flu vaccine is more convenient than ever before. Vaccines are available from physicians, local health departments, and at many retail pharmacies. Many employers, colleges and universities also offer flu vaccines. Additionally, the annual vaccine supply continues to grow, helping to ensure that enough vaccine is available for everyone.

“When you’re out and about in your community and see signs offering flu shots, or when you visit your doctor for a routine check-up, remember: the flu vaccine is the single best way to prevent the flu,” said Haveman.

For more information about flu in Michigan visit www.michigan.gov/flu or <http://www.michigan.gov/flu>. To find a flu vaccine near you, visit <http://flushot.healthmap.org/>.

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