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O-G bond issue focus of upcoming meet

by Tom Montgomery Editor

Owen-Gage School officials are gearing up to ask voters to support a special tax levy to fund a variety of what they describe as long-overdue capital improvement projects.

To explain and demonstrate the need, the district is inviting residents to attend a public information meeting at the school building in Owendale Wednesday, Jan. 9, starting at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria.

Education recently approved a resolution that places the millage request on the Tuesday, Feb. 26, election ballot.

School officials are asking residents remodeling to approve a 2.95-mill levy that would generate an estimated \$2.9 million.

The bond would be repaid over the course of 25 years, initially costing the owner of a \$60,000 home about \$89 more in taxes annually. However, school Supt. Jim Wencel says he firmly believes the tax rate will be reduced, and relatively quick-

ty values.

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

School officials would spend roughly \$1.326 million on renova-The Owen-Gage Board of tion work such as new roofing (\$385,650); installation of new ceiling tiles in all areas of the building (\$149,600); remodeling the boys' and girls' locker rooms (\$140,000); the gymnasium (\$90,000); remodeling the chemistry room (\$90,130); remodeling restrooms with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) upgrades (\$90,130); replacement of exterior windows (\$72,700); remodeling the cafeteria (\$70,400); and remodeling classroom areas (\$59,100).

Mechanical work, including installation of a new control system for the ly, with the construction of wind boilers, will cost an estimated

farms in the region, boosting proper- \$305,780; electrical upgrades are \$150,000; and furnishings will cost band equipment, and \$50,000 for technology improvement costs

projected at a combined \$180,820; roughly \$216,139, which includes installation of a new phone system. \$90,000 for a new school bus. (infrastructure, wiring, computers, \$70,000 for site furnishings, \$67,609 carts and projectors) are set at for new classroom furniture and

Another \$36,000 would be spent on "site work" - reworking landscap-Please turn to page 6.



OLD MAN WINTER can't match Mother Nature's artistic skills when it comes to creating green meadows and flowers of all shapes, sizes and colors, but that doesn't mean "the old man" can't conjure up a little natural artwork of his own along with the cold and snow Michigan is known for each winter.

Citizen of the Year

Flu claims 2 kids; cases rising early

by Tom Montgomery Editor

Michigan Department of flu shot following an early and

Minicuci. "Nationally, 8 influenzaassociated pediatric deaths have been reported.

Children less than 6 months of age Community Health officials are cannot get a flu vaccine, noted again urging area residents to get a Minicuci, who said the best way to protect infants from the flu is to vaccinate those around them, including parents, siblings, grandparents, day and child care workers, and health care personnel. "While it's too early to tell how severe our season might be, there's no doubt that we've seen more cases already this year than we typically do," said James K. Haveman, director of the MDCH. "Hundreds of thousands of people are hospitalized with flu each year. Vaccination is the single most important step we can take to protect ourselves and our families against infection. It's not too late to get vaccinated before Michigan's flu season peaks." The health department recommends that everyone ages 6 months and older get a seasonal flu vaccine each year. Some children 6 months through 8 years of age require 2 doses of influenza vaccine. The second dose should be given at least 28 days after the first dose. Your child's health care provider can use Michigan's Please turn to page 6.

noticeable increase in cases of influenza this year.

Those cases recently proved deadly in 2 cases in the state, with officials reporting a pair of influenza-associated pediatric deaths within the past 2 weeks.

"One death was a 6-month-old from southwest Michigan and the second death was a 13-year-old from the central region of the state," said MDCH spokeswoman Angela

Teen injured in Christmas **Day crash**

by Tom Montgomery Editor

A 13-year-old Caro boy was seriously injured in a traffic accident on Christmas Day in Sanilac County's Evergreen Township.

Sanilac County Sheriff's deputies reported they were dispatched to investigate a 2-vehicle crash on West Deckerville Road near Germania Road at about 6:45 p.m.

"The initial investigation revealed that 66-year-old Michael Fox of Caro was traveling westbound in his 2011 Chrysler Town & Country along with his family on West Deckerville Road when he ran into the back of an unlighted westbound silage wagon being pulled by a John Deere farm tractor. The tractor was driven by 44-year-old Dennis Hyatt of Columbiaville," Undersheriff Brad Roff said.

"Fox and his wife were transported to Hills and Dales General Hospital in Cass City for treatment of non-life threatening injuries," Roff noted. "Fox's 13-year-old son, who was a rear passenger in their vehicle (and) was not wearing a seatbelt, received serious head trauma from the crash and was transported to Hills and Dales by Sanilac EMS and later flown by LifeNet (Helicopter) to Covenant Medical Center in Saginaw, where he is currently listed in stable condition."

Alcohol was not a factor in the crash, according to reports, which state deputies are continuing their investigation.

The Argyle Fire Department along with MMR and Sanilac EMS personnel assisted deputies at the scene.

Top honor marks 50th year in 2013

by Tom Montgomery Editor

Editor's note: The following is the first installment in a series of stories the Chronicle will be running this month in honor of the Cass City Chamber of Commerce's annual Citizen of the Year Award.

The program will mark its 50th year next month, when the community again gathers for the annual chamber banquet, highlighted by the presentation of the top citizen honor along with recognition of the community's Junior Citizen(s) of the Year. The 2013 banquet is slated for Saturday, Feb. 2, at Northwood Meadows in Cass City.

Many Cass City area residents probably couldn't tell you who Willis Campbell was, but it's likely

most folks recognize his last name, which was honored decades ago now-closed the Campbell

Elementary School after him. The recognition was well deserved, given Campbell's influence on the education of the community's youngsters for years. But Campbell was also a civic-minded, active volunteer and leader who left his mark on Cass City in a variety of ways.

devoted themselves to making life better in Cass City was the motivation behind establishing the Cass of the Year Award, first presented to year school officials named the elementary school after him.

celebrate the award's 50th year.

"If there is a person to identify with creation of the award, it's Lucille when local school officials named Bauer. She was a dynamic woman," recalled former longtime Cass City Village President Bert Althaver, who was presented with the honor in 1978

Althaver said Bauer spearheaded and promoted a number of community events over the years, including Cass City's centennial celebration, and the village's former annual Honoring local residents who Christmas pageant, which drew thousands of visitors to the community at its peak. Bauer was also a force in the creation of Cass City's City Chamber of Commerce Citizen image as Michigan's original 'Christmas Town" featuring elabo-Campbell back in 1963, the same rate holiday displays throughout the village.

"Lucille was a real promoter of the This year, chamber officials will community," Althaver said, adding Please turn to page 6.



THE MICHIGAN CENTER for Rural Health (MCRH) recently presented Hills and Dales General Hospital with its 2012 Spirit of Quality Pictured above are (from left) Mike Award. Falatko, hospital president and CEO; Judy Falatko, R.N.; Jean Anthony, vice president, chief operating officer; Faith Fahrner, R.N.-BSN, director of Quality/Performance Improvement, **Infection Prevention and Employee Health: John** Barnas, executive director, MCRH; and Thomas Veryser, DDS, MCRH Board member.

Hospital is "Spirit of Quality Award" winner

The Michigan Center for Rural evidence-based medicine Health recently presented its 2012 Spirit of Quality Award to Hills and Dales General Hospital in Cass City. This is the fourth year the organization has offered the quality award, and officials say Hills and Dales was selected based on the local hospital's "significant and sustained improvement in patient safety and quality initiatives leading to quality patient care."

"Award recipients are committed to providing their patients with high quality health care," said John Barnas, executive director of the Michigan Center for Rural Health. "The Michigan Center for Rural health is pleased to sponsor this award, which recognizes the dedication of hospital staff to provide the right care to the right patient each and every time."

"Together, our staff is demonstrating we are providing the very best in medical care," said Mike Falatko, president and CEO of Hills and Dales General Hospital. "Hills and Dales is committed to the tenets of quality improvement that embrace areas.

improve health outcomes."

Barnas said Hills and Dales' multidisciplinary team has embraced meaningful changes that benefit the organization as a whole, focus on issues that are central to the hospital's functioning, service delivery and/or quality of services in order to review its current processes and create interventions that have improved patient outcomes. "The quality improvement projects demonstrated that the changes/improvements were generalized to the entire organization," he added.

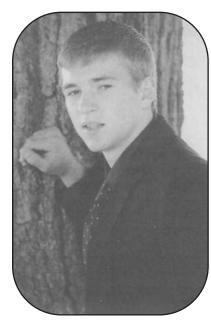
The Michigan Center for Rural Health honored hospital officials during the group's annual Michigan Critical Access Hospital Conference, held in Boyne Falls.

The Michigan Center for Rural Health is a non-profit organization formed in 1991 as part of a nationwide federal and state initiative to recognize the importance of rural health care and to create a mechanism for resources to flow to rural

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O-G honors several students

Andrew Fahrner has been named class representative for homecoming A student who's a cooperative, col-Owendale-Gagetown "Senior Student of the Month" for December.



Andrew Fahrner

Fahrner has been very active in sports and has won numerous allconference and honorary athletic awards. He has been a member and co-captain of the basketball and baseball teams all through high school, as well as the football team, which he participated in each year except his sophomore year.

Academically, he has been on the honor roll and a member of the 3.0 Honors Club each year. During his sophomore year, he was inducted into the Owen-Gage Chapter of the National Honor Society and currently serves as the chapter's treasurer. Fahrner served as class treasurer his freshman and sophomore years and as vice-president the past 2 years.

Fahrner was a junior class representative for snowball. He also was a Worker".

School's his freshman, junior, and senior laborative worker communicates vears and was chosen as the 2012 homecoming king. He was a member of the school's webpage staff his junior year as well as a member of the yearbook staff the past 2 years. As a junior, he served on the prom committee and was chosen as prom prince.

> Fahrner has been enrolled in the Power Technology Program at the Huron Area Tech Center the past 2 years and is currently doing "on the job training" at Thumb Truck and Trailer Co. in Pigeon. He also has been a member of the Innovative another and demonstrates loyalty Vehicle Design Team at the Huron and trust in a Area Tech Center the past 3 years and has participated in event at Cobo Hall and Michigan International Speedway.

Fahrner has volunteered and participated in many school/community activities such as a walk-a-thon for Cystic Fibrosis, Grandparent's Day, blood drives. Santa's Workshop, fun fairs, and being part of the outdoor school clean-up activities at Owen-Gage this past fall. He also is an Cheyann active member of the Kilmanagh Parks; Jade United Methodist Church.

Fahrner enjoys working on the farm, participating in tractor pulls, and spending time with family and friends.

He is the son of Charles and Terry Fahrner of Sebewaing, and his future plans are to attend either the University of Northwestern Ohio or Baker College of Owosso to study agriculture equipment technology and business.

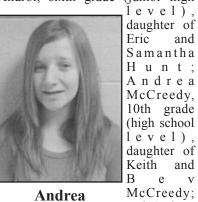
The focus for Owen-Gage's students of the month for December is a "Cooperative,



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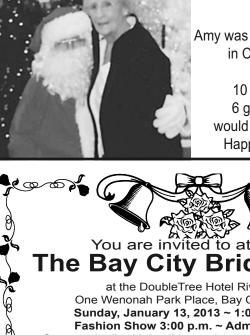
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Fahrner, Collaborative 12th grade (senior student), son of Charles and Terry Fahrner.

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Happy 79th Birthday!!!! **Amy Hall**

Amy was born on January 8, 1934 in Cass City, Michigan. Her 4 children, 10 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren would like you to wish her a Happy, Happy Birthday!!



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O-G voters should not miss this meet

Residents in the Owen-Gage School District will decide the future of their school system in a few weeks when they cast their votes for or against a \$2.9 million bond issue requested to generate money to pay for a myriad of capital improvement projects.

We're guessing many residents have already formed an opinion regarding how they'll vote, but we'd like to encourage all Owen-Gage voters to attend an upcoming public information meeting set for Wednesday, Jan. 9, starting at 7 p.m. in the school cafeteria in Owendale.

This forum is an important opportunity for parents and other community members to educate themselves about this request.

If approved, exactly how will the money be used? How much will it affect my tax bill this year and in the years to come? How will supporting this bond issue impact the education my children receive? What will happen if we reject the request?

These are all important questions, questions school officials are eager to answer. They also welcome the chance to guide folks on a tour of the building so they can judge for themselves whether or not the funding request is a legitimate one. We believe it is. After all, it's difficult to imagine school officials living it up on the taxpayer's dime when they're only asking for the essentials; dry classrooms, well-lit hallways, a dependable heating system, a modern communication system, and technology tools that will provide their students with the same opportunities as their neighbors in the Thumb.





their teacher.

In previous columns, I defined parenthood as an infinite act of optimism. You enter the job with open arms and an open heart, trusting the child you've been entrusted with will learn, grow and love under your humble tutelage. Loving one child is optimistic - two, doubly so. Imagine taking responsibility for 20, or maybe 25.

I define that as optimism on steroids.

As a parent, you get to keep the same kids season after season. As soon as you've known your own for about a minute and a half, they start to grow on you and you wouldn't dream of swapping them out for another set. In fact, the thought is painful; your heart can't even contemplate the idea.

Now, imagine swapping out your 20 for a new group each year. Just about the time you get to know the ones in your care, they up and move on to bigger and better things, leaving you to start all over with a couple dozen little newbie strangers.

I call that crazy optimism on steroids. Or, to use another term: the work of a teacher.

Teaching is near the top of the list of the most noble of professions, yet often one we take for granted. The majority of us send our children off each morning with homework in their backpacks and Froot Loops on their breaths and don't give it a second thought. We rest assured our kids will learn the multiplication facts, their spelling list for the week and the difference between a liquid and a solid. They'll eat lunch in the cafeteria, sing in the music room and play outside during recess. Through it all, they will be safe, because they are with

Letters to the Editor Where are we going wrong in the U.S.?

Our prayers go out to the pinheads we elected will 26 people that were victims of the shooting spree themselves look good by Sandy Elementary School in laws. If anyone believes Newtown, Conn.

son. No one can point to on a shooting rampage, anything he did wrong, they're kidding themand yet in the United States, where we should be more civilized, we keep how we're creating all taking God out of our local courts, all the way up What makes him so dangerous to people? The Ten out like candy? These Commandments are the drugs need to be looked at stringent laws and if they and studied more. It would were followed, we wouldn't need cops, judges or if there's any relation lawyers. How come when between these murderers things go wrong in peo- and these drugs that are ple's lives and they have passed out. We need to no one else to turn to, they look in the mirror and ask seem to ask God for help? The guns that take the life of so many people don't deserve the kind of scrutiny they are getting. You can lay a gun on a table need to do: Have all doors and it will lay there forever not hurting anyone. It's us humans that are the cause of the problems that we've created, but we are schools; that person so eager to point fingers at something else.

put on a big show to make Hook trying to pass useless gun new gun laws would deter Jesus also died for no rea- a crazy person from going selves.

> We've got to find out these monsters.

Maybe it's the drugs kids to the Supreme Court. are being given. Why are these drugs being passed be interesting to found out ourselves, "Where are we going wrong?" If we want a system in place to protect our kids in school, this is what we of entry locked and bulletproof; the person in the office would press a button to let the guest into the should be trained on how to use a long gun, not a handgun, and have it Second available to them; there should never be a police officer with a gun walking the hallways of our schools – they could be overpowered by the students they should to be protecting. Anyone who disagrees with that doesn't Please turn to page 6.

Most teachers go into the profession because they love kids and want to educate them. Now, however, we ask a whole lot more. We expect them to teach to state and federal standards, when kids in their classroom may come to school hungry, or without a good night's sleep. We expect them to utilize technology and the latest in teaching techniques, when what some of their students need most is a hug. They are required to pacify demanding helicopter parents and make up for the absence of those too busy to come to school conferences. On top of everything else we ask them to keep our kids safe - from things too evil to mention in the classroom.

Most teachers chose the profession knowing they'd need to keep kids safe. Safe from skinned knees during recess and sunburned shoulders during the spring field trip. They expected to lead discussions about Harriet Tubman and Christopher Columbus, not where to hide if a bad stranger enters the school. They expected to be familiar with the pull of a child's arms around their neck, not the weight of a lanyard with keys equipping them for lockdown at a moment's notice.

When I was a kid, the scariest thing at school was the tornado drill - and it was just a drill. What we are currently experiencing is no longer a drill.

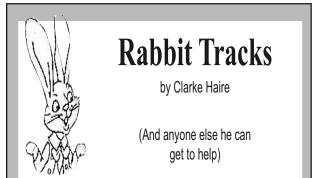
My mom taught first grade and forged in me a great respect for teachers. However, in all honesty (and with a bit of embarrassment) when my daughter, now a college junior, first expressed an interest in teaching, I hesitated. I wasn't sure I wanted her to go into the most noble of professions - simply because of the sacrifices and risks and overwhelming expectations placed on teachers today. I fear what we are asking is becoming too much.

Like most 18-year-olds, she listened to me politely, and then went on to follow her own plans. People go into teaching because they are passionate about what they do; not based on advice from their mothers. It is a calling. You can't change that.

I could no more tell my daughter not to teach than she could tell me not to write.

So we are back to optimism on steroids. Said another way, teaching is a headfirst dive into the deep end of idealism with an enduring and intrinsic trust in one's own buoyancy. Teachers have become lifeguards in the true sense of the word. As far as I'm concerned, they've been in the deep end long enough. It's time we throw them a life preserver, drape a warm dry towel over their shoulders and show them, by our actions, how important they are - not only to our children, but to all of us.

Follow Slices of Life on Facebook and hit Like (please). Jill Pertler is an award-winning syndicated columnist, playwright and author of "The Do-It-Yourselfer's Guide to Self-Syndication" Email her at pertmn@qwest.net; or website visit her at http://marketing-bydesign.home.mchsi.com/.



Once you've done your homework, we encourage you to get to the polls Tuesday, Feb. 26, and let your voice be known.

Keep in mind, the last time Owen-Gage voters were asked to approve additional tax dollars for repairs and upgrades, the measure fell by just a handful of ballots, in part, school officials believe, because a number of residents just assumed the request would pass.

It would be a shame if that happened again, especially given how this referendum could affect the future for dozens of students and teachers in the community.

When our forefathers created the Amendment, it was merely to protect ourselves from the people we elected to govern us. Guns will be around forever unless our politicians, like New York Governor Andrew Cuomo, disobey our constitutional rights. These

Tom Thumb Singers' concert so beautiful

Congratulations again, not forget the choir mem-Tom Thumb Singers, on bers themselves; what a your 30th concert.

To you, Steve Fobear, choir director, great. And to Roger Parrish on the piano, your always-new Christmas composition. So beautiful. Then the to all. added Thumb Ringers Hand Bell Choir — Darlene Burkett, what a Hilda Koch joyful sound. And let us Gagetown

gifted group.

Just the entire concert, which ended with the always dedication to our veterans (with) the Battle Hymn of the Republic. A very merry Christmas

A former member,

You can't blame Cass City Village Manager Peter Cristiano for feeling a bit elated as the new year unfolds. And why wouldn't he be after learning that veteran Wastewater Treatment Plant Supt. Rick Mohr has decided against accepting a similar position with the city of Charlevoix.

Don't forget that January is School Board Recognition Month. If you get the chance, don't forget to thank the members of our local district for volunteering their time. They are: President - Craig Bellew, Vice President - Alice Zaleski, Secretary - Sloane Stimpfel, Treasurer - Dave Osentoski, Trustee - Kathy Leslie, Trustee - Dan Manwell and Trustee - Chad Kreeger.

Michigan is home to some outstanding fishing, with more than 3,000 miles of Great Lakes shoreline, more than 11,037 inland lakes, and more than 36,350 miles of rivers and streams.

You can try your luck on any of those waters free of charge on the weekend of February 16 and 17, 2013, reports the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

Please remember that fast approaching is the Chronicle's popular Bridal Guide, slated to appear in our January 16 issue. That gives you only until Friday, January 11, 2013 to submit your "Then & Now" photos of couples married 15 years or longer, which will highlight the section.

Simply bring your pictures to the corner of Oak and Main and we'll handle the details. Or, if you prefer, email your snapshots to: chronicle@ccchronicle.net. Be sure to include who, when and where information on your wedding day, and a contact number.





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Wednesday, January 2

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

Thursday, January 3

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

Friday, January 4

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

Friends of the Library meeting, 10 a.m., Rawson Memorial District Library.

Saturday, January 5

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, January 6

Gagetown United Methodist Brunch, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. All you can eat. \$6 donation.

Monday, January 7

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.

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

Tuesday, January 8

Al-Anon meeting, 7 p.m., St. Francis Parrish, Pigeon. Thumb Octagon Barn meeting, 7 p.m., fire hall in Gagetown.

Tuscola County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, 1:30 p.m., HDC Generations Building, 430 Montague Ave., Caro. For more information, contact Kim at (989) 673-4121.

Kedron OES #33 of Caro meeting, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, January 9

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



Huron deputies rescue Bay **City pilot on Saginaw Bay**

by Tom Montgomery Editor

Huron County Sheriff's deputies rescued a Bay City man during the evening hours of Christmas Eve after the man crashed his experimental aircraft near Maisou Island, offshore of Fairhaven Township on Saginaw Bay.

Huron County Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson reported the U.S. Coast Guard requested his department's assistance at about 6:20 p.m. in the search for a pilot who had been involved in an aircraft accident on or near the island.

"While I coordinated with U.S. Coast Guard Air Station Detroit, U.S. Coast Guard Station Saginaw Miller, Koehler and Willenberg posi- about 3:55 p.m., his right side land- Hanson noted.

"About 2 hours later, the search in off. The airplane then ended up flipinclement weather ended when our airboat crew located the pilot on the east side of Maisou Island."

tified as Rodney A. Brocke, 49, of report he was okay, and to ask her to Bay City, to the Geiger Road public access, where he refused treatment from the Sebewaing Ambulance Service.

"Brocke...departed from Bay City's lost," Hanson continued. James Clements Airport in his experimental 1996 KitFox airplane earlier he was uninjured and was transportin the afternoon, around 3 p.m., to ed to shore. He eventually was fly to the island to do some target reunited with his wife when she shooting," Hanson said. "After approximately 15 minutes of target Ambulance Hall." practice, he took to the air again and began doing some practice landings. River and the pilot's wife, deputies On his third landing, which was Department assisted deputies,

tioned and got underway on our ing gear broke off after its wheel office's airboat," Hanson said. broke through the ice and was ripped ping over."

The sheriff said Brocke was able to Deputies transported the man, iden- free himself and called his wife to get help because his cell phone batterv was low.

"Brocke shut his phone off to conserve his battery, and contact was "Once found by our crew, Brocke reported picked him up at the Sebewaing

Aside from Sebewaing Ambulance personnel, the Sebewaing Police

Families applying for assistance referred to assessment program

for cash assistance through the Family Independence Program (FIP) will be referred to a new program launched by the Michigan Department of Human Services in clients in charting their paths to indepartnership with the Work Development Agency and Michigan Works! Agencies – PATH (Partnership. Accountability. Training. Hope.).

PATH replaces the Jobs, Education and Training (JET) work participation program that has been in place since 2007.

The hallmark of the new PATH program is a 21-day assessment period in which the client works one-on-one with both DHS and Michigan Works! caseworkers to identify barriers to employment and connect the client to resources addressing those challenges. Caseworkers in both agencies have long reported that the challenges many FIP applicants face pose significant roadblocks to obtaining and sustaining employment.

"Our clients apply for cash assistance in varying degrees of job readiness," says DHS Director Maura D. Corrigan. "For many, issues ranging from transportation to literacy and childcare will make finding and keeping a job nearly impossible. Together with our partners at Michigan Works!, we are committed to helping our clients work through these challenges by dedicating the 21-day assessment and resource allocation period necessary to be successful on their path to independence." Under the current JET program, orientation periods are inconsistent statewide—ranging from 4 hours to 3 days. PATH standardizes the assessment period and ensures that caseworkers are provided with

pendence as well as identifying resources.

PATH assessment period is an eligibility requirement. Once clients complete the 21-day assessment and resource connection, their cases will be open. If the application is denied for any reason, including lack of client participation in the assessment only the first phase of this program," period, the applicant is welcome to reapply for benefits immediately.

job of aligning with federal guidetions, the important work of connect- face most often. We fully intend to ing key resources to move beyond continue enhancing this program."

Beginning Jan. 1, families applying enough time to identify barriers and employment barriers is not counted connect clients to resources. The toward the required employment complexity of multiple challenges or search hours. As such, addressing particular circumstances makes the these barriers could result in the state 21 days necessary to fully engage the being fined for clients not meeting work participation requirements.

DHS and Michigan Works! will work cooperatively to track the suc-Like the JET orientation period, the cess of the PATH program. A metrics dashboard will be available for review and will measure performance in 3 key areas: work participation, barrier identification and employment opportunities.

"The January launch of PATH is says Corrigan. "We are working with our state and federal partners -The new program also does a better as well as the private and non-profit sectors - to create innovative solulines. Under current federal regula- tions to the issues that our clients

State police: holiday crashes down in '1

confirmed Friday that preliminary restraints. reports indicate 4 people lost their lives in 4 separate traffic crashes dur- and only reflect those fatalities ing the 2012 Lifesaver holiday reported to the Michigan State Police weekend.

2011 Lifesaver holiday weekend. The 2012 Lifesaver holiday weekthrough midnight, Sunday, Dec. 23. the 4 fatal crashes, and 3 of the 4 vic- drive safely."

The Michigan State Police (MSP) tims were not using seatbelt

"These numbers are preliminary as of 11 a.m.," stated Capt. Kari Kusmierz, commander of the MSP In comparison, 8 people died in 8 Training Division. "Even though separate traffic crashes during the these preliminary numbers show a decrease in fatalities from this same holiday period last year, the end ran from 6 p.m., Friday, Dec. 21, Michigan State Police continues to urge motorists not to drink and drive, Alcohol was a known factor in 3 of to always use proper restraints and to

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Reporter's notebook

Santa brought me a Down Memory Lane manly kitchen ladle by Tina Pallas

by Tom Montgomery Editor

I felt a bit like Betty Crocker or Julia Child when I opened some of my Christmas presents this year.

The culinary bounty in my camo-colored stocking included some nifty new serving tongs, a combination jumbo scoop/strainer, a state-of-the-art meat thermometer and candy/deep fry thermometer, a ladle, a heavy duty flat wooden spoon, and a set of 3 — count 'em, 3 — spatulas. Don't laugh. That meat thermometer is pretty important when it comes to

making sure your holiday bird reaches the magic 165-degree temp, ensuring that your guests don't end up with memories of food poisoning like the last Equestrian Team enjoyed a successtime they dined with you.

And, no, I wasn't on Santa's naughty list.

The fact is, my cooking hobby has blossomed over the past year, to the point where I rarely let my wife in the kitchen. Of course, she doesn't mind, I suspect because she's come to realize her cooking skills simply pale in comparison to mine these days. Yeah, that's it.

Even before I unwrapped these treasures, I had brined, stuffed and roasted a 28-pound turkey and served it to the crowd of kids and grandchildren packed into our tiny ranch home, complete with stuffing, mashed potatoes, corn, Brussels sprouts, etc. I'm far too humble to mention all of the raves about that juicy bird, but suffice it to say, it was a skillfully prepared feast. I've come a long way since I prepared my first turkey. I couldn't figure out why it was so difficult to fit all of the stuffing inside that bird until after it was roasted and on the table, and my wife nicely pointed out that you're supposed to remove the neck, gizzard, etc., before you put the turkey in the oven.

But that was then. I can't wait to see how much my cooking improves with all of these new kitchen tools at the ready.

Yeah, I can hear some of you "real men" snickering.

Just let me point out that these are manly kitchen utensils; some are stainless steel, and they all feature rugged construction, sleek lines, and built-tolast quality (insert a Tim Allen grunt or 3 here).

And, I didn't read even one instruction before I started using them.

THE AUTHOR'S new assortment of kitchen utensils, generously brought to him by Santa this year.



5 YEARS AGO (2008)

H. Jerry Osentoski and Lloyd Booms were recently honored following their retirements from the Bingham Township Fire Department. Osentoski served for 25 years on the Ubly area department and Booms for 23 years.

The Cass City High School ful 2007 season, according to Coach Edie Izydorek. The Red Hawk team members included: Ashleigh Stoeckle, daughter of Mark and Carol Stoeckle, Selina Izydorek, daughter of Bill and Edie Izydorek and Samantha Swiderski, daughter of Alex Swiderski and Laura Cotton. Tom Lounsbury is the fourth generation to own his family's farm, which totals about 107 acres just west of Cass City. His sons, Josh and Jake Lounsbury, did a short walkthrough of the new CRP/CREP habitat on the Lounsbury family farm Christmas Eve and bagged 2 rooster pheasants and 3 cottontail rabbits.

10 YEARS AGO (2003)

The high-flying Cass City Red Hawks, sporting a 3-0 Greater Thumb West record after recording a 57-51 decision over Bad Axe Friday, will be severely tested this Friday when Unionville-Sebewaing with its stellar guards, Steve Cramer and Matt Kitchen, come to town. Chris Maharg led the Hawks with 18 points and 11 rebounds. Matt Stoutenburg netted 11 and Tyler Erla, 10. Mike Meinhold led the Hatchets with 14 points and John Osminski had 11.

Craig Emmert, Cass City has been named to the academic dean's list at Milligan College, Tennessee, for the fall 2002 semester. The dean's list recognizes students who earn a grade point average of at least 3.5 for the academic semester. Emmert, son of Chuck and Amy Emmert, is a sophomore majoring in history (secondary education). He is a second-year starter on the Milligan Buffaloes basketball team, averaging 12 points per game.

Operating a restaurant successfully in the Thumb is a daunting proposition. Charmont, The Eat Shop and Sutter's have battled the odds and Charmont has bowling and Sutter's has bakery products to augment income. New in Cass City in the mill, one of the largest veneer logs members are elected on their merit restaurant business is Gilligan's.

rough sledding. Four Chinese restau- was taken from a farm woodlot near opened and closed. The restaurant that was built in connection with the Northwood condo development failed. Wildwood Restaurant on M-81 with a new building and a full menu bit the dust. At least a half dozen others started and perished.

25 YEARS AGO (1988)

It's been nearly 2 years since Michigan natives Betty Mahmoody, and her 8-year-old daughter, Mahtob, escaped from Iran, where than a year by Betty's husband, Moody. For Mahmoody's family, including sisters Shirley Hoffman and Janet Stilson, both of Cass City. memories of the frightening ordeal remain. Mahmoody, who's described her ordeal in the recently My Daughter," will be in Cass City Feb. 11 to speak and autograph copies of her book.

Your neighbor, Cass City resident Jill Root, sees Super Bowl Sunday as just another day. "I do like football, but I wouldn't' make an effort to lived in Riverside, Calif., for 2 years after graduating from Cass City High School in 1985, says she had more interest in this year's Rose Bowl where USC tangled with MSU. "I only lived about 2 hours from USC, explained Root, and I still keep in touch with some of my friends out there." Although a former California resident, Jill revealed her true colors when asked whom she would be pulling for in the New Year's Dav Bowl. "Go Spartans, of course!" Ross Medical Education Center in Saginaw, where she is working toward a degree in dental assistance. Jill is the daughter of Don and Helen Root of Doerr Road, where she resides. She has two sisters. Tammie of Cass City and Joy, who recently moved to Vermont.

50 YEARS AGO (1963)

First baby of the year in Cass City was born to Mrs. Ernie Spencer about 8:45 a.m. Wednesday morning

ever taken from the Cass City area

rants under different owners have Shabbona by Clair Auslander, logger for the Fairhaven Industrial Wood Products, Bay Port, last July. Measuring 50 inches in diameter, the 12-foot log lay in a Bay City shipping lot until November when William Ross, buyer for various German companies, spotted it. Ross, who purchases logs all over the United States and Canada, later told Auslander that the log was the "largest he'd ever seen." The log was one of three taken from a tree on the Aaron Lefler farm, a mile north and a half mile east of Shabbona. they had been held captive for more Altogether the tree measured approximately 913 feet, log scale, which according to Auslander is exceptional.

The Sunmobile - a model car powered by sunlight - is one of the exciting demonstrations in store for Cass City students when General Motors published best seller, "Not Without Previews of Progress is presented at Cass City High School at 10 a.m. Friday. Photoelectric cells on the hood of the 15-inch Sunmobile convert solar energy into electrical power. "There are no plans to produced sun-powered cars in the foreseeable future," GM President John watch it," she remarks. Root, who F. Gordon declares, "but the Sunmobile symbolizes the challenges to the inquiring minds of scientists and engineers and hints at the tremendous secrets of power and energy which wait to be unlocked by researchers and technicians in the world of tomorrow."

100 YEARS AGO (1913)

A gold medal contest will be given at Novesta Corners, on January 10. The contestants are Persis Roberts and Alta Hartwick of Deford, Marie replied the 22-year-old student of Beebeheyser and Hazel Bixby of Cass City and Ethel Howie and Gladys Nicol of Wickware.

> The Christmas tree of Canboro which was held Christmas eve was a very enjoyable time. The children did well and Santa Claus didn't forget them either.

The Stoic Society of the Michigan State Normal at Ypsilanti sent out as Christmas gifts twelve invitations to membership in their society, and Miss Ora McKim, one of Cass City's popular young ladies, was the fortunate recipient of one of them. The Somewhere in Germany at a veneer Stoic is an honorary society and work and their interest in the college





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The Chamber of Commerce and the DDA would also like to thank the people of his community for their support of this program and of our business community. If you have a business that has not yet been spotlighted but wish to be, please contact the Chamber of Commerce office at (989) 551-7274 or (989) 872-4618 to get on the 2013 Spotlight Business schedule!

Be sure to check next week's paper for the next Cass City Spotlight Business of the Week. And Remember to Shop Local and Support Those Who Support Cass City! McDonald's came in and Hardee's and perhaps the state is being and Miss McKim feels honored by went out. Other than that it's been processed. The log, a huge white ash, the invitation.



CASS CITY, MICHIGAN

TBHS offering free Mental Health First Aid ed classes

Tuscola Behavioral Health Systems ma surrounding mental illness and tial help before mental health servic-(TBHS) will be offering the Mental Health First Aid education series to residents of Tuscola County.

Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) is an evidence-based public education and certification program that improves mental health literacy and teaches basic skills to help someone experiencing a mental health problem or crisis and connects them to professional care. During the 12hour interactive training the individuals who participate and complete the course become certified in MHFA and are aware of the 5-step action plan encompassing the skills, resources and knowledge to help an individual in crisis connect with appropriate professional, peer, social, and self-help care.

Mental Health First Aid trainings use role-playing and simulations to demonstrate how to recognize and respond to the risk factors and warning signs of specific illnesses like anxiety, depression, schizophrenia, bipolar disorder and substance use disorders, and how to help a person in crisis. The program covers symptoms, causes and evidence-based treatments for depression, anxiety disorders, psychosis and substance abuse.

"Early detection and treatment can make all the difference in the world to the individual suffering from men-

has changed people's minds in the community about mental illness. People often start the class viewing individuals with mental illness in a negative light, but finish the training seeing the individual as a person, not their illness," said Sharon Beals, CEO of TBHS.

The MHFA training addresses possible crisis situations arising from mental health problems and offers ways to work with individuals. Crisis situations could include a person who is feeling suicidal, a person having a panic attack, a person who has had a recent traumatic experience or a person who is acutely psychotic and perceived to be threatening violence.

Since Mental Health First Aid was first introduced in the United States in 2008, more than 50,000 people have been trained and a network of 2.000 individuals that have been trained as certified instructors for MHFA.

First aid training is widespread throughout the world to give members of the public skills to help an injured person before medical help arrives. But most first aid courses typically teach little or nothing about helping people with mental health issues. The course does not qualify persons to be a counselor, just as a conventional first aid course does tal illness and to their family. The not qualify someone to be a doctor or program has helped reduce the stig- a nurse. It is designed to provide ini- www.MentalHealthFirstAid.org.

es is sought.

The Mental Health First Aid course has benefited a variety of audiences and key professions, including: primary care professionals, employers and business leaders, faith communities, school personnel and educators, state police and corrections officers, nursing home staff, mental health authorities, state policymakers, volunteers, young people, families and the general public. Beyond simply engaging community partners, educating community members in Mental Health First Aid creates a healthy community perspective that is responsive to the needs of consumers and supportive of their recovery. By creating communitywide collaboration, TBHS will be creating a building block of a recovand resiliency-oriented ery approach.

TBHS will be offering the free course on Tuesdays, Jan. 15 and 22, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Baker College (Room 105), 6667 Main St., Cass City.

To register or to have this training provided to your community group or staff members, contact Susan Holder, director of Marketing and Training at Tuscola Behavioral Health Systems, at (989) 673-6191 or 800-462-6814. For further information on Mental Health First Aid www.tbhsonline.com visit or

Wencel has made it clear that Owen-

Gage's long-term future will be at

stake when voters head to the polls

"We've got to address our needs,

educationally and structurally," he

said. "The voters have always been

good in Owen-Gage, and I believe

they'll see the need at the schools

Wencel is quick to dismiss rumors

that the Owen-Gage District is

and in the community.³

doomed to close.

next month.



Willis Campbell

<u>Citizen</u> of the Year Top honor marks 50th year in 2013

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her passion played a key role in establishing the Citizen of the Year Award. "I just think she...really recognized that we have some special people here who have accomplished a lot and need to be recognized."

Each year a committee composed of the previous 5 years' Citizens of the Year, along with a permanent representative appointed by the chamber board of directors, selects the recipient or recipients of the Citizen of the years in the classroom. Year Award after considering nominations offered by the community as well as the board members themselves.

The criteria used in the selection process include the following:

•The importance of a body of work over many years rather than a single year's accomplishments.

•The need to recognize contributions within the scope of the individual's profession, but above and beyond the call of duty.

•The recognition that an individual might be a member of a number of organizations but not a strong contributor to any of them, versus anothpline and accomplished great things. acknowledge, from time to time, "unsung heroes" — those individuelderly or the infirmed, such as tak- campaign. ing them shopping or on other errands, supporting them, visiting George with them — but who rarely are and the so-called "power structure".

As for Cass City's first Citizen of the Year, Campbell joined the community in 1921 when he moved to the Thumb to accept a position as an agriculture teacher and coach.

WILLIS CAMPBELL

That job led to a 43-year tenure in Cass City, including the final 21 years as superintendent of the Cass City Public Schools. Before that, Campbell served as high school principal for 8 years after spending 14

Acquaintances recall Campbell was a quiet man, but one who was active in the area through his association with the Cass City Community and Rotary clubs, serving as a president of both groups for a time. A longtime member of the former Cass City United Methodist Church, he was a charter member of the Cass City Planning Commission, served on the chamber's former "welcome wagon" committee, and was a former president of the Tuscola County Schoolmaster's Club and secretary of the Cass City Fair back in the 1930s

His resume also includes establishing the Cass City Livestock Club er who might have concentrated his (later 4-H Club) in 1923. He was totaling about \$180,000 — in each of or her efforts in one particular discialso one of the organizers of the former Elkland-Novesta United Way, •The desire of the community to served as vice president of the Tuscola County Crippled Children's Society, and chaired 3 successful als who may provide services for the hospital fund drives and one bond In 1964, then-Michigan Gov. Romney appointed Campbell to serve a 2-year term on involved with organizations, titles the governing board at Central Michigan University.

O-G bond issue focus of upcoming meet

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ing at the northwest lot, reworking Circle Drive and the parking area north of the elementary wing, and adding gravel to the parking area east of the elementary wing.

School officials are not planning any new construction.

This is the district's third attempt at a vote, although it will be only the second election. The district first asked voters to approve 3.2 mills in special election. May, but the proposed tax levy was

narrowly defeated, 141 votes to 134 tion scaled back their "wish list", votes.

The school board then reduced the proposed bond amount and collected more than enough signatures to have the issue placed on a special election ballot in September. However, the district's attorney neglected to include the proposed date of the referendum on the petitions, forcing the Michigan Bureau of Elections to deny Owen-Gage's petition for the

Although the board and administra-

Flu claims 2; cases rising

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Care Improvement Registry (MCIR) to tell you whether 2 doses are recommended for your children. MCIR can be used by your doctor, local health department, pharmacy and other health care providers to keep

tories throughout the state. During the last flu season, there were 4 positive cases reported to MDCH's BOL at this time. However, last year Michigan experienced a relatively late and mild flu season.

Health department officials say vaccination should be occurring now and continue throughout the entire its status as a deficit-spending disflu season, and there is an ample sup-

"The school's going to be around. We had the top-rated elementary last year in the county (based on the) state report cards, our enrollment is going up, we're at 10 percent fund balance. So, things are going very well," he added, noting school officials have managed to increase the district's fund balance — currently the past 3 years after climbing out of

track of the vaccines you've received and those you need.

In addition to the 2 flu-associated pediatric deaths in Michigan, there have been 149 positive influenza cases confirmed at the MDCH Bureau of Laboratories (BOL). This number does not represent all influenza cases diagnosed and reported in Michigan, as additional cases have been confirmed at labora-

ply of flu vaccine available. Citizens can call their physician or local health departments, or utilize the Health Map Vaccine Finder at www.flushot.healthmap.org to find nearby influenza vaccination clinics. More information is available by viswebsite, iting the www.michigan.gov/flu.

trict.

Of course, the future isn't certain heating costs could escalate if this winter is severe, school officials are negotiating a new contract, and enrollment could take a turn, Wencel continued, "but if everything goes really well, we'll be able to put \$30,000 in fund balance next year."

|Letters to the Editor (cont.)

Where are we going wrong?

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want to protect our kids.

Why is the president protected by guns and bulletproof cars? Is his life any more important than a child's life?

There are 8 movie theaters in Aurora, Colo. Why do you think the Robert Peruski gunman picked the only theater that

had a gun free zone sign on the door to go on his killing spree? Israel went as far as putting M-16 riffles in their students' lockers. I don't know of an incident where they were used against one another. They're there to protect themselves from the Palestinian terrorists.

Ubly

To me, Pearl Harbor Day should be a federal holiday

Dear editor,

I write this same thing every year. It is about Pearl Harbor Day, Dec. 7, 1941 -- a day that will live in infamy.

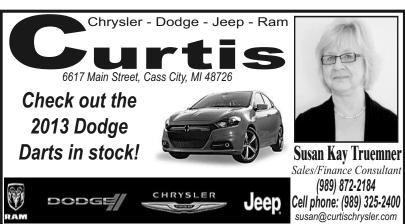
It was again a day with business as usual. The court house, post offices and banks were all open. There was very little on television or the radio.

Veteran's Day. Of course, Christmas is the greatest -- the birthday of Lord Jesus.

Many lives were lost on Dec. 7. Many, many were changed forever, including mine. God bless America and Happy New

Year 2013.

To me, Dec. 7 should be a federal Sincerely yours, holiday. It rates along with Memorial Dagmar M. Brown Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day and DTC, USN, retired





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CHRONICLE SPORTS

To Report Your Sports News & Scores contact Publisher Clarke Haire at (989) 872-2010; fax: (989) 872-3810 clarke@ccchronicle.net



CASS CITY'S Collin Hartwick advances the ball against the defense of Caro's Chadrick Bennett during Friday's annual M-81 Clash contest. The Red Hawk junior scored a game-high 13 points and was named the 2012 Most Valuable Player for his performance.



RED HAWK Gracy Hollis looks for a passing lane against the presence of Caro's Hayleigh Vinson (25) and Megan Peters. The host Tigers earned a 46-21 victory.

Hawk boys, Caro girls claim wins

Hartwick named M-81 clash MVP

All season long, Coach Aaron Fernald has claimed Collin Hartwick to be one of his top outside shooters.

During Friday's annual M-81 Clash 39-31 triumph. contest with host Caro his junior sharp shooter proved the veteran mentor knows what he's talking about.

Hartwick came alive from beyond the 3-point arc in the final half of the annual showdown between neighboring rivals, rallying the visitors from a 21-15 halftime deficit, to a

For most of the opening half both teams displayed the effects of limited practice time entering the contest. After Jacob Perry recorded the game's first basket with an elbow jumper, Cass City was limited to a Cole Israelson basket from close range for the rest of the initial period

that ended with Caro in front 9-4 18-6 advantage as guards Megan thanks, in part, to 3 field goals from Dustin Koelzer.

Cass City committed 6 turnovers in the game's first 8 minutes and continued to struggle handling the ball in period two. However, a thunder dunk by Israelson and Cody Orban's break.

Cass City was able to grab a 25-23 edge late in the third quarter on an Israelson offensive rebound and then used the antics of Hartwick to come out on top down the stretch run.

Hartwick scored 11 of his gamehigh 13 points following the inter- made just one of 6 tosses at the foul

Peters and Katelyn Cockerill had success pressuring Cass City's ball handlers, resulting in several easy buckets and a double digit lead entering the period before the break. There, the hosts continued to have their way and held Cass City to an first of 3 treys on the night helped to Elisabeth Milligan field goal in the narrow the gap to 6 points at the lane that had the eventual winners enjoying a 26-8 margin at the intermission. Milligan snagged a teambest 6 rebounds for Cass City, but it wouldn't be enough to overcome a poor shooting night by the visitors who connected on only 3 of 15 shots from the field in the opening half and



THE 2012 Cass City Lady Red Hawk 7th grade basketball team members are: (front, l-r) Layn Oliphant, Emily Fritz, Sami Stern, Konnar Warren, Katie Autry (middle) Riley Klein, Baylee Murphy, Errianne Hoyt, Lauren Dickinson, Lauren Fernald, Bailee Ross (back) Kelsey Bouverette, Megan Graham, McKenna Nye, Sayge Cuthrell, Claire Kausch, Dakota Cook and **Coach Dave Weiler.**



THE 2012 Cass City Lady Red Hawk 8th grade basketball team members are: (front, l-r) Savana Doerr, Jordan Pawloski, Kelcie Autry, Victoria Cumper, Hope Wilson, Olivia Smerdon (back) Chyenne Novinski, Karasten Warford, Lauren Russell, Paige Bagnall, Josephine Loomis and Coach Lloyd Schinnerer.

mission, including 3 long-range bombs that sealed the fate of the Tigers. In the final frame, Hartwick extended the Cass City advantage to 31-27 with a shot from behind the arc, before his final triple propelled the winners to a 9-point spread that proved too much for Caro to overcome

the night from the floor and perfect as opposed to running our half court from the foul line, nailing both of his attempts in the closing minute. Hartwick's shooting display earned him the game's most valuable player award.

Orban and Israelson each chipped in 11 points for the winners. Orban, who had an off shooting night, passed for 3 assists and took a pair of offensive chargers that were instrumental in the Red Hawk victory, according to Fernald, who also said Israelson swiped a team-best 7 rebounds.

Koelzer tossed in 12 points to lead Caro, while Dakota Zapfe, Bill Jordan and Chad Bennett registered 8, 6 and 5 points, respectively in vain.

City improves to 3-1 overall.

Lady Hawks still winless

It was a familiar story for Cass City Friday in Caro, where the Lady Red Hawks bowed in a battle between former league rivals.

With the 46-21 non-conference decision, the Tri-Valley East Tigers, after losing their season opener against powerhouse Reese, improve to 4-1 overall, while the Greater Thumb West Red Hawks, at 0-5, are still searching for their first win entering play in the new year.

As has been the case in the Red Hawks' previous setbacks, scoring has been a struggle for Coach Clarke Haire's squad.

"We had some good looks, but just couldn't knock them down," said Haire after his team's latest loss.

"This is a tough time of the year to get any consistency from your players. Since Dec. 17, with what transpired at the high school, Christmas vacation and inclement weather, we've been able to meet just 4 times for practice before facing Caro. That's not enough and it showed."

The Tigers jumped out to an early

line

"We played 20 quarters of basketball in 2012. In 9 of those quarters we've scored 4 points or less. We will have to improve on that statistic heading forward. Although Caro's full court pressure bothered us, we like it when opposing teams press us. We seem to get better looks at the Hartwick was 4-for-7 shooting on basket when we attack the pressure: offenses," said Haire.

Caro, meanwhile, stretched the margin to 36-13 to open the final 8 minutes. Peters, who recorded game scoring honors with a season-high 11 points, abandoned her perimeter jump shot in the final stanza, but was able to hurt Cass City in the closing minutes with penetration to the hoop. On the night, Peters shot 50 percent from the floor, connecting on 5 of 10 shots, and was the only player to score in all 4 periods.

Although his team is off to a slow start on the season, Coach Haire was pleased with the efforts he received from Gracy Hollis and Kara Reif during the Tiger victory.

"Gracy made a couple of nice plays With the non-conference win, Cass in the final quarter when she intercepted a Tiger pass and dribbled the full length of the court and converted with a hand in her face," said Haire. Adding, "Kara had a big night also. She did a nice job boxing out under the basket and tossed in 4 points in the final half."

As usual, Shania Chambers led Cass City scorers with 8 points. Chambers also chipped in 5 rebounds and 4 steals in vain. Hollis was next on the scoring chart for the Red Hawks with 5 points, despite battling flu symptoms throughout the contest.

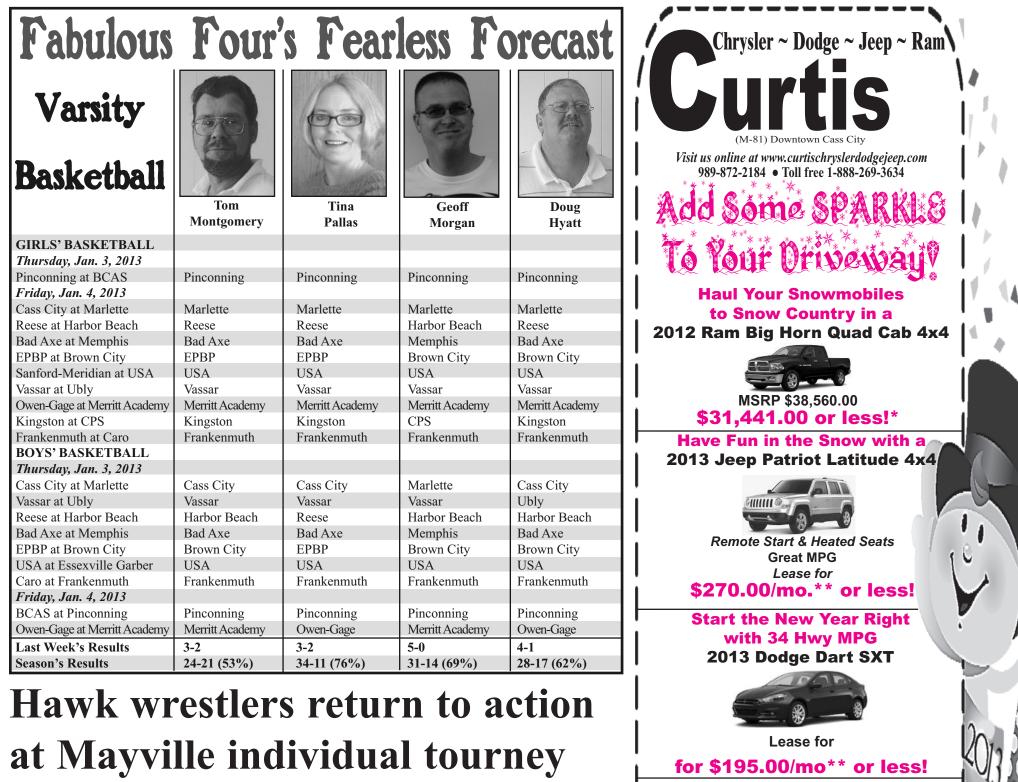
Cockerill finished with 10 points for Caro as the game's only other double digit performer.

CASS CITY – Chambers 1-1 (3-6) 8; Reif 1-0 (2-2) 4; Kolacz 1-0 (0-6) 2; Hollis 2-0 (1-2) 5; Milligan 1-0 (0-0) 2. TOTALS – 6-1 (6-16) 21.

CARO - Peters 4-1 (0-0) 11; Cockerill 3-0 (4-6) 10; Quick 2-0 (0-0) 4; Vinson 4-0 (0-0) 8; Licavoli 2-0 (0-0) 4; Tysick 1-0 (0-0) 2; Moen 1-0 (0-0) 2; Niedrich 0-0 (0-2) 0; Carr 2-0 (1-2) 5 TOTALS - 19-1 (5-10) 46.

CASS CITY - Orban 0-3 (2-7) 11; Hartwick 1-3 (2-2) 13; Perry 1-0 (0-0) 2; Ross 1-0 (0-0) 2; Israelson 5-0 (1-3) 11. TOTALS - 8-6 (5-12) 39.

CARO - Koelzer 6-0 (0-2) 12; Bennett 1-0 (3-4) 5; Zapfe 4-0 (0-0) 8; Bills 3-0 (0-0) 6. TOTALS - 14-0 (3-6) 31.



pleted the 2012 portion of their schedule with a better than expected performance Friday at Mayville during an individual tourney.

"As a team we performed a little better than I anticipated, given the fact that we had practiced only 4 times in the past 2 weeks," said Coach Don Markel.

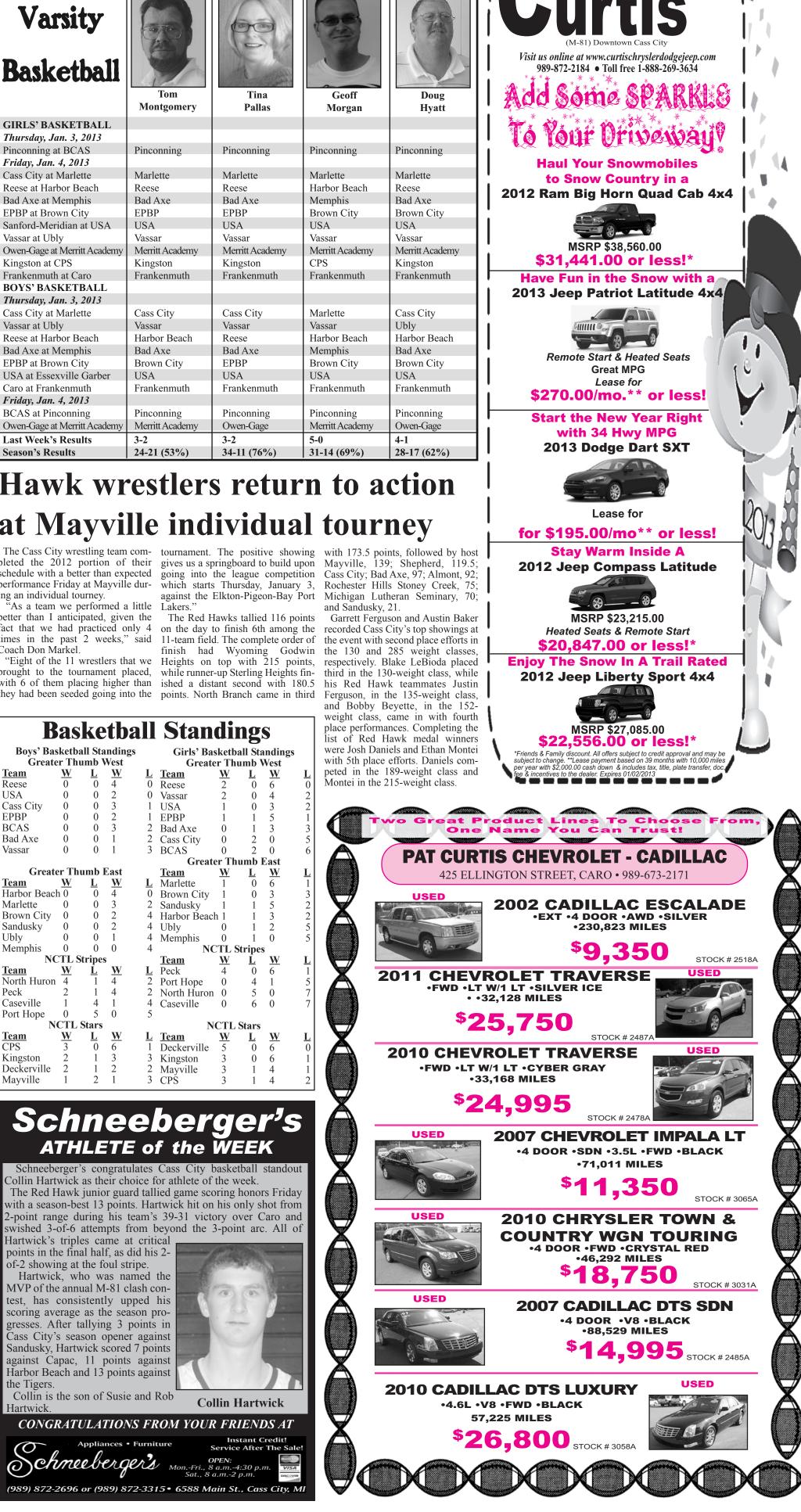
gives us a springboard to build upon going into the league competition which starts Thursday, January 3, against the Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port Lakers.'

The Red Hawks tallied 116 points on the day to finish 6th among the 11-team field. The complete order of finish had Wyoming Godwin "Eight of the 11 wrestlers that we Heights on top with 215 points, brought to the tournament placed, while runner-up Sterling Heights finwith 6 of them placing higher than ished a distant second with 180.5 they had been seeded going into the points. North Branch came in third



Boys' Basketball Standings Greater Thumb West

Girls' Basketball Standings **Greater Thumb West**



Team	W	L	W	$\underline{\mathbf{L}}$	Team	W	L	W	L
Reese	0	0	4	0	Reese	<u>W</u> 2 2	0	6	$\overline{0}$
USA	0	0	2	0	Vassar	2	0	4	2
Cass City	0	0	3	1	USA	1	0	3	2
EPBP	0	0	2	1	EPBP	1	1	5	1
BCAS	0	0	3	2	Bad Axe	0	1	3	3
Bad Axe	0	0	1	2	Cass City	0	2	0	5
Vassar	0	0	1	3	BCAS	0	2	0	6
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Great	er Tl	numb H	East		<u>Team</u>	W	\mathbf{L}	W	$\underline{\mathbf{L}}$
<u>Team</u>	W	$\underline{\mathbf{L}}$	W	$\underline{\mathbf{L}}$	Marlette	1	0	6	1
Harbor Beac	h 0	0	4	0	Brown City	1	0	3	3
Marlette	0	0	3	2		1	1	5	2
Brown City	0	0	2	4	Harbor Beach	n 1	1	3	2
Sandusky	0	0	2	4	Ubly	0	1	2	5
Ubly	0	0	1	4	Memphis	0	1	0	5
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<u>Team</u>	W	$\underline{\mathbf{L}}$	W	$\frac{\mathbf{L}}{2}$	Peck	4	0	6	1
North Huron		1	4	2	Port Hope	0	4	1	5
Peck	2	1	4		North Huron		5	0	7
Caseville	1	4	1	4	Caseville	0	6	0	7
Port Hope	0	5	0	5					
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Team	W	L	$\frac{\mathbf{W}}{6}$	L	<u>Team</u>	W	L	$\frac{\mathbf{W}}{6}$	L
CPS	3	0	6	1	Deckerville	5	0		0
Kingston	2	1	3	3	Kingston	3	0	6	1
Deckerville	2	1	2	2		5 3 3	1	4	1
Mayville	1	2	1	3	CPS	3	1	4	2

Schneeberger's ATHLETE of the WEEK

Schneeberger's congratulates Cass City basketball standout Collin Hartwick as their choice for athlete of the week. The Red Hawk junior guard tallied game scoring honors Friday with a season-best 13 points. Hartwick hit on his only shot from 2-point range during his team's 39-31 victory over Caro and

swished 3-of-6 attempts from beyond the 3-point arc. All of Hartwick's triples came at critical points in the final half, as did his 2of-2 showing at the foul stripe.

Hartwick, who was named the MVP of the annual M-81 clash contest, has consistently upped his scoring average as the season progresses. After tallying 3 points in Cass City's season opener against Sandusky, Hartwick scored 7 points against Capac, 11 points against Harbor Beach and 13 points against the Tigers.

Collin is the son of Susie and Rob Hartwick.

Collin Hartwick

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CASS CITY, MICHIGAN



Raymond Burleson

Raymond L. Burleson, 52, of Owendale, died unexpectedly Thursday, Dec. 27, 2012 in Caro.

He was born Oct. 24, 1960 in Wayne, the son of James and Yvonne (Mittlestat) Burleson.

He married Kelly M. Clancy Woods Sept. 14, 2007 in Bad Axe.

Ray graduated from Cass City High School in 1978. He worked as a machinist for several area companies including CKS in Bad Axe and currently as a machinist supervisor for Mi-Tech Tooling Inc. in Caro. He was a member of the Cass City Lions Club. Ray enjoyed working in his yard, photography and golfing. He took a great deal of pride in the Hi Fidelity speaker systems he built.

Ray is survived by his wife, Kelly; children: Taylor Burleson and Aime Warack of Cass City, Jeffrey (Christina) Woods of Roy, Utah, and Lee Anna Woods and friend Joseph of Lansing; a grandson, Carter; brothers: James (Diane) Burleson of Mountain Home, AR, Richard Burleson of Caro, and Robert (Lou) Burleson of Deford; sisters: Brenda (Bill) Tonak of Westland, and Donna (Les III) Auten of Cass City; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his grandparents.

Funeral services were held Sunday, Dec. 30, at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with Brad Speirs of Novesta Church of Christ officiating.

Interment was in the Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City. Memorials may be made to the

Family Discretionary Fund. Family and friends may share mem-

ories, prayers and stories with the family at www.kranzfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

Steve Skripy

Steve Alex Skripy, 63, of Deford, died following a long illness Sunday, Dec. 23, 2012, in United Hospice of Marlette Residence Center with his family by his side.

He was born Sept. 8, 1949 in Cass City, the son of Stephen Peter and Elizabeth Mary (Luana) Skripy. He married Tollice Marie Ballard

Aug. 17, 1985 in Flint.

Steve became a journeyman millwright after completing trade school. He began working for General items in his home. Early in his Motors at the age of 18. He retired after 30 years. Steve loved farming. He farmed his crop farm for many years until his health would no longer allow him to work with the earth. Steve loved music, country music and oldies. Steve and Tollice kept their camper at the campground in Caseville each summer and enjoyed their time there. Steve was a collector. He collected many things including toy tractors, knives, and beer steins, but more important was the acquiring of the things he collected. He loved to attend rummage sales, garage sales and auctions to see what he could find. Steve was a good person and a good friend. Most important to Steve was his family, especially his grandsons. He truly loved those boys and cherished watching and attending their sports activities and other functions. Steve is survived by his wife, Tollice: a daughter, Tina Middaugh of Caro; grandsons: Carter and Logan; sisters: Shirley Hayward of Clarkston, Mary (Andy) Kozan of Clinton Township, and Joan (Al)

Kinzie of Burton; and several nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and infant twin sisters: Janet and Judy

Funeral services were held Thursday, Dec. 27, at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with the Rev. JT Mabe officiating.

Interment was in the Novesta Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Pallbearers for Mr. Skripy were Dave Deering, Mike Gallagher, Rod Hawkins, Allen Kinzie, Bob Kozan and Tony Pickens.

Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund.

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

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

Kenneth Warner

Kenneth W. Warner, 90, of St. Johns, died Friday, Dec. 28, 2012.



He was born June 13, 1922 in Cass City, the son of Hazen and Edna (Collins) Warner.

He married Lois Emigh Whitaker Aug. 8, 1981. She survives him.

Kenneth served in the Army during WWII and as a young man enjoyed playing slow pitch softball. He was an active member of First Baptist Church in St. Johns and was very involved with the Senior Saints Group at church. He was very accomplished at working with stained glass and made numerous



THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPT-ING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMA-TION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THIS PURPOSE. IF YOU ARE IN THE MILITARY, PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUM-BER LISTED BELOW.

MORTGAGE SALE – Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Glenn M. Gibbons and Vivian A. Gibbons, husband and wife to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Investaid Corporation, its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated February 16, 2006 and recorded April 3, 2006 in Liber 1076 Page 27 and modified by agreement recorded June 20, 2008 in Liber 1152, Page 433, Tuscola County Records, Michigan Said mortgage was assigned to Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC, by assignment dated September 7, 2007 and recorded September 13, 2007 in Liber 1129 Page 1254 on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Seventy-Eight Thousand Three Hundred Two Dollars and Eighteen Cents (\$178,302.18) including interest 8.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, Circuit Court of Tuscola County at 10:00AM on January 17, 2013.

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

The East 40 acres of the East one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 19, Town 12 North, Range 11 East, except the East 323.0 feet and except the West 77.0 feet of East 400 feet of the North 240.0 feet of the East 40 acres of the East onehalf of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 19, Town 12 North, Range 11 East. Commonly known as 5240 Silvernail Rd., Deford, MI 48729.

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 redemp tion period.

Dated: 12/19/2012

Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC Assignee of Mortgagee

Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd., Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 12-67215

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Paul David Richev and Dawn M. Richev. Husband and Wife to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Quicken Loans Inc., its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated December 8, 2005 and recorded December 20, 2005 in Liber 1065, Page 872, Tuscola County Records, Michigan Said mortgage was assigned to Nationstar Mortgage, LLC, by assignment dated September 21 2012 and recorded September 27, 2012 in Liber 1260, Page 1213, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Six Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Dollars and Ninety-Eight Cents (\$126,970.98) including interest 2% per annum

2007 in Liber 1129 on pages 764 to 769 of the Tuscola County Records. No proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt which is now Ninety-One Thousand One Hundred Sixteen and 82/100 (\$91,116.82) Dollars.

The Mortgage will be foreclosed by selling the property described below at a public auction to the highest bidder. The sale will be held on February 7, 2013 at 10:00 a.m., local time, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan which is the location of the Tuscola County Circuit Court. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the Mortgage, including interest at the rate of 5.75% per year, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes or insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee before the sale.

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

The North 122 feet of Lot 4, Block 1 of STREET'S ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE OF CARO, according to the recorded plat thereof in Liber 1 of Plats, page 17A, Tuscola County Records.

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

Please be advised that under MCL 600.3278, if the property is actually sold at a foreclosure sale nursuant to the procedures provided in MCL 600.3200 et. seq., as is currently anticipated by this Notice of Mortgage Sale, then in such event, the borrower will be 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 26, 2012

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

PREPARED BY: John R. Tucker, Esq. P-37348 Winegarden, Haley, Lindholm & Robertson, P.L.C. G-9460 S. Saginaw Street, Suite A Grand Blanc, Michigan 48439 (810) 767-3600 12-26-5

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 OTTO RIGGEN, A SINGLE MAN, and JACK RIGGEN and KAREN M. RIGGEN, HUSBAND AND WIFE, to ICON FINANCIAL GROUP. INC., Mortgagee, dated June 13, 2001 and recorded June 18, 2001 in Liber 835, on Page 1124, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by GMAC Mortgage, LLC successor by merger to GMAC Mortgage Corporation by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-Two Dollars and Twenty-Five Cents (\$79,752.25) including interest at 7.500% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue 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 24, 2013.

held by Wells Fargo Bank, NA. by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Two Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty-Three and 35/100 Dollars (\$42,823.35) including interest at 8.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided. notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Tuscola Circuit Courthouse in the Village of Caro, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on JANUARY 31, 2013.

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

Parcel 1:Part of the North half of the South half of the Northeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 23, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, described as: Commencing at the East quarter corner of said Section; thence North 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East 1678.03 feet along the East section line to the point of beginning; thence South 89 degrees 37 minutes 36 seconds West, 280.00 feet: thence North 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, 32.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 37 minutes 36 seconds East, 280.00 feet to the East Section line: thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West 32.00 feet along the East Section line to the point of beginning. Subject to the right of way for Sheridan Road over the Easterly side thereof.

Parcel 2:Part of the South half of the South half of the Northeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 23, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, being further described as: Commencing at the East quarter corner of said Section; thence North 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, 1589.48 feet, along the East Section line, to the point of beginning; thence South 89 degrees 37 minutes 36 seconds West, 492.00 feet, thence North 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East 88 55 feet: thence North 89 degrees 37 minutes 36 seconds East, 492.00 feet, along the North line of the South half of the South half of the Northeast guarter of the Northeast guarter to the East Section line; thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, 88.55 feet, along said Section line to the point of beginning. Subject to the right of way for Sheridan Road over the Easterly side thereof.

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

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: January 2, 2013

Orlans Associates, PC. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007 File No. 12-511826

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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

BER LISTED BELOW.

career, Kenneth was the manager for the grain elevators in Montrose, Elwell and Marlette, and he retired as an inspector from General Motors.

Kenneth is survived by a son, Gordon K. Warner of Guadalajara, Jal. Mexico; 2 sisters: Helen (Harold) Rayl and Geraldine (Jim) Perry all of Cass City; a brother, Wilmer (Norma) Warner of Grand Rapids; and a sister-in-law, Kathy Warner of Vassar

He was preceded in death by a brother, Arthur and his first wife, Elsie Pringle Warner.

Funeral services were held today (Wednesday) at First Baptist Church, St. Johns, with Pastor Timothy Knaus officiating.

Military honors were provided by the St. Johns Honor Guard after the service at church.

Interment was Thursday, Jan. 3, at the Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church in St. Johns.

Arrangements were made by Keck-Coleman Funeral Home, St. Johns.

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 January 17, 2013.

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

Part of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 34, Township 11 North, Range 8 East, described as; Beginning at the South one-quarter of said Section 34; thence along the South line of said Section, South 89 degrees 10 minutes 25 seconds West, 263.00 feet: thence North 01 degrees 02 minutes 00 seconds West, 1339.76 feet; thence along the North line of said Southeast one quarter of the Southwest one-quarter North 89 degrees 21 minutes 55 seconds East, 242.55 feet; hence along the North-South one-quarter line, South 02 degrees 54 minutes 30 seconds East 1339 18 feet to the South one-quarter of Section 34 and the point of beginning. Except an undivided one-half interest in and to all the oil, gas and other minerals deed, as recorded in Liber 211 of deeds, at pages 83 and 84 (according to the survey recorded in Liber 608 Pages 1145 and 1146. Tuscola County Records. Commonly known as 4368 Swaffer Rd., Vassar Twp., 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), whicheve er 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.

Nationstar Mortgage, LLC Assignee of Mortgagee

Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd., Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 12-68162

Said premises are located in the Township of Kingston, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Land situated in the Township of Kingston, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, is described as follows:

STARTING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 18 TOWN 12 NORTH, RANGE 11 EAST, AND RUNNNG THENCE EAST 452 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 1260 FEET. THENCE EAST 350 FEET. THENCE NORTH 1260 FEET, THENCE WEST 350 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 8600 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 26, 2012

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

SCHNEIDERMAN & SHERMAN, P.C. 23938 Research Drive, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48335 GMAC.012814 12-26-4

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 Rolland J. David, Sr., a married man, to American Financial Mortgage Mortgagee, dated September 9, 1997 and recorded September 15, 1997 in Liber 720, Page 66, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now

conditions of a mortgage made Nicole Hutchinson, an unmarried woman, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated February 29, 2012 and recorded March 1, 2012 in Liber 1242, Page 196, and Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Wells Fargo Bank, NA by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-Eight and 10/100 Dollars (\$50,338.10) including interest at 4% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Tuscola Circuit Courthouse in the Village of Caro, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on JANUARY 31, 2013.

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

roperty located in the State of Michigan, County of Tuscola, City of Cass. Lot 1, Block 17 except the South 8 feet thereof of Seeger's Addition to the Village of Cass City, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 29 of Deeds, page 145

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 dam ages, 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: January 2, 2013

Orlans Associates, PC. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007 File No. 12-511438

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Dated: 12/19/2012

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

Notice is hereby given that Default has occurred in a Mortgage given by Renee E. Fee to the United States of America, acting through the Rural Housing Service or successor agency, United States Department of Agriculture. The Mortgage is dated August 24, 2007 and was recorded on September 11,



Case No. 12-27239-CH CIRCUIT COURT SALE

In pursuance and by virtue of a Judgment of the Circuit Court for the County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, made and entered on the 1st day of October, 2012 in a certain cause therein pending, wherein ROSE ACCEPTANCE, INC. was the Plaintiff and CHASITY ROBERSON and FEDER-AL HOME LOAN BANK OF INDIANAPOLIS were the Defendants.

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 Arbela, 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.

Tax Parcel Number: 79-003-005-400-1000-00

This property may be redeemed during the six (6) months following the sale.

Dated: November 12, 2012

Leland Teschendorf Sheriff ROSE ACCEPTANCE, INC. of East Lansing, Michigan Mortgagee

FOSTER, SWIFT, COLLINS & SMITH, P.C. Benjamin J. Price Attorneys for Mortgagee 313 S. Washington Square Lansing, MI 48933 (517) 371-8253 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 FRE-MONT, 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 Mortgagee/Assignee

SCHNEIDERMAN & SHERMAN, P.C. 23938 Research Drive, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48335 GMAC.012821 12-12-4

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

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

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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 Ninetv 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. claimed to be due at the date hereof 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 sec-onds 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 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #415207F01 12-12-4

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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 Brian Budry and Kimberly Budry, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc., Mortgagee, dated October 31, 2003 and recorded on January 23, 2004 in Liber 975 on Page 1066 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 Sixty-Four and 69/100 Dollars (\$62,164.69). Said premises are situated in the Township of Arbela, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Commencing at the South Quarter corner of Section 33, Township 10 North, Range 7 East; thence North 89 degrees 53 minutes 06 seconds West along the South line of Section 33, a distance of 661.74 feet to the point of beginning of this description; thence continuing North 89 degrees 53 minutes 06 seconds West along said South line of Section 33, a distance of 300.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 11 minutes 11 seconds West, 500.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 53 minutes 06 seconds East parallel with the South line of Section 33, a distance of 300.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 11 minutes 11 seconds East, 500.00 feet to the point beginning. Commonly known as: 3167 E WILLARD ROAD.

If the property is eventually sold at foreclosure sale, the redemption period will be 12.00 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 19, 2012

Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C. Attorneys for THE BANK OF NEW YORK MEL-LON, F/K/A THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATE HOLDERS OF CWABS INC., ASSET-BACKED CERTIFI-CATES, SERIES 2006-26 43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180 Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302 (248) 335-9200 Case No. 11MI00238-1 12-19-4

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Walter Rozanski and Carolyn R. Rozanski, Husband and Wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated March 16, 2007 and recorded on March 22, 2007 in Liber 1114 on Page 27, and assigned by said Mortgagee to PHH Mortgage Corporation as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Three Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-Three and 72/100 Dollars (\$83,363,72).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on January 17, 2013.

RANDALL S. MILLER & ASSOCIATES, P.C. MAY BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMA-TION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. IF YOU ARE A MILITARY SERVICE-MEMBER ON ACTIVE DUTY NOW OR IN THE PRIOR NINE MONTHS, PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by 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 FORECLOSURE NOTICE (ALL COUNTIES) AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMA-TION 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 statue 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 Courth Weisingen of Caro, Turacele Courth, Michigan of Caro,

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. 12OMI01068-1 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 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 Northwesterly 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

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

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 300.00 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 there-

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 Mortgagee

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

888 W. Big Beaver, Suite 800 Troy, MI 48084 248-362-2600 CHASE MARZ

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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 our and 69/100 Donars (\$62,164.69).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on January 17, 2013.

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

A Parcel of land in the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 8, Town 13 North, Range 7 East, Gilford Township, Tuscola County, Michigan; Beginning 450 feet East of the Northwest corner of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4; thence South 336 feet; thence East 215 feet; thence North 336 feet; thence West 215 feet to the Point of Beginning.

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

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

Dated: December 19, 2012

For more information, please call:

FC C (248) 593-1301 Trott & Trott, PC. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #414643F01

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Mortgage Sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Christina Gibbs, a single woman to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., acting solely as nominee for Pathway Financial, LLC, Mortgagee, dated November 3, 2006 and recorded on November 17, 2006, in Liber 1102, Page 1067, Tuscola County Records, said mortgage was assigned to THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, F/K/A THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATE HOLDERS OF CWABS INC., ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-26 by an Assignment of Mortgage dated June 29, 2011 and recorded July 21, 2011 in Liber 1226, Page 667, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Fifty-One Thousand Hundred Twenty-Three and 18/100 (\$151,523.18) including interest at the rate of 9.70200% 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 17, 2013. Said premises are situated in City of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

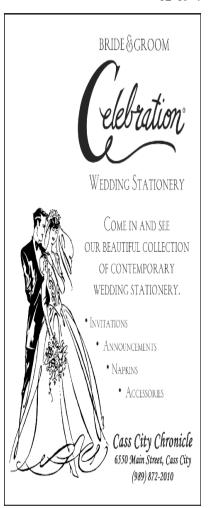
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because of weather condi- top destinations for snowmotions, going outdoors for fun bile enthusiasts in the in the winter can require even Midwest. And although ORVs more attention to safety than are often thought of as fairat other times of the year. A weather vehicles, they remain simple case of getting wet - or popular with some sportsmen getting turned around in the who use them during all seawoods - is much more signifi- sons to get to backwoods cant when the thermometer hunting or fishing destinareading is into the single digits.

Michigan Department of ble. Natural Resources (DNR) conservation officers remind snowmobilers, off-road vehicle (ORV) riders, hikers, cross-country skiers and fishermen to pay close attention to as an ORV trail as well. In safety as they pursue outdoor most places, especially in the winter hobbies. Their best Lower Peninsula, snowmobile advice? Make sure someone trails are snowmobile trails knows where you're going, not ORV trails." what you're doing and when vou'll be back.

you are going," said Cpl. John trails, Morey said. Morey, the DNR's off-road vehicle and snowmobile coordinator.

el route and expected time of area in which you intend to arrival or return," he said. "Then, if someone is overdue, whoever has the travel plan activity." can contact 911 and give and look for them right away." With nearly 6,500 miles of

designated snowmobile trails and more than 11,000 inland

Outdoor recreation doesn't lakes that offer an appealing license is suspended or a common occurrence," in a swimming motion. (This stop in the winter; for some frozen surface during the win- revoked may not operate a Morey said. "People go into is where ice spikes help greatfolks, it intensifies. But ter - Michigan is one of the snowmobile or ORV," Morey areas where they are unfamiltions.

> The 2 modes of transportation are not always compati-

"Conflict arises when ORVs operate on a designated snowtrail, mobile Morey explained. "That is not permitted unless it's designated

Many - but not all - Upper • Properly maintain Peninsula snowmobile trails "Always tell someone where are also designated ORV

"It's the rider's responsibility to know whether where he's going is legal for his intended "Tell them your planned trav- activity," he said. "Ensure the ORV is legally open to such

Morey cautioned riders to responders a chance to get out make sure their machine is properly registered and that ORV users, the DNR says that operators properly are licensed

'Anyone whose driver's

said. "Youngsters who are less than 17 must be under direct adult supervision (someone 21 years of age or older) to operate a snowmobile, unless they are in possession of a snowmobile safety certificate. And youngsters under 12 may not cross a road on a snowmobile."

Morey said that while most safety rules for snowmobile and ORV riders are common sense, they bear repeating. For instance:

- Always wear a helmet.
- Slow down.

• Dress appropriately and wear proper safety equipment (gloves, boots, goggles, etc.). • Keep your lights on. • Stay to the right.

vour machine.

· Check the weather conditions

• Only carry passengers if the machine is designed to do so. • Carry basic safety and rescue gear - including a cell phone. Use the buddy system: operate your snowmobile or always travel with someone else.

> Although lakes are highly attractive to snowmobile and people should never assume that ice is safe.

"Breaking through the ice is

iar with the ice conditions, like in areas with current or under bridges where the ice is ice conditions are and the only way to do that with certainty is to get out and check them for yourself.' Morey said ice should be

checked - on foot - as you make your way out. Avoid areas where the ice is discolored or there is vegetation or objects sticking up through it. Use a spud to punch the ice ahead of you (to make sure it is safe) as you walk and carry a rope in case someone should break through. It is also recommended that anglers carry spikes - usually encased in wood or plastic cylinders for handles - so they can grasp the ice with them should they break through.

freezing water is an extremely serious situation. Anyone who finds himself immersed in icy water must get his head above the surface immediately, get breathing under control and attempt to breathe normally, direction from which you came - and get your arms up on the ice. Use your arms to ationalsafety pull your upper body onto the www.dnr.state.mi.us/recice while you kick your legs - nsearch/.

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ly.) If you can get out, initially roll or crawl along the ice - do not get back on your feet right away - ensure you are on safe thinner. Don't. Know what the ice, and then immediately walk toward heated shelter.

If you are unable to get out, reach out as far as you can, hold on, and yell for help. If you see someone fall through the ice, make sure you do not put yourself at risk when attempting to assist them. "Call 911 immediately," Morey said.

When attempting to reach someone who has fallen through the ice, distribute your body weight by lying on the ice and toss a rope or reach for them with a pole, branch stick or ladder, which works very well. Do not compound the problem by breaking through the ice yourself.

Morey said there's no need for Michiganders to hibernate Breaking through the ice into all winter. "Outdoor recreation can be enjoyable, invigorating and fun, but for it to be any of those things," he said, "it must also be, first and foremost, safe."

To learn more about recreand work on getting out. Get ation safety, including class to good ice - generally in the offerings in traditional and online settings, visit www.michigan.gov/recre-



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THIS HAND PAINTED glassware (above), created by Deford area artist Amy Mathewson, is just one example of the merchandise featured at the newlyopened Cherished Treasures in Cass City.

Cherished Treasures crafters' delight

by Ryan Walker **Freelance Writer**

The recent opening of a new business in downtown Cass City provides a year round opportunity for craft enthusiasts and gift seekers to admire and purchase the creations of others. Patrons can also find a variety of supplies to satisfy some of their crafting needs.

opened officially Cherished Treasures to provide area vendors with a consistent location in which to display the fruits of their labor without having to worry about wind, rain and excessive heat or cold. Vendors who rent space from Cherished Treasures no longer need to be concerned with the weather forecast rently 17 vendors displaying a variwhen planning to display their products.

"I know what it's like; I used to go to craft shows every weekend. There items, painted glassware, jewelry, are so many elements that can affect cards, blankets and drawings, to it," said Bostwick, who added anoth- name a few of the goods available. er benefit for vendors is they don't The store also carries scrapbook sup-

booths on a daily basis.

In addition to handmade goods, supplies not always offered by other stores. Bolts of material and batting needed in a number of different craft projects can be found at the business.

"My goal is to help the community. I just love Cass City," Bostwick said. She explained the new business can Cass City resident Joyce Bostwick help local crafters by supplying some items that people currently have to drive to other towns or cities to purchase in order to continue with their projects.

While the craft supplies are a big draw, a large portion of Cherished Treasures' floor space is used to display local creations. There are curety of products, most of them handmade. Customers can find woodworking, metal working, crocheted courses.

have to set up and take down their plies, honey and homemade jams and jellies.

According to Bostwick, there's Cherished Treasures carries craft room at the location for 24 vendors. The spaces available for rent come in 4 feet sections or 8 feet sections. Vendors are not required to work shifts at the store. The only requirements are that they bring in their product and keep their area neat and clean

> Cherished Treasures closed its doors during the holiday season but plans to reopen this week. Bostwick explained she is planning to host a grand opening event at some point in January.

Cherished Treasures also intends on providing crafting educational opportunities as part of its future endeavors. Some possible offerings include basic sewing, children's crafting classes and crocheting

Two weeks ago Cherished Treasures was honored as Cass City's Spotlight Business of the Week. "I'm very satisfied with the business so far; for a brand new business we're doing well," Bostwick said

Irrigation meet slated

Michigan State University Extension (MSUE) and the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) will host an Irrigation Meeting Wednesday, Jan. 16, at Ubly Heights Golf and Country Club, Ubly.

The doors open at 8:30 a.m. followed by welcome and introductions at 9 a.m. At 9:10 a.m., Dr. Steve Miller with Michigan State University (MSU) will present "Ensuring an Adequate Supply of Irrigation Water without Negatively Affecting the Neighbors or the Environment - Water Conflict and Registration". At 10:00 a.m., "Irrigation Management Scheduling -How much water do you need and when to turn it on and how much to apply?" will be presented by Lyndon Kelley, MSUE.

A short break will take place, followed by "Choosing the Right Irrigation System," presented by Kelley. At noon, lunch will be served, with the afternoon presentations beginning at 12:45 p.m. with Kelley presenting "Powering an Irrigation System". At 1:15 p.m. "Ordering and Installing an Irrigation System" will be presented. Abby Eaton, with the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD), will present "Reporting Large Capacity Water Use" at 2 p.m. followed by Dennis Stein, MSUE, sharing "Irrigation Capital Budgeting".

To registration online, visit http://web2.msue.msu.edu/events, or contact Shelly by calling (989) 269-9949 (ext. 602). Cost is \$25, including materials and lunch. Deadline to register is Saturday, Jan. 12 on-line, and Friday, Jan. 11, by calling the office.



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"There has been an increase in the number of cases of what many of us think of as the 'stomach flu' or viral gastroenteritis — this is not related to flu or influenza," said Ann Hepfer, R.N., nursing director for the Tuscola County Health Department. "This type of illness is often caused by the noroviruses. Noroviruses are very contagious and can spread easily from person to person.

"Noroviruses, a group of viruses that can cause nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, cramping and low-grade fever, can be spread through handto-mouth contact, direct person-toperson contact, or by contact with contaminated objects or surfaces," Hepfer explained.

Currently, there is no antiviral medication that works against norovirus, and there is no vaccine to prevent infection. Norovirus infection cannot be treated with antibiotics. This is because antibiotics work to fight bacteria and not viruses," she said.

Hepfer said residents can decrease their chances of coming in contact with noroviruses by following some simple preventive steps:

Pesticide class slated Jan. 10

For anyone who needs to continue RUP certification, MSU Extension will be offering a review class Thursday, Jan. 10, beginning at 9 a.m. at the Huron Expo Center, 170 W. Soper Rd., at the fairgrounds in Bad Axe.

Three RUP credits will be available to those with current certification and not taking the test in the afternoon. The review will be offered again Thursday, Feb. 28, at 9 a.m.

Following the review at 1 p.m., the Michigan Department of Agriculture will be on hand to administer testing to those who would like to take the test to receive their certification. Registration for the test only needs to be done on the Michigan Department of Agriculture's website at www.michigan.gov/pestexam.

Bob Battel, MSU Extension agriculture educator, will be hosting this event. To register for the review, call (989) 269-9949 (ext. 602).

running water and soap, using friction for at least 20 seconds, especially after toilet visits, changing diapers, and before eating or preparing food.

•Thoroughly clean and disinfect contaminated surfaces immediately after an episode of illness by using a bleach-based household cleaner.

•Immediately remove and wash clothing or linens that may be contaminated with virus after an episode of illness (use hot water and soap).

•Flush or discard any vomitus and/or stool in the toilet and make sure that the surrounding area is kept clean.

•Persons who are infected with norovirus should not prepare food while they have symptoms and for 3 days after they recover from the illness.

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