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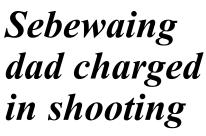
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# Attempted murder the charge in Sanilac Co.

#### by Tom Montgomery Editor

A Sanilac County man arrested last week after firing shots at a Marion Township residence has been formally arraigned on a felony charge of assault with intent to commit murder.

Terry Lee Groesbeck, 52, was also Please turn to page 6.



by Tom Montgomery Editor

A Sebewaing man was arraigned on multiple felony counts last week following his release from a hospital after being shot during an exchange of gunfire with police earlier this month.

George E. Barrett, 66, was formally charged in Huron County District Court with assault with intent to commit murder, possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony and discharge of a weapon in a building. Police say the charges stem from an incident in which Please turn to page 6.



SANILAC COUNTY Sheriff Garry Biniecki (right) recently presented Sanilac County Central Dispatch Director Dawn Cubitt with the 2012 Sheriff's Distinguished Deputy Award during his department's annual awards ceremony. Also pictured is Undersheriff Brad Roff.

# "Promise" director to speak in village

by Tom Montgomery Editor

A planned visit to Cass City by the executive director of the Kalamazoo

Promise program has been rescheduled for Tuesday, April 3.

The community is invited to the presentation, which is slated to get underway at 8 a.m. at Northwood Meadows.

**Tornado** Monthly siren testing gets underway April 3

> by Tom Montgomery Editor

Sheriff honors officers by Tom Montgomery

by Tom Montgomery Editor

The Sanilac County Sheriff's Department recently honored its own during the department's annual awards ceremony at the Sanilac County Conference Room in Sandusky.

The gathering recognized deputies for outstanding performance, courage and acts "above and beyond the call of duty" in 2012. Officials also presented a pair of lifesaving awards, 28 meritorious service commendations and 10 honorable mention awards.

The sheriff's department's awards committee selected one recipient from each division to receive "Deputy of the Year" awards.

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# Butterflies are free...



Photo courtesy of Paula LeValley

CASS CITY first graders recently traveled to Midland Dow Gardens to explore the Butterflies in Bloom exhibit. Above, Cohen Sherman, son of Carrie and Joe Luana and Dan and Mandy Sherman, enjoys an unexpected landing place for a butterfly. The students also visited the Grossology exhibit at the Dow Center for the Arts. Teachers at Cass City Elementary School were awarded a grant from Dow to pay for transportation costs. Janice Brown, executive director of the Kalamazoo Promise, was scheduled to speak in town in January. However, illness and inclement weather prompted Cass City School officials to postpone the event.

According to Cass City School Supt. Jeff Hartel, Brown's invitation to the Thumb was sparked by some interest in exploring the possibility of establishing a scholarship program similar to the Kalamazoo Promise in Cass City. "It's just an idea we're putting out there to see if there's any interest," he said. "This could lead to a great opportunity for our students and community."

The Kalamazoo Promise is a pledge by a group of anonymous donors to pay up to 100 percent of tuition at any of Michigan's state colleges or universities for graduates of the public high schools in Kalamazoo.

To receive the minimum 65 percent of the benefit, students must have lived within the school district, attended a public high school there for 4 years, and graduated. To receive the full scholarship, students must have attended the Kalamazoo Public Schools since kindergarten.

The program was unveiled at a Nov. 10, 2005, Kalamazoo Board of Education meeting.

In the first 5 years of the program, the anonymous donors spent roughly \$25 million on scholarships for more than 2,000 graduates.

In the process, school officials have seen their district's decades-long slide in enrollment reverse itself.

Between 2005 and 2010, enrollment in the Kalamazoo Public Schools grew by 20 percent, bringing new financial resources into the district and leading to the construction of 2 new schools — the first schools to be opened in the city in nearly 40 years.

Officials say the "Promise" has also intensified efforts by the district to create a strong college-going culture that reaches every student in the K-12 system. School officials have seen a dramatic increase in the number of kids who are taking advanced placement courses.

The program is also envisioned as a catalyst for economic growth in the community as a whole by creating incentives for current residents to remain in the district and for new residents (especially those with children) to move in, resulting in a tightening in the slack housing market and higher property values.

#### Luito

When it comes to spring weather in Michigan, the only certainty is uncertainty.

Tuscola County Office of Emergency Management Coordinator Steven Anderson knows that reality all too well, which is why he is reminding area residents that it's time to prepare for the worst Mother Nature can dish out in the coming weeks.

The threat of damaging thunderstorms and tornadoes each summer is behind Michigan Severe Weather Awareness Week, established by the Michigan Committee for Severe Weather Awareness and former Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm.

In conjunction with the observation, slated for April 7-13 this year fire departments throughout Tuscola County will be preparing by testing their tornado sirens on a monthly basis, starting Wednesday, April 3, at 10 a.m. Tornado sirens will continue to be tested on the first Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m. through October.



A tornado warning is announced with a 2-minute siren blast. The all-clear signal is 3 short blasts.

A severe thunderstorm or tornado 'watch" is issued whenever conditions exist for severe weather to develop. A warning, indicating that residents should seek shelter immediately, is when issued severe weather or a tornado is spotted on radar or when a funnel cloud has been sighted.

Each year, more than 1,000 tornadoes strike the United States.

Since 1950, more than 239 persons have been killed due to tornadoes. According to the National Weather Service (NWS), there were 2 deaths and 4 injuries in Michigan due to severe weather in 2012. All of the

and 4 injuries in Michigan due to severe weather in 2012. All of the deaths and injuries resulted from severe thunderstorm winds. Flooding, severe thunderstorms and tornadoes were responsible for about \$210 million in damage last year, up from \$150 million in damage in 2011.

Among the most devastating weather events in Michigan last year was the Dexter EF3 Tornado. Winds in the tornado reached up to 140 miles per hour, destroying 4 homes and damaging another 200 residences and business. There were no injuries — a fact that, experts say — can be attributed to an early warning from the National Weather Service, decisive action from local emergency management and broadcast media to alert the public, and to the residents of Dexter for promptly seeking shelter.

The Thumb was fortunate in that no tornadoes were recorded in 2012. According to NWS statistics, Tuscola County has recorded just 17 tornadoes since 1950, while Huron County saw 13 tornadoes over the same period and Sanilac County recorded 15 tornadoes.

The average Michigan tornado is on the ground for less than 10 minutes and travels a distance of roughly 5 miles. However, they do not always follow the norm and have been known to stay on the ground for more than an hour and travel distances of up to 100 miles or more. PAGE TWO

# Hopper named Owen-Gage's "Senior Student of the Month"

Owendale-Gagetown "Senior Student of the Month" for a junior, she was inducted into the March.



Hopper has been a member of the

varsity softball team all throughout

high school, along with playing vol-

leyball in her junior year and basket-

ball in her senior year. She has been

a member of the Owen-Gage Band

JJ Jamokes Restaurant are partnering

to benefit the Michigan chapter of

the National Multiple Sclerosis (MS)

The Caro restaurant will be donat-

ing at least 10 percent of its lunch

and dinner sales Thursday, March

2013 LEAD Tuscola class, through

one of its members, Bill Ogden, who

The event is being hosted by the

21, to the Michigan chapter.

Society

all 4 years, playing percussion. Academically, Hopper has been on

Donna Hopper has been named the honor roll and a member of the year and is a member of the electric School's 3.0 Honors Club the past 2 years. As Owen-Gage chapter of the National Honor Society.

Hopper was a junior class representative for homecoming and was nominated as a queen candidate for snowball this year. She also was a horseback riding. member of the prom committee in her junior year and a member of the Danille Hopper of Carsonville. She yearbook staff the past 2 years. She plans to attend North Western has attended the Huron Area Michigan Community College to Technical Center since her junior major in alternative energy.

technology program.

She has helped in the fall clean-up at Owen-Gage School, volunteered at blood drives sponsored by the National Honor Society, and has volunteered at the Huron County Senior Ball. In her spare time, she enjoys

Hopper is the daughter of Joe and

# *O-G recognizes students*

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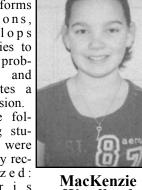


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Wendland Murray, **Wendianu** third grade (elementary level), son of



eleventh **Bryan Hopper** school level), son of Joe and Danille Hopper; and Donna Hopper, 12th grade (senior student), daughter of Joe and Danille Hopper.



The 2013 LEAD Tuscola Class and for the MS organization.

**Chris Murrav** 

scheduled this Thursday

LEAD Tuscola is a 10-month program promoting local leadership, with class members participating in a series of monthly, thought-provoking and service-oriented sessions. Class members take the knowledge they gain to become more involved in the continuing growth of Tuscola County.

More information is available by logging onto the website. is actively involved in fundraising www.LEADtuscola.org.

Ruiz; MacKenzie Wendland, sixth grade (junior high l e v e l), daughter of M a t t

grade (high





**Professional and Business** 



CASS CITY, MICHIGAN



# State on the right track with funding

With all the nonsense going on in Washington, D.C., lately, it's refreshing to see Michigan officials focusing on ways to positively address quality of life issues for its citizens.

More importantly, state officials are following through with some ACTION designed to bring about real change, rather than just accumulating another list of talking points for some politician's upcoming speech.

Case in point: an aggressive effort to reshape Michigan's health care system to make it more patientfriendly and efficient for its residents as well as for *health care providers.* 

The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (Innovation Center) within the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) last week announced Michigan is among the recipients of a Model Design Award - \$1.6 million to develop a health care innovation plan that should go a long ways towards reinventing Michigan's health care system.

*"With this grant, we have an opportunity to make"* some groundbreaking changes in our state. By focusing on transforming our health care system, we will be able to provide better coordinated services and payments and, ultimately, better quality care for Michigan residents," Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) Director James K. Haveman said of the grant.

What that boils down to is implementing some changes that will make it easier for Michigan residents to navigate the system while seeking the services they need, according to Angela Minicuci, MDCH public that. (Charlton Heston starred information officer. "Right now, this grant is the first step in identifying" ways to simplify the health care system," Minicuci explained. "We'll be creating a plant to make payments to providers easier, getting access to multiple forms of health care easier, and better coordination among health care services. Once we have a plan, we will apply for another round of grants to implement that plan. "With those funds, we would be able to actually affect change," Minicuci noted. "Someone who is receiving a behavioral health service right now may find that the care they receive for their physical needs may not be in line or coordinated. In addition, the payment system to providers and for providers is very complicated. "We're hoping to make all of the service delivery and payment systems simpler for the consumer, to help residents have a better experience when they receive health care services," she added.



telling you anything you don't already know. Sometimes though, the overall irony shoots right over the top.

Zombies are a hot commodity. Never mind nobody's ever seen a real one - they're on TV, T-shirts, in books, video games and the movies, so we're all familiar with this group of undead.

For the last few years, for many viewers, zombies have dominated Sunday evening television - giving a new definition to the term, "dead man walking." Zombies were to the Neilson ratings what marshmallows are to s'mores – gooey blobs that had people coming back for seconds while sitting around the warm glow of a campfire (or TV screen).

It appeared zombies had the upper hand – well, the visit ones that still had hands did. They were the Chia pets of the new millennium. Trendy and not very cute, but cropping up everywhere. Despite their gory appearance, ratings were through the roof and zombies were on a roll (or at least a slow-paced swagger). Nothing short of an axe to the head would stop these man-eating monsters.

Then, along came God.

We've always known God had a corner on the Sunday morning market, but now He's hit primetime with a miniseries on the Bible. Big and small screen adaptations of the Bible have been done before. Mr. Gibson and Mr. Heston will attest to this. But, our current Bible story has viewers flocking around their screens by the millions.

In the beginning, there were zombies, but in its premiere week, the Bible beat the undead. Score one for the big guy.

God and zombies actually have more in common than a Sunday night primetime slot. Zombies rise from the dead. The Bible practically invented this miraculous feat. Jesus wouldn't be Jesus without it.

Consider the whole eternity thing. God promises eternity; zombies are stuck with it. They've got to experience a blow or bullet to the brain in order to escape the unlife of zombiedom

Blood, gore and more – the zombie channel isn't the only place to get your daily helping of brutality. The Bible is full of violent acts: brothers killing brothers, kings killing babies, people turning to salt and the siege and slaughter of entire cities.

Makes dodging slow-moving, dim-witted zombies seem like a piece of cake.

Zombies may not have a whole lot going on in the areas of conversation and intellect, but they're technologically advanced and never further away than your smartphone. You can even access an app that shows what you would look like if you were a zombie. (Why?) Not to be outdone, God and the Bible are both socially networked and online. God – there's an app for that. You might think it's impossible to tweet the story of creation in 140 characters or less. If anyone can do it, God can.

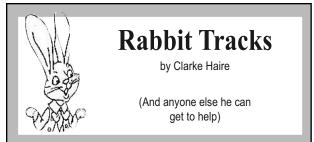
While zombie lore goes way back in Haitian culture, for all practical purposes, zombies came to the U.S. when the first "Night of the Living Dead" movie was made in 1968. God has been around a lot longer than

We live in a strange and crazy world. But I'm not back and forth between the Bible and zombies? Abraham prepares to sacrifice Isaac; (flip) Carl is lost. Moses witnesses the burning bush; (flip) Has anybody seen Carl? Samson gets a haircut; (flip) Where is Carl?

It's said God gave people free will. As of late, we also have a choice on Sunday evenings. We can watch zombies or the Bible. Or, we could be totally unconventional and read a book.

I'd suggest making it a good one.

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A gambling getaway is being planned by the Friends of the Rawson Memorial Library.

Slated for May 14 and 15, a visit to 3 casinos can be had for just \$150. The first stop calls for a 4-hour layover at the Firekeepers Casino in Battle Creek. It boasts a Las Vegas style game floor with over 2,600 slot and video poker games.

Next, travelers will enjoy the Four Winds Casino in New Buffalo with its 3,000 slot machines ranging anywhere from one-cent to \$100 to play. Travelers will also enjoy an overnight stay here before heading to the final stop at the Gun Lake Casino in Wayland.

Better hurry, it's a safe bet spots will fill up fast. Reservation deadline is April 12. Call Gail Smith at 989-872-3121 for more information or to purchase tickets.

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Connie Iwankovitsch, director of Cass City's all-school play, says the local district's 3 performances of "Peter Panic" this past weekend went off without a hitch.

In front of packed audiences on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, she felt Saturday night's showing highlighted this year's production, as the Ubly drama club was in the house adding to the fun.

Rotary Club member Melissa Mathewson reports that attendance at the local civic club's St. Patrick's Day fundraisers was down a little compared to years past. She says about 165 folks showed up for the annual event, which usually draws about 200 guests.

Makes sense to us.

It also stands to reason that improving vital services that we all depend on in one way or another will not only make life better for Michigan residents, it just might serve as another strong incentive when it comes to luring new business and industry to the Great Lakes State.

Change may not come overnight, but this is definitely a step in the right direction, and our leaders in Lansing deserve a pat on the back for their efforts.

in "The Ten Commandments" way back in 1956.)

Moses may have surfed the Red Sea, but the guys at my house like to channel surf. Can you imagine flipping



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The sixty-third annual Sanilac County Band Festival for junior high school bands will be held Tuesday, April 16 at <sup>7</sup> p.m. in the Peck High School Gymnasium.

The event will begin with an individual performance of 2 selections by each of the 7 participating junior high school bands. The evening of fine band music will be climaxed by a performance of the 2013 Sanilac County Junior High School Combined Band under the direction of Mr. Scott F. Pries, Director of Bands at Imlay City Community Schools.

The bands participating in the festival will be representing the communities of Brown City, Carsonville-Port Sanilac, Croswell-Lexington, Deckerville, Marlette, Peck and Sandusky.

The public is cordially invited to attend the band festival. Donation to the performance is \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for children.

# Have a concern? A complaint? Just want to voice your opinion? The Cass City Chronicle welcomes letters to the editor.

Letters must include the writer's name, address and telephone number. The latter is in case it is necessary to call for verification, but won't be used in the newspaper. Names will be withheld from publication upon request, for an adequate reason. The Chronicle reserves the right to edit letters for length and clarity.

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is the Friday noon before publication.

## Wednesday, March 20

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, March 21

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

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

## Friday, March 22

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

## Saturday, March 23

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. Thumb Dance Club, 7-11 p.m., Maple Valley School, 138 Maple Valley St., Sandusky. Everyone is welcome to attend. Admission: \$5 (members), \$6 (non-members). For more information, please contact Leola at (810) 657-9349 or Dorothy at (810) 404-4250.

# Monday, March 25

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.

Cass City Village Council meeting, 7 p.m., municipal building. Cass City School Board meeting, 7 p.m.

Hills & Dales General Hospital Auxiliary meeting, 11:30 a.m., Gilligan's.

Tuscola County Right to Life meeting, 6:30-8 p.m., Caro Area District Library, 840 W. Frank St., Caro. For more information, call (989) 872-3259.

# Tuesday, March 26

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

# **Cupcake controversy**

# Senator weighs in on soldier decorations debate that started at Schall Elementary

#### by Tom Montgomery Editor

Senator Mike Green last week weighed in on the so-called "cup-cake controversy" at a Tuscola County elementary school, calling the school's objection to the plastic "little green army men" on a student's birthday cupcakes "outrageous".

The incident at Schall Elementary School in Caro drew national attention after a third grade student brought cupcakes topped with World War II-style plastic toy soldiers to his classroom on the occasion of his ninth birthday. School officials drew criticism when they required that the toy soldiers be removed before serving the cupcakes.

Green said the building principal involved called the inclusion of the little green army men on the cupcakes "inappropriate" and "insensitive" in the wake of recent school violence. School officials later clarified their reasoning, saying toys are prohibited in school as a matter of district policy.

Green (R-Mayville), who represents the state's 31st District (Tuscola, Huron, Sanilac, Arenac and Bay counties), invited the student's parents, Casey and Angela Fountain, to the state Capitol last week to share their cupcakes with senators and staff members. In his speech, Green described the contropolitical correctness.

school in banning this 9-year-old's censored."

mon sense in place of what he called birthday treat are truly outrageous," radical censorship and excessive he said. "Genuine acts of honor towards our men and women in uni-"The actions of the elementary form, past and present, should not be



SENATOR MIKE Green (far left) stands with Casey and Angela Fountain at the state Capitol after inviting the Caro area couple to share some toy soldier-decorated cupcakes with legislators and staff members. Green criticized School officials for objecting to the decorations — recently used on birthday cupcakes sent to school with the versy and called for reason and com- Fountain's son — calling their reaction outrageous.

# In collision with school bus

# Driver suffers minor injuries

#### by Tom Montgomery Editor

A Kingston woman suffered minor injuries last Wednesday when she lost control of the vehicle she was driving and struck an empty school bus in Tuscola County's Wells Township.

Tuscola County Undersheriff Glen Skrent said the minor traffic accident occurred at about 6:45 a.m. at the intersection of East Dayton and Bevens roads.

'The Caro Community School bus was driven by Brian Skidmore, 55 years old, from Caro. The bus did not have any children onboard.<sup>3</sup> eastbound on Bevens Road. At that time, a northbound vehicle was

Bevens Road. The driver, Susan Brzezinski, 48 years old, from to Skrent, who noted Brzezinski was Kingston, lost control on some ice, skidded into the intersection and

breaking to stop for the stop sign at struck the front of the school bus." Skidmore was not hurt, according transported to a Thumb hospital for treatment.

# Circuit court news

# Several charged with felonies

The following people appeared in 2012, in Juniata Township, and for Tuscola County Circuit Court last his plea of guilty to one count of week on various felony charges: delivery/manufacture of marijuana

•Joseph A. Prosser, 46, Caro, plead- also convicted of being an habitual

July 3 in Fremont Township. He was

easter Buffet Sunday, March 31 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. 5 Entress With All The Trimmings • Salad Bar • Hors d'oeuvres • Dessert Table \$15<sup>95</sup> per person

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# Want to learn more about mental health?

**Register for Mental Health First Aid (MHFA)** 

March 13 and March 20, Vassar Public Library – Dykhouse Rm

9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. The class is FREE.

Must attend both sessions to receive certification To register call: 989.673.6191 or www.tbhsonline.com

Mental Health First Aid is a public education program that builds understanding of the signs and symptoms of mental illness and addiction and teaches participants how to respond to a person in crisis and connect them with the appropriate professional, peer, social or self-help care.

Sometimes, the best first aid is YOU. Take the course, save a life, strengthen your community.



If you or a loved one is in crisis, call Tuscola Behavioral Health Systems 24 hour emergency services 989.673.6191 • 800.462.6814 Services are confidential. www.tbhsonline.com

ed no contest to a charge of assault-Skrent reported. "The bus had been ing, resisting or obstructing a police officer Dec. 19 in Indianfields Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convictions).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case and bond was was ordered to pay costs and fines continued at \$5,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Keith B. Powless, 28, Millington, pleaded guilty to domestic violence, third offense, Dec. 7 in Vassar Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at sentenced to 191 days in jail and 60 \$4,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Richard W. Cross, 49, Vassar, pleaded guilty to one count of possession of cocaine, heroin or another narcotic (less than 25 grams) June 13 in Vassar. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (2 prior Silverwood, pleaded guilty to one felony convictions).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$10,000 and the defendant was ordered and bond was continued at remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be uled. scheduled.

no contest to charges of home invasion and larceny in a building Dec. 19 in Caro.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$20,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Brittany L. Buttleman, 24, Cadiz, Ky., pleaded guilty to one count of stealing/retaining a financial transaction device July 16, 2011, in Mayville.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$5,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Christopher R. Timmins, 21, Caro, received a one-year delayed sentence following his plea of no contest to a charge of assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer Aug. 21 in Wells Township.

He was placed on 12 months probation and ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$938.

sentenced to 364 days in the county from a motor vehicle June 15-20 in jail, with work release and worksite privileges, following his plea of Registration Act by failing to notify pre-sentence investigation and conaddress between July 5 and Aug. 8, to be scheduled.

offender (3 or more prior felony convictions).

In addition to jail time, Periso was placed on 24 months probation and ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$2,496.

•Edward S. Sizemore, 44, Caro, totaling \$1,928 following his pleas of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while impaired, and no contest to charges of interfering with electronic communications and assault or assault and battery Oct. 28 in Caro.

•Ronald B. Poirier, 61, Vassar, was months probation following his plea of no contest to a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon Nov. 25, 2011. in Vassar.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$698.

•Anthony A. Putman, 25, count of possession of marijuana May 23 in Dayton Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was \$3,000. Sentencing is to be sched-

•Donalee K. Komarowski-Ward, •Mark A. Fisher, 27, Caro, pleaded 48, Flint, pleaded no contest to charges of first degree home invasion, larceny of a firearm, larceny in a building and possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony June 3 in Arbela Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$15,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•ErinElizabeth M. White (Wilding), 30, Caro, pleaded no contest to interfering with electronic communications Dec. 15 in Almer Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$2,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Paige L. Armstrong, 22, Brown City, was sentenced to 7 days in jail, with worksite privileges, following her pleas of no contest to charges of interfering with electronic communications and domestic violence, second offense, Sept. 23 in Kingston.

She was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,328.

•Taylor A. Dragus, 19, Caro, plead-•Bryan J. Periso, 25, Deford, was ed no contest to 5 counts of larceny Caro.

The plea was taken under adviseguilty to violating the Sex Offender ment by the court, which ordered a local law enforcement of a change in tinued bond at \$8,000. Sentencing is

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# *Reporter's notebook*

# Thanks, Mr. Popeil. Oh, and bon appetit!

by Tom Montgomery Editor

I'm rarely tempted to order gadgets hawked on television commercials, I suppose in part because most of them these days cost \$19.99, and if I listen to the announcer long enough, he'll try to keep my itchy finger off the remote by shouting at me: "But wait! That's not all ... ?

That's not to say I don't watch the commercials. After all, I'm a guy, I cook and garden, and I like gadgets.

Which is a long-winded way of saying I'm pretty familiar with the various household names of those products. Still, I was a little skeptical when my family recently presented me with a Ronco Showtime Rotisserie. Yup, a Ron Popeil original, "set it and forget it", prepare-great-dishes-boasting-30percent-less-fat-for-your-family, rotisserie.

Clearly my family loves me. I know that because along with the rotisserie (a birthday present), they also gave me meat. Yes, meat, as in a couple of chickens, a nice plump pork loin, a 10-pound turkey breast and various roasts.

As it turns out, Ron Popeil, who no longer owns Ronco, doesn't really want me to "set it and forget it" due to the risk inherent when you cook meat in an enclosed space next to a heating element. But I've been very impressed with my rotisserie's performance. I've prepared several meals with it and the meat dishes not only taste great, they also look just like they do on the old commercials.

I should have known I could trust Popeil, who founded Ronco in 1964, and whose television commercials belted out familiar names such as "Popeil" and the suffix, "-O-Matic" over a 40-year span, posting an impressive \$2 billion-plus in sales.

In the beginning, the company chiefly sold inventions developed by Popeil's father, Samuel "S.J." Popeil. The products included the Veg-O-Matic and the Popeil Pocket Fisherman (I can't tell you how many of those I've seen at garage sales, probably because any fisherman with the tiniest amount of self-respect wouldn't be caught trying to use one. Sorry, Ron).

But I digress. In doing a little research, I learned Popeil began developing products on his own to sell through Ronco during the 1970s. He sold the company to Fi-Tek VII, a Denver holding company, in 2005 for a whopping \$55 million. Two years later the firm filed Chapter 11 in U.S. bankruptcy court - paperwork showed that Ronco creditors, the largest of which was Popeil himself — were owed nearly \$33 million. CD3 Holdings Inc., a consumer products company, acquired Ronco a couple years ago.

Well, so much for today's history lesson.

If you'll excuse me, I seem to have misplaced my Chop-O-Matic, and dinnertime is approaching.

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by Tina Pallas



#### **5 YEARS AGO (2008)**

Veteran Elkland Township Clerk Norma Wallace, who will have put in 26 years as clerk when her current term ends in November, is retiring, but says she will miss the part of the job that has enabled her to make many lasting friendships over the years.

It's rare in high school sports when freshmen athletes make much of an impact at the varsity level. But that's exactly what wrestling Coach Don Markel is hoping for when Cass City takes to the mats next year. And judging by the success that Red Hawk eighth graders Nick Adkins and Josh Jensen enjoyed recently while competing at the MidMichigan Wrestling Association League state finals, it's easy to see why Markel feels that trend may not apply to the class of 2012. Both Cass City middle school students earned the title of state champion this month, wrestling for the Caro Growlers Youth League. Adkins compiled an impressive 37-1 record wrestling in the heavy weight division, while Jensen, who wrestles in the 170 pound weight class, has a mark of 45-1.

Ran into Gary Anderson, one of the owners of Anderson, Tuckey, Bernhardt & Doran, P.C., CPAs, at an area restaurant and asked when he figured to retire. Got 7 more years to go, when I'll be 72, he replied. After that I'll continue to work part-time, he added. I can't just do nothing, he grinned, sort of just like you. Gary should have plenty to do, as his company just took over a firm in Marlette. (Rabbit Tracks)

#### 10 YEARS AGO (2003)

Televised images of the U.S. Army's 3rd Infantry Division rumbling across a desert inside Iraq's borders strike a personal chord of fear in Margie Muegge's heart. "I've been watching CNN a lot. I hate to, but I do it anyway," said Muegge. "It's a constant, constant worry." Somewhere inside one of the estimated 10,000 armored vehicles en route to the Iraqi capitol of Baghdad is Muegge's grandson, Jason Schwartz, 27. Schwartz is a Cass City native who, at the age of 8, moved with his mother to Huntsville, Ala. There, he was involved in ROTC in high school and signed -up

recalled helping to care for the Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Miller, also of Cass City.

Melissa Woodward was pleased to be called on stage along with 13 butions toward Michigan FFA." other finalists in the Business Professionals of America (BPA) State Leadership Conference held Cass City High School senior started out as one of 90 competitors from across the state in the Banking and Finance category of the event. She was even more thrilled when she found herself still standing among the finalists a few minutes later. "When they got to the top 4, I thought, okay, I made it to nationals," she recalled. But the excitement didn't end there. Woodward, in just her second year of competing in BPA, soon stood among the top 2 finalists. In the end, she stood alone. "I just about passed out on the stage," she recalled of her reaction.

#### 25 YEARS AGO (1988)

Growth spurt — "Rosebud," the pet of Cass City residents Mr. and Mrs. Dick Hendrick, won't be a year old until May, but the house-broken silver back skunk has already grown from a few ounces last June to a whopping 15 pounds.

The Thumb B Association all conference basketball team as selected by league coaches includes Paul Tuckey, Cass City junior, on the first the second team.

Darlene Monroe was the only junior and the only player from Cass City to be named to the Thumb B Association all-conference volleycoaches. The 6-foot Monroe was a Hawk leader all season.

The Euchre Club met Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Decker. High prizes were won by Mrs. LeRoy Sefton and Cliff Jackson. Low prizes were won by Mrs. Leonard Beulla and LeRoy Sefton. Gaylord LaPeer won the her last visit here she had asked her traveling prize.

#### 50 YEARS AGO (1963)

Willis Campbell were to have merriment and afforded no small received State Farmer awards at the measure of gastronomic satisfaction. 35th State Future Farmer Convention being held this week in East Lansing. The convention started Tuesday and ends today (Thursday). Recommended to receive the State Farmer degrees are Russell Barriger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Barriger, Muegge when he was born. Muegge Unionville, and Bill Miller, son of

youngster while his mother was Unionville. Campbell's degree is working fulltime at the Charmont in honorary and will also be given to other vo-ag instructors and leaders 'who have made outstanding contri-Campbell, who was the Thumb's first vo-ag instructor, was to have received his award Wednesday at recently in Detroit. After all, the 2:00 p.m. He began teaching vo-ag at Cass City in 1921.

> Members of the Chamber of Commerce Board elected the first woman ever to lead the organization Tuesday night when they named Mrs. James Bauer president for 1963-64. Other officers elected Tuesday were Bill Kritzman, vicepresident: Cliff Ferguson, secretary, and Kenneth Eisinger, treasurer. New members of the board, elected by a ballot vote of the membership, are Tom Proctor, Mrs. Mary Leeson and Jim Ware.

> Cass City Rotarians named officers for 1963-64 in their regular meeting Tuesday at the New Gordon Hotel. Elected without opposition was a slate presented by the nominating committee. Officers are: President Jim Bauer, Vice-president Bob Keating, Secretary Bill Kritzman and Treasurer Arthur Atwell.

#### 100 YEARS AGO (1913)

Peter Rushlo & Son, Elmwood township farmers, recently disposed of 15 head of cattle for which they received \$1,415.48. The price paid team and Jeff Sontag, senior guard, per pound was eight cents. The cattle and Mike Randall, junior center, on were all grades-some Holsteins, Durhams and Herfords. One cow sold for \$122 and one steer for \$114.40.

W.A. Fairweather of Caro received by parcels post Monday a rather unusual package with 42 cents ball team as selected by league postage attached. After removing the wrapping a bill file was disclosed. Opening this and removing some newspapers, he was astonished to find a mince pie between two tins, in just as good condition as if fresh from the oven. The package came from his daughter, Mrs. R.W. Gifford, Binghamton, N.Y. During father what he wanted for a birthday present and he said, "one of your mince pies." He had forgotten the conversation until the pie itself Two Cass City High School agricul- reminded him. It has given Mr. And ture students and Superintendent Mrs. Fairweather ample occasion for Lester Bailey has rented a portion of the brick building next to Schwaderer's Restaurant, now occupied by the Hub Music House, and will move his barber shop to that place about the middle of April. The shop will occupy the front 27 feet of the upper floor.



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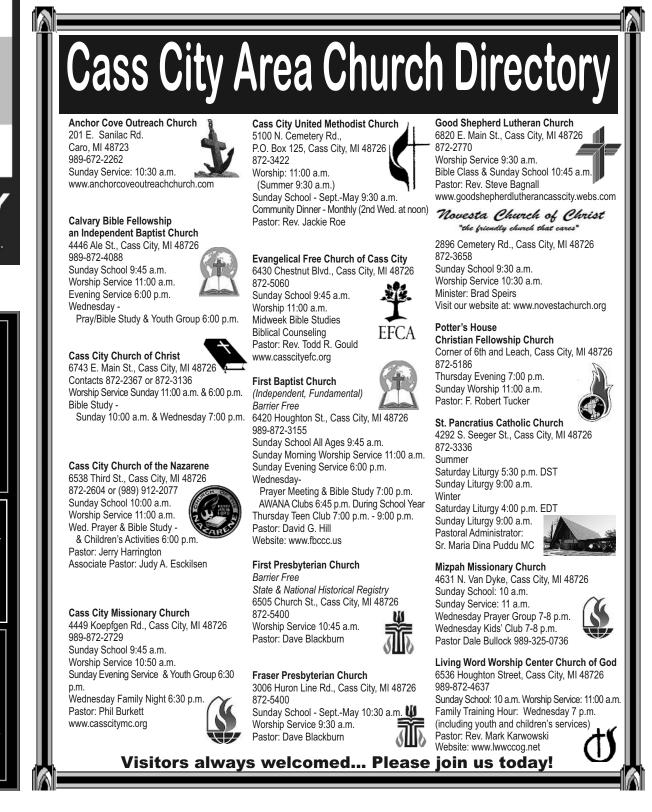
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for the reserves. "Then, he went active in '97 and did all the training he needed," Muegge said, noting Schwartz was most recently stationed in Fort Stewart in Savannah, Ga. Of all her grandchildren, Muegge said she has been particularly close to Jason, who along with his mother, Peggy, were living with



# Author, author!

# Greene shares writing tips and stories with Cass City students

#### by Ryan Walker **Freelance Writer**

"Now...he was not just a pirate dreaming of loot, but a reader he was and a good one to boot! When one book was finished, yes when he was done, he picked up another – oh, reading was FUN!"

This quote from the book, "No Pirates Allowed! Said Library Lou", by children's book Author Rhonda Gowler Greene, has served as the perfect motto for Cass City Elementary School this month. March is National Reading Month, and to celebrate, students have were little. donned jogging suits for "Reading

and they decorated their classroom doors with writing and art projects based on their favorite books.

The highlight of the March reading celebration took place Friday as Cass City Elementary School students and staff members welcomed Greene to speak to the students about her books and what it takes to be a good writer.

Greene, a Michigan author from West Bloomfield, has published 22 children's books. The mother of 4 said she became inspired to write many years ago when her children

"I love books. And I love kids," she

Jogs Your Mind Day", they have said. "Growing up, I dreamed of welcomed high school students as being a teacher, which I was out of being a teacher, which I was out of guest readers in their classrooms, college. When I had kids of my own, though, I quit teaching and was a stay-at-home mom. I read and read and read to my kids. The more I read really delightful children's books, the more they made me want to write books like that. So after I tucked my kids into bed at night, I wrote," she said.

> Greene spoke to elementary students in grades Young 5s through sixth about the writing process, publishing, and how to make their own writing stand out. "I liked how she told us what we needed to add to our writing to make it sparkle," said Cass City Elementary School fourth grader Raeven Periso.

> Greene said she finds inspiration for her stories everywhere. The accomplished author confessed that sometimes she just can't think of an idea. When that happens, she goes back to reread some of her favorite books. "If you want to be a good writer, you have to read a lot," she told the students.

> Greene described the process of creating a book, saying she writes a story, prints the text out and then cuts it apart and makes a little book out of papers stapled together. She arranges the text onto 28 pages, which is the standard length for a children's storybook. She explained she makes these "dummy books" so that she can see if the story she has created will really work as a book.

> Greene doesn't send the "dummy books" to editors. Instead, she sends the story in text form. It's usually several months before she hears back from the editors, who typically send the story back with notes and suggestions on how she can make her writing stronger. She then revises her story and works on making it even better based on those ideas.

> Greene noted she received 220 rejection letters from editors before she sold her first book, "Barnyard Song", which was published in May 1995. She told students that she strongly believes that the key to getting published can be summed up with 3 "Ps": passion, persistence and patience.

Students were surprised to hear that she doesn't get to choose the illustrators for her books. In fact, she usually doesn't even meet them.

said, adding an exception to choosing her own illustrator was her book, "Make Your Writing Stand Tall: A Creative Writing Handbook", which was written by Greene and illustrated by her son, Brad Greene. It was Greene's only self-published book. Created in comic book form, the graphic text shares ideas with young writers on how to make writing "sparkle" with strong verbs and details. She explained these tips to the students during 4 assemblies at the school

"When you write a sentence, look back at the verbs and try to make them stronger," she said. "Details are the most important thing to add to writing to make it better.'

Greene read sentences from a couple well-known children's novels Allowed! Said Library Lou", is due and compared them to a "boring" sentence that would merely include the facts without the details and strong verbs. The author then asked students which one sounded more exciting and encouraged them to think that through as they were writing. "Never consider your first draft, your last draft," she told them.

Cass City Elementary second grade teacher Kathy Dorland said, "It's great that our students can hear that real authors have to write and rewrite.

Greene said her visit at Cass Citv Elementary School "was wonderful! available by visiting her website at The kids were great. I was so impressed with how well prepared by finding her on Facebook.

"The illustrations are usually even they were for my visit. The students better than what I imagined," she already knew all about me and all about my books.'

During her visit, Greene took some time to walk through the halls and look at all the different art projects and writing assignments the students had completed based on her books.

When asked about the author's visit kindergartener Kylee Kelley said, "My favorite part of today was finally seeing the person who wrote the books we've been reading.

Many students purchased books that the author autographed while visiting the school. Third grade student Abbey Halabis commented, "I liked hearing about her and the things she likes to do. I learned that you can do anything you want if you believe in yourself!

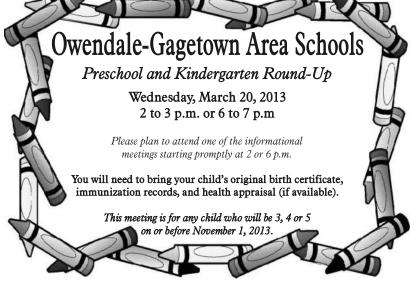
Greene's newest book, "No Pirates to be released May 1. Cass City Elementary School students can look forward to finding the new book in their own school library this spring.

Since the publication of her first book, Greene has won numerous awards, including School Library Journal "Best Book", American Bestsellers "Pick of the List", the International Reading Association's "Choice Book", the Moonbeam Children's book award, and the "Michigan Reads, One State, One Children's Book Award"

More information about Greene is www.rhondagowlergreene.com, or



**CHILDREN'S BOOK Author Rhonda Gowler** Greene demonstrates the different shapes she uses in her book, "When a Line Bends, A Shape Begins", during her visit with Cass City Elementary School students Friday in conjunction with National



# Attempted murder the charge

#### Continued from page one.

charged with assault with a dangerous weapon, possession of a firearm while intoxicated, and domestic assault during his appearance before Sanilac County District Court Judge Gregory Ross.

Groesbeck was scheduled to return to court Monday for his preliminary examination. He remains lodged in the Sanilac County Jail on a \$500,000 cash bond.

# Sebewaing dad charged

#### Continued from page one.

Barrett allegedly fired shots at his son during an argument at their Young Street residence in Sebewaing.

Bond has been set at \$40,000 cash for Barrett, who faces a preliminary examination Friday in district court. He remains lodged in the Huron County Jail.

Troopers from the Michigan State Police post in Caro along with the Sebewaing Police Department and Huron County Sheriff's deputies were dispatched to the Barrett residence Tuesday, March 5, at about 5:30 p.m. to investigate a report of shots being fired.

"The victim from the initial call (Barrett's son) ran to safety without injury. As law enforcement officials were establishing a perimeter of the area, the suspect exited the residence and fired several times. Officers returned fire, striking the suspect,' said First Lt. Mitch Krugielki, commander of the Caro post.

Krugielki said no law enforcement officers were injured during the incident.

The Sebewaing Police Department is investigating the confrontation between Barrett and his son, while troopers are investigating the shooting involving the suspect and law enforcement officers.

'In compliance with department policy, the trooper involved in the shooting was placed on administrative leave while the incident remains under investigation," Krugielki said.

Sanilac County Sheriff's Department investigators say Groesbeck fired shots at a Marion Township residence in the 2500 block of Mills Road during the early morning hours of Sunday, March 10.

"Central dispatch received a domestic disturbance call at approximately 1:50 a.m.," said Sheriff Garry Biniecki, noting the caller stated the dispute involved use of a firearm and that shots had been fired.'

Deputies arrived to find what they described as an intoxicated Groesbeck attempting to flee the scene in a vehicle after firing a shotgun at his wife and her ex-husband. "Deputies performed a felony traf-

fic stop on the suspect vehicle near the driveway of the residence, and the suspect was taken into custody without incident," Biniecki said. "The shotgun was recovered at the scene and it was determined that shots had been fired but no one was struck."

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# airs Lady all-star selections

Kingston's Crystal Shafor and Jenna Boyl were named to the 2013 North Central Thumb League allconference first team, highlighting 4 Lady Cardinals honored by the voting of league coaches.

# Thanks for the memories by Clarke Haire

Publisher

Don't look now, but spring sports media day in Cass City is on tap for later this week and play on the diamonds, weather permitting, begins Monday while action around the track is scheduled to start Tuesday.

But before the Red Hawks kickoff their spring seasons, let's take a moment and savor the accomplishments of our 2012-13 Greater Thumb West boys' basketball champions.

For the record, teammates Cole Israelson, Cody Orban, Lukas Schenk, Cody Ross, Jacob Perry, Collin Hartwick, Curtis Dickinson, Shane Rasmussen, Curtis Jacob Hacker, Tristan Kuntz and Eric Churchill finished the regular season with marks of 11-1 in the GTW, and 17-3 overall, en route to Cass City's first league title since 2001.

The journey, capped by an exciting come-from-behind win over runner-up Reese in the final week before post-season play, is one they won't forget anytime soon. Like it happened yesterday, I can, as a point guard, recall cherished memories from Cass City's 1977 Thumb B Conference championship team. And I am betting they won't be much different from those created by the 2013 champs down the road.

Topping the list of recollections, no doubt, will be the many friendships developed between teammates. When you spend days, months and years working toward a common goal - that's hard to forget, especially when the results match your dreams. To this day I am still best friends with many of my former running mates. I've been told that Israelson and Orban are planning to room together next year at Central Michigan University, just like teammates Jeff Hartel, Scott Richards and I did in the late 1970s. Fast forward 35 years and I am here to tell you our bond has wavered little over time. For some of us, the relationship forged with the coach - Ron Nurnberger in 1976-77 and Aaron Fernald in 2012-13 - will be unforgettable. Imbedded in my memory banks is Nurnberger's "my way or the highway" style of mentoring. We often bumped heads, just as Fernald and Schenk have this year. Still, I think of the moments shared with my skipper more than the time spent together with any of my former teachers. Respect is another trait developed on the hardwood floors over the course of a campaign. Juniors Ross Ridenour, Jim Molner and Dean Severance didn't see much playing time in '77, nor did juniors Kuntz, Churchill and Rasmussen in '13. Doesn't matter, they all came to every practice and worked tirelessly to make the team better. There's a good chance neither team would have hoisted championship banners without their selfless contributions. Add integrity to the characteristics developed by champions. It was an easy attribute to spot during my high school days in senior Chuck Hendrick, as it is with Class of 2013 member Ross. Both players probably wished for more playing time in their final go-round, yet gave all they had none-theless. Growth, commitment, self-worth, discipline, trust and an endless list of human characteristics manifested in a positive way for my classmates Dean Severance, Mike Richards and John Tuckey back in the day. Those qualities have also surfaced this year for juniors Hartwick, Hacker, Perry and Dickinson on their way to the top. To the 2013 champs, I say thankyou for stirring up old memories. Let's do it again in 2014.

rebounds and 3 steals in her final high school season, while shooting 47-percent from the floor. She was a unanimous dream team selection.

"We asked Crystal to switch from guard to post last summer. She put in a lot of work during the off season and became the top player in the NCTL. Crystal averaged a double/double versus the top teams on our schedule," said Coach Jay Green.

Boyl averaged 8.5 points, 4.2 and Chelsea Measel. assists and 3.5 steals as a sophomore. Coach Green said, "Jenna was our top shooter and really elevated her play during her first year on the varsity."

The pair is joined on the fantasy squad by Port Hope's Marissa Schave, Carsonville-Port Sanilac's Sarah Albrecht, and Deckerville's Kaleigh Spaetzel and Tiffany Rich. Placed on the North Central Thumb

were Ruth Squires, Mayville; Jenna play all 5 positions," he said.

Shafor averaged 12 points, 8.5 Arndt, Port Hope; Erika Lentz and Ashley Nickens, Carsonville-Port Sanilac; Nina Preston, North Huron; Courtney Groat, Peck; and Sarah Inbody, Deckerville.

The North Central Thumb League honorable mention choices included Kingston's Elissa Chambers and Bailey Barden; Mayville's Jona Baldursdottir and Jordan Dunham; North Huron's Sarah Maurer; Peck's Leigh Knox and Samantha Murray; and Deckerville's Karlee Shagnea

Barden averaged 7 points, 6 rebounds and 2 blocks, while Chambers averaged 7.5 points, 5 rebounds, 3 assists and 3 steals for Coach Green's Lady Cardinals in their junior year seasons.

"After overcoming a knee injury to start the season, Bailey continued to improve and provided much needed interior scoring and defense. Elissa is League's all-conference second team a versatile player who we asked to

# Michigan residents encouraged to complete hunter safety course

Michigan residents considering hunting in 2013 and who need to education and complete a hunter education course classes, should enroll in a class this spring, www.michigan.gov/huntereducawhen offerings are plentiful. Classes tion. are held year-round, but April, May, August and September are traditionally the months when classes are most available.

"We encourage anyone considering hunting this year who needs to complete a hunter education course to enroll now in a spring course," said Sgt. Jon Wood, hunter education program supervisor for the Department Ju of Natural Resources. "Waiting until the last minute before you go deer N hunting this fall can often translate into difficulty finding a class or an instructor available for a field day, if you are planning to take the homestudy or online course.'

Michigan has 3 types of hunter education courses - traditional classroom, home-study and online. Anyone born on or after Jan. 1, 1960, is required to complete the COURSE before buying a Michigan hunting license or taking an out-of-state hunting trip. Exceptions are made for youths under the age of 10 who are hunting under a Mentored Youth Hunting license or hunters older than 10 who are hunting with an apprentice hunting license. Hunters can hunt under the apprentice program for 2 years before they are required to take hunter education. The traditional classroom course is a minimum of 10 hours and includes both classroom and field work with an instructor. The fee for the class is \$10 or less to cover field supplies. The home-study course features a workbook to complete classwork. A field day is required with the homestudy course and must be scheduled with an instructor prior to starting the course. Michigan also offers 2 approved online hunter education courses, www.hunter-ed.com/Michigan and www.huntercourse.com. Students who choose the online course will complete their classwork online, and then have a field/skills day with an instructor and take a written exam. The field day must be scheduled with an instructor prior to starting the online course.

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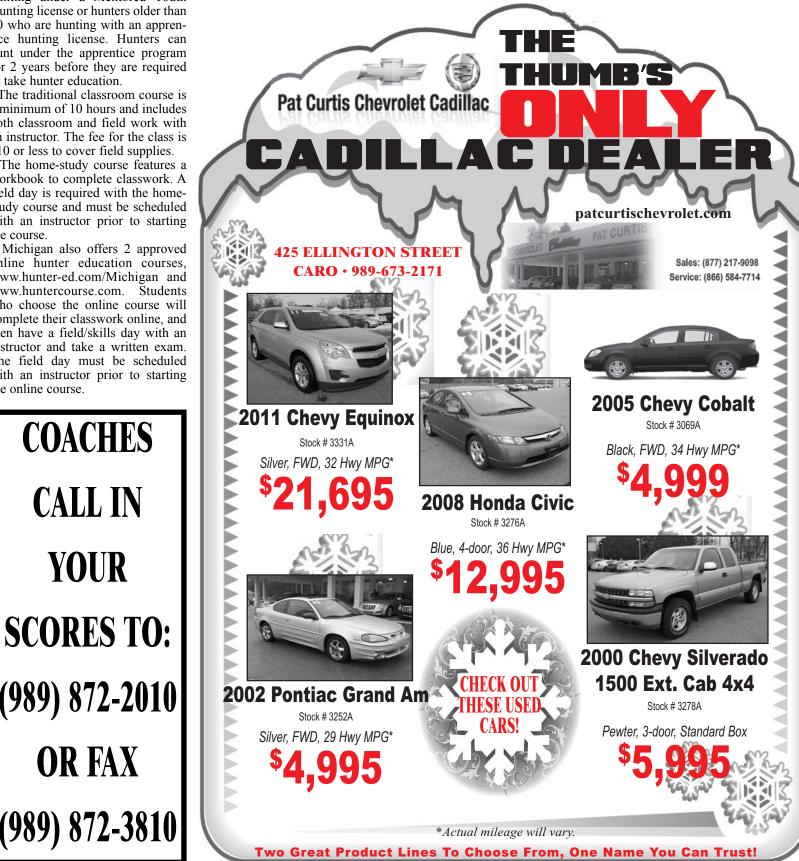
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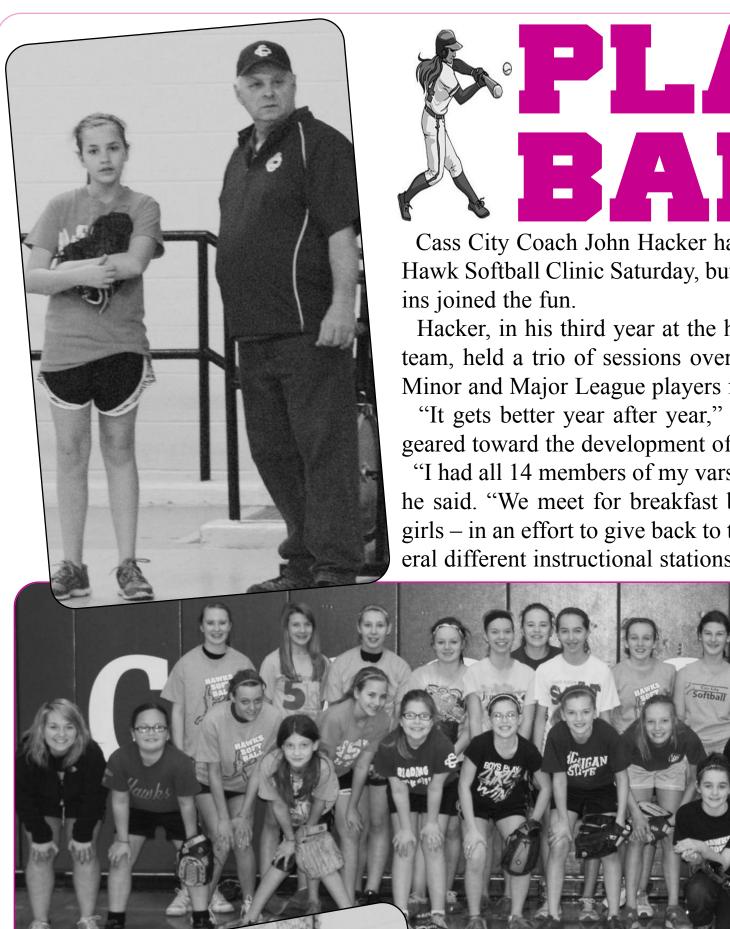
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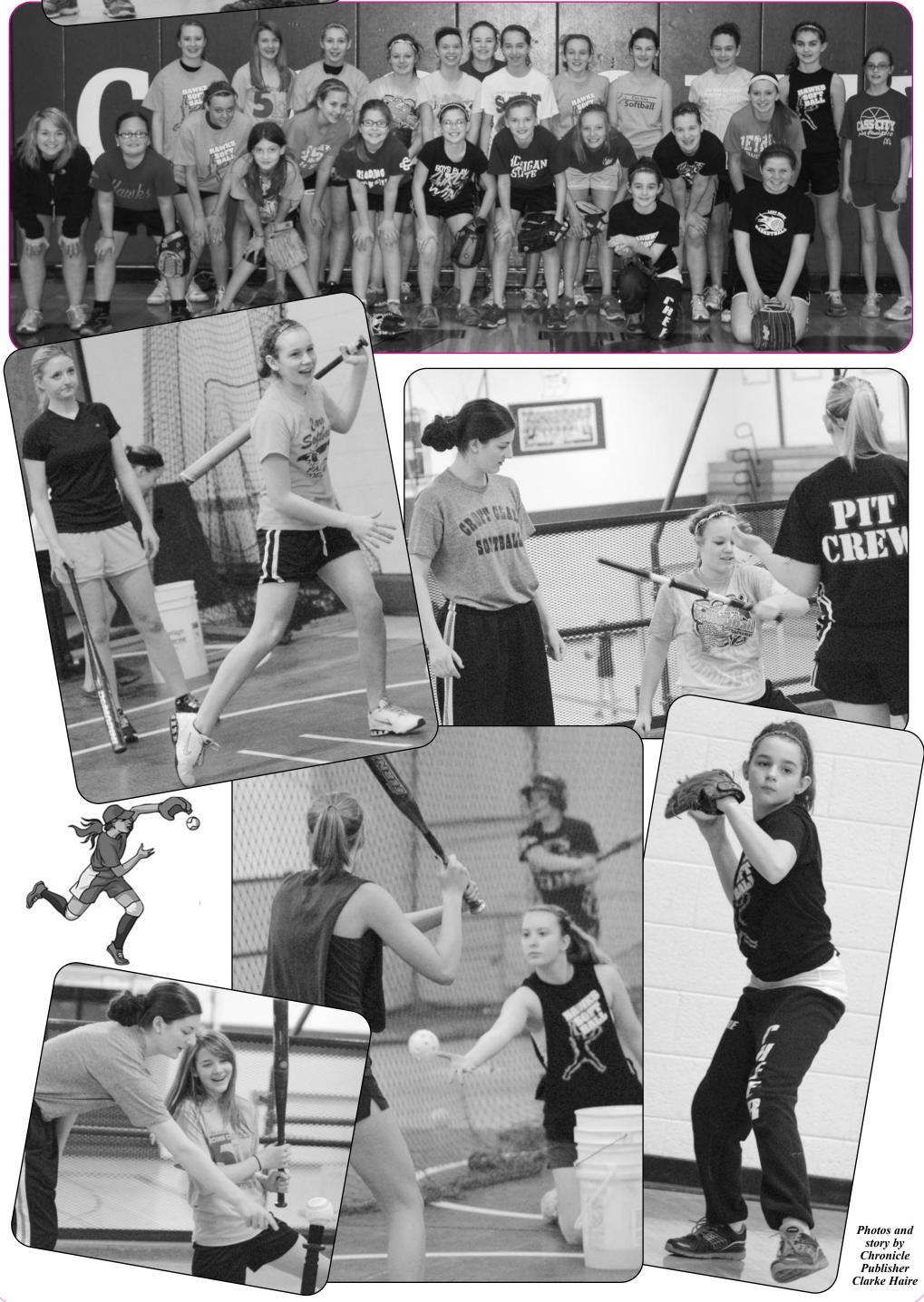


Cass City Coach John Hacker had 32 kids sign up for his Red Hawk Softball Clinic Saturday, but was delighted when 18 walk-

Hacker, in his third year at the helm of the Red Hawk varsity team, held a trio of sessions over the weekend for area T-ball, Minor and Major League players from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.

"It gets better year after year," says Hacker of the workshop geared toward the development of younger players age 6 to 14.

"I had all 14 members of my varsity team on hand to help out," he said. "We meet for breakfast before the clinic and then the girls – in an effort to give back to the community – help run several different instructional stations at the local high school gym.



#### by Tom Montgomery Editor

Financial and peace are 2 words that don't often seem to go together, especially during these challenging economic times.

But area residents can achieve financial peace just the same. according to Dave Ramsey, a financial expert and author, who says the 7 "baby steps" he teaches through Financial Peace University can make all the difference when it comes to long-term financial security.

"The program is 9 weeks in length and teaches you how to get rid of debt, manage your money, spend and save wisely, and much more," explained Mark Karwowski, pastor of the Living Word Worship Center in Cass City, who facilitates the local classes.

Earlier this year, 20 area residents embarked on Ramsey's 9-week journey towards financial freedom. The classes were held on Saturday mornings at the Baker College campus in Cass City.

"Discussions regarding the need for a program such as this in Cass City started last summer, and Revive Ministries was approached to see if it fit their vision for helping the community," Karwowski recalled. "The board reviewed the proposal and agreed to support the class Revive.

"As word got out, the community really got behind the program, offer-

the Rotary Club that agreed to support the program as their peace project for the year. Then, the Gavel Club got on board as well as offering their support, followed by the Pinney Foundation.'

Area residents say the program was well worth their investment.

"I learned so much from this class. Mostly I am the manager of my money and really need to know where every penny is going and prioritize where it goes," commented Karen Leal.

"Wants are different from needs, and my biggest need is to be out of debt and obtain financial peace truly," she said. "Sometimes you need to give up things, like smoking after realizing I was truly burning lots of money that could be put to way better use."

"Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University should be one of our most sought-after, enjoyable and effective adult education courses," said Jim a little, you need to have a plan for Rutkowski. "This course can benefit all people. The principles learned are well worth the investment."

Mark and Tara Fibranz agreed. We have had a rocky background when it comes to our finances. We have never made a whole lot of money and have had one income most of the time," Tara said. "We decided at the beginning of our marriage that it would be best for me to

only having one income. We didn't know a whole lot about money or budgeting — we were just happy if we got all the bills paid that month.

"We are a long ways from where we began at the start of our marriage," she continued. "We have learned a lot about how to budget our money and the importance of savings. The baby steps make sense and they work. We have been able to set up our \$1,000 emergency fund and 3 months of emergency living expenses.'

The program emphasizes the importance of keeping track of where each dollar goes, according to Fibranz.

"It opened our eyes," she said. Some changes we were able to make right away and some will take awhile, but we know that by staying on the right track, we will be better off. It's hard work, but it is so worth it "

"If you have a lot of money or only every dollar. He (Ramsey) teaches the best way to make your money work for you," added Cathy Healy, who also completed the course. "My goal for coming to this class was to figure out what I needed to do to retire some day. I have come away from the class energized and with a plan."

Karwowski said the cost of the class materials is roughly \$100, "but parstay at home with the kids. Of ticipants that successfully complete

ing support," he said. "First it was course, we have sacrificed a lot by the program receive a gift card for they can give back (to) the commu-\$50 at the end of the class and have nity." the chance to earn incentives each week by showing that they are is to offer the program 3 times a year actively working their cash flow plan or budget.

> looking for more local businesses to sign tives. The idea is to teach people how to manage their finances so that Cass City.

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The plan, according to Karwowski, — in the winter, spring and fall.

The next session is slated to get "The information gained through this program is more than worth the p.m. at Hills and Dales General investment," he said. "We are also Hospital in Cass City. Residents can online up at get involved and help with the incen- daveramsey.com/findaclass, or by stopping at Revive Ministries in





AREA RESIDENTS WHO recently completed Dave Ramsey's course through Financial Peace University included (front row, from left) Renee Brinkman, Tara Fibranz, Mark Fibranz, Dennis Hill, Mark Karwowski (class facilitator), (standing, from left) Nick Romzek, Rick Dillon, Jill Dillon, Betsy Dillon, Judy Romzek, Dwaine Peters, Barb Peters, Cathy Healy, Jim

The Cass City Athletic Boosters would like to announce that the 2013 Silent Auction was a great success. We would like to thank all of the area businesses, families, and individuals who generously donated items for the auction.

# A big thank you to:

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Rutkowski and Ann King. Not pictured are Becky Sangster, Jerry Harrington, Linda Harrington, Laura Hill and Karen Leal.



Thank you to everyone who came out and bid. Proceeds will be used to benefit Cass City Schools' athletic programs.

It's not too late to contribute to your IRA for 2012. **Contributions can still be made** up to April 15, 2013.

New IRA contribution limits for 2013 are \$5,500 with a catch-up contribution of \$1,000 for individuals age 50 and over



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# **Rapes Scholarship** deadline nearing

The deadline for the Anthony L. Rapes Scholarship is Monday, April 1. Senior high school students in Huron County may pick an application up from their high school guidance counselors and FFA advisors, as well as at the MSU Extension Office, 1142 S. Van Dyke Rd., (Health Department Complex) Suite 200, Bad Axe, or online at www.msue.msu.edu/huron and click on either the Agriculture or 4-H Youth Development (left side on the home page).

Several scholarships are awarded annually to Huron County's outstanding ingoing freshmen students from the Anthony L. Rapes Memorial Scholarship Fund. The scholarship is in honor of Tony Rapes, a longtime Extension agricultural agent in Huron County, with the first scholarships being awarded in 1981. In 2012 there were 4 scholarships awarded.

Since the scholarship began, more than \$46,000 has been awarded to Huron County students.

The scholarships are awarded to Huron County students with high moral character, initiative, and high scholastic achievement; who have made outstanding achievements in FFA or 4H work; who have been accepted as students at an educational institution; and who plan to major in agriculture or a related field.

The primary source of funding for these scholarships has been the Huron County Dairy Promotion Committee. For more information or an application form, contact MSU Extension-Huron County at (989) 2699949 (ext. 604).



## **Frank Benitez**

Frank Benitez, 86, of Gagetown, passed away Monday, March 11, 2013, at Tendercare Cass City.

He was born April 2, 1926 in Bolton, Kan., the son of the late Manuel and Ysadra (Sanchez) Benitez.

Benitez attended St. Agatha School until eighth grade, then Gagetown High School until ninth grade when he left to work for his parents on their farm. He then worked in Owendale for Automotive Industries for 9 years, while also having bought the farm at 21, and worked it for 10 years, then he leased it out. He then went to work at Sebewaing Industries for 24 years. He was also involved in Boy Scouts and Big Brothers.

Frank is survived by a sister, Anita (the late Leo) Chesher of Colorado; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by 7 brothers and 3 sisters.

Funeral mass was held Tuesday, March 12, at St. Agatha Catholic Church, Gagetown, with Fr. Craig Funeral Home, Cass City. Carolan as celebrant.

Burial will be in the spring in the church cemetery, Gagetown.

Family and friends may share conhome.com.

Emmanuel Baptist Church in Sandusky. Brian loved riding roller coasters. He enjoyed playing cards, especially Euchre, playing dice and watching action movies. Most of all, Brian enjoyed spending time with his friends.

Brian is survived by his siblings: Robert Mosher, Lori Church, Lyle (Rose) Church; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joel Mosher and Janet Church.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, March 23, at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with Pastor Thomas Guertin of Baptist Emmanuel Church, Sandusky, officiating.

Interment will take place at a later date

Memorials may be made to Family Discretionary Fund.

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

www.kranzfuneralhome.com. Arrangements were made by Kranz

## **Genevieve Sheffer**

Genevieve Sheffer went to her dolences at www.thabetfuneral- heavenly home Monday, March 4, 2013 at Grand Oaks Health and by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your

> She and her husband started life in Michigan. She was married to



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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Kristy McClorey, an unmarried woman, to Option One Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated December 12, 2005 and recorded December 29, 2005 in Liber 1066 Page 911 Tuscola County Records, Michigan Said mortgage was assigned to U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Asset Backed Securities Corporation Home Equity Loan Trust, Series OOMC 2006-HE3, Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates. Series OOMC 2006-HE3, by assignment dated January 25, 2011 and recorded February 1, 2011 in Liber 1215, Page 1103, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-One Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-Six Dollars and Sixty-Nine Cents (\$91,266.69) including interest 5.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, Circuit Court of Tuscola County at 10:00AM on April 18, 2013.

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

A parcel of land located in the Southeast one-quarter of Section 25, Town 14 North, Range 9 East, being more fully described as follows: Beginning South 675.79 feet along the East line of said Section (Assessed as: beginning South 675.79 feet of the East one-quarter corner); thence South 175.00 feet continuing along sad Section line; thence South 88 degrees 15 minutes 07 seconds West 310.75 feet; thence North 175.00 feet; thence North 88 degrees 15 minutes 07 seconds East 310.75 feet to the point of beginning. Commonly known as 4677 Colwood Rd., Unionville, MI 48767.

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

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

Dated: 3/20/2013

U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Asset Backed Securities Corporation Home Equity Loan Trust, Series OOMC 2006-HE3, Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series OOMC 2006-HE3 Assignee of Mortgagee

Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd., Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 13-78554

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded

accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which cas 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: March 20, 2013

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC 1 (248) 593-1311 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Hwy Ste 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-5422 File #418732F01

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# **REMINDER NOTICE: CASS CITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** Young 4's, 5's, Head Start and **Kindergarten/Preschool Enrollment 2013**

Thursday, March 21, 2013 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the elementary cafeteria

### **REQUIREMENTS:**

•Child's birth certificate •Complete Immunization Record Call (989) 872-2158 with any questions after March 21

> Parents Only, Please! This meeting is for any child who will be 4 or 5 years old by Nov. 1, 2013.

# **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Having received a request Micro EDM, 4429 Doerr Road, Cass City, MI for the approval of an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate on new equipment:

The Cass City Village Council will be holding a Public Hearing at the Municipal Building, 6506 Main Street, Cass City, Michigan, on

# Monday, March 25, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

The Public is invited to attend.

Nanette S. Walsh, CMC, CPFA Clerk/Treasurer



Ed LaBelle

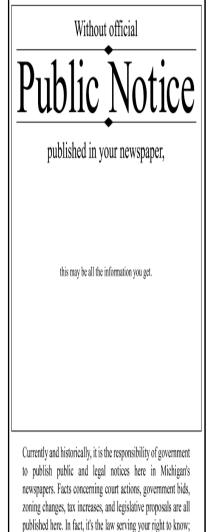
Arrangements were made by Thabet Rehab, Palm Coast, Fla. Funeral Home, Cass City.

## **Brian Mosher**

Brian Lee Mosher, 50, of Cass City, went home to be with his Lord following a short illness Sunday, March 10, 2013 in Hills and Dales General Hospital, Cass City.

He was born May 7, 1962 in Elkton, the son of Joel and Janet (Creason) Mosher.

Brian worked for various fast food restaurants including Taco Bell and Burger King. He was a member of



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Everett Sheffer, deceased 2006. They spent many years living near Cass City. They had 3 children: Connie

(Marvin) Smith, Cheryl (Doug) Farmer, and Richard Sheffer. She had 6 grandchildren and 14 greatgrandchildren.

During her life she was a homemaker. Her joy in life was serving the Lord. She would always have her Bible open and studying scripture. She also enjoyed singing in the choir, especially, Easter Cantatas and Handel's Messiah at Christmastime. Her family loved her very much and will miss her deeply.

Funeral service was held Monday, March 11, at Cumby Funeral Chapel, High Point, NC.

Interment followed at the Floral Garden Park Cemetery.

charity of your choice.

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 Phillip L. Zawilinski and Cheryl C. Zawilinski, Husband and Wife, original mortgagors, to PHH Mortgage Corporation, f/k/a PHH Mortgage Services Corporation, Mortgagee, dated June 18, 2004 and recorded on June 30, 2004 in Liber 998 on Page 788 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Three Thousand fwo Hundred Ninety-Five and 27/100 Dollars (\$123,295.27)

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 April 18, 2013.

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

Commencing at the Southeast corner of the West half of the Southwest quarter of Section 22, Township 14 North, Range 11 East, thence West 220 Feet, thence North 626 Feet, thence East 220 Feet, thence South 626 Feet to the point of beginning.

Memorials may be directed to the The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in

# ELKLAND TOWNSHIP CEMETERY **Rules and Regulations**

Planting of trees or shrubs is prohibited unless permission is given by sexton.

No decorative stones around markers or monuments.

One arrangement per grave site.

All flowers must be in containers.

All glass jars or bottles used for arrangements are prohibited.

Monuments and markers are to be installed by sexton.

All lots will be cleaned off on April 1st, and remain clean until May 1st.

The township shall not be financially responsible for damage to flowers, shrubs, lots, stones, objects or articles removed from any grave in this cemetery.

> Elkland Township Board Effective Since: April 12, 1946

# **NOTICE Ellington Township Residents**

The Annual Township Board Meeting will be held at the Township Hall, located at the corner of M-81 and Dutcher roads, starting

## Saturday, March 30, 2013 at 1:00 p.m.

The Township Board will be reviewing the Proposed Budget for the fiscal year 2013-2014. The Township Board will also review Road Improvements for 2013. There will also be a Public Hearing for "Truth in Taxation" for the tax year 2013-2014.

Duane Lockwood Ellington Township Supervisor

# **ATTENTION:**

## Novesta Township Residents and landowners

The Novesta Township Annual meeting will be held on Saturday, March 30, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. at the Cass City Gun Club.

In addition, a Special Meeting will be held commencing at 12:45 p.m. to propose resolutions adopting the previously proposed 2013 – 2014 general fund and garbage budgets; propose payment to Deputy officials and to propose final 2012 – 2013 budget amendments if necessary.

Joann M. Tauber, Clerk

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for Saturday, April 6, 2013 Auction at the corner of Van Dyke & Pringle roads in Sanilac County

# **CALL FOR DETAILS:**



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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 Jack R. Beckrow III, a married man and Noelle K. Beckrow, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Executive Mortgage of Michigan, LLC, its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated July 16, 2008, and recorded on July 25, 2008 in Liber 1154 on Page 1027, and assigned by said Mortgagee to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Two Thousand Two Hundred Seventy-Six and 28/100 Dollars (\$102,276.28).

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 March 28 2013

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

Commencing at the Northeast corner of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 31 Town 13 North, Range 10 East, thence South 40 rods, thence West 8 rods, thence North 40 rods, thence East 8 rods to the place of beginning.

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

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

Dated: February 27, 2013

FOR MORE INFORMATION. PLEASE CALL: FC S (248) 593-1304 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #376080F02

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Randy L. Reis and Tamara D. Reis, husband and wife to Flagstar Bank, FSB, Mortgagee, dated November 30, 1998 and recorded December 4, 1998 in Liber 757, Page 814, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned through mesne assignments to CitiMortgage, Inc., by assignment dated April 16, 2012 and recorded April 24, 2012 in Liber 1247, Page 222, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Five

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 April 4, 2013.

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

The East 10 Acres of the Southwest one quarter Northeast one quarter of Section 10, Town 12 North, Range 10 East, Wells Township, Tuscola County Michigan. Commonly known as 3855 Frankford Rd., Caro, MI 48723.

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

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

Dated: 3/06/2013

Flagstar Bank, FSB Assignee of Mortgagee

Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd., Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 13-78416

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Joseph Oszust, A Single Man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems. Inc. as nominee for Michigan Fidelity Acceptance Corp, d/b/a Franklin Mortgage Funding, Mortgagee, dated July 26, 2004, and recorded on August 3, 2004, in Liber 1003, Page 117, Tuscola County Records, said mortgage was assigned to U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for the registered holders of Aegis Asset Backed Securities Trust, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-5 by an Assignment of Mortgage which has been submitted to the Tuscola County Register of Deeds, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Two Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-Nine and 13/100 (\$62,969.13) including interest at the rate of 8.88000% 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 April 4, 2013.

Said premises are situated in the Village of Reese, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 5 and 6, block 12, Blackman's plat to the

Village of Reese, a cording to the plat thereof record-

ed in liber 29, page 188 of plats, Tuscola County

records. Commonly known as: 1938 Hudson St. 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.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the File #417045F01 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: March 13, 2013

FOR MORE INFORMATION. PLEASE CALL: FC J (248) 593-1311 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #158299F02

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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 Alana Eckenswiller and Doug Eckenswiller, Wife and Husband, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated March 14 2007 and recorded on March 22 2007 in Liber 1114 on Page 3, and assigned by said Mortgagee to U.S. BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIA-TION. SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. AS SUCCESSOR TO LASALLE BANK, N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR THE MERRILL LYNCH FIRST FRANKLIN MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-2 as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-One Thousand One Hundred Sixty-Five and 33/100 Dollars (\$71,165.33).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on April 11, 2013.

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

Commencing 8 rods North from the Southwest cor ner of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 29, Town 12 North, Range 7 East thence East 20 rods thence South 8 rods thence East 10 rods thence North 14 1/2 rods thence West 30 rods thence South 6 1/2 rods to the place of beginning Denmark Township, Tuscola County, Michigan.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600 3241a in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

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.

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 Jeremy D. Timm, a/k/a Jeremy David Timm, a/k/a Jeremy Timm, a single man, and Tracy A. Oleniacz, a/k/a Tracy Oleniacz, to United States of America acting through the Rural Housing Service or Successor Agency, Mortgagee, dated June 30, 2006, and recorded on July 10, 2006, in Liber 1087, Page 860, Tuscola County Records, , on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Six Thousand Eight Hundred Eleven and 28/100 (\$76,811.28) including interest at the rate of 6.00000% 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 April 11, 2013.

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

Lot 19, Block 2, Westdale Subdivision, according the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1, Page 24B, Tuscola County Records. Commonly known as: 802 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: March 13, 2013

Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C. Attorneys for United States of America acting through the Rural Housing Service or successor agency, United States Department of Agriculture 43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180 Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302 (248) 335-9200 Case No. 13MI00139-1 3-13-4

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82 degrees 49 minutes 46 seconds East, 165.73 feet; 3-13-4 thence South 00 degrees 11 minutes 50 seconds West 640.70 feet to the South line of said Section 12 and the point of beginning.

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

> 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 hid 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 peri-

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

Dated: March 13, 2013

Orlans Associates, PC. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Trov MI 48007 File No. 13-001294

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Jack M. Smith, a/k/a Jack Smith, and Carrie L. Smith, a/k/a Carrie Smith, husband and wife to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Flagstar Bank, FSB, its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated September 23, 2009 and recorded October 1, 2009 in Liber 1184, Page 962, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned to Flagstar Bank, FSB, by assignment dated January 9, 2013 and recorded January 16, 2013 in Liber 1269, Page 1267, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Forty-Seven Thousand Six Hundred Thirty-Three Dollars and Sixty-Five Cents (\$147,633.65) including interest 5.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, Circuit Court of Tuscola County at 10:00AM on April 11, 2013.

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

Part of the Northwest fractional one-quarter of Section 18, Township 10 North, Range 8 East, Millington Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as beginning at a point on the West 1ine of Section 18 that is South 840 feet from the Northwest corner of said Section 18: thence South 370 feet along said West section line; thence North 88 degrees 36 minutes 04 seconds East 495 feet; thence North 370 feet; thence South 88 degrees 36 minutes 04 seconds West 495 feet to the point of beginning. Reserving therefrom that part used for Vassar Road so-called. Commonly known as 8609 Vassar Rd., Millington, MI 48746.

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

Thousand Ninety-Four Dollars and Seventy-Three Cents (\$55,094.73) including interest 7.375% per annum

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, Circuit Court of Tuscola County at 10:00AM on April 4, 2013.

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

Part of the South half of the Southeast Ouarter of Section 4, Town 12 North, Range 7 East, described as: Beginning distant South 200.00 feet along the East line of said Section 4 from the Northeast corner of the South half of the said Southeast Quarter; (said Place of Beginning situated South 1518.29 feet along said East Section line from the East Ouarter corner of said Section 4); thence, from said Place of Beginning, South 185.00 feet along said East Section line: thence West 185.00 feet: thence North 74.00 feet; thence East 34.00 feet; thence North 111.00 feet; thence East 151.00 feet to the place of beginning. Commonly known as 1398 Bradford Road, Reese, MI 48757.

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

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

Dated: 3/06/2013

CitiMortgage, Inc. Assignee of Mortgagee

Attornevs: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd., Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 13-76827

In the event this property is claimed as a principal residence exempt from tax under section 7cc of the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL .7cc please contact our office at (248) 844-5123. This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Daniel W. Miners and Michelle L. Miners, husband and wife to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Flagstar Bank, FSB its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated May 22, 2003 and recorded May 28, 2003 in Liber 932, Page 1398, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned to Flagstar Bank, FSB, by assignment dated September 24, 2012 and recorded October 9, 2012 in Liber 1261, Page 1250, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Five Thousand Eight Hundred Thirteen Dollars and Six Cents (\$55,813.06) including interest 6.125% per annum

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, 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 vear.

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: March 6, 2013

Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C. Attorneys for U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for the registered holders of Aegis Asset Backed Securities Trust, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-5 43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180 Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302 248-335-9200 Case No. 13OMI00065-1 3-6-4

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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 Zandy Sol Borodychuk, a single man, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Flagstar Bank, FSB its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated November 21, 2003, and recorded on November 26, 2003 in Liber 965 on Page 1340, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Flagstar Bank, FSB as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-Two Thousand Four Hundred Thirty-Six and 81/100 Dollars (\$32,436.81).

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 April 11, 2013.

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

Commencing 32 rods West of the 1/4 stake on the South side of Section 36, Town 15 North, Range 8 East, Columbia Township, Tuscola County, Michigan thence West 8 rods; thence North 20 rods; thence East 8 rods; thence South 20 rods to the Place of Beginning.

Dated: March 13, 2013

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC X (248) 593-1302 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Service 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #419301F01

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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.

conditions of a mortgage made by John Joinville, a single man, original mortgagor, to Franklin Bank a Division of First Place Bank, Mortgagee, dated May 4, 2007, and recorded on May 10, 2007 in Liber 1119 on Page 294, and assigned by mesne assignments to Nationstar Mortgage LLC as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Six Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-Two and 52/100 Dollars (\$136,882.52).

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 April 11, 2013.

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

Part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 8, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, Millington Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, Described as beginning at a point on the South line of Section 8 which is East 1320.25 feet from the South 1/4 corner of said Section 8; thence continuing along said South line. East 200.00 feet; thence, North 01 degrees 37 minutes 52 seconds West 233.07 feet; thence, West 200.00 feet; thence along an occupied line South 01 degrees 37 minutes 52 seconds East 233.07 feet to the South line of Section 8 and the Point of Beginning

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

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: March 13, 2013

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Robert Wright, married man and Susan Wright, to Countrywide Bank, FSB, Mortgagee, dated December 17, 2007 and recorded January 31, 2008 in Liber 1140, Page 644, and , Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Federal National Mortgage Association ("FNMA") by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Eleven Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-One and 89/100 Dollars (\$111,881.89) including interest at 5.88% 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 APRIL 11, 2013.

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

The following described premises situated in the Township of Vassar, County of Tuscola and State of Michigan to-wit: Part of the East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 12, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, Township of Vassar, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as beginning at a point on the South line of said Section 12, which is North 82 degrees 49 minutes 46 seconds West, 1185.19 feet from the Southeast corner of said Section 12: thence continuing along said line, North 82 degrees 49 minutes 46 seconds West, 165.73 feet to the West line of the East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 12: thence along said West line, North 00 degrees 11 minutes 50 seconds East, 640.70 feet; thence South

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

Dated: 3/13/2013

Flagstar Bank, FSB Assignee of Mortgagee

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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage



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# Sheriff honors

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The 2012 Dispatcher of the Year award was presented to Dispatcher/Dispatch Director Dawn Cubitt, while Sgt. Nichole Keinath was named 2012 Corrections Deputy of the Year, and Detective Mark Ruggles was honored as the department's 2012 Uniform Services Deputy of the Year.

The ceremony culminated with Sheriff Garry Biniecki presenting the 2012 Sheriff's Distinguished Deputy Award to Cubitt for her outstanding leadership in marketing, directing and implementing Sanilac County's 911 communications millage, and assisting in the fulfillment of the federal mandate to convert to a narrowband radio system while at the same time managing Sanilac County Central Dispatch on an increasingly lean budget.

Special guests in attendance during the ceremony included Sanilac County Board of Commissioners Chairman Donald Hunt and Commissioner Justin Faber.

"I want my deputies to hear from me and our staff — thank-you for a job well done," Biniecki said. "It is important to honor their dedication and to show appreciation for the difference they make in the lives of our citizens."



IN ADDITION TO being honored as the 2012 Sheriff's Distinguished Deputy Award recipient, Dispatcher/Dispatch Director Dawn Cubitt was presented with the 2012 Dispatcher of the Year Award. Also pictured are Sanilac County Sheriff Garry Biniecki (right) and Undersheriff Brad Roff.





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**DETECTIVE MARK Ruggles, also pictured with** the sheriff and undersheriff, was named the 2012 Uniform Services Deputy of the Year.



**BINIECKI AND Roff stand with Sgt. Nichole Keinath, the department's 2012 Corrections Deputy of the Year.** 



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