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PRESS RELEASE

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During the great recession the number of properties that could face foreclosure from nonpayment of taxes has increased 400% from the days before the great recession. During this time my office has continue to offer payments plans to help property owners avoid foreclosure. As of today we have 500 properties making monthly payments to avoid foreclosure throughout Berrien County.

With the 400% increase means more taxpayers have to use the Berrien County Treasures office, and a lot of those tax payers are from the Niles and Buchanan areas or as some say South County. Because of the increase in number the Berrien County Treasures office will open an office in the Berrien County Court House located at 1205 N Front Street, Niles.

The first day will be March 29th and the hours will be 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM to meet with tax payers from the South County Area

Sincerely,

Bret Witkowski
Berrien County Treasurer