

CASS CITY CHRONICLE

Supplements

Monday in Elmwood Township

Gagetown teen dies in crash

by Benjamin Ray
Staff Writer

A Cass City High School student died and doctor was injured in a Monday traffic collision at the corner of Dodge and Milligan roads.

High school junior Cory Merz, 17, drove the black Dodge Ram that struck a small car driven by Dr. Jeffrey Crowley around 7:56 a.m.

Emergency personnel airlifted Merz to St. Mary's Medical Center in Saginaw after they extricated him from his truck, where he was pinned. He died at around 10:20 a.m.

Crowley, who works at Crowley Chiropractic and lives in Pigeon, is in stable condition. He was transferred Monday morning from Hills and Dales General Hospital to Covenant Healthcare in Caro.

According to Tuscola County Sheriff's deputies, Crowley was traveling south on Dodge Road when Merz, traveling east on Milligan, collided with his yellow Volkswagen Jetta. Merz failed to yield at the stop sign and sent the Jetta into a pine tree on the southeast corner of the intersection.

Merz then lost control, side-swiping the Jetta and flipping around a few times before coming to rest in a tangle of bushes on the property of a daycare center at the same corner.

"The truck was (airborne)," said an eyewitness, who promptly called 911. "Neither vehicle was going very fast."

Tammy Bliss, who was driving north on Dodge Road, stopped to call 911 after she noticed smoke coming from the engine of the Jetta.

"I stopped to call and then told (Crowley) that help was on the way," Bliss said.

Emergency personnel from Gagetown and Cass City helped clear wreckage and extricated the pinned drivers from their cars. Cass City police were on hand to direct traffic, which was backed up on both roads. Additional Elkland and Elmwood Town-

ship firefighters cleaned up truck pieces and extinguished the small smoke fires in the bushes.

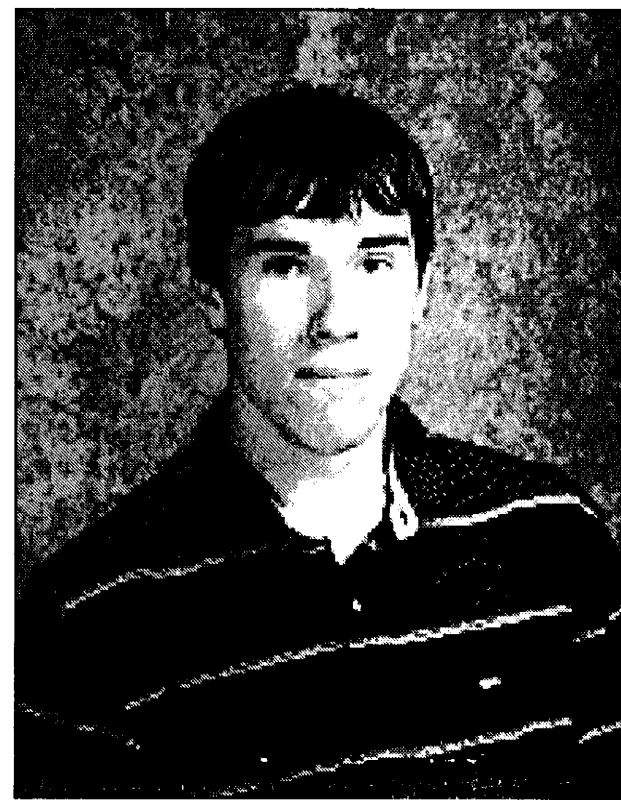
Barb Peters, whose son was friends with Merz, watched as workers pried the roof off the truck with a crowbar as they tried to get to Merz. She

was driving on Dodge Road when she noticed the accident.

"I couldn't see, there was so much smoke," she said.

Amid strewn debris, including headlights and the tail-

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Cory Merz

Troopers nab Caro patient

A Caro Center patient who walked away from the facility early last week, then allegedly returned 3 days later and attacked 4 people, was apprehended by Michigan State Police troopers Sunday morning.

According to First Lt. Doug Lautner, commander of the state police post in Caro, Trooper Tim Johnson of the Michigan State Police K-9 team was conducting a "free search" in an area behind the Caro Learning Center building Sunday at about 7:10 a.m. when he located the suspect, Corbin A. Thomas, 27,

of Saginaw.

Lautner said Johnson found Thomas in a depression in a heavily wooded area. Johnson alerted other troopers to his location and Thomas was taken into custody without incident.

Thomas was transported to Caro Community Hospital for medical treatment and evaluation. He was treated and released from the hospital and then lodged in the Tuscola County Jail.

Tuscola County Prosecutor Mark Reene said that Thomas would be charged with 4 counts of assault with intent to commit murder. His arraignment was scheduled for Monday in Tuscola County District Court.

The arrest ended a tense weekend for Caro area residents.

Thomas, who was admitted to the Caro Center after being found mentally incompetent to stand trial for an alleged sex crime in 2002 at Saginaw Valley State University, walked away from the Caro facility Tuesday at about 8:30 a.m.

Caro Center officials said Thomas was on a 15-minute break and was scheduled to return to the facility at 8:45 a.m., but did not.

Caro Center staff called 911 to report that Thomas was missing after conducting a building and grounds search.

Police say Thomas allegedly returned to the facility Friday, entered the Caro Learning Center and assaulted 4 staff members with a hammer and possibly 2 knives.

"No students were present at the time of the alleged assault," Lautner said. "One individual was physically unharmed. 2 were seriously injured and the last has been treated and released."

The staff members were

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EMERGENCY WORKERS pry the roof off a Dodge Ram that was involved in a fatal collision Monday morning at the corner of Dodge and Milligan roads. The driver, Cass City High School junior Cory Merz, was airlifted to St. Mary's where he later died of his injuries.

School, union resolve contract issue

All the details that were holding up establishing an alternative education program at Deford School were solved and the opening salvo in a campaign to build a performing arts center at the school was fired Monday night at the regular meeting of the Cass City School Board.

Working with the Cass City Teachers Association, an agreement was reached that enabled the district to hire Kevin Green to teach. He will be paid at regular teacher rates as specified in the teachers' contract. In addition he will be paid for 20 added days at the per diem rate for teachers and an extra

\$1,000 for added responsibilities.

The board authorized the new school, but it will be short lived if it operates at a loss. Supt. Ken Micklash said that the estimated cost of offering the program for a year is \$91,470. That means that at least 14 students must be enrolled to meet expenses.

Debra Kranz, Joan Helwig and band director Doug Burtch, representing a committee, asked the school board to hire an architect to provide rough plans for a performing arts center. When we have something on paper, Helwig said, we could start a campaign to raise funds.

According to Burtch, who has been a part of the construction of similar buildings, the cost for a quality center would be in the \$8 to \$10 million range. In support of their program, the group presented a list of 22 events that could be served by the building.

The plan suggested includes comfortable seating for 700 to 800 persons with special construction for performances by orchestras. It also would include "full fly"

lights and curtains and a concert grand piano.

The committee visited music auditoriums at Standish-Sterling and Bullock Creek.

The board decided to ask several architects for bids on providing a rough sketch and estimate for the proposed building.

The board received this list that is necessary for a well-designed center: band rehearsal room, marching band uniform storage, concert band uniform storage, instrument storage, sheet music storage, multiple practice rooms, dressing rooms and makeup areas, green room, orchestra pit, lighting and sound technology, costume and prop storage, set construction area, back stage with adequate space to move equipment, and loading dock.

School projecting red ink

Cass City Schools are projected to end the year with a \$150,000 deficit, although the final figures will not be available until the audit report is received. In his budget figures for 2003-04 and 2004-05 Superintendent Ken Micklash has, as always, projected a worst-case scenario.

His report to the Cass City

School Board Monday night indicated the deficit for the current school year and also predicted that the district would be in the red nearly \$250,000 in the 2004-05 school year.

Despite these losses the school will remain in healthy financial condition. If the deficits predicted are realized, Cass City's present fund

balance of \$1.6 million will be cut to \$1.2 million at the end of the 2004-05 school year.

There are many variables that can affect the budget. Student enrollment is a major one. Micklash is predicting a possible net loss of 10 students next year. At the

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Coller scholars rack up \$1.5 million in school money

by Benjamin Ray
Staff Writer

Amanda Osentoski joined a long list of proud Coller Scholarship winners Wednesday morning.

The Central Michigan University senior is home in Cass City for the summer, working at Wal-Mart in Caro and enjoying the slower pace of life.

She had won the scholarship in high school - winners receive \$1,000 each semester as long as they are from Tuscola or Sanilac counties and are doing well in school.

But Amanda's check was a little different.

Hers represented the \$1.5 million dollar mark in scholarship money awarded. Hers is the 1,500th check written. "It really helps nowadays," Osentoski said.

Osentoski is an elementary education major at school and has no immediate future plans. She is involved in vol-

unteer work in Mount Pleasant, including the Special Olympics and National Council for Exceptional Children.

Gerald Hicks, who presented the scholarship, said Osentoski was just the kind of person Ethel Coller had in mind when she decided to turn her life savings over after her death in 1987.

One would never guess that Ethel's highest salary was \$12,000 a year. After all, she left \$8 million behind.

About \$3 million of that went towards a new wing in the University of Michigan Hospital, and Fred Coller Surgical Suite. Fred was Ethel's cousin and head of surgery there for 32 years.

The other \$5 million Ethel earmarked for students in Tuscola and Sanilac counties.

"To her, education is the most important thing a person can have," said Hicks,

Ethel's nephew.

Born in Snover in 1892, Ethel was one of 14 children. She was a teacher at Burnside School Number Three in Lapeer County, but moved to California to become a private tutor. She

worked for San Francisco Schools from 1925 to 1956 while studying at Leland Stanford University.

According to Hicks, Ethel followed one Dr. Hewlett whom she worked part-time for out to the West Coast. Hewlett's son Billy needed tutoring - and when Ethel was through with him, he later went on to form computer giant Hewlett-Packard.

"She must have been a great tutor," Hicks laughed. Because Ethel refused social security, her relatives dropped a few jaws when they found out she had left a fortune behind. Because she was born in Sanilac County and spent her last days in

Tuscola County, she desired that the money go to students from high schools all over both counties.

Cass City produces two-thirds of the winners. About 50 total scholarships are awarded each year.

"This is the largest scholarship I'm involved with," said Ken Micklash, superintendent of Cass City Schools and co-director of the Coller Foundation. "Nothing else comes close to the amount of funds we've given."

One of Ethel's favorite sayings was if a person has a college education, the good things in life will follow. Hicks said although he can't give more scholarships each year, those he does award are met with great joy and occasional tears from parents and students.

"It's enjoyable to make so many students happy," Micklash said.



AMANDA OSENTOSKI receives the 1,500th Coller Scholarship check Wednesday morning. Osentoski is flanked by Gerald Hicks (right), who presented the \$1,000 check, and Cass City Superintendent Ken Micklash, who is co-director of the Coller Foundation.

Holbrook Area News

Mrs. Thelma Jackson
Phone 989-269-6994



Mrs. Martin Sweeney, Mrs. Gerald Wills and Reva Silver were Tuesday afternoon guests of Mrs. Curtis Cleland.

Melanie Goodell of Lincolnshire, Ill., spent Friday and Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Particka.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski were Sunday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Zurek.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Filar, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson and Mrs. Ray Depcinski visited Thelma Jackson Tuesday.

Forty-six members of the descendants of the Emma and John Gruber families met Sunday at the Lapeer Park for a potluck dinner. Those attending from this vicinity were Mr. and Mrs. Evans Gibbard, Mr. and Mrs. Greg Moore and family, Theresa Gibbard, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Taylor and Bryan and Mr. and Mrs. Marty Wagoner and sons.

Betty McKinnon and Betty Tracy of Cass City visited Mrs. Hiram Keyser Thursday and Mrs. Curtis Cleland visited Mrs. Keyser Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski attended the breakfast at St. John's Catholic Church Hall at Ubyl on Sunday and later visited Mr. and Mrs. Bob Osantoski and family in Bad Axe.

Bernard Morley, Claude Mestack, Allen Farrelly and Jim Lewis met at McDonald's in Bad Axe Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Hosner of Alabama, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Doerr, Wendy Rickett, Cory and Caitlyn, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Doerr and Savana, and Jamie Doerr, Courtney, Amy and Joey spent a few days at Mammoth Cave National Park, Ky., before returning home on Saturday. On their way home Mr. and Mrs. Jim Doerr and Savana stopped at

Renfro Valley.

Allen Farrelly visited Eleanor Koskie at Light-house Rehab at Caro on Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Anthes, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Robinson, Gary Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Dickenson of Cass City, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Robinson, Anette Brown of Waterford, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson, and Thelma Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Franzel and family were among a large group who attended a graduation open house for Shane O'Connor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kevin O'Connor on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Particka spent 2 days with Mr. and Mrs. Matt Particka, Jennie, Matthew and Andrew at Clayton.

Myron Wruble and Allen Farrelly spent Monday afternoon in Flint.

Amy and Laura Goodell of Lincolnshire, Ill., spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Particka.

Lyle Rochefort, Allen Farrelly and Bernard Morley spent Tuesday morning at McDonald's in Bad Axe.

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Miss Ubyl Pageant scheduled

Applications are now being accepted for the Miss Ubyl 2004 Pageant.


Qualified applicants must be: between the ages of 18 and 25, single and never married, have no children, be enrolled in or completed high school, a resident of the Ubyl School District, and be able to represent Ubyl at events and festivals throughout the Thumb.

A luncheon is planned for Wednesday, July 7, at 1 p.m. Afterwards, each candidate will meet with a panel of judges.

Miss Ubyl will be crowned Thursday, July 15, during the ice cream social at the Ubyl Veterans Memorial Park. She will receive a crown, sash, plaque, bouquet and various prizes donated by community residents and businesses.

The pageant is being sponsored by the Bingham Township Ambulance.

Applications are available by contacting Amanda at (989) 872-8881, or Justin at (989) 658-2826.



Meg's Peg

Updates

by Melva E. Guinther

A recent column described in some detail why it takes so long for a woman to use a public bathroom, beginning with "the stance." Most of the women we heard from could identify with the experience.

As frustrating as the American public bathroom scene may be, we've got it made compared with many other countries.

Our daughter and son-in-law, Sandy and Andy Welter, recently returned from a trip to Morocco, in western Africa, where they had many unique adventures. They rode camels, camped in the desert, and visited several interesting places.

Among the photos chronicling their trip was this one of the typical restroom... when one was available.



Mothers in this culture must begin early teaching daughters "the stance!" When you consider how women dress in that part of the world, it's a remarkable achievement!

The object is to plant the feet on the corrugated ridges on either side of the hole while holding their garments out of the way and hitting the target.

No need to spread paper (which is not provided anyway) on the seat. There is no seat!

There is also no flushing mechanism, only a tap and a bucket.



McRaes mark 55th anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth McRae celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary June 25.

Kenneth M. McRae and Laura L. Stilson were married June 25, 1949 in the Cass City Evangelical United Brethren Church.

Their attendants were Earl and Verneta Stilson Rayl and Mary Straty and Steve Ziembra.

They have spent most of their married life in this area. They "retired" from farming a few years ago.

The couple has three children: Dick McRae, Susan (Bob) Van Erp of Bad Axe and Laurie Ann, who passed away in 1996; and 13 grandchildren.

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For Tuscola County Drain Commissioner

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Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

A wedding in Appleton, WI keyed a 10-day vacation highlighted by visits to Upper Peninsula vacation spots and a couple of restaurant visits.

In McMillan, a town smaller than Deford, a sign on the side of a building advertised cinnamon buns as the best anywhere, and we ordered one at the "Poorboy Restaurant."

We ordered one and figured the price was excessive at \$3.50. We pictured an ordinary sized bun and when it was placed piping hot on the table it was large enough to serve 4 persons with a generous-sized bun.

It was good, but obviously designed for a family or for take-out. As a take-out give it an 8 on the 1-10 scale. As a restaurant item, subtract a couple of points. (We put what was left of the bun in a box and ate it the next day.)

We decided on pasties at Zella's Village Inn at Newberry. I thought they were excellent and certainly they were large. Give them an 8 rating.

While we were eating, a friendly guy seated at the next table smiled, "you are tourists visiting, I can see. It's nearly always tourists that order pasties."

The reason is that the pasties are used as fundraisers for the Catholic and Methodist churches, the Boy Scouts and others. Everyone around here has a freezer full of them, he confided.

Most folks are aware of the great divide in the west where water drains to the west and changes to drain to the east. I learned that there is a smaller divide along M-28 in the Upper Peninsula. North of the road the water drains into Lake Superior and eventually to the Atlantic Ocean. South of the road the water drains to Lake Michigan and eventually into the Gulf of Mexico.

As always, when a Monday holiday is enjoyed the Chronicle publishes one day later than ordinary. Next week's paper will hit the newsstands on Wednesday. News and advertising deadlines remain the same.

As always, the Chronicle will have extensive coverage of the Fourth of July Festival.

Thieves targeting cars in several local townships

A recent rash of larcenies from vehicles in Cass City has spread to other parts of the county, according to Tuscola County Sheriff's Department officials.

Sheriff Tom Kern said Friday that his department has received complaints from residents throughout the northern portion of the county, including Almer, Columbia, Elmwood, Elkland and Novesta townships.

"Suspects are entering unlocked vehicles during the nighttime hours. They are taking loose money, credit cards, cell phones, palm pilots, etc.," he said.

The Cass City Police Department has received numerous reports of similar thefts in recent weeks.

A total of 15 residents called Tuscola County Central Dispatch last Wednesday to report larcenies or that their vehicles had been entered and searched, even though nothing was taken, according to Kern, who reminds all residents to lock their vehicles and take personal property into their homes.

Anyone with information related to the thefts is asked to contact the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department at (989) 673-8161 and ask for Sgt. Glen Skrent (ext. 2231) or Detective Sgt. Patrick Woidan (ext. 2234).

The Haire Net

It's nice to get away- and back



Most of the ground covered in our 10-day vacation had been visited before, but it was fun anyway.

The vacation was spurred by an invitation to a wedding in Appleton, Wisconsin and we spent a night at the start of the trip in Boyne City and 2 days there on the return trip.

Other than that we visited again areas in the Upper Peninsula, including Tahquamenon Falls and the Munising area. While Tahquamenon Falls is more famous, the Munising area is tops in my book with 12 falls in the immediate area in addition to the pictured rocks.

After we left Michigan it was virgin territory for us. Wending our way on M-28, we ended at Bayfield, WI across from the 22 Apostle Islands. Bayfield is tucked on the western shore of Lake Superior. Five different boat trips are offered to see one or more of the islands.

It's really tourist country and it was surprising to me that I never have read or heard about the islands previously. It may not have the tourists that the more famous upper and lower Wisconsin Dells generate but it's not far behind.

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Troopers at the Michigan State Police post in Bad Axe reported the accident occurred at about 7:20 a.m. on Wadsworth Road, about a quarter-mile east of Thomas Road.

According to reports, Danielle Briesmeister, 22, was eastbound on Wadsworth Road when she disregarded a closed road sign in a construction zone. She continued eastbound and entered the westbound lane because road construction equipment was in the eastbound lane.

Troopers said Briesmeister's vehicle collided with a trench, which was about 10 feet wide, 10 feet deep and across the entire roadway. All 4 of the vehicle's tires and wheels were damaged.

Dean's list

Julie Roche of Cass City has been named to the academic dean's list at Milligan College, Tennessee, for the spring semester. The list recognizes students who earn a grade point average of 3.5 or better.

Roche, daughter of Ron and Ann Roche of Cass City, is a junior pre-med biology major at Milligan.



The back forty

by Roger Pond

• 2000 Roger Pond

I've always wanted to own a horse, but it just never seemed practical. Our place is too small, horses are costly to maintain, and we probably wouldn't ride one enough to justify the expense.

There is a way around this, though. Savvy horse owners know that horses aren't all that expensive if you look at them as an investment.

No matter how many horses you have, one more is fine if you consider the return on your investment. A local farmer explained this to me recently.

It seems some of the guys were sitting around drinking coffee — when the horseman in the group pulled a \$100 check out of his pocket and laid it on the table. "My new horse won that at the cutting horse competition," he said.

All of these coffee drinkers have been around the barn a few times, so the idea of making money on a horse was a bit foreign to them. One man asked, "How much was the entry fee for that cutting horse competition?"

"A thousand dollars," the horseman said.

"Well, that's not all that profitable then, is it?" the skeptic suggested.

"Sure it is," the horseman said. "Where else can you get 10% on your money?"

That reminded me of the woman who decided horseback riding would be fun and horse manure would be great for her garden. Therefore, she needed a horse.

This lady knew nothing about horses or how much it costs to keep one — but figured she could get some good advice from the boarding stables. So she bought a horse, and headed down the road looking for a place to board it.

The first stable owner she visited said he charged \$80 per month. "Veterinary fees are extra, and we keep the manure," he said.

Eighty-dollars-a-month seemed like a lot, and this lady wanted the manure for her garden; so she headed for the next boarding farm.

The manager at the second farm told her, "We charge \$75 per month for boarding, our farrier changes shoes every four months, and we get the manure."

"Oh, I hope the farrier changes the horse's shoes, too," she quipped. (But no one laughed.)

Now our new horse owner was beginning to learn something. Now she realized that boarding horses can be expensive, vet bills and shoeing costs come with the territory, and the manure is apparently quite valuable.

Our new horse owner was a lot more confident when she arrived at the third farm. The wrangler said, "Boarding will cost you \$30 a month, you pay the vet bills, and shoeing costs are extra."

The woman was so pleased with the low price for boarding, she almost forgot about the manure. Then she remembered, "Oh, who gets the manure?" she asked.

The horseman pushed his hat to one side and said, "Look Ma'am, for \$30 a month there ain't gonna be any manure."

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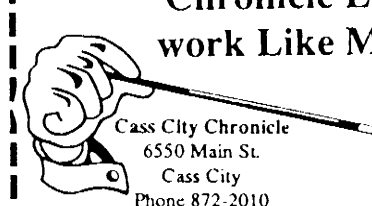
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Thursday
Mostly Sunny
High: 79 Low: 59

Friday
Partly Cloudy
High: 78 Low: 61

Saturday
Mostly Cloudy
High: 75 Low: 60

Sunday
Partly Cloudy
High: 77 Low: 62

In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see partly cloudy skies with a high temperature of 78°. The record high temperature for today is 95° set in 1964. The record low is 43° set in 1988. Thursday, skies will be mostly sunny with a high temperature of 79°. Expect partly cloudy skies Friday with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms in the evening.

Upcoming Moon Phases

Full 7/2	Last 7/9	New 7/17	First 7/24

Sunrise/Sunset Times

Sunrise today 5:55 a.m.
Sunset tonight 9:18 p.m.

Last Week's Local Almanac

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip
Sunday	73	43	77/54	0.00"
Monday	73	50	77/54	0.00"
Tuesday	73	49	77/55	0.00"
Wednesday	79	46	77/55	0.00"
Thursday	63	48	77/55	0.00"
Friday	66	39	78/55	0.00"
Saturday	70	50	78/56	0.00"

Precipitation 0.00"
Normal precipitation 0.68"
Departure from normal -0.68"
Average temperature 58.7°
Average normal temperature 66.1°
Departure from normal -7.4°

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Circuit court proceedings

Cass City man ordered to prison for sex crime

Two area men appeared in Tuscola County Circuit Court last week on charges of criminal sexual conduct.

Thomas R. Mester, 18, Cass City, was sentenced to one to 15 years in prison for his plea of no contest to a charge of second degree criminal sexual conduct involving a victim under the age of 13 years Jan. 21 in Cass City.

He was also ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$740.

Mester also pleaded guilty to assaulting a police officer June 21 in Elkland Township.

In a separate case, Kingston resident Michael L. Collard, 19, was sentenced to 5 to 15 years in prison for his plea of no contest and guilty to 2 counts of third degree criminal sexual conduct. Court records indicate the incidents involved 2 different victims and took place in February-March 2001 and September 2000 and October 2002 in Indianfields Township.

In addition to prison time, Collard was ordered to pay \$240 in costs and fines.

In other recent circuit court proceedings:

•Christie T. Carter, 32, Millington, was sentenced to 12 months probation for her pleas of guilty to uttering and publishing and forgery. The incidents involved a \$25 check drawn on National City Bank July 17 in Vassar Township.

She was also ordered to pay \$1,060 in costs and fines plus restitution of \$201.45.

•Aaron J. Mosack, 18, Attica, was sentenced to 36 months probation and 365 days in the county jail for his plea of guilty to larceny in a building Sept. 16 in Elmwood Township.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,160 plus \$300 in attorneys fees. Restitution in the case is to be determined.

•Jared R. LaFramboise, 18, Millington, pleaded guilty to forgery involving a \$65 check drawn on Frankenmuth Credit Union Nov. 12-19 in Millington Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$10,000.

Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Joe A. Chambers, 25, Kingston, was sentenced to 365 days in the county jail, with work release, and 60 months probation for pleas of no contest to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor and fleeing a police officer, fourth degree, Nov. 17 in Koylton Township; aggravated domestic violence Oct. 12 in Koylton Township; and domestic violence, third offense, June 10, 2003, in Dayton Township.

He was also ordered to pay a combined \$8,820 in costs and fines.

•James G. Thorp, 35, Lapeer, was sentenced to one to 5 years in prison for his plea of no contest to being a prisoner in possession of contraband (marijuana) Dec. 10, 2002, in Indianfields Township.

He was also ordered to pay \$160 in costs and fines.

•Robert L. Chapel, 30, Silverwood, pleaded no contest to domestic violence, third offense, March 8 in Caro.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$2,500. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Anthony E. Mileski, 59,

Caro, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, June 1 in Indianfields Township.

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

•Michelle L. Ozbat, 34, Caro, pleaded guilty to possession of marijuana, second offense, June 11 in Caro.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$4,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Michelle L. Swadling, 23, Burton, pleaded guilty to absconding or forfeiting bond June 21, 2002, in Caro, and to forgery involving a \$100 check drawn on Mayville State Bank May 14, 2002, in Mayville.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at a combined \$11,000. Sentencing is to be set.

•Lawrence W. Nordlund, 18, Fostoria, was sentenced to 30 days in jail and 6 months probation for his conviction by a jury on a charge of breaking and entering a building with intent to commit larceny Oct. 17 in Watertown Township.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$290.

Water upgrades slated in village of Gagetown

Gagetown residents can finally drink all the water in their town.

Thanks to a bond and government grant, residents will soon be able to enjoy arsenic-free fresh water from all sources.

In addition to a new well, the water tower will be redone and the water lines re-looped to avoid stale water. The total cost of the project is \$860,000.

"The small increase in wa-

ter prices won't affect residents," said Charles Wright, village president.

The new well will replace the two old ones on the north end of town, which spurt out arsenic in the water when they are turned on. The third well in town has no problems.

One-third of the money came from a water development grant from Caro; the rest of the funding is from a bond, or long-term loan through Miller/Campfield.



Top students

ALYSSA NICOL and Tommy Parrish were both honored with the 2003-04 Cass City Outstanding Middle School Student of the Year Award. Their names will be inscribed on this plaque.

Official: sugar merger likely

Monitor Sugar Co. growers might join their competitors from Michigan Sugar Co. to form one sugar growing and processing cooperative.

A new cooperative of approximately 1,400 sugar beet growers would merge Monitor's 600 growers with Michigan Sugar's 1,000 growers (approximately 200 farmers produce for both companies) to form an as-yet unnamed cooperative with more than 180,000 acres of beet-growing land and 5 sugar processing plants.

The effort to form one entity came after Monitor Sugar owner, Illovo, announced that it wished to sell the Bay City processing plant. Monitor growers then investigated the possibility of purchasing the plant, much like Michigan Sugar growers purchased 4 processing plants in 2002. But it soon became clear that a merger would be a better option.

"We have fully explored the possibility of an acquisition by the Monitor growers on a standalone basis," said Eugene Meylan, chairman of the Monitor growers. "However, based on reductions in

the level of USDA allocations and the importance of operating the Monitor factory at capacity, it was determined that we should explore a joint acquisition with Michigan Sugar."

After more than a month of meetings on the subject, interested Monitor growers were asked to pitch in \$2 per acre for a feasibility study, said Ray Van Driessche, executive director of the Monitor growers. As of June 18, he said, about 46,000 acres had been represented by the good-faith contributions.

"We have a lot of interest in this," he said. "We've already started the study, and we think the merger will happen."

The sales price of Monitor has not been revealed, but a figure for individual farmer investment has been set initially at \$250 per acre, said Mark Flegenheimer, Michigan Sugar president and chief executive officer.

"I think we're at the point where there's not enough margin in sugar for an independent company to own and operate the Monitor plant," he said. "But when you put the razor-thin margin of the farmer together with that, there might be something formed that could continue. The base attitude we're seeing from growers at this point is that they should invest, if for nothing more than to be able to keep growing their beets and get a payment similar to what they're getting now. Then, any stock appreciation or extra money down the road is gravy."

The potential merger would help cut operating costs and increase efficiency of sugar processing management, Flegenheimer said.

"There could be some administrative consolidation and some packaging consolidation, things that would provide efficiencies right away," he said.

Managing the new cooperative will provide a number of challenges, but for now, growers simply need to decide if investing a substantial amount of money and acreage is worth the risk.

The first consideration, said Dave Schweikhardt, professor of agricultural economics at Michigan State University (MSU), is the future of U.S. sugar policy.

"If sugar remains heavily protected, that's one factor," he said. "If that does not continue, growers can expect

lower prices. On the other hand, if domestic policy remains the way it is now, and if the price support level stays the same, sugar quantity may have to be reduced because the market can't absorb much more sugar."

"If we get to that point, the USDA may have to impose some domestic marketing allotments. But new owners will have to consider not only whether they're better off reducing production on their own, but also how that might affect processing," he said. "Grower-owners also need to think about things like the recent obesity problem's publicity, and whether that will have an impact on the sugar supply. Supply and demand in sugar

is on such a knife's edge that any change will put individual investors in a situation where there could be additional surplus hanging over the market."

There are potential advantages of being both a grower and a processor, though, said Larry Hamm, professor of agricultural economics at MSU.

"A co-op may have the advantage of giving the producer ownership-access to the market," he said, "but then it's his responsibility to know if the plant is running and if it's being well-managed. It requires the grower to be actively involved in the oversight of the processing for his own financial well-being."

"As a producer, the process might be the same as before. You grow the beets, unload them at the plant and wait to get paid. But now, as a potential owner, you have to ask why are you doing this? Is it because you're making a positive decision about the future, or because you're trying to maintain the value of your other assets? Also, look ahead. If there is no sugar industry in Michigan, what happens when you don't have a market for your sugar beets?"

Grower meetings will be ongoing until the final decision on the purchase is made, Van Driessche said. Flegenheimer said Illovo "would like to close by October."

Calendar of Events

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

Wednesday, June 30

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

Thursday, July 1

Friends of the Library, 1:30 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library.

Friday, July 2

Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

Dance with Denny Ewald, 7-11 p.m., VFW Hall, Cass City.

The United Methodist Women will be serving strawberries over ice cream or homemade biscuits at their annual Strawberry Festival at the village park, 4:30-8:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 3

Fireworks tailgate, 8 p.m. - fireworks, Cass City United Methodist Church, 5100 Cemetery Rd. Proceeds to benefit the Camp Scholarship Fund.

Monday, July 5

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

Tuesday, July 6

Aftercare Program for grief counseling, 6:30 p.m., VFW Annex Building, 4530 Veterans Dr. Everyone is invited to attend. Sponsored by Thabet Funeral Home, Inc.

ELKLAND TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Elkland Township of Tuscola County, Michigan, will hold a public hearing (1) for the rezoning of properties on the far east side of the Township at M-81; (2) for creating a new MHD - Manufactured Housing District; and (3) designating an area for the Manufactured Housing District. A description of these improvements follows:

(1) Rezoning of the following property on the east side of the Township is requested:

Property #1. The property located in Section 25 of Town 14 North, Range 11 East. The property commences at the southeast corner of that section and extends five hundred (500) feet westerly along M-81; thence northerly for five hundred (500) feet; thence easterly for five hundred (500) feet; and thence southerly five hundred (500) feet to the point of beginning. The parcel is proposed to be rezoned from M-1 Manufacturing to FC-1 Floodplain Conservation. This is consistent with revisions to the Basic Plan currently contemplated by the Elkland Township Planning Commission.

Property #2. The property located in Section 36 of Town 14 north, Range 11 East. The property commences at the northwest corner of that section and extends five hundred (500) feet westerly along M-81; thence southerly for five hundred (500) feet; thence easterly for five hundred (500) feet; and thence northerly for five hundred (500) feet to the point of beginning. The parcel is proposed to be rezoned from M-1 Manufacturing to FC-1 Floodplain Conservation. This is consistent with revisions to the Basic Plan currently contemplated by the Elkland Township Planning Commission.

(2) Creation of the MHD - Manufactured Housing District is proposed by the Elkland Township Planning Commission:

Zoning District: A new MHD - Manufactured Housing District is proposed. The district will allow a manufactured housing park (either and/or modular homes) by right in a zoning district for such housing parks. In addition, two-family housing can be built in the area if it provided with subdivision-wide water distribution and subdivision-wide sanitary sewage system. The district is intended to regulate mobile home parks that are otherwise permitted in any residential district of Elkland Township.

(3) A new MHD property is proposed for designation by the Elkland Township Planning Commission in the east one-half of the west one-half of the northeast quarter of Section 32 of Town 14 North, Range 5 East. This property fronts on the south side of M-81 a quarter-mile west of Koepfgen Road.

The public hearing will include a presentation by the Township Planning Consultant including maps of the location and description of regulations. The public hearing will be held at the following location and day:

Tuesday, July 20, 2004 at 7:00 p.m.
Elkland Township Hall
6691 Church Street
Cass City, Michigan 48726

You may submit comments in writing as well as or instead of making an appearance at the public hearing. Your interest and comments are appreciated.

Roger Root, Chair
Elkland Township Planning Commission

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JERICA FENNINGS DORF stands among boxes and piles of clothing donated to the food pantry she and 2 other local senior Girl Scouts recently organized and opened in Cass City. Fenningsdorf, Klyn Puterbaugh and Lauren Brzuchowski, all members of Troop 1081, will distribute the clothing as well as food Saturday, July 10, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the pantry, located at 6455 Main Street.

\$712,294 grant to fund Head Start program

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Struggling families in the Thumb will continue to receive a helping hand, thanks to a federal grant awarded recently to the Human Development Commission.

Congressman Dale E. Kildee (D-Mich.) announced the HDC will receive a grant of \$712,294 to fund the agency's Early Head Start Program.

The Office of Children and Families, a division of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, approved the grant to provide assistance to low-income children and their families.

"As a member of Congress who has led numerous efforts to reform, expand and increase funds for the federal Head Start Program, I am delighted to announce the \$712,294 grant award for Early Head Start in Tuscola County," Kildee said.

"This grant will provide the Human Development Commission with the funds necessary to expand its efforts to foster healthy growth and development of young children."

The Early Head Start Program has helped many families and children in the Thumb since it was established in 1998, according to Steve Cormier, research and development director at HDC.

Cormier explained that the federally funded program was designed to provide child development and family self-sufficiency services to at least 65 pregnant women, infants, toddlers and their families in the Tuscola, Huron, Sanilac and Lapeere counties.

"We serve children and their entire family from the prenatal stage through age 3. We provide both a home-based service option (and) a family child-care option to eligible families, based upon the particular needs of their family," Cormier said. "Program staff work intensively with families in their homes and their community to best meet their needs."

"The goal of the program is

Jensen honored

Misty Jensen, a sophomore at Adrian College, Adrian, has been named to the dean's list for the spring semester for earning a minimum 3.5 grade point average.

A sophomore art management major, she is the daughter of Jim and Lori Jensen and the granddaughter of Tom and Norajean Little of Cass City and the late Ken Jensen and Georgine Jensen of Arizona City, Ariz.

to promote and foster the optimal healthy social, emotional and physical development of children and to support families as they move toward self-sufficiency."

Cormier said the program embraces several "core values," including the approach that parents are the experts on their own children, and in partnership with program staff, they develop goals for their family and children; and all interventions with families are individualized, with staff interactions and assistance "wrapping around" the needs of the family as they define them.

"Our core focus is on helping families to learn to help themselves by empowering them to make good choices for themselves and their children, supporting them in their efforts, and acting as advocates and educators as they move toward self-sufficiency and an improved quality of life for themselves and their children," he continued.

Cormier said HDC officials have been able to go above and beyond the requirements of the program in terms of the number of families helped.

"Though we received federal support to serve a total of 65 children across the 4-county service area, we actually served a total of 77 children from 57 families," he noted.

"We choose to serve more families than we receive funding for because the number of eligible children and families who could benefit from the service far exceeds the resources we have available to meet those needs. As an example, though our federally funded

target for Tuscola County is 15 children, we currently are serving 21 children and their families."

Cormier said the program's impact is measured by the families' successes.

For example, he added, during the latest report period, Oct. 1, 2002, through Sept. 30, 2003, there were 77 children enrolled, and by the end of the period, 97 percent of them had medical insurance, 96 percent had received all of their Well Child Screenings, including dental and hearing screenings, and 95 percent were up to date on all immunizations.

In the area of family self-sufficiency:

*56 percent had a least one parent gain and keep employment for at least 6 months.

*21 percent had at least one parent who increased their level of education.

*88 percent attained a self-sufficient method of transportation.

*91 percent obtained medical insurance for themselves and the siblings of enrolled children

*79 percent developed a working budget for their family.

*93 percent learned how to, and actually did, access other services provided by HDC and other service agencies.

*86 percent obtained suitable and/or improved housing for themselves and their children.

*98 percent demonstrated increased community involvement by volunteering and giving back to their community.

HDC Executive Director Mary Ann Vandemark said the continuation of federal

grant funding will produce similar successes for Thumb families in the future.

"We are delighted and honored to be able to continue to provide this much needed and well-received service to families and children in the HDC service area," Vandemark said.

"The decision to award continuation funding speaks to the quality of the services we provide to at-risk children and families in our communities, and integrates so very well with the other services provided by the Human Development commission.

This is truly a program that is 'Helping People and Changing Lives'."

McLean, Sherman attend event

Some Thumb area students were among more than 200 Michigan teens from nearly 60 counties who participated in Michigan Farm Bureau's Young People's Citizenship Seminar (YPCS) last week at Alma College.

Sponsored in part by their respective county Farm Bureaus, Leah Sherman of Cass City and Danielle McLean of Ubly were part of the 40th annual conference, which aims to educate young people to take an active role in the American political system.

A packed schedule of informational, recreational and social events centered around the weeklong campaign challenging participants to rally around causes, develop political platforms, caucus, organize campaigns, and ultimately win the hearts and minds of their peers in a bid for office.

Those who registered to vote made their choices by casting ballots in actual voting booths.

This year's platform dealt with current hot topics such as civil unions, media censorship, removing "under God" from the Pledge of Allegiance, and indemnification for animals or goods condemned to prevent the spread of disease.

Social and recreational activities throughout the week were designed to foster a sense of community among students from both rural and urban backgrounds; participants were not required to come from Farm Bureau member families.

The week also featured an impressive roster of speakers, including Sen. Alan Cropsey (R-DeWitt), Michigan Court of Appeals Judge Bill Schuette, Detroit Lions wide receiver Eddie Drummond, and Detroit-area Holocaust survivor Martin Lowenburg.

"YPCS strives to promote future citizens and leaders in our local communities, both rural and urban," said seminar organizer Matt Smego, who also manages MFB's Young Farmer Department.

Down Memory Lane

By Harmony Doerr



5YEARSAGO

Officials at Thumb National Bank and Trust in Cass City are gearing up for the start of a facelift project that will add nearly 2,000 square feet of space as well as renovate the existing facility. Building permits have been pulled and, earlier this month, the Cass City Planning Commission approved the site plan for the project, estimated at \$730,000.

Independent Bank East Michigan offices recently raised over \$215 for the Huron County Special Olympics. This was the third year that Independent Bank East Michigan participated in the Special Olympics program.

The old axiom for corn, "knee high by the Fourth of July," is as out of date as the typewriter. Even in bad years there will be selected crops that are at least thigh high by the Fourth. This year, head high by the Fourth of July is the standard that many fields reach. Hot, humid weather is just what the doctor ordered to place the average crop weeks ahead of schedule. (From Rabbit Tracks)

10YEARSAGO

The Human Development Commission (HDC) has learned its Thumb Area Assault Crisis Center will receive federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Victims' Assistance funding in the amount of \$37,721. The federal grant, which will be complemented by a 20 percent match of in-kind volunteer services, will be used for staff support in the current fiscal year and the next.

Police, judges, local driver's education instructors - even some students - say they support a new law that cracks down on minors who drink and then get behind the wheel of a car. The law, which is being called "zero tolerance" for underage drinking and driving, was signed into law Thursday by Michigan Governor John

Engler. As of Nov. 1, anyone under age 21 who is caught drinking and driving - even one beer in their system - may lose their driver's license, face fines and be required to do community service.

State Troopers from the Caro Post want more people to get the buckle-up message. As part of a new campaign to encourage motorists to wear their safety belts, Troopers and officers from other police agencies throughout Michigan will be strictly enforcing Michigan's mandatory seat belt law. In addition to strict enforcement, officers will be working to educate the community about the importance of buckling up.

25YEARSAGO

The blockade of fuel supply terminals by striking independent truck drivers last week to put a \$5 limit on sales in order to stretch out supplies backfired. "Wednesday was the busiest day of the week," said Frank Spencer, owner of Frank's Service Station, "and normally it's my slowest day." Spencer put the \$5 limit sign on his pumps mainly because the other operators had them. "I had to do it because people were coming to me and filling their tanks," Spencer said. "There was enough gas in Cass City to make it through the week, but people started to panic and they created the shortage."

Twenty-five years and counting. This was the Cass City Chronicle's first Fourth of July Tab. The tab consisted of a whopping 42 pages of festival activities, sponsors and a special section for the Annual Progress Tab.

Cass City was well represented when baseball and softball players were chosen to the Thumb Class B All-Conference teams for 1979. Two Cass City standouts made the first team in baseball as Tony Doerr, the fine fielding first baseman, and

Earny Stoutenburg, the ace of the pitching staff, were chosen.

35YEARSAGO

What does a publisher-editor do when he retires? He writes books...that is if he's like Douglas Gallery, former co-publisher of the Tuscola County Advertiser. Gallery's second book since he retired has hit the newsstands. Called "Country Cousins", it is a series of anecdotes about various topics that interest the author. Written in a light, folksy style, travelers who have been to New York, antique hunters and just plain small town people will identify with the author. It's recommended for light reading on a summer afternoon. (From Rabbit Tracks)

Donald Koepfgen received a \$700 subsidy for a \$1,400 pond located off the south end of Koepfgen Road in a farm pasture about one-quarter mile from the Cass River. He uses it for fish plantings and recreation and ponders expanding it with ultimate hopes for it as part of a river frontage development project.

Representatives of the Cass City Gun Club will be on hand to protest the opening of the Thumb to antlerless deer hunting at a special meeting slated Tuesday, July 8, at 8 p.m. at the Tuscola County Conservation Club at Caro. George Lapp, Cass City Gun Club spokesperson, said that it was largely due to the club's efforts that the Department of Natural Resources agreed to call the meeting.

Dean's list

Dale Minkler of Gagetown, a student majoring in electrical engineering at Lake Superior State University, has earned a place on the school's dean's list for the spring semester.

To achieve the honor, a student must earn a minimum 3.5 grade point average.

Cass City Area Church Directory

Calvary Bible Fellowship

4446 Ale St., Cass City, MI 48726
989-872-4088
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Pray/Bible Study & Youth Group 7:00 p.m.
Pastor - Chuck Carr
Transportation available

Cass City Church of Christ

6743 E. Main St., Cass City, MI 48726
Contacts 872-2367 or 872-3136
Worship Service Sunday 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Bible Study Sunday 10:00 a.m. & Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

Cass City Church of the Nazarene

6538 Third St., Cass City, MI 48726
872-2604 or 872-5201
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study & Children's Activities 6:00 p.m.
Pastor - Rev. Darold Ward

Cass City Missionary Church

4449 Koepfgen Rd., Cass City, MI 48726
872-2729
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6:30 p.m.
Pastor: David Edwards

Cass City United Methodist Church

5100 N. Cemetery Rd.,
P.O. Box 125, Cass City, MI 48726
872-3422
Worship: 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. (Summer 9:30 a.m.)
Sunday School - Sept.-May 9:30 a.m.
Community Dinner - Monthly (2nd Wed. at noon)
Pastor: Rev. George F. Ward

First Presbyterian Church

Barrier Free
6505 Church St., Cass City, MI 48726
872-5400
Sunday School - Sept.-May 10:45 a.m.
Worship Service 10:45 a.m.
Pastor: Dave Blackburn

Deford Community Church

1392 Kingston Rd., Deford, MI 48729
989-872-4051 (parsonage)
989-872-4055 (church)
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship 10:45 a.m.
Contemporary & Traditional 6:00 p.m.
Wednesdays 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: David Mercer
email: dcdca@band.net
website: defordcommunitychurch.org

Deford Country Church

Assemblies of God
5903 Main St., Box 224, Deford, MI 48729
989-872-5158
Wednesday Family Night 7 p.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.
Dan Strength Sr. Pastor
Tim Wells, Associate
WSNL 600 AM, Saturday, 5:30 a.m.

Evangelical Free Church of Cass City

6430 Chestnut Blvd., Cass City, MI 48726
Phone: 872-5060
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.
Midweek Bible Studies
Biblical Counseling
Pastor: Rev. Todd R. Gould



First Baptist Church

6420 Houghton St., Cass City, MI 48726
989-872-3155
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6:30 p.m.
Prayer Meeting & Bible Study, Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Eric Holmgren
Youth Pastor: Bryan Heller

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

6820 E. Main St., Cass City, MI 48726
872-2770
Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
Bible Class & Sunday School 10:45 a.m.
Pastor: Gerald Meyer

Living Word Worship Center

(Where the Word is Life)
6536 Houghton St., Cass City, MI 48726
872-4637
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.
Wed. (Family Training Hour) 7:00 p.m.
Senior Pastors: Michael & Carla Arp



Novesta Church of Christ

2896 N. Cemetery Rd., Cass City, MI 48726
872-3658 or 872-1195
Bible School 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:45 a.m.
Youth Group & Sunday Evening Services 6:00 p.m.
Minister: Chuck Emmert
Youth Minister: Brad Speirs
Visit our website at: www.novestachurch.org

Potter's House

Christian Fellowship Church
Corner of 6th and Leach, Cass City, MI 48726
872-5186
Thursday Evening 7:00 p.m.
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.
Pastor: F. Robert Tucker

St. Agatha's Catholic Church

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Youth golf tourney set

Plans are complete for the third annual Raymond James Financial Services Youth Golf Tournament, a non-profit tourney staged for the benefit of area youth to be held at Rolling Hills Golf Course.

Young golfers have until July 9 to enter and the field will be limited to the first 100 entries received.

There are 4 divisions in the tourney. Nine and under play 5 holes. Ages 10 to 12 and 13 to 15 years old each play 9 holes and ages 16 to 17 play 18 holes.

Golfers 9 and under pay \$10 and ages 10-17 pay \$15. Entry fees include golf, lunch and a favor.

Trophies will be awarded to the top 3 finishers in each

boys' and girls' age divisions.

Applications are available at Rolling Hills Golf Course or by calling Jason D. Krohn at Raymond James Financial Services, (989) 269-7248.

Checks should be made payable to Cherry Hill Financial and mailed to Krohn, 132 East Huron Avenue, Bad Axe, MI 48413 or faxed to 989-269-7129.



GREATER THUMB ACADEMIC Conference, west division, honored 5 students from each high school in the league recently at a ceremony hosted by Sandusky High School. Selected from Cass City were, from left, Kristi Fluegge, Sarah Hobbs, Amy Howard and Mallory Powell. The fifth member to be honored, Erik Helwig, was not present for picture.

Rolling Hills Chip Shots

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NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGISTRATION - LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION TUESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2004 SANILAC COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Notice is hereby given that **Tuesday, July 6, 2004**, is the last day to register to vote and or change your address for the above stated election.

You may register to vote or change your address in the following manners and at the locations listed in this notice:

IN PERSON:

- ✓ At your city or township clerk's office or at the office of any county clerk during normal business hours.
- ✓ At any of the Secretary of State Branch offices located throughout the state during normal business hours.
- ✓ At the specified agency for clients receiving services through the Family Independence Agency, Dept. of Community Health, Michigan Jobs Commission and some offices of the Commission for the Blind.
- ✓ At the military recruitment offices for persons enlisting in the armed forces.

BY MAIL:

- ✓ By obtaining and completing a Mail Voter Registration Application and forwarding to the election official as directed on the application by the close of registration deadline. Mail voter registration applications may be obtained by contacting your county, city or township clerk. A person who registers to vote by mail is required to vote in person unless they have previously voted in person in the city/township where they live or are at least 60 years of age or are handicapped.

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Federal: Rep. in Congress-10th District

State: State Representative-83rd District

County: Prosecuting Attorney, Sheriff, Clerk, Treasurer, Register of Deeds, Road

Commissioner, Drain Commissioner, Surveyor and County Commissioners

Township: Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer, Trustees and Constable (if applicable).

Election of City and Township Precinct Delegate(s).

The following ballot questions will appear on the August 3, 2004 Primary ballot:

COUNTY PROPOSALS

GENERAL FUND OPERATING MILLAGE PROPOSAL - RESTORATION OF "HEADLEE" REDUCTION -- In 2004 increase 0.8974 of a mill to restore previous voted fixed millage rate (5.0000 in 1974) that has been reduced to 4.1026.

SANILAC COUNTY 2004 MILLAGE RENEWAL FOR LIBRARY -- 2/10th of a mill for each of the years 2004 through 2007 inclusive (4 years), to provide funds for the benefit of all public libraries serving Sanilac County citizens.

SANILAC COUNTY 2004 MILLAGE RENEWAL FOR VETERANS - 0.1250 of a mill for each of the years 2004 through 2009 to equip, operate, maintain and defray debt service and provide support and assistance services to veterans through a county department of Veteran's Affairs.

SANILAC COUNTY COORDINATION OF AMBULANCE SERVICES MILLAGE RENEWAL - 2/10 of 1 mill for the period of 2005 through 2008 for the coordination of ambulance-emergency services within Sanilac County, advanced training of emergency medical personnel, physician supervision and ambulance life support equipment under the direction and supervision of the Sanilac Medical Control Board.

SANILAC COUNTY MEDICAL CARE FACILITY MILLAGE RENEWAL - 2/10 of a mill 2004 through 2009 for the purpose of funding the payment of maintenance of effort fees charged the County of Sanilac by the State of Michigan for the operation of the Sanilac County Medical Care Facility and for the operations of the facility itself.

SANILAC COUNTY 2004 MILLAGE RENEWAL FOR COORDINATION OF SENIOR CITIZENS 2/10 of a mill for each of the years 2004 through 2007 to provide for use by the Sanilac County Council on Aging, to maintain and expand services to older citizens in Sanilac County.

TOWNSHIP PROPOSALS

GREENLEAF TOWNSHIP RENEWAL OF FIRE PROTECTION MILLAGE -- Renew one (1) mill over four (4) years beginning with the 2005 tax levy year and running through the 2008 tax levy year for the specific purpose of fire protection in the unincorporated areas of Greenleaf Township.

JURISDICTION	CLERK'S NAME	ADDRESS	CITY, STATE, ZIP	TELEPHONE
Greenleaf Township	Jerry Cleland, Clerk	7876 N. Germania Rd.	Cass City, MI 48726	989-658-8767



THE YANKEES captured the Cass City Minor League playoff championship. Back row, from left: Assistant coach John Hacker, coach Steve Ross and assistant coach Kevin Mulligan. Second row: Zack Deitering, Lucas Schenk, Michael Mulligan, Cody Ross, Andy Kaake and Austin Westerby. Front row: Dalton Prieskorn, David Pitcher, Tommy Lang, Jeff Bliss, Jacob Hacker, Jamie Wangler and Kyle Ross.



THE CASS CITY Little League co-champion Giants are: (front l-r) Nick Kappen, Grant Barnes, Trent Loomis, Ethan Nicol, Anthony House, (middle l-r) Kelby Rowell, Mason Doerr, Cameron Dunnick, Morgan Erla, T.J. Marker, (back l-r) Coach Rick Doerr, Manager Ron Spaulding, Coach Tom Marker. Missing is J.J. Mulrath.



THE CASS CITY Little League co-champion Orioles are: (Front l-r) Steven Rychlewski, Dylan Miller, Jordan Hendrick, Matthew Goniwicha, Zac Sysure, Drew King, (back l-r) Rob VanAuken, Coach Nathan Haag, Kyle Middaugh, Zack McCreedy, Zack Abell, Alex Varney, Coach Nathan Fritz and Jeff Leslie.

Obituaries

Mary Lomerson

Mary Jane Lomerson, 66, of Kingston, died Friday, June 25, 2004 in her home.

She was born July 4, 1937 in Adrian to Lester and Delia (Wood) Waltz.

Lomerson participated in the Federal Police Federation in the late 1980s.

She is survived by her children: Catharin Lomerson of Kingston, David Lomerson of Kingston and Gordon (Tonia) Lomerson of Lake Orion; 9 grandchildren; a great-grandson and one on the way; 2 sisters: Agnes (Donald) Gehring of Morenci and Virginia (Michael) Walker of Lapeer; and a dear friend, Rosey Beebe of Kingston.

She was preceded in death by 2 sons: James and Ronald Lomerson.

Funeral services were held Sunday, June 27, at Kranz Funeral Home, Kingston, with Pastor JT Mabe of Mizpah Missionary Church officiating.

Interment will take place at a later date.

Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Kingston.

Elenora Lounsbury

Elenora May Lounsbury, 81, of Cass City, died Monday, June 21, 2004 in St. Mary's Medical Center, Saginaw.

She was born May 31, 1923 at home in Ellington to Albert and Charlotte (Southworth) Bishop.

She married Harland M. Lounsbury June 14, 1942 in her brother's home in Caro.

Lounsbury graduated from Caro High School in 1942. She worked at Thumb Laundry in Caro, then as a clerk at the Federated Store and then as a bookkeeper at the Hudson Garage. Lounsbury helped her husband farm. She taught Sunday school at Sunshine Methodist Church and Trinity United Methodist Church. She was a member of the Cass City United Methodist Church and was active helping with the church prayer chain.

Lounsbury is survived by her husband, Harland; a daughter-in-law, Janie Lounsbury of Cass City; three grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; four sisters-in-law: Jessie, Vera (Loren), Carol and Margaret; and several nieces and nephews.

ews.

She was preceded in death by her son, Norris Lounsbury, Dec. 29, 1990; a brother and sister-in-law, Oscar and Edith Bishop; and a nephew, Wilbur.

Funeral services were held Thursday, June 24, at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with the Rev. George Ward of Cass City United Methodist Church officiating.

Interment was in the Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Memorials may be made to the Cass City United Methodist Church.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

Lewis McGrath

Lewis C. McGrath, 84, of Bruce Crossing, died Friday, June 25, 2004 at his home.

He was born May 4, 1920 in Cass City, the son of the late John and Oreno (Schenck) McGrath.

He married Phyllis Carboneau April 1, 1962 in Utica.

McGrath moved to Bruce Crossing in 1974. He farmed and logged most of his life and operated heavy equipment. He worked with draft horses up until a couple of years ago. He was a member of the United Methodist Church in Ewen and served on the church council.

McGrath is survived by his wife, Phyllis; 2 sons: Paul McGrath of Bruce Crossing and Mark (Kathleen) McGrath of Watersmeet; 2 daughters: LouAnn Fahlgberg of Paynesville, Minn. and Peggy McGrath of Burnsville, Minn.; a grandson; and a brother, Raymond

of Ocala, Fla.

He was preceded in death by a son, John; a brother, Harold; and 2 sisters: Lorene and Joan.

A memorial service was held Monday, June 28, at the United Methodist Church, Ewen, with Ted Trudgeon officiating.

Interment was in the Maple Grove Cemetery, Haight Township.

Memorials may be made to the Ewen United Methodist Church.

Arrangements were made by the Wandersee Funeral Home, Bruce Crossing.

Kenneth Weatherhead

Kenneth L. Weatherhead, 75, of Phoenix, Ariz., died April 28, 2004.



He was born in Huron County March 1, 1929, the son of Frank and Gladys Weatherhead.

He married Marion Kritzman of Cass City.

Weatherhead was raised in Gagetown. He worked for the Kroger Company and A&P before he purchased the Elkton IGA grocery store, which he operated as a family business for more than 20 years. In 1976, he moved to Phoenix, Ariz., where he finished his career in the grocery business with Bashas Supermarkets.

Weatherhead is survived by four children: Rick (Susan) Weatherhead of Michigan, Randy Weatherhead of Illinois, Cindy (Terry) Gilmore of California and Lisa (Stewart) Cellers of Arizona; 12 grandchildren; two sisters: Anita (Donald) Loomis and Elaine (Richard) Hendrick, both of Cass City; and a sister-in-law, Barbara Weatherhead of Flint.

He was preceded in death by a brother, William Weatherhead.

A remembrance service will be held July 24, 4 p.m., at the Elkton United Methodist Church.

Caro class seeking members

Organizers of a reunion for the Caro High School Class of 1954 are still searching for a few members of the class.

The missing graduates are: Mrs. James (Mary Osburn) Cockroth, Richard Deming, Ralph Fuester, Harold Klea,

Gilbert McFarland, John Perkins, Timothy Quinn and Ed Weiderhold.

Anyone with information is

asked to contact Mary Ann Vandemark at (989) 673-3787 or (989) 673-4121.

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I have just read to you a few excerpts from one of the premiere documents of all time – the American Declaration of Independence. If you were listening, you noted that our founding fathers made reference to God no less than four times. Could it be that freedom, liberty, and independence have a lot to do with the Almighty? Could it be that the Author and Finisher of our faith is also the Author and Finisher of our freedom? Apparently, from all the historical writings still available to us today, our forefathers were deeply committed to the concept that life, liberty, personal, and political freedom all originate in God's benevolence to man. Samuel Bowles once stated: "The cause of freedom is the cause of God."

Let's further examine both our spiritual and civil freedoms originating in the Lord as we read John 8:31-36 for our text today. (NASB) READ

31 Jesus therefore was saying to those Jews who had believed in Him, "If you abide in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine;

32 and you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

33 They answered Him, "We are Abraham's offspring, and have never yet been enslaved to anyone; how is it that You say, 'You shall become free'?"

34 Jesus answered them, "Truly, Truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is the slave of sin.

35 "And the slave does not remain in the house forever; the son does remain forever.

36 "If therefore the Son shall make you free, you shall be free indeed.

Throughout chapter eight, we see the Lord Jesus Christ pressing home the idea of His personal deity to the Pharisees. He makes several declarations in this chapter that would have been quite obvious to the first century Hebrew. In our text we have one such statement: "You shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free," and "If, therefore, the Son shall make you free, you shall be free indeed." As God, Christ is telling His listeners He has the power to set them free spiritually, emotionally, physically, and politically. Certainly, to be "free indeed" as Jesus puts it, is to be free in every way. It is to realize maximum liberty. But the Pharisees argued the point in a foolish and prideful response. See what they say in verse 33. READ

What were these guys thinking? The nation Israel was, even in their day, an object lesson for the whole world. The sad and oft repeated story of Abraham's descendants was one of constant *bondage and liberation, bondage and liberation*. The Pharisees, being doctors and teachers of the law, knew the story of the Exodus; how the children of Israel were enslaved 400 years to the Egyptians until God, through Moses, miraculously liberated them. If Christ's hearers remembered their scriptures at all, they would have recalled the book of Judges and how every time Israel sinned she became subject to her wicked neighbors, and when she repented, how a liberator would come and free them. If the Pharisees had thought before they spoke, they would have remembered the writings of the prophets and how God sent them to the kings of Israel and Judah to warn them of impending captivity if they would not repent of their rebellion against God. And because Israel did not listen to the spiritual warnings of God, she came under the heel of nearly every world power. Egypt, Syria, Assyria, Babylon, Persia, and Greece all subjected God's wayward people to their tyranny. Ironically, as the Pharisees responded to Christ's statement, they were, even at that time, living under the dictators of Rome. Yet, they had the audacity to say: "We are Abraham's offspring, and have never yet been enslaved to anyone..." Certainly, their blindness is evident for they were both political and spiritual slaves – and they couldn't even tell! They did not realize that standing before them was the Great Liberator of men's souls, the only begotten Son of God, yes, the Messiah Himself. Truth became incarnate before them, the truth that could set them completely and eternally free. Still, they chose the bondage of spiritual ignorance and complacency. However, Jesus said to the ones who did believe in Him, in verse 31, that a true disciple abides in His word. A true disciple receives, believes, abides in, and obeys the Word of God. In so doing, only true disciples gain true freedom. The true disciple who abides in God's truth gains true freedom; a deep spiritual liberty from which all other freedoms are born. How did Christ accomplish this for man? Man's freedom was won at the battle of the cross. Man's freedom, spiritual and otherwise, came by way of the sacrifice of the only begotten Son of God. 2 Cor. 3:17, "Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty." Christ Himself, when asked to read God's Word in the synagogue, chose a passage from Isaiah 61. Opening His public ministry, He stated from that reading His mission: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the afflicted; He has sent me to bind up the broken hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and freedom to the prisoners," Is. 61:1. Why did Christ come to earth? To liberate a captive, fallen race. Adam and Eve enjoyed tremendous freedom while they lived in innocence in the Garden of Eden. But the Deceiver came and brought them into bondage. Our first parents fell into sin and they, and all subsequent generations, became the servants of sin. Only Jesus Christ can liberate us from sin's bondage, and He did it by paying the penalty of sin, i.e., death, even the death of the cross. 1 Pet. 3:18, "For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, in order that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the Spirit;" Sin definitely has a consequence. Not only will it condemn us to a fiery hell for all eternity, separating us from God forever, but it enslaves us in this life as well.

We are celebrating our country's 228th Independence Day. It has been said that the U.S. is the only nation in the world with a known birth date. That may be true. Certainly, our nation is one of the few, if not the only one, founded upon a godly heritage. And it is that *Christian heritage* based upon God's truth that has secured our liberty over the centuries because, "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty." Freedom's civil foundation comes from its spiritual foundation. There is a definite connection between faith and freedom. Other young, emerging nations have attempted to imitate the American experiment, and though they had a constitution and bill of rights, and other governmental mechanisms, they still failed. Why? Because America's foundation is based upon Jesus Christ and His truth. Others were not. And yet, the Psalmist laments, "If the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?" Psalm 11:3. The foundation of this magnificent country is the solid rock of God's Word, a foundation upon which faithful men and women built a free nation. And, let me say, we will keep our land and our liberty only so long as we keep God's truth. Ps. 119:44, 45, "So I will keep Thy law continually forever and ever. And I will walk at liberty for I seek Thy precepts." Thomas Jefferson asked rhetorically, "Can the liberties of a nation be secure when we have removed the conviction that these liberties are the gift of God?" Benjamin Franklin at the Constitutional Convention of 1787 stated: "It is impossible to build an empire without our Father's aid. I believe the sacred writings which say that, 'Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it,' Ps. 127:1." Friends, all of the great patriots of the past acknowledged God's truth and God's person as the greatest force for securing the liberty of a nation. Do we still acknowledge Him today? For, "If the foundations be destroyed, what shall the righteous do?"

Theodore Roosevelt said, "There has never been a man in our history who led a life of ease whose name is worth remembering." What do most Americans want today? A life of ease. Will they be remembered? No! Why do we remember such great men as Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, George Washington, Nathan Hale, Patrick Henry, John Adams, and many others? We remember them because they were great patriots who served their country. We remember them because they were principled people of truth. We remember them because of their sacrifice. Did you know that of the 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence, five were captured by the British and tortured before they died? Twelve had their homes ransacked and burned. Two lost their sons in the war. Nine others died from war wounds or from hardships suffered in the war. They didn't just sign their name to a piece of paper and walk away. They did as they said they would in the last sentence of the Declaration: "And for the support of this declaration, with firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor." From what history tells us, it cost many of them all of these things. It has been the service and sacrifice of countless patriotic Americans that has secured, under Divine Providence, the multitude of blessings we enjoy today. If you're a free American, you owe your freedom to Christ and His eternal truth, and to your forefathers who took God at His Word.

Do you know where the term *patriot* comes from and what it means? The word comes down to us from the Greek *PATROTES* which is from the Greek *PATER*, meaning "father." Basically, it speaks "of one's father" and in English, "one who loves his country and zealously supports its authority and its interests." I've actually heard Christians say that patriotism is not relevant. I've heard them say, "All we need to worry about is being Christians. We don't need patriotism. We don't need to be concerned about government." But let me ask you, if God really did give us this nation; if He really did inspire our forefathers to base this government upon Christian principle and truth, should we be so indifferent? Should we just turn over God's blessing and God's gift to those who would deny our heritage? If God Himself miraculously drew this nation from the forge of His righteousness and formed it upon the anvil of His truth, and has given it to His people as a heritage and a trust, can we say we don't care who runs it and turn it over to the Godless? My friends, it takes service and it takes sacrifice to maintain a free state. Liberty is always unfinished business. John Philpot Curran said, "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty."

Today, we've got a lot of people living here who value the "bottom line;" who value their comfort and their paycheck more than their freedom. Worse yet, we have some, who, at the drop of a hat, would remove portions of the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights just because it would make them feel better. However, Franklin stated, "Those who give up essential liberty to purchase a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety." Never, ever trade freedom or its rights for the promise of safety. It has been said that if a nation values anything more than freedom, it will lose its freedom – and the irony of it is that if it is comfort or money it values more, it will lose that, too!

Friends, there is a close connection between faith and freedom, and the service and the sacrifice of the patriot. The darkest hour of the American Revolution was in mid December 1777. Only 11,000 men remained in the ranks of the Continental Army. They were suffering greatly without proper food or clothing. General Washington gathered them to a place 20 miles from Philadelphia called Valley Forge. Washington said, "...you might have tracked the army from White March to Valley Forge by the blood of their feet." Starvation, nakedness, cold, and disease claimed the lives of 2,600 patriots at Valley Forge that winter. But in his darkest hour, Washington, the general, drew upon his faith in God. George Washington's private faith has been publicly memorialized for all Americans by the famous painting depicting him kneeling in prayer in the Valley Forge snow. His prayerful image is further memorialized in stained glass in the chapel just off the rotunda of the United States Capitol. Supreme Court Chief Justice John Marshall said of Washington's faith: "Without making ostentatious professions of religion, he was a sincere believer in the Christian faith and a truly devout man."

We find ourselves engaged upon many different battlefields today, physically, emotionally, spiritually, and culturally. But still, true faith remains the foundation for victory and liberty. Any hope of continued freedom without a godly faith will prove futile. Today, love of self has replaced love of God in our nation. And as our society careens into faithlessness, I wish I could make every American see the intimate tie between faith and freedom – between Christ's truth and personal and national liberty. Currently, we are in a modern Valley Forge. Those Americans who do believe in the cause of one nation under God are becoming weary, our feet are bloodied, our clothes are tattered, and we struggle along on a starvation diet, spiritually. Popular Christian artist, Carmen, rightly sings in his patriotic video, "We need God in America again!" Jesus warned, "whoever commits sin is the slave of sin." Are we as a people becoming slaves to our own unfettered appetites? Will an outside force chastise us for our rejection of God and His truth? Is it already happening? Solomon said, "Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people," Prov. 14:34. Americans, it is time to return to the faith of our fathers. It is time to depend upon the same Divine Providence they depended upon and to take God at His Word as they did. It is time to return to the Christ who gave us our liberty in the first place because, "If... the Son shall make you free, you shall be free indeed."

A message given at the Evangelical Free Church of Cass City by Rev. Todd R. Gould during patriot month.

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Bean queen contest underway

The 2004 Huron County Bean Queen Contest is underway. Candidates are being sought to compete for the title "2004 Huron County Bean Queen."

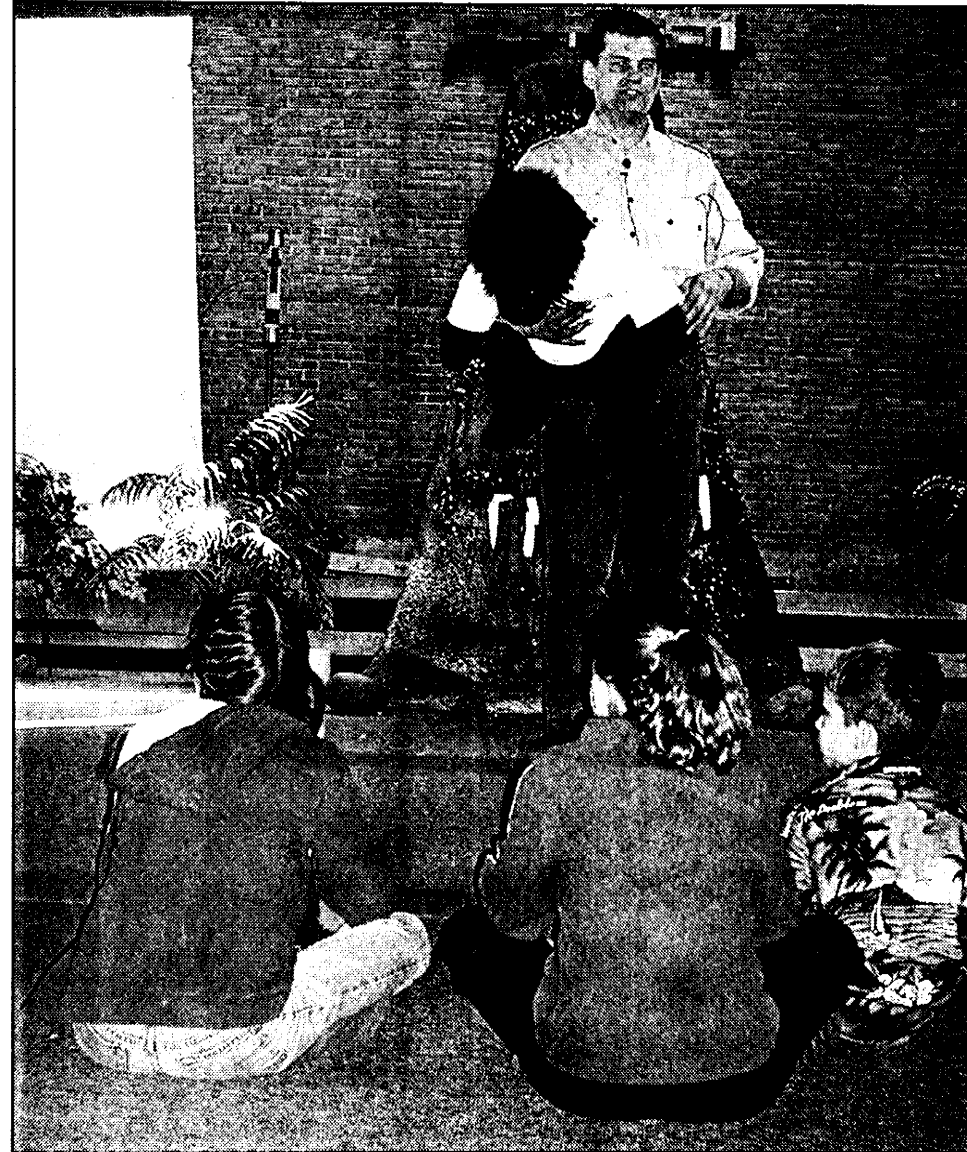
If you are single, between the ages of 17 and 25 (as of Sept. 1, 2004), and are the daughter of a Huron county bean grower, who has grown dry beans within the last 5 years, you are eligible for this contest.

This contest is strongly supported by the Huron County Bean Growers' Association, Huron County elevators and local agri-businesses. All eligible women are urged to participate. Judging will take place Monday, July 26, at the Franklin Inn, Bad Axe, and the crowing will take place Monday, Aug. 9, at the Huron Community Fair.

Every contestant is presented with a gift for participating. This year's queen will receive numerous monetary gifts from local agri-businesses. Huron County's Bean Queen will join with other young women in the state to compete for the title of Michigan Bean Queen. This contest will be held in Fairgrove on Labor Day.

Application forms for the Huron County Bean Queen Contest can be picked up at MSU Extension - Huron County, 99 W. Soper Rd., Suite B, Bad Axe. If you would like further information on the contest, stop by the office or call (989) 269-9949.

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FATHER STEPHEN Fillion addresses the Vacation Bible School crowd at St. Pancratius Catholic Church in Cass City Friday morning. The event invited children to explore "Lava Lava Land" and included a mock volcano with smoke rising out of the top.

Facility lowers prices

The Tuscola County Material Recovery Facility has lowered the price to destroy "confidential" materials.

The cost to all businesses will be 10 cents per pound when brought to the facility. There will be only 2 designated individuals who will have contact with confidential material and both of these individuals are bonded for the safety of the documents.

To secure the confidentiality of your material, appointments will need to be made in advance by calling (989) 672-1673.

All material will be weighed upon your arrival, and it will be necessary for you to complete a short form. Your material will be shredded immediately upon receipt, and therefore, you are welcome to monitor the destruction of your "confidential" material if desired.

Only one customer will be allowed in the shredding area in order to maintain confidentiality. Once the material is shredded, it will be baled up and sent to a paper mill or insulation company.

"We are offering pick up service for all "confidential" material by calling the facility. It will be necessary to charge an additional fee of 36 cents per mile as well as the 10 cents per pound. A minimum of 500 hundred pounds or more of material is required to qualify for the pick up service," said Jerry Snider, recycling coordinator.

An invoice will be generated and mailed to the name and address shown on the short form within 2 weeks. Payments are due upon receipt of invoice.

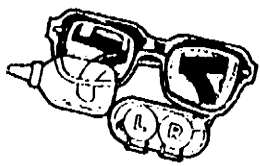
Walbro picnic slated

Former Walbro Corp. employees will hold their 2004 picnic at Cass City Recreational Park, at the Lions Club Pavilion, Thursday, July 15, at 5:30 p.m.

Those planning to attend are asked to bring a dish to pass and table service. A donation of \$2 is requested to cover meat and beverage expenses.

More information is available by contacting Helen Rayl at 872-3449.

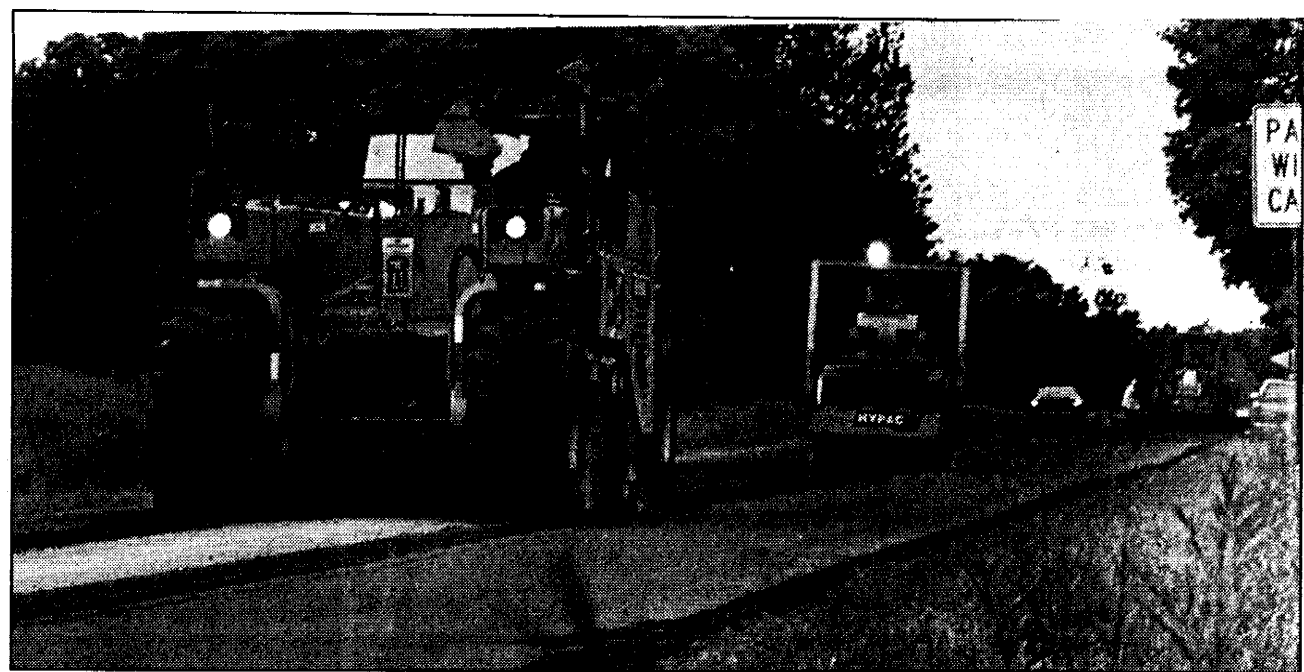
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WORKERS CHURN up the old pavement on Bay City-Forestville Road Thursday afternoon. Six miles of the road, from Gagetown to the county line, will be torn up and repaved all this month. The \$600,000 project should be completed near the end of July.

Free small business workshops set

Area residents who operate a small business or are thinking of starting one may be interested in attending the 2004 Small Business Series this summer.

This series of free workshops is co-sponsored by the Tuscola County Economic Development Corporation, Michigan Small Business and Technology Development Center, and Davenport University.

Each of the workshops will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. at Davenport University in Caro.

This year's topics and dates are:

*Legal Requirements for Small Business (Tuesday, July 6) - Attorney Duane E. Burgess will discuss the "nuts and bolts" information needed to avoid costly mistakes in small business ventures.

*Preparing and Presenting a Small Business Plan (Tuesday, July 13) - Dennis Gilkey Sr., vice president of Chemical Bank and Trust Company, will emphasize content, development, organization and presentation of a small business plan as well as how it can be used as an on-going management guide.

*Insurance Needs in Small Business (Tuesday, July 20) - Casualty Insurance Agent Arden June will discuss the important role insurance

plays in keeping a small business running smoothly, even when the unexpected happens.

*Computer Uses in Small Business (Tuesday, July 27) — Brent Atkerson and Susan Atkerson will offer participants valuable information concerning computer hardware and software selection,

use and preservation, from a small business viewpoint.

*Financial Strategies and Banking in Small Business (Tuesday, Aug. 3) - Curt Strickland, executive vice president of Thumb National Bank, Cass City, will talk about successfully managing money, a crucial skill in any small business venture.

Topics will include changes in banking systems, the Federal Reserve System, electronic funds transfer system and long- versus short-term financing plans.

More information about the upcoming series is available by calling the Tuscola County EDC at (989) 673-2849.

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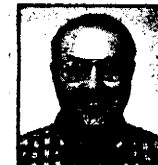
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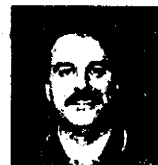
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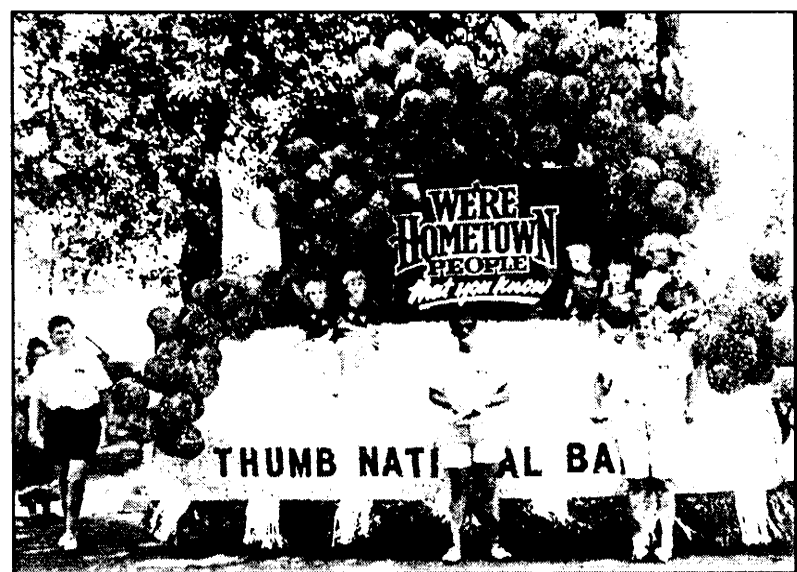
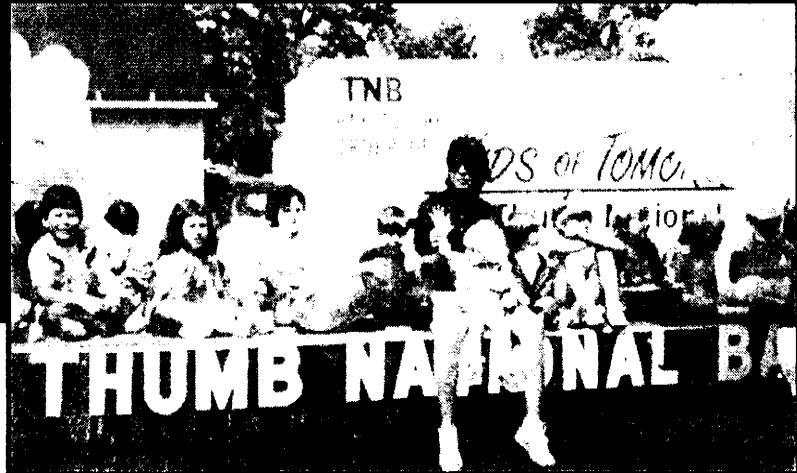
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Rick E. Paquette, a single man, Mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Lender, Mortgagee, dated the 30th day of March, 2002 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for The County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 20th day of February, 2004 in Liber 980 of Tuscola County Records, Page 1141, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Twenty Nine Thousand Fourteen & 42/100 (\$29,014.42), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof.

Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 29th day of July, 2004 at 10:00 o'clock a.m. Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, front entrance of the Courthouse in Village of Caro, Tuscola County (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Tuscola is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 14.800000% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Township of Millington, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit:

Part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 33, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, described as: Beginning at a point in the centerline of State Highway M-15, which is South 87 degrees 01 minute East, along the South line of said Section 33, 1.446.42 feet to the intersection of said South line and the tangent line of a curve in the centerline of said highway. (Curve data: $R = 0$ degrees 03 minutes, $T = 616.67$ feet, $radius = 144,591.11$ feet, $L = 1,233.33$ feet) and along said tangent line North 11 degrees 49 minutes West, 170.00 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing along said tangent line, North 11 degrees 49 minutes West, 150.00 feet, thence South 87 degrees 01 minute East, 250.00 feet, thence South 11 degrees 49 minutes East, 150.00 feet, thence North 87 degrees 01 minute West, 250.00 feet to the point of beginning.

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

Dated: 6/23/04
Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
Mortgagee

FABRIZIO & BROOK, P.C.
Jonathan L. Engman (P56364)
Attorney for Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
888 W. Big Beaver, Suite 1470
Troy, MI 48064
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6-23-5

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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 Jeffery Shewmaker, an unmarried man (original mortgagor), to Union Federal Bank of Indianapolis, Mortgagee, dated May 31, 2002 and recorded on June 20, 2002 in Liber 882 on Page 791, and modified by Affidavit recorded on May 18, 2004 in Liber 993 on Page 205, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred One Thousand Seven Hundred Two And 41/100 Dollars (\$101,702.41), including interest at 7.75% 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, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on July 22, 2004.

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

Parcel One: Commencing at the Southwest corner of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 36, Township 10 North, Range 7 East, Arbelia Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, thence North 132 feet, thence East 330 feet, thence South 132 feet, thence West 330 feet to the point of beginning. Parcel Two: Commencing at a point which is 132 feet North of the Southwest corner of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 36, Township 10 North, Range 7 East, Arbelia Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, thence North 35 feet, thence East 330 feet, thence South 35 feet, thence West 330 feet to the point of beginning.

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

Dated: June 23, 2004

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
FC M (248) 593-1312
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Union Federal Bank of Indianapolis f/k/a Union Federal Savings Bank of Indianapolis
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
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6-23-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Linda L. Throop and Christopher G. Throop, Wife and Husband (original mortgagors), to Standard Federal Bank, a Federal Savings Bank, Mortgagee, dated May 5, 1998 and recorded on June 2, 1998 in Liber 740 on Page 1467 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 Nine Hundred Thirty-Six & 67/100 Dollars (\$36,936.67), including interest at 7.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on July 8, 2004.

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

Parcel D: Part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 20, Township 10 North, Range 7 East, Arbelia Township, Tuscola County, Michigan; described as beginning at the East 1/4 corner of said Section 20; thence along the East line of said Section North 03 degrees 13 minutes 50 seconds East, 225.00 feet; thence North 86 degrees 50 minutes 58 seconds West, 350.00 feet; thence South 03 degrees 13 minutes 50 seconds West, 225.00 feet to the East and West 1/4 line of said Section; thence along said line South 86 degrees 50 minutes 58 seconds East 350.00 feet to the East 1/4 corner of said section and point of beginning. Subject to the Bay Road of Easterly 33.00 feet thereof as Use Road.

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

Dated: June 9, 2004

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
FC C (248) 593-1301
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Standard Federal Bank, a Federal Savings Bank
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
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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 Jon Dee Coulter, a married man, and Judith A. Coulter, to bar down rights, his wife (original mortgagors), to Vandyk Mortgage Corporation, a Michigan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated April 25, 2001 and recorded on April 30, 2001 in Liber 830 on Page 112, and assigned by mesne assignments to Chase Mortgage Company, an Ohio Corporation as assignee by an assignment dated February 17, 2003 and recorded on July 9, 2003 in Liber 941 on Page 2 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Six Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-Six and 84/100 Dollars (\$206,766.84), including interest at 7.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on July 8, 2004.

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

Commencing at the Southwest corner of Section 33, Town 12 North, Range 9 East, Indianfields Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, thence North 0 degrees 11 minutes 08 seconds East, 889.71 feet, thence South 89 degrees 54 minutes 07 East, 993.92 feet; thence South 00 degrees 05 minutes 53 seconds West, 889.88 feet; thence North 89 degrees 54 minutes 10 seconds West, 995.28 feet to the point of beginning. EXCEPT land sold to Michigan Department of Transportation in Liber 344, Page 205, described as the Southerly 75 feet thereof and beginning at a point on the West line of Section 33, which is North 01 degree 40 minutes 42 seconds West, a distance of 72.45 feet from the Southwest corner of said Section 33; thence North 88 degrees 30 minutes 38 seconds East, a distance of 187.50 feet; thence North 57 degrees 51 minutes 25 seconds West, a distance of 225.69 feet to the West line of said Section 33; thence South 01 degree 40 minutes 32 seconds East, along said West line a distance of 125 feet to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale.

Dated: June 9, 2004

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
FC S (248) 593-1304
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation successor by merger and/or name change to Chase Mortgage Company, an Ohio Corporation
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Iad O. Vandemark, an unmarried individual, Daniel J. Vandemark, Iad O. Vandemark, husband and wife (original mortgagors), to Independent Mortgage Co., East MI, Mortgagee, dated May 31, 2001 and recorded on October 24, 2001 in Liber 844 on Page 880, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Chase Mortgage Company, an Ohio Corporation as assignee by an assignment dated December 1, 2001 and recorded on February 2, 2002 in Liber 861 on Page 1403 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Two Thousand Three Hundred Fourty and 28/100 Dollars (\$92,314.28), including interest at 7.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on July 8, 2004.

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

Commencing at the Northeast corner of Section 8, Town 12 North, Range 9 East, Indianfields Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, thence South 100 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing South 175 feet; thence West 249 feet; thence North 175 feet; thence East 249 feet to the point of beginning.

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

Dated: June 9, 2004

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
FC S (248) 593-1304
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, successor in interest by merger and/or name change to Chase Mortgage Company, an Ohio Corporation
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Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
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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 Ryan Lotz and Sabrina Lotz, husband and wife (original mortgagors), to Flagstar Bank, FSB, Mortgagee, dated August 27, 2002 and recorded on September 4, 2002 in Liber 892 on Page 90, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as assignee by an assignment dated March 31, 2003 and recorded on May 27, 2003 in Liber 932 on Page 1150 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Four Thousand Seventy-Two and 11/100 Dollars (\$104,072.11), including interest at 7 1/2% 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 to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on July 8, 2004.

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

Parcel 1: Part of the Northwest quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 16, Town 12 North, Range 9 East, Indianfields Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as beginning at a point on the North line of said Section 16, which is East 747.50 feet from the North quarter corner of said section, thence continuing along said North line, East 165.00 feet, thence South 00 degrees 20 minutes 50 seconds East, 264.00 feet; thence parallel with the North line of said section, West 165.00 feet, thence North 00 degrees 20 minutes 50 seconds West, 264.00 feet to the North line of said section and point of beginning. Subject to the Right of Way for Dixon Road over the Northerly side thereof.

Parcel 2: Part of the Northwest quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 16, Town 12 North, Range 9 East, Indianfields Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as beginning at the North quarter corner of said section 16; thence along the North line of said section 16, East 245.00 feet, thence South 00 degrees 20 minutes 50 seconds East, 264.00 feet; thence West 245.00 feet to the North and South quarter line of said section 16; thence along said North and South quarter line North 00 degrees 20 minutes 50 seconds West, 264.00 feet to the place of beginning. Except a strip of land 60.00 feet wide owned by New York Central Railroad, lying 30 feet on either side of a line described as beginning at a point on the North line of said section 16 which is East 165.20 feet from the North quarter corner of said Section 16; thence along said centerline South 41 degrees 46 minutes 15 seconds West 144.24 feet to a point of curvature, thence along a centerline of a curve to the right having a long chord bearing and distance of South 46 degrees 01 minutes 35 seconds West, 94.03 feet to its intersection with the North and South quarter line of said Section 16 and the Terminus of said centerline of exception. Subject to the right of way for Dixon Road over the Northerly side thereof.

Parcel 3: Part of the Northwest quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 16, Town 12 North, Range 9 East, Indianfields Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as beginning at a point on the North line of said Section 16 which is East 245.00 feet from the North quarter corner of said section, thence continuing along said North line, East 250 feet, thence parallel to the North South quarter line of said section, South 00 degrees 20 minutes 50 seconds East, 264.00 feet; thence parallel to the North line of said section East 82.50 feet, thence parallel to said North-South quarter line South 00 degrees 20 minutes 50 seconds East, 264.00 feet; thence parallel to said North section line, West 330.00 feet, thence along said North-South quarter line, North 00 degrees 20 minutes 50 seconds West, 264.00 feet; thence parallel to said North section line, East 245.00 feet; thence parallel to said North-South quarter line, North 00 degrees 20 minutes 50 seconds West, 264.00 feet to the North line of Section 16 and point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale.

Dated: June 9, 2004

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Attorneys For Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #004220F02

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and are described as:

Commencing at a point 30 rods south of the northwest corner of section 8, Town 11 North, Range 9 East; thence South, 20 rods; thence East, 8 rods; thence North, 20 rods; thence West, 8 rods to the point of beginning. Also the East 142 feet of the West 274 feet of the South 330 feet of the North 825 feet of the Northwest 1/4 of said section 8. Except the Northerly 110 feet thereof.

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

TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgage can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale.

Dated: June 2, 2004

ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC
Attorneys for Option One Mortgage Corporation, a California Corporation, As Mortgagee
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48067-5041
(248) 457-1000
File No. 221.1852

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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 Mike S. Walker, an unmarried person (original mortgagor), to Cendant Mortgage Corporation D/B/A Century 21 Mortgage, Mortgagee, dated May 7, 2001 and recorded on June 4, 2001 in Liber 834 on Page 2, and assigned by mesne assignments to SFJV-2002-1, LLC as assignee by an assignment dated March 10, 2004 and recorded on March 23, 2004 in Liber 985 on Page 485 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-Five Thousand One Hundred Seventy-Nine and 15/100 Dollars (\$35,179.15), including interest at 7.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on July 8, 2004.

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

The South 57 Feet of Lot 4, Block 3 of Denning's Addition to the Village of Cass City, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 2, now being 3A of Tuscola County Records.

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

Dated: June 9, 2004

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
FC D (248) 593-1309
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For SFJV-2002-1, LLC
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #004220F02

6-9-4

RANDALL S. MILLER & ASSOCIATES, P.C. IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Paul E. Trisch and Sandra Trisch, husband and wife, to Citifinancial, Inc. Mortgagee, dated January 22, 2002 and recorded on February 9, 2002 in Liber 863, Page 406, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Three Thousand Five Hundred Fifteen and 09/100 Dollars (\$63,515.09) including interest at the rate of 12.750% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Michigan at 10:00 AM on July 22, 2004.

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

Lots 6 and 7, Block 12, Charles Montague's Subdivision to the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, according to the recorded Plat thereof, except the South 20 feet of said Lot 7, Town 12 North, Range 9 East, 145 Butler Street.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: June 16, 2004

Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Mortgage
43252 Woodlands Ave., Suite 202
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302
(248) 335-9200
Our File No. 116.00076

6-16-5

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Patrick G. Bates, a single man, to TCF National Bank, Mortgagee, dated November 16, 2003 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Tuscola, and State of Michigan, on November 20, 2003 in Liber 965, Page 124-127, Instrument Number 200300841059, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of Ninety-Seven Thousand One Hundred Seventy-Eight and 08/100 Dollars (\$97,178.08), plus late charges of One Hundred Twenty-Three and 70/100 Dollars (\$123.70).

No proceedings at law or in equity have been instituted to recover the debt secured by this mortgage, or any part thereof. Therefore, under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on July 23, 2004, at 10:00 a.m., Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front entrance of the Courthouse, in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan (that being the building where the Circuit Court for said County is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid, on said mortgage, with the interest thereon at 4.00% per annum and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises.

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

Part of the Southwest quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 36, Town 12 North, Range 10 East, described as: Beginning at a point on the West section line North 01 degrees 04 minutes 45 seconds East, 979.16 feet from the Southwest corner of said Section 36; thence continuing along said line North 01 degrees 04 minutes 45 seconds East, 340.00 feet to the North line of said Southwest quarter of the Southwest quarter; thence along said line South 88 degrees 59 minutes 59 seconds East, 340.00 feet, thence South 01 degrees 04 minutes 45 seconds West, 340.00 feet, thence North 88 degrees 59 minutes 59 seconds West, 340.00 feet to the point of beginning, subject to easements, reservations, restrictions and limitations of record, if any.

Tax ID No.: 022-036-000-1600-00

During the six months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale.

Dated: At Ann Arbor, Michigan, May 28, 2004

Elizabeth A. Kiefer, LEGAL DEPARTMENT
TCF National Bank, Mortgagee
401 East Liberty
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104-2298
(734) 769-8300 (ext. 5499)

6-9-4

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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 Enrique Palomares and Karen A. Palomares, husband and wife (original mortgagors), to Great American Acceptance Corporation, Mortgagee, dated January 10, 2001 and recorded on March 23, 2001 in Liber 825 on Page 1254, and assigned by mesne assignments to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company as Trustee under the pooling and servicing agreement series 2001-B as assigned by an assignment dated July 24, 2003 and recorded on September 19, 2003 in Liber 955 on Page 560 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirty Thousand Four Hundred Sixty-One and 09/100 Dollars (\$130,461.09), including interest at 12.99% 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 to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on July 8, 2004.

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

Commencing at the Northwest corner of Orson Ormes Lot, Section 28, Town 11 North, Range 7 East; thence Northerly to the East and West 1/4 line; thence East on the 1/4 line to Bridge Street; thence Southerly to the Northeast corner of Ormes Lot; thence West to the point of beginning.

Now more particularly described as: Part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 28, Town 11 North, Range 7 East more particularly described as: Commencing at the West 1/4 corner of Section 28; thence South 89 degrees 59 minutes 06 seconds East along the East-West 1/4 line of Section 28 a distance of 1784.41 feet to the point of beginning of the description; thence continuing along said East-West 1/4 line South 89 degrees 59 minutes 06 seconds East 263.55 feet to a point on the centerline of Bridge Street; thence along the centerline of said Bridge Street the following four (4) courses 1) along a curve to the right having a radius of 1204.98, a delta angle of 04 degrees 07 minutes 44 seconds and a chord bearing and distance of South 02 degrees 08 minutes 06 seconds West 86.81 feet 2) along a curve to the right having a radius of 2594.91 feet a delta angle of 04 degrees 03 minutes 48 seconds and a chord bearing and distance of South 06 degrees 23 minutes 05 seconds West 183.99 feet 3) South 08 degrees 15 minutes 49 seconds West 130.78 feet 4) South 07 degrees 50 minutes 09 seconds West 51.54 feet, thence leaving said centerline of Bridge Street North 82 degrees 14 minutes 25

seconds West 287.41 feet to a point on the centerline of Fourth Street; thence North 09 degrees 45 minutes 30 seconds East along said centerline of Fourth Street 148.97 feet to a point on the Northerly right of way of Church Street and said Fourth Street; thence continuing North 09 degrees 45 minutes 30 seconds East 268.42 feet to the point of beginning.

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

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Legal Notices

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Elwyn J. Bradley and Katherine N. Bradley, husband and wife (original mortgagors), to AMRESCO Residential Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated May 14, 1999 and recorded on May 21, 1999 in Liber 772 on Page 114, and assigned by me assignments to Washington Mutual Bank, FA as assignee by an assignment dated January 8, 2002 recorded on February 7, 2002 in Liber 862 on Page 1418 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Nine Thousand Seven And 41/100 Dollars (\$69,007.41), including interest at 9.125% 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 to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on July 22, 2004.

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

Lots 24 and 25 of Block 5, MONTAGUE AND WILMOT'S ADDITION to the Village of Caro, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 49, now being Page 18A of Tuscola County Records.

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

Dated: June 23, 2004

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
FC X (248) 593-1302
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Washington Mutual Bank, FA
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #027258F01

6-23-4

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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 Donald A. Dawson, a married man (original mortgagor), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated April 8, 2003 and recorded on April 11, 2003 in Liber 925 on Page 796 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 Five Hundred Forty-Five and 82/100 Dollars (\$123,545.82), including interest at 6% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on July 29, 2004.

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

Part of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 2, Town 12 North, Range 9 East, described as beginning at a point of the South line of said Section 2, which is North 89 degrees 31 minutes 40 seconds West, 435.00 feet from the South Quarter corner of said Section 2; thence continuing along said South line, North 89 degrees 31 minutes 40 seconds West, 200 feet; thence parallel to the West, North and South one eighth line of said Section 2, North 00 degrees 18 minutes 09 seconds East, 200 feet; thence South 89 degrees 31 minutes 40 seconds East, 205.48 feet; thence South 01 degrees 52

minutes 20 seconds West, 200.06 feet to the South line of said Section 2 and point of beginning, Tuscola County Records.

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

Dated: June 30, 2004

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
FC X (248) 593-1302
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #027547F01

6-30-4

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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 Albert R. Sanford, a married man, and Amanda L. Sanford, his wife, (original mortgagors), to Flagstar Bank, FSB, Mortgagee, dated July 17, 2002 and recorded on August 7, 2002 in Liber 889 on Page 114 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Forty and 60/100 Dollars (\$37,940.60), including interest at 6.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on July 29, 2004.

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

Commencing at a point 1037 feet South of the Northeast corner of Section 32, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, Vassar Township, Tuscola County, Michigan; thence South 283 feet minus or less to the South line of the Northeast quarter of the Northeast quarter; thence West 385 feet; thence North 283 feet minus or less to a point 385 feet West of the point of beginning; thence East 385 feet to the point of beginning.

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

Dated: June 30, 2004

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
FC W (248) 593-1312
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Flagstar Bank, FSB
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #027813F01

6-30-4

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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 certain mortgage made by Luelen K. Romain (f/k/a Luelen K. Spaulding) and Timothy M. Romain, wife and husband, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for Homecomings Financial Network, Inc., a Delaware Corporation Mortgagee, dated August 7, 2003 and recorded October 9, 2003 in Liber 958, Page 896, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Fifty-Two Dollars and Forty-One Cents (\$137,552.41), including interest 7.87% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said

mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI at 10:00 AM, on Thursday, August 5, 2004.

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

Lot 12 and West 1/2 of Lot 13, Block 1 of Westdale Subdivision, Indianfields Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 1, Page 74, now being Page 24B, Tuscola County Records
Commonly known as 834 Allen Street, Caro MI 48723

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

Dated: JUNE 23, 2004

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for Homecomings Financial Network, Inc. Mortgagee

Attorneys: Potesivo & Associates, P.C.

36150 Dequindre Rd., Ste. 810
Sterling Heights, MI 48310
(586) 303-3030
Our File No: 04-25371

6-30-5

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Gary L. Pelton and Sally L. Pelton, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated September 4, 2003 and recorded September 10, 2003 in Liber 953, Page 290, Tuscola County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Sixty-Four Thousand Five Hundred Ninety-Seven and 84/100 Dollars (\$64,597.84), including interest at the rate of 10.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the 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 Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on July 29, 2004.

The premises are located in the City of Akron, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 14, Town 14 North, Range 8 East, described as: Beginning at a point on the West line of said Northeast 1/4 which is North 00 degrees 58 minutes 10 seconds West, along said West line, 348.25 feet from the center 1/4 corner of said Section 34, said point also being South 00 degrees 58 minutes 10 seconds East, along said West line, 2293.40 feet from the North 1/4 corner of said Section 34; thence continuing North 00 degrees 58 minutes 10 seconds West, along said West line, 208.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 05 minutes 00 seconds East 363.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 58 minutes 10 seconds East, parallel with said West line, 208.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 05 minutes 00 seconds West, 363.00 feet to the point of beginning.

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

TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale.

Dated: June 30, 2004

ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC
Attorneys For Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
As Mortgagee

P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 457-1000
File No. 207.2074

6-30-5

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BOAT - \$500, 12' Meyers with 5.5 HP motor. 989-872-4863 2-6-23-3

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MATTRESS SET - king size pillow top. New in plastic. Includes deluxe frame. Cost \$1,050, sacrifice \$335. 989-839-4846 2-6-9-9

AMISH LOG HEADBOARD with queen pillow top mattress set. New in plastic. Must sell, \$275. 989-923-1278 2-6-9-9

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Household Sales

GARAGE SALE - Boys' clothes, coats, shoes, hats, newborn-size 5, women's clothes including maternity, nursery decor, bedding, toys and miscellaneous. Wednesday, June 30, 12-7 p.m.; Thursday, July 1, 9-6 p.m. 6440 Beechwood Dr. 14-6-30-1

FOR SALE - 1993 Yamaha Street & Trail 225XT, \$1,650; 2002 Yamaha TTR125L, \$1,900. Both 4-stroke bikes, excellent condition. Topper fits 1988-1999 GM short box, \$275. 989-683-26 14-6-30-1

GARAGE SALE - Something for everyone! July 1, 2, 3, 9-5 p.m. 6379 Sixth St. 14-6-30-1

Household Sales

GARAGE SALE - 2 1/4 miles north of light. July 2-3, 9-4 p.m. Antiques, 54" round oak table, boys' clothes, toys, quantity of odd lumber, miscellaneous items. 14-6-30-1

UBLY 4-FAMILY garage sale - High quality clothing: Buckle, Christopher & Banks, Carters, Marshall Fields; holiday decorations; toys; household items; etc. 2248 Hurford Drive (follow the signs). June 30, July 1, and July 2, 8-5 p.m. 14-6-30-1

LARGE GARAGE SALE - rain or shine! Something for everyone. Huntsville Park, Wednesday and Thursday, June 30 & July 1, 9-? 14-6-30-1

MAKIN' ROOM SALE - July 3 & 4, 9 a.m. until dark. 3 wheelers, snowmobiles, lawn mowers, antique tractors and equipment, household, much more guy and gal stuff including toy and pedal tractors. 4867 Bach Rd. (7 miles north of Cass City). Watch for yellow signs. Email: malloryr@avei.net for further info. 14-6-30-1

GARAGE SALE - July 1-3, 8-4 p.m. 6593 Church St. (corner of Maple). Knick-knacks, toys, adult and baby clothes, air compressor, edger and miscellaneous. 14-6-30-1

LARGE GARAGE SALE - Antiques, tools, glassware, lawn equipment. Starting Tuesday, June 29, every evening 5 p.m.-9 p.m. and the 3rd & 4th all day. 1 east, 1/4 north on Schwelger Rd. 14-6-30-1

GARAGE SALE - 4534 Downing St. July 1 & 2, 9-5 p.m. Craft items, books, children's toys, household items & adult clothing. 14-6-30-1

GARAGE SALE - 4135 Cemetery (2nd house past 7th St. on west side of road, south of stoplight). Thursday, Friday, Saturday, July 1-3, 8-? Lots of new items priced to sell. Toys, blankets, curtains, jewelry and more. 14-6-30-1

LARGE GARAGE SALE - 6388 Chestnut Blvd. (Subdivision across from high school). Large sofa & loveseat with taupe slipcovers, furniture, men's & women's clothing, computer equipment, lots of nice household items. Wednesday, 4-7 p.m.; Thursday, 9-5 p.m.; Friday, 9-noon. 14-6-30-1

Real Estate For Sale

HOUSE FOR SALE by owner - Ranch, 3-bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, 2 car garage, major appliances, walk-out basement, central air, overlooking golf course. 4691 Hospital Dr., Cass City. For appointment, call 989-872-4577. 3-6-30-1

2.35 ACRES BETWEEN Cass City and Caro next to 3,500 acres of state forest. Dry, perks great, paved road. \$22,900. Realtors protected. Jim, 989-757-6109 (work) or 872-3424 (home). 3-6-30-8

FOR SALE - 4-bedroom country home, 1 1/2 acres, 30'x40' shed, near town. \$87,500. 989-872-4583 3-6-23-2

Real Estate For Rent

FOR RENT - Cass City Mini Storage. Call 872-3917. 4-3-13-1f

600 SQUARE FEET of front office space is available - 6240 W. Main St., Cass City. Heat, electric and trash pickup is included in rent. Please call Mark at 872-4351 for more information or inspection. 4-3-10-1f

WE ARE NOW TAKING applications for 2 & 3 bedroom apartments at Northwood Heights Apartments in Cass City. Rent is based on income. For rental information, call 989-872-2369 or Crest Property Management at 989-652-9281. Some units barrier free. TTY for hearing or speech impaired, 1-800-649-3777. Equal Housing Opportunity. 4-1-21-1f

Real Estate For Rent

FOR RENT OR SALE - 3-bedroom home in Cass City. Partially furnished, 1-car garage, fenced in year. You pay utilities. \$650/month. 989-670-5227 4-6-30-3

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FOR RENT - K of C Hall, 6106 Beechwood Drive. Parties, dinners, meeting. Call Rick Kerkau, 872-4877. 4-2-3-1f

Notices

TICKETS FOR THE Garden Walk, July 10, are available at the library, the Antique Mall, Mel's Country Cuts and Blondie's Hair Salon. 5-6-30-1

BBQ PORK Sandwich Benefit for Cass City Little League. All day Saturday, Cass City Recreational Park. 5-6-30-1

SOFT, CUDDLY HOUSE kittens - bottle fed, litter trained. Ready to find a good home. 989-658-8625 5-6-9-1f

LOST - TRAILER license plate, number F97851, between 4907 N. Seeger St. and John's Small Engine (east M-81). Barney Hoffman, 989-872-4185. 5-6-30-1

FREE CART FRIDAYS! Mulligan's Irish Links. Free golf cart rental on Fridays with any paid round of golf if you mention this ad. 872-8002 5-6-30-2

FOUND - SMALL white and tan male dog by Hills & Dales General Hospital, Cass City on June 24. Please call Lynette at 989-672-2782. 5-6-30-1

SACHELL'S CHRISTIAN RETIREMENT home - We are now accepting new residents for our newly completed addition. Caring staff, country setting, beautiful views. We are located approximately 6 miles NE of Caro on M-81. 989-673-3329 5-2-25-1f

NOTICE

Evergreen Township Zoning Board will meet Mon., July 5, 2004 7:30 p.m.
They will be discussing the issuance of a special land use permit for a small engine repair shop on the property located at 4335 Pringle Rd., Snover, Mich. 5-6-23-2

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A VOLKSWAGEN JETTA belonging to Dr. Crowley of Crowley Chiropractic smashed into a pine tree in Monday's collision on the corner of Dodge and Milligan Roads. The front windshield was smashed, but Crowley was conscious and talking as emergency personnel loaded him into the ambulance.

Teen killed in accident

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gate, workers removed Merz from the truck and performed emergency services before loading him on the helicopter. Firefighters used the Jaws of Life, among other equip-

ment, to rip the roof off and remove the victims.

Deb Binder, a secretary in the high school office, said Cory was always well liked and friendly to everyone. "He was one of those guys

who had to keep busy," she said. "He was one of the ones that always came and visited us and said hello. ...He's too young."

Cass City School Superintendent Ken Micklash also expressed sorrow.

"It's a tragedy, a tragedy that someone so young was taken away," he said.

Cops nab patient

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identified as Sarah Cox, who escaped an altercation with the suspect; Larry Gettel, a custodian who was seriously injured and transported to St. Mary's Medical Center in Saginaw; Patty Spencer, a teacher who was seriously injured and also transported to St. Mary's; and Kristie Rah, a paraprofessional who was treated at Caro Community Hospital and then released.

According to reports, Thomas allegedly struck Gettel and Spencer with a hammer, and Rah was stabbed during the attack.

Troopers from the Caro post responded to the scene after the assault. The Michigan State Police Crime Lab was called in to process evi-

dence, and an emergency support team, K-9 unit and aviation unit were all activated to search for Thomas. Troopers from the Caro post are continuing their investigation with assistance from the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department and the Caro, Kingston and Mayville police departments.

"We are extremely grateful for the assistance provided by the community, our local police agencies and the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department," Lautner said. "The outpouring of support we received during this difficult investigation has been deeply appreciated by everyone involved. We are very pleased to have brought this situation to a successful conclusion."

Your neighbor says

Clinton book could be good

Question: Do you plan to read former president Bill Clinton's new autobiography "My Life?"

A national book tour, face plastered all over the media - it is almost as if Clinton was president again.

The former president released his autobiography "My Life" two weeks ago



to media fanfare and mixed reviews. Many call the book an exercise in nostalgia for the president that will bore anyone else, while others hail it as an entertaining look into what made Clinton the politician he is today.

To promote the book, and return to the limelight after a noticeable absence, Clinton granted interviews with the BBC, 60 Minutes and Larry King Live last week. A lot of people wonder how much of the book will be devoted to the Monica Lewinsky scandal; in the book, Clinton defends his actions by saying "Because I could."

Here is how Snover resident Shari Bock reacted. "I'm going to be laid up for four weeks and I think it will be a good read," she said.

Bock did not think Clinton was the greatest president alive, as some seem to, but hopes to find interesting information in the book.

"He did some things wrong and maybe now he'll take credit for them," she said.

Shari Bock lives in Snover and is in charge of cafeterias for the Cass City School District.

Read Meg's Peg

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Local school predicting red ink in budget

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present rate of state aid per student of \$6,700 that means a loss of revenue of \$67,000.

Several other items concerning school costs were on the agenda. Prices for hot lunches were increased. Before the increase was voted, Micklash presented data from other area schools and they indicate that the new prices for Cass City will be on a par or lower than those currently charged in the area.

The former prices and the new charges are: Breakfast, \$1.00 (no change); elementary lunch, \$1.25 to \$1.35; middle and high school, \$1.30 to \$1.40; adults, \$1.90 to \$2.00. Milk prices increased from 25 cents to 35 cents for a half-pint.

Millage rates adopted saw a slight decrease for the 1996 debt service from 4.5 to 4.25 mills. Micklash told the board that next year the millage would probably decrease again because of the fund equity in the debt of

\$300,000. The board also renewed the non-homestead 18 mills for school operation.

OTHER BUSINESS

The board accepted the resignation of Lori Seurnyck who leaves the system after 18 years. Micklash said that she was a wonderful employee and will be missed.

The board authorized the borrowing of \$1.2 million for operation until state aid is received. A \$250,000 line of credit with Thumb National Bank was approved.

After much discussion, the possibility of establishing an elementary student responsibility center and teacher assistant position was tabled. A committee was formed to see if shifts in current staffing could make the new center possible. Micklash said that with the school facing an operating deficit he would not recommend adding to the staff.

A special reorganization meeting of the board is slated July 7 at 7:30 p.m.



FENNINGS DORF organizes food on shelves at the local food pantry, which she and 2 other local girls organized in cooperation with The Food Bank of Eastern Michigan to earn their Gold Award, the highest honor in Girl Scouting. The trio has already distributed more than 1,500 pounds of food.

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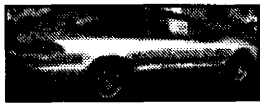
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