CASS CITY CHRONICLE



MOTORCYCLE ENTHUSIASTS from as far away as Escanaba and Ohio gathered in Evergreen Park this weekend to celebrate a shared passion - motorcycles. A.B.A.T.E. sponsored the event, created 11 years ago to help save the park and raise money for various charities. (See story, page 9)

Races, millages on ballot

Area voters will decide a pair of board of education races as well as millage questions in the annual school elections Monday,

In the Cass City School District, 3 candidates, including 2 newcomers, are vying for a Kropewnicki are also runpair of 4-year terms on the school board.

Longtime incumbent Beverley Auten is seeking reelection, and Doug Lautner and Cathy

ning for a seat on the board. Incumbent Trustee Dave Knight opted not to seek another term.

In addition, school officials

ing in our District.

district's 18-mill non-homestead property tax levy, which was created under Proposal A in 1994 and provides the school with \$6,700 per student, or about \$750,000 annually, in funding for op-

The 10-year renewal is not a tax increase and affects only non-homestead prop-

In other area districts:

*Owen-Gage Board of Education trustees Mike Mandich and Deb Quick are seeking reelection to 4-year terms, while newly appointed board member Kathy Champagne is running unopposed for a 2-year

Champagne was appointed to fill a vacancy left by the resignation of former board President Randy Howard, who was forced to leave the board due to residency is-

The board is also asking residents to reinstate the district's full 18-mill nonhomestead property tax levy as provide for under Proposal A. The levy has been reduced over the years by provisions of the Headlee Amendment, which restricts increases in property tax rev-

Currently, the levy stands at 17.5047 mills. Reinstating the full 18 mills would generate an additional \$2,800 in revenue annually.

*Kingston Community School District resident Dennis Zyrowski was the only candidate to file for one of 2, 4-year board seats. Incumbents Bernard Bishop and James Van Allen are not seeking reelection.

District residents who are registered voters can still run for the one of the seats provided they file a "declaration of intent" to run as a write-in candidate by Friday.

*Ubly Community School voters will select from a field of 5 candidates to fill a pair of 4-year terms on the board of education.

The candidates are Incum-

bent Allen Bischer and newcomers Dennis A. Janowiak, Carl Osentoski, Mike Rutkowski and Marc J. Tenbusch. Incumbent Dennis Romzek is not running. Residents will also be asked to renew the school's 18-mill non-homestead tax for 10 years. The levy generates an estimated \$370,000 for the district annually.

by Tom Montgomery Editor billing. Flushing a toilet in the village of Cass City just got a stems from a growing defilittle more expensive.

As expected, the Cass City cit, one that state officials are Village Council Monday approved sewer rate increases to turn around a growing retained earnings deficit in the village's sewer fund. nearly \$430,000.

Under the new rate structure, the basic monthly rate will be increased from \$18.45 a month to \$20.77 a month, a hike of \$2.32. In addition the village increased the price for gallons used over the minimum usage, from \$4.16 per thousand gallons to \$5.20 per thousand gal-

The rates translate into an annual hike of about \$36.25 annually for a single person household, depending on the number of gallons used: retiree households will pay roughly \$27.90 to \$50.21 more; and the average family will pay \$62.14 to \$60.93

Businesses rate increases depend on the size of their water lines. For example, a business with a one-inch line will see an increase of about \$153 a year.

Residents will see the new rates starting with the August The action during Monday's special meeting

earnings.

monitoring. The village's 2003 audit revealed a deficit in retained earnings in the sewer fund of

The problem. Village Manager Frank Sheridan explained last month, is that over the years the village has not maintained adequate retained earnings, which is a "savings account" of sorts set aside for future repair and replacement.

"The plant has been operating for at least 20 years. I believe the plant maintenance has been superb during that time, however, with an expected useful life of 50 years, we are about at the point when there will be some, possibly sudden, major replacement expenses," Sheridan said.

He noted the sewer fund is also responsible for the maintenance and replacement of tal improvement projects sewer mains throughout the village - some 20 miles of them in all, some dating back to the 1920s.

The bottom line, he said, is there is no way to avoid a rate increase because state officials expect the village to take significant action to reduce the deficit in retained

Village President Bert Although pointed out that the deficit is not a cash deficit. "Basically, we've run the sewer plant very efficiently now for almost 22 years. Our operating revenues cover our

deficit," he said. Sheridan said the new rates will generate \$6,000 to \$7,000 more per month. which should erase the defi-

cit by the end of 2010.

expenses: it's really only de-

preciation that puts us into a

Although the new rate structure will make it more difficult to estimate revenues, he told the council, they will benefit customers who use less water, those who conserve water and those with a water-only meter. The new rates are also more equitable for part-time residents.

In addition to rates, village officials have reduced capithis year at the plant by 64 percent (\$52,700) by deferring a couple of projects. And, officials are not hiring

"I'm confident the staff has done all it can to reduce costs. One thing the citizens have to understand is, the cost of operating this facility has risen substantially," Althaver said. For example, he added, it now costs \$3,000 annually just for the permit to operate the plant.

"It's not a case of where we're taking the easy way out on the backs of the us-

In other business Monday, the council:

·Learned Trustee Dale MeIntosh will resign effective after the regular June meeting. Meintosh explained in a letter to the council that after living in the village for 31 years, he and his wife are moving to another home just outside the vil-

 Rescheduled the regular June meeting from Monday, June 28, to Wednesday, June 30, at 7 p.m. at the municipal building.

 Met in executive session with village attorney Michelle Biddinger to discuss pending litigation.

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Cass City candidates discuss views on district

The candidates vying for 2 seats on the Cass City Board of Education bring varied backgrounds to their campaigns.

Beverley Auten is a veteran board trustee who has served for 18 years. A registered nurse, she is a lifelong resident of the community.

Cathy Kropewnicki is a curriculum/school improvement specialist with the Huron Intermediate School District. She served as a trustee on the Cass City Village Council for 10 years and on the planning commission. for 2 years.

Doug Lautner is a 22-year veteran of the Michigan State Police and has served as commander of the Caro post since 1993. He was recently named commander of the Bad Axe post as well.

The Chronicle asked all 3 candidates to submit responses to the following questions:

*What prompted you to run for the board of education, and what qualities do you possess that would enable vou to make a valuable contribution to the school district as a member of the school board?

*State funding issues, skyrocketing insurance costs and declining enrollment have forced all schools to tighten their belts. As a board member, what would you consider your priorities



Beverley Auten

that should be left untouched by the budget axe? *Aside from finances, what

in terms of school programs

do you believe are the greatest challenges facing the local school district, and how would you like to see the board approach those challenges?

didates' responses:

BEVERLEY AUTEN

1) I have been on the school board for 18 years now and am seeking re-election. I feel my years of experience along with knowledge I have acquired during this time period is an asset to the students, staff, administration and my fellow board mem-

I am a R.N. by profession so feel I can enhance the decisions coming to the board related to health and physical education issues as my area of expertise. I have been a community member all my life with the exception of 8 months while I was with my husband in Texas, when he was called back into the Army during the Berlin Crisis in 1960. I had 4 children who attended Cass City Public Schools. The year my youngest child graduated from high school, that fall my first grandchild started school, and this fall I should have 7 grandchildren attend-

Cathy Kropewnicki

I have continued to be very interested in the school sys-

tem, the education process, and what is best for all students. I am a member of the Evangelical Free Church, have taught Sunday School class, served on various committees and on the general The following are the canboard in the past and am currently serving on the Worship Team.

2) The state budgetary crisis has dealt a severe blow to the public schools. I am pleased we have Mr. Micklash as our superintendent, who is continually looking for ideas and/or ways we can make cuts without cutting programs/staff. He then brings these ideas before board so we can make informed decisions.

I would hate to see any programs cut but the academic program would be the last cut we would make. I feel our extracurricular programs whether they be sports, music, forensics, technology, etc, should be maintained as long as possible. Extracurricular activities/involvement helps some students strive to attain certain grades so they can participate. Involvement in these types of activities help our students be more successful in the cutrent education process and postgraduate. The skills they learn and need as a team

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Doug Lautner



ST. AGATHA'S then and now. The "Cathedral in the Cornfields" as it was in the late 1800s (top left) and the early school building (bottom left). In the present, a large crucifix is located in the cemetery (bottom right) while St. Agatha stands tall and proud in 2004 (top right).

Special celebration on tap

St. Agatha's turning 125

by Benjamin Ray Staff Writer

St. Agatha's is turning

The Gagetown church, 4618 South St., has survived many personnel and religious changes to be-

hall. The Denny Ewald

come a strong, vibrant par-In celebration of this, parishioners will hold a Mass of thanks followed by a free buffet dinner at 10:30 a.m. June 20 in the parish

variety band will provide administer the sacraments musical entertainment.

"The church is remarkable," said parish administrator Joan Wyskiel. "We've managed to keep it alive and active in a true community."

But St. Agatha is not an ordinary Catholic church. Because of a priest shortage, the small parish has not had a full-time priest since 1979.

Knowing this, former bishop Ken Untener appointed Fr. Steve Fillion to

at St. Agatha's solitary 10:30 a.m. Sunday mass. Wyskiel helps the Cass City priest during Mass.

However, the lack of a priest and shrinking attendance does not stop the community from thriving. Church members teach adult and child Catholic education, run a food pantry and financially support an American Indian parish in South Dakota.

"We celebrate our faith while helping and teaching one another," Wyskiel

Which is what parishioners have done since 1879, when the Rev. Clement T. B. Krebs became the first resident priest at the "Cathedral in the Cornfields." The bishop of the Detroit diocese appointed Krebs after hearing an observation that Tuscola County was 'the most forlorn and neglected portion of the Sagmaw Diocese.

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It's twins!

Josephine Izydorek

Pauline Izydorek

Josephine and Pauline

Izydorek were born March 6,

2004 to Andrew and Karen

They were 6 pounds, 10

ounces and 20 inches long.

Their grandparents are Joe

and Carole Janis of Roches-

ter Hills and Chuck and Jo

Izydorek of Decker.

Izydorek of Royal Oak.

Holbrook Area News

Mrs. Thelma Jackson Phone 989-269-6994

Mark Farrelly of Arkansas, Grant, Keith and Lee visited Allen Farrelly on Monday. Mrs. Eugene Depcinski and Mrs. Ray Depcinski visited Eugene Depcinski at the Bay Medical Rehab Center in Bay City on Sunday where Eugene is recovering from knee surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. Evans Gibbard, Mr. and Mrs. Greg Moore and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Taylor and Theresa Gibbard were Saturday supper and evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Marty Waggoner, Tim and Tom of Caro, for Gordon Waggoner's 6th birthday.

Waggoner's 6th birthday.
Harold Franzel and two
sons of San Antonio, Texas,
Sharon Franzel of Atlanta,
Georgia, Mary Catherine
Nicol and Mr. and Mrs. Dan
Franzel spent the weekend in
Washington, D.C. where
they went to see the dedication of the Armed Forces
Memorial.

Katha Chockley, Christopher and Amy of Algonac were Saturday guests of Mrs. Curtis Cleland and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Doerr, and were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Cleland.

Stanley Koroleski, Jennie.

Stanley Koroleski, Jennie, Katie, Tanya and Kim and Allen Farrelly were Sunday

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DIRECTOR OF

INDEPENDENCE DAY

THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW

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

Claud Mestack, Bernard Morley and Allen Farrelly met at McDonald's in Bad Axe Wednesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Particka attended the wedding reception for Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gornowicz at Ubly Heights Saturday evening.

Mrs. Curtis Cleland visited Mrs. Hiram Keyser on Friday. Mark Farrelly of Arkansas, and Grant and Tanya Koroleski of Bad Axe visited Allen Farrelly on Saturday

Mrs. Ken Osentoski was a Sunday guest of Mrs. Alex Cleland and Carol Laming.

Twelve members of The Traveling Breakfast Club met at the Peppermill in Bad Axe Thursday morning. They will meet at the same place next week.

Susan Krozek, Ryan and Samantha of Kinde, Bob and Carol Osantoski and Brad of Bad Axe, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski, Nancy Carpenter, Dean Jr., Michael, Timothy and Jessica, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Depcinski and Brook,



Darlene, Terrasi, and Melissa were Monday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Depcinski and Sharon for Sharon Depcinski's 17th birthday. Birthday cake and ice cream were served.

Visitors to see Thelma Jackson last week were Mrs. John Pechett and Susan Tait, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Al Anthes, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rumptz, Mrs. Ronnie Gracey, Mrs. Allen Depcinski, Mrs. Gerald Wills, Mrs. Martin Sweeney and Brian Sweeney.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Doerr were Thursday evening guests of Mrs. Alex Cleland and Carol Laming.

Bernard Morley and Allen Farrelly met at McDonald's in Bad Axe Friday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Particka of Madison Heights were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Particka.

Edith Jackson visited Mrs. Curtis Cleland on Thursday.

Meg's Peg Eggstraction by Melva E. Guinther

We're always on the lookout for handy gadgets that will make life easier for onehanded operation. My husband, who survived a stroke 3 years ago, is still unable to use his left arm, and until you try to function with one hand, you don't realize how challenging it can be.

Over the past three years we've discovered a number of helps. One invaluable product is Dycem. It's a thin, rubbery substance that comes in sheets or rolls. When you set something on Dycem, it stays put.

It works for the dish that tends to slide around when you're trying to cut meat or get that last spoonful of ice cream. It's also great for holding bottles in place while you open them.

Stan likes an occasional boiled egg, but they're a pain to peel, even with 2 hands. So when I saw the "Eggstractor" in a catalog, it seemed like a good investment for \$9.95.

It arrived last week and I excitedly tried it out.

The gadget consists of a plastic base and a round, 6-inch accordion type piece. (They threw in an egg slicer as a bonus, in the event we ever actually got the egg extracted.)

They guarantee you'll get it right if you follow the "Eggstructions Eggsactly." Dutifully, I read the instructions before attempting to use the tool.

First I learned that the eggs must be immersed in ice water for at least 10 minutes before Eggstracting them. Okay. I immersed the egg. Ten minutes later, I was to tap the small end of the egg on the piercer on the Eggstractor base, being sure

to pierce through the inner layer of skin between the shell and egg white. Okay. Next, crack the large end by tapping it on the table a couple times. Right.

Place the egg, small side up, in the base. Done. Place Eggstractor over the egg. I obliged.

Crisscross hands over top of Eggstractor and give one good fast push. Nada.

"If egg did not pop out, make sure you realign egg in upright position before trying again"...and again...and again.

Finally, on the fifth try (You can't call me a quitter), the stubborn egg popped through, minus shell, except for a bit that remained on the bottom.

After reading the troubleshooting guide, I realized I was pretty fortunate. One of the problems addressed was "Egg popped out but completely exploded."

There's no way on earth a person could perform this operation one-handed. And I'm sure I could have peeled several eggs in the time it took me to get one out of the Eggstractor.

Oh well, I'll give it another try one of these days, and maybe when our grandchildren arrive, they'll have fun seeing who can be first to explode an egg.

The company has several other "fun and exciting products" they'd like me, the "smart customer", to try.

I can hardly wait for the Flipfold, the ultimate laundry folder, and the Palm Gym, an adjustable gym that fits in the palm of your hand.

And I bet you can hardly wait to hear about my experiences.

Your neighbor says

Cigarette tax good for state

Question: How do you feel about a possible tax hike on cigarettes to \$2 per pack?

Governor Jennifer Granholm wants to raise the tax on all tobacco and liquor products to help ease the financial burden facing the state of Michigan. The plan would supposedly generate \$97 million for the state.



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But she has met with strong opposition. Republican lawmakers are only willing to increase the tax if a plan to create more jobs is tied to it. A modified version of the bill which recently passed the House included the tax hike on cigarettes only and put a three-year limit on the plan.

Granholm retaliated by saying K-12 school districts will receive further cuts of \$28 per student if her original bill is not passed by July 1, the beginning of the state's fiscal year.

Here is what area resident Doris Jones had to say:

"They should raise the tax and it should go to the schools," she said "It might make more people quit." Jones disagreed strongly with Granholm's idea to cut school funding even more and said she should not use it as a threat.

"We wished for a new governor but it didn't fix anything," she said.

Doris Jones is a lifelong resident of Cass City. Jones is married to Gary and is a part-time worker at Rawson Memorial Library, where she worked for many years before retiring. She and her husband are helping plan the Fourth of July festival.

Historical group seeking photos from the past

The Cass City Historical Society is planning the first of several "photo calls" on June 16 at Rawson Memorial Library from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Residents from the village and the surrounding area are being asked to share some of their special photos needed for the "150-year Video History Documentary" of Cass City. Photos will be televised and recorded on the spot, giving the photo providers time to talk with local historians and enjoy a cup of coffee and a cookie or 2.

The TV producers, Al and David Eicher, have already reviewed over 300 photos at the library from the historical society collection. They have indicated there are several subject areas of the town's photo history that are lacking in photo support.

They are looking for photos in these categories: 1890 to 1930 farm scenes of threshing parties, farmers with horse and plow, hauling in hay, combining or stacking wheat or corn and milking of cows the old fashioned way. They also are in need of 1880 to 1930 barn building and working bees; 1890 to 1950 railroad depot with train and people in view; and 1915 to 1980 early fire department trucks and volunteers - maybe scenes of fighting a fire.

Photos of old store interiors are also needed, especially Sommers Bakery and the old post office lobby and back room with workers.

Anyone with pictures is invited to call Katie Jackson at (989) 872-3109 or Doris Jones at (989) 872-2639 if they can't come to the photo call.

Engaged



Martha Keyser and Jason MacAlpine

Larry and Bunny Keyser of Lake Fenton, formerly of Cass City, announce the engagement of their daughter, Martha "Mandy" Joan Keyser, to Jason Theron MacAlpine of Argyle. Jason is the son of Harold and Barbara MacAlpine of Argyle.

Mandy is the granddaughter of Martha Keyser of Ubly and the late Hiram Keyser, and the late Bruno and Martha Zawilinski. Jason is the grandson of Grace White of Cass City and the late Clyde Hyatt, and the late Archie MacAlpine and Wilma Wheeler.

Mandy is a Civil Engineer Tech/Inspector with Wade Trim, Bay City. Jason farms with MacAlpine Farms in Argyle.

A July 10 wedding at St. Pancratius Catholic Church, Cass City, has been planned.

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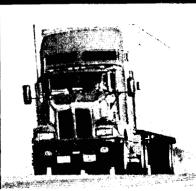


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If you haven't been around before 1964, the return for a visit by Dr. Robert Hervey, retired veterinarian, and his daughter, Robin, Tuesday and Wednesday will have little signifi-

Dr. Hervey is the veterinarian that preceded Dr. Scollon in Cass City. Robin says that they plan to have breakfast in the restaurant next to the "Dairy Queen". There never has been a Dairy Queen in Cass City, but I guess that the restaurant

On a personal note, Robin writes that she was a classmate of BJ (Haire), Meg (Mary Beth Esau) and Ron (Ron Crandell). Robin can be called at (949) 292-3646; her email is svrop95@sbcglobal.net.

It took awhile before Al Hutchinson, Cass City, decided it was time to break down a box in his basement and move it out. It has rested there since the days when it was used to hold wood chips to be used with the old coal furnace.

Hutchinson doesn't know just how old the box is, but can definitely say that it was there in 1928.

Tucked across the bottom were copies of the Port Huron Times-Herald and 3 copies of the Chronicle all dated in

About 50 persons took advantage of the free fishing weekend. They are members of the Church of Christ and Chuck Emmert had the group visiting his cabin in northern Michi-

Emmert also says that it has been a good spring for stream fishing for trout and one-day limited out in 2 hours on a small brook trout stream.

Sue Pica, Deford, is up in arms about people who abandon animals in rural areas. She is especially angry with the unknown owners of a pot-bellied pig found in her yard. Since these are domesticated animals, she points out, they can't

The pig likes to be petted and is smart, Pica said. After rescuing the animal she started calling animal control people to pick up the animal and has had no success.

She has had the pig for over a week and reports emphatically that her guest eats like a pig.



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Women arrested in bad check investigation

women, including a King-

Two Tuscola County ston resident, are facing charges stemming from

American Idol coming to Thumb

American Idol is coming to the Thumb. Well, not the real thing, but 5 different chambers of commerce are teaming up this summer to find the Thumb's brightest "rising star.'

Based on the hit series American Idol, the Rising Star competition will showcase the best vocal talent the Thumb has to offer.

The 6-round competition will make its inaugural destarting Sebewaing's Sugar Festival in June, but before contestants belt out their best on center stage at various Huron County festivals, they've got to go through an audition process.

Auditions will take place Saturday, June 12, at the Pigeon Community Center (formerly Pigeon Elementary School). Registration begins at 8 a.m., with auditions in front of a panel of 5 judges starting at 8:30 a.m. There will be a one-time registration fee of \$15 for each contestant, and all contestants will receive a Rising Star T-shirt.

Twelve contestants will advance to become the 2004 Rising Star contestants.

Contestants will then perform in 4 elimination rounds before a panel of 3 judges and an audience of family and friends. Participants will perform to the musical nonvocal accompaniment of their choice as they make their way to the final round, competing for a grand prize

Bond and other prizes. Contestants must use a different selection of music for each round of the competition.

The rounds are scheduled for June 19 at 6 p.m. at the Sebewaing Sugar Festival, stage area of Millerwise Park; July 24 at 7 p.m. at the Pigeon Farmers' Festival, Pigeon Bandshell; Aug. 6 at 7 p.m. at the Bay Port Fish Sandwich Festival, at the pavilion; Aug. 15 at 1:30 p.m. at the Cheeseburger in Caseville, Bay Theatre; and Sept. 4 at 7 p.m. at the Elkton Autumnfest, on the main stage at Ackerman Park.

The Rising Star competition is open to residents of Huron, Tuscola and Sanilac counties. Contestants will compete in 2 divisions -Youth Division (11 to 16) and Adult Division (17 and up) - and must be 17 years old by Sept. 1 to compete as an adult.

Judges will score each contestant based on overall talent (60 percent), stage performance (25 percent) and appearance (15 percent).

But the judges aren't the only ones who will have a say in determining the Thumb's brightest rising star. During each round of competition, Thumb Cellular will host a People's Choice Award.

For more information, contact Agnes Kosinski, co-chair, at (989) 375-4184 or (989) 269-6464 (ext. 127).

The Haire Net Dr. Hansson pays a visit



Foreign exchange students sponsored by Cass City Rotary and Youth for Understanding have become so commonplace that they are taken as a matter of course and quickly become part of the school and the community.

It's almost impossible to measure the value of the program. That it affects the students that come here and the students from the United States that spend up to a year abroad is indisputable.

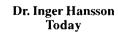
One of the early foreign students who spent a year in Cass City is Inger Hansson, who stayed with the Emerson Kennedy family while here and made a special trip to visit last week. She said that her stay here inspired her to become a better student and to become active in politics.

It wasn't a passing fancy; today she is Dr. Inger Hansson of Trelleborg, Sweden. She is a gynecologist, obstetrician and surgeon. Because of her political activities she now has earned a private office. That's important because it allows her to set her own work hours. In Sweden, health care is free with the exception of payment for an office visit. Doctors are paid by the government.

That's what has made it convenient for me to return to Cass City for a visit, she said. My time here inspired me to be politically active. I was a big supporter of Ted and Robert Kennedy. She met the 2 Kennedys while on a class trip to Washington, D.C. and was so excited that she planned on returning to campaign for Robert Kennedy before he was

She went on to explain her involvement in politics here inspired her to become active at home. She is the vice-president of the Trelleborg city council, a community of some 40,000 people.







Inger Hansson **Cass City Class of 1966**

Last week she cruised around town looking up old friends and places of interest. Naturally, there have been substantial changes. The high school building she graduated from has been razed. She also visited Hills and Dales General Hospital, where she worked for Dr. H. T. Donahue. Like the rest of the community, she holds the late doctor in high esteem.

The attachment and the memories are not unique. By far, the vast majority of exchange students return home with a better understanding of us and us of them. Multiply the results by the thousands of students that have benefited from the various exchange programs and it's not far-fetched to feel that it is a tiny step forward in better relationships.

There's certainly a need for that.

forged checks in Vassar.

Tuscola County Sheriff Tom Kern said Mia Jo Crittenden, 37, Kingston, was arrested May 27 and charged with 4 counts each of forgery and uttering and publishing, and Judith M. Salgat, 28, of Akron, was arrested May 25 and charged with 2 counts each of forgery and uttering and publishing. Both women are out on bail.

Kern said the investigation began when Vic's Market in Vassar reported 4 forged checks.

The owner was able to identify the suspect since he had required her to produce a photo driver's license and wrote the license number on the checks," he said. "They had several lengthy conversations with her when she came in." Kern noted 2 of the checks

were on an account called "Auto One" with an address out of Saginaw. The checks were for \$480.56 and \$390. "The other 2 checks were personal checks of Kathleen Mahaney of Saginaw to the suspect for \$140 and \$350."

Kern said the Sebewaing and Akron-Fairgrove police departments also reported checks being cashed in their jurisdictions. Kern reported that 2 Tuscola

County deputies attempted to stop a vehicle for failure to stop for a stop sign in Ellington Township April 26

"The vehicle failed to stop for officers. The vehicle pulled into a driveway and the 2 occupants fled," he said. "The passenger was located under the vehicle. The driver was not located."

The passenger was identified as Crittenden. She was lodged in the county jail for possession of an open intoxicant in a motor vehicle, according to the sheriff, who said deputies found checks to "Auto One" and seized them to determine if they were stolen.

Kern urges any resident who might have additional information related to the checks or the case to contact Detective Sgt. Larry Walker at (989) 673-8161 (ext.

The back forty by Roger Pond

This is a busy time for graduating seniors. These kids are attending ceremonies, looking for jobs, and usual.) wondering how many classes they can skip before somebody catches them.

Some of the college kids hope to spend a couple of years wandering around Europe before they settle down and go to work. They are afraid their creativity will dry up and flake away if they enter the work force too soon. Parents need to give these

kids a little advice, such as, "Forget about it, sweetie! You can get a job like everybody

I remember a 4-H parent telling me many years ago, "I don't care what Tommy studies in college. I just want him to have fun.' That nearly floored me. I

wanted to say, "You won't have to worry about that. I've never seen that boy when he wasn't having fun.

Parents didn't think that way when I went off to college. When I left high school in the early '60s our principal told us, "I can see you boys are going to make something of yourselves. The good news is, if you don't do it too often most people will forget."

Graduating seniors are used to getting advice. Stuff like, "Be sure to get home before it's too late — and don't drive around without any gas."

This tends to wear on kids

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after awhile. They may go into a state of advice overload and become totally irrational. (Even more than

That's why advice should be given in small doses, like the letter my Uncle Willis wrote in 1956. Uncle Willis was the superintendent of schools at Ansonia, Ohio for many years and wrote this letter for the high school yearbook.

I'm going to repeat his letter, because I think it's as good today as it was in 1956. The letter begins, "Dear Se-

"Long ago and far away in the midwestern country there stood a sign at a spot where a side road left the main road. One who has lived in our American middle west of forty years ago can readily understand; but it will be

hard for one who has known only our modern improved highways to visualize such a situation.

"Nevertheless the condition was standard, and the sign was real, and it read as follows: 'Choose your rut carefully; you will be in it for the next twenty miles.'

"As I write these lines for the 1956 Ansonia Oracle, I am tempted to repeat this wise advice with, of course, a slight variation. I would address it to the seniors of 1956 and it would read thusly: `Choose your rut carefully; you may be in it for the rest of your life.

"I will not insult your intelligence by enlarging upon the subject; you know what I mean."

Very truly yours, Willis V. Pond Superintendent

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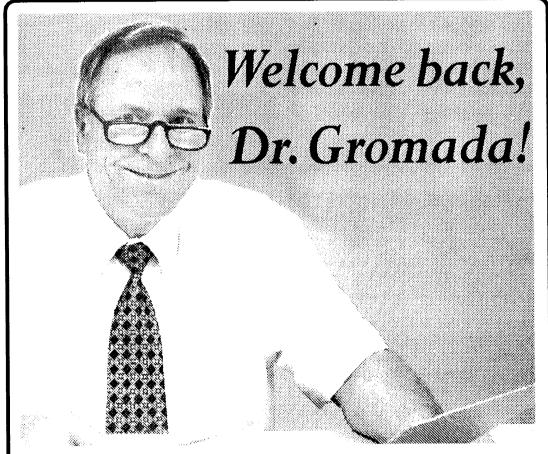
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At Cass City High School

by Benjamin Ray

Staff Writer

The time comes when ev-

It happened to Madonna

numerous times. It happened

to David Bowie. And now, it's

happening to Kathleen

After 16 years of teaching

government at Cass City

High School, Tuckey is put-

ting down the books and

"I want to go while I'm still

'It's tough right now,

Indeed, teaching has al-ways been Tuckey's first

love, as she often says. After

graduating from Michigan

State University with a de-

gree in history education, she

spent five and a half years

teaching before her two chil-

During that time, she taught

in Warren, Bad Axe and re-

turned to Cass City, her birth-

place and home of her hus-

band, who she graduated

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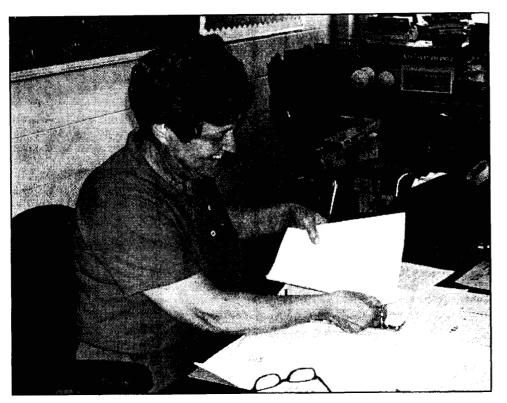
ery celebrity needs to rein-

vent him or herself.

Tuckey.

though."

calling it quits.



KATHLEEN TUCKEY prepares for her last week of work. Tuckey is retiring from Cass City High School, where she has taught government since 1988, and plans to spend her free time golfing, traveling and spending time with her four grand-

Briolat to receive scholarship

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love" after 16 years high school with but didn't

really think she would marry.

Tuckey leaving "first

"I didn't know anything would happen," she laughed. After her children were born, she worked with her husband at his business, Tuckey Concrete, for ten years until it was sold in 1987. She then took a job at Cass City High and made sure students viewed government in a totally dif-

ferent manner. "She brought different aspects to class, stuff you wouldn't normally think about," said recent graduate Erica Delamarter, who had Tuckey's 7:15 a.m. "early

bird" class. Sarah Hobbs, one of the class of 2004's valedictorians, said she enjoyed being a senator for a day and voting on bills the class had written in one of Tuckey's simulations.

'She was more than a teacher," Hobbs said. "She was very personal and made government fun."

One of Tuckey's favorite activities was participation in the presidential election. She registered through a school in Genesee County, tallied votes of each student in her classes, and sent the results back, which were then shown on CNN the night of the election.

"Government is timely and exciting and I like bringing life into a subject kids think is dead," she said. "Excited parents have told me their kids are talking about the news with them over dinner."

Cindy Kruse, vice president of Thumb National Bank in Cass City, made annual presentations to Tuckey's classes on responsible finance. She called Tuckey pleasant to work with and respectful of students.

"She doesn't look at kids and say 'This one is not going to college so I won't work with him," Kruse said. "She takes an interest in everybody."

Tuckey said she likes working with seniors because she loves being a part of the transitional phase between high school and college. She called them a special group of people.

But reinvention calls, and so Tuckey will put down the books and call it a career.

She plans to travel in a motor home and spend more time with her kids and grandkids. She would like to take up golf again, as well as read some historical fiction and volunteer time at Cass City United Methodist Church.

She may also relocate in a winter home somewhere warmer, but said she always plans to make Cass City her summer home.

At least the community can benefit from her presence part of the year.

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Township treasurer in 1967

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vote full time to this posi-

tion and I know that I can

make a difference."

Randall to run for drain seat

Longtime Elkland Township Treasurer Art Randall has officially announced his candidacy for Tuscola County Drain Commis-



Art Randall

"I believe adequate drainage is necessary for farmers and all residents of the county, that county and townships are in a financial crisis, that all steps must be taken to hold costs down, that I can make a difference,"

"Several years ago I was asked to run for drain commissioner," he added. "I've always had the desire to do so, but could not devote full time to the position. Now, I'm in a position where I can."

said Randall.

Randall, a lifelong resident of Tuscola County, was born and raised on the family farm in Elmwood Township.

A Cass City High School graduate, he married Helen Chapelo of Caro and the couple raised 3 children.

Randall's work experience includes a stint at the Cass City Chronicle. A U.S. Army veteran, he served as vice president of Cass City State Bank (now Chemical Bank) for more than 20 years. He then started and operated Cass City Tire until January

Randall, who currently

Maurer grad

Navy Seaman Recruit Lester J. Maurer, a 2003 graduate of Ubly High School, recently graduated from the Basic Construction Electrician School.

During the course with Naval Construction Training Center Detachment, Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., students received instruction in the skills and technical requirements to install, maintain and repair generators, transformers and power

Letters to the editor

This is what it's all about

When my wife Dawn brought home 400 candy bars to sell as a fundraiser for the Relay for Life Cancer Drive, which will be held Sept. 11 and 12 at the Caro fairgrounds, I thought I would be eating candy bars all summer.

But to my surprise, my grandson Jeff Mulrath Jr. (A/ K/A JJ) came over after school and asked grandma, 'why do you have all the candy bars?' Well, grandma explained it's one of the many fundraisers that Relay for Life does, in which she is a member from the Hills and Dales General Hospital team. That's when JJ said 'I would like to try and sell some before my baseball game starts,' and off he went with a box of 40 candy bars.

Oh, yes, he stopped by the house just before the base-

Letters to the Editor

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ball game and said he needed his baseball glove and would like to take the rest of the candy bars with him to sell at the game. After the game, JJ told Grandma that he sold all 40 candy bars, and 2 days later sold another box of 40 candy bars.

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So what motivates a young person from Cass City Middle School, who's 12 going on 13, to volunteer his time to help on such a noble cause? JJ does not know what cancer really is or that his grandma was a caregiver to her mother for many years before she died of cancer. What JJ does know is his love for grandma and that his grandma is a cancer survivor. With hearts this big we will find a cure for the many kinds of cancer that in some way affect all of us.

So, do not forget when you see our children, grandchildren, or friends at ball games, school and around town doing the many fundraisers, tell them what a great job they are doing and help support

And this summer, both JJ and grandma will be selling candy bars, collecting pop bottles and, come 4th of July, walking down Main Street, selling bottled water, doing their small part. This is what small town liv-

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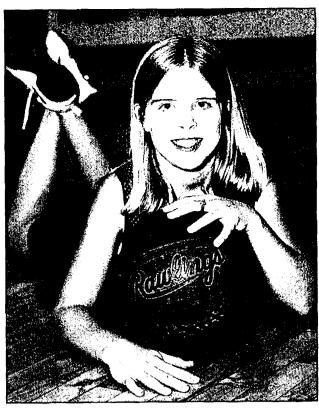
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Employees raise cash for barn

Employees from Independent Bank East Michigan recently participated in "Casual Because We Care Day" to raise funds that will help restore the Thumb Octagon

For a donation of \$2.50, employees dressed casually as part of this campaign to raise funds. Independent Bank employee efforts raised approximately \$215 to help restore and preserve the Octagon Barn.

The Octagon Barn was built in 1923-1924 near Gagetown. Currently, school tours, guided tours, and Fall Family Days are held there. The intention is for the Octagon Barn to become a tourist attraction for the community's education, entertainment and recreation.



CHANTEL Beyette, 11, of Deford, has been named a state finalist in the 2004 Miss Michigan Pre-Teen Pageant to be held this summer in Troy.

Man ordered to pay up for missing child support

A Burton man who failed to pay his child support will be catching up on his payments for some time following his sentencing last week in Tuscola County Circuit

Circuit Judge Patrick R. Joslyn ordered Cary D. Moyer, 39, to pay \$92,881.72 in restitution, at a rate of \$200 per week, for Moyer's plea of guilty to failure to pay child support since May

Moyer received a one-year delayed sentence in the case and was also ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$1,060.

In other circuit court proceedings last week:

•Franklin H. Primeau, 50, Cass City, pleaded guilty to assault with a dangerous weapon Jan. 30 in Cass City.

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

•Warren L. Fuester, 18, Vassar, stood mute to a charge of violating the Sex-Offenders Registration Act by failing to notify law enforcement authorities of a change in residence Feb. 16 in Millington.

A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled and bond was continued at \$10,000.

•Inmate Terry D. Cantrall, 30, pleaded guilty to third degree criminal sexual conduct involving a victim under the age of 13 years in 2000-2001 June Indianfields Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and Cantrall was remanded to the Michigan Department of Corrections. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•James L. Rose, 19, Vassar, pleaded guilty to larceny in a building Jan. 18 in Caro. A pre-sentence investiga-

was continued at \$8,000. Sentencing is to be set.

•Christopher L. Vollmar II, 24, Akron, pleaded no contest to third degree home invasion Feb. 22 in Fairgrove.

tion was ordered and bond

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

•Michael T. Crittenden, 41, Mt. Morris, was sentenced to 30 days in the county jail (deferred) and 12 months probation for his plea of guilty to possession of a narcotic/ cocaine (less than 25 grams) June 17 in Arbela Township. He was also ordered to pay

costs and fines totaling \$1,640. •Edward R. Boyle, 20, Caro, was sentenced to 36 months probation and 180

days in jail, with work release, for his pleas of guilty to third degree home invasion and possession of a narcotic/cocaine (less than 25 grams) Feb. 16 in Caro.

He was also ordered to undergo residential substance days in the county jail and abuse treatment and pay costs and fines totaling

 Rudolph O. Nordlund II, 22, Fostoria, was sentenced to 2 to 10 years in prison for his pleas of guilty to attempted breaking and entering a building with intent to commit larceny Nov. 15, 2002, in Watertown Township; second degree home invasion March 8, 2003, in Watertown Township; and to unlawfully driving away an automobile March 8, 2003, in Watertown Township.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines of \$480 plus restitution of \$1,965.57.

•Jeremy S. Clouse, 20, Mayville, was sentenced to one year and 7 months to 15 years in prison for his plea of guilty to second degree criminal sexual conduct involving a victim at least 13 years of age but under 16

years April 2 in Fremont Township.

 Anthony W. Ramirez, 24, Vassar, was sentenced to 36 months probation and 180 days in jail, with work release, for his plea of guilty to absconding or forfeiting bond March 22 in Indianfields Township; and for his plea of no contest to assaulting a police officer and guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, second offense, Nov. 18 in Juniata Township.

He was also ordered to pay \$3.520 in costs and fines and \$200 in attorneys fees.

Owen D. Roberts II, 25, Millington, was sentenced to 180 days in jail, with work release, for his plea of guilty to larceny of property valued at \$1,000 to \$20,000 Feb. 9 in Vassar Township.

He was also ordered to pay \$620 in costs and fines and attorneys fees of \$200. Restitution is to be determined.

Joseph A. Hascall, 39, Vassar, was sentenced to 365 60 months probation for his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Feb. 22 in Juniata Township, and operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, and possession of marijuana Jan. 19 in Novesta Township.

He was also ordered to undergo residential substance abuse treatment and pay \$8,740 in costs and fines.

•Heidi R. Goulais, 32, Bad Axe, pleaded guilty to possession of a financial transaction device without permission of the device holder, and stealing/retaining a financial transaction device Nov. 25, 2002, in Caro.

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

11-year-old set to compete in state pageant

Chantel Beyette is a wellrounded 11-year-old who enjoys sports, plays the clarinet and loves animals. She's also a voracious reader, picking up a book at least once every dav.

The Deford girl is also a state finalist in the 2004 Miss Michigan Pre-Teen Pageant, set for July 22-24 at the Troy Marriott Hotel.

The competition is part of the National American Miss organization, which sponsors a pageant system involving 5 different programs for contestants ages 4 through 20. Pageant officials say they pride themselves in offering age-appropriate competitions that emphasize training for the future with interview and public speaking skills, leadership and community service.

"The nice thing about this is it isn't a beauty pageant. The girls have to be appropriately dressed - no makeup, no adult jewelry," said Beyette's mother, Melissa Beyette. "This is mostly to win scholarships."

The competition categories, she explained, emphasize talent, poise and presentation, a personality interview, and an on-stage personal introduction. Contestants also gather together to complete a community service project. "It's more about the character. She has to do something for the community - any kind of volunteer work," Beyette said, noting her daughter volunteers at the Lighthouse Baptist Church in Caro.

Aside from reading constantly, Chantel also enjoys writing - she's been writing her own books since the first grade. But her love of animals, including her own pet cat and dog, has her thinking about becoming an "Animal Precinct" cop someday like those in the television show of the same name.

Chantel, a sixth grade student at Cass City Middle School, was one of more than 1,000 girls who sent in photos and essays as part of the application process, which included an essay written by a parent. Melissa said she included some comments from Chantel's teachers, who have nominated her for "Student Spotlight" honors twice.

Pageant officials eventually narrowed the field of Michigan contestants to 100 based, in part, on academic achievement and extracurricular activities such as ath-

Each state winner will advance to finals next fall in November in Los Angeles, Calif., where they and a parent receive a day at Disneyland in addition to cash awards, college scholarships and other prizes.

Win or lose, Chantel indicated she's looking forward to her first pageant appearance, something she's wanted to do "ever since I watched (the movie) Miss Congeniality.

"It's going to be fun and you're going to meet new friends. It's not about the competition, it's the fun," she

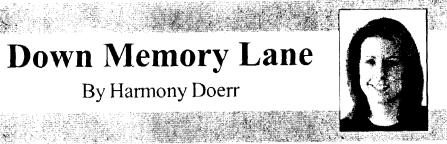
Her mom agreed.

"I like just the experience of it. I think it will help her with her growing up - her maturity level - being around the other girls," she

"Chantel has always been a real caring person, and this is a good way to get her out there. It builds character doing things like this, I think."

Editor's note: The Bevette family is in the process of raising the \$500 needed for Chantel to compete, and the family welcomes any sponsor donations, which can be sent to: P.O. Box 142, Deford, MI 48729.

By Harmony Doerr



5YEARSAGO

It all started out as a handson classroom project designed to instill a sense of teamwork among students. Cass City Middle School teacher Jeff Hartel said he hoped the project - building and racing soapbox derby cars - would be fun and at the same time give the eighth grade students in his Tech Ed Transportation/Invention Class a lesson or 2 in physics. The lesson apparently hit home with Hartel's students, including Don Spencer who, in his first racing event, recently qualified for a national soapbox derby in Omaha, Neb.

Cass City Schools nurse Geri Tonti is retiring after 15 years with the local school system. Over the years, Tonti has cared for hundreds of area youngsters, including Deford Elementary School students.

Red Hawk thinclad Adam Dorland sailed over the cross bar at 13' during Saturday's Class C state finals in Saginaw. Dorland finished 2nd in the pole vault with a height of 13'6". Also representing Cass City were Jaime Fluegge, Lindsay Mills, Sara Homakie, Melissa Homakie, Holli Cooper and Heather

10 YEARSAGO

Edwards.

The Cass City Downtown Development Authority hopes to dress up the village's Main Street this year. Fundraising for a street banner/Christmas decorations project is now underway, with hopes of collecting enough money to purchase a 3-banner, year-round pole décor that will offer a warm welcome to shoppers, newcomers and visitors. The project, under consideration since November, is being cosponsored by the Cass City Chamber of Commerce and Rotary Club.

District Judge Kim Glaspie returned to the golf course this weekend after a 13month layoff following brain surgery to compete in the annual Lions Club tournament. Finishing 3rd, the standing joke in the clubhouse among Glaspie's cohorts was "He should have had the operation years ago." (From Rabbit Tracks)

Bulldog Melody Abfalter scored Owen-Gage's first run in Friday's district opener against Port Hope. O-G had little trouble with the Blue Stars, winning 16-2. Abfalter scored 4 times for the win-

25 YEARS AGO

Regular mail carriers at the Cass City Post Office have accumulated 36 years and almost 3 million miles of safe driving without an accident. Twenty-two of those years and about 500,000 of those miles belong to Chester Muntz. The six drivers received National Safety Council pins and wallet cards last week commemorating their achievement.

The first graduates of the Cass City Community Education high school completion program area Lillian Gibbard, Evelyn Zmierski, Marie Horne and Bea Peters.

Add this couple to the distinguished list of area residents older than the Chronicle's 88 years. Jennie Hutchinson is 90 and her husband, Frank, is 91. They will have been married for 70 years in October. This information was passed along from Elaine Proctor. It boosts the list to 9. Are there more?

35 YEARS AGO

Elkland Township firemen hefted a smoking refrigerator from the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ashmore of Cass City. An electrical short reportedly started a blaze at the back of the refrigerator, which was destroyed. Firemen included an unidentified assistant, Fred Neitzel and Eldon Stoutenburg.

Dick Drews subscribes to the kick them when they are down, pour salt in the wounds school. Speaking without a shade of a grin, he advised everyone in Rotary to play golf with Donald Crouse, Cass City School Superintendent, year...and then quit while they are ahead. After all, said Drews, he'll only be working half days next year and look at the time he'll have to practice. (From Rabbit

With the season just a shade over half completed, only a major miracle could keep the Giants from winning the Little League championship this year. They raced to a twogame lead over the second place Yanks Tuesday night with a 10-2 victory as Jerry Toner pitched two-hit ball and whiffed 12. The Giants are undefeated and there are just four games left in the regular season. The closest any team has come to upsetting them was the Cubs. With Gibbas on the mound, they made a battle of it before bowing, 4-2. outdueled Gibbas.

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The Cass City Red Hawk softball team was defeated in the finals of the district tournament Friday Unionville-Sebewaing playing on its home diamond, 5-1. It was a pitching battle that fans are likely to see repeated in the next 2 seasons.

Pitching for USA was sophomore Sarah Alegria and on the mound for the Hawks was freshman Courtney Rabideau.

Alegria allowed just one hit and Rabideau yielded 6 hits. All the USA scoring was confined to 2 innings. In the first, the winners scored a pair, all that the team needed

Alegria opened the game with a bunt single and came around to score on a pair of passed balls, trotting home from third when Rabideau failed to cover home on a passed ball. A walk and a sacrifice bunt scored the second run in the inning.

In the fifth, the Patriots bunched 3 hits and an error to score 3 times to take a commanding 5-0 lead.

The Hawks scored a consolation run in the seventh on double by Krystee Dorland and an infield out.

HARBOR BEACH GAME

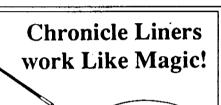
Mallory Powell made her final game on the mound for Cass City a great one, tossing a one-hitter as the Red Hawks rolled to an 8-1 victory in the semi-finals of the district tournament.

The Hawks broke open a tight game in the fifth and then coasted to the win. Cass City was in front, 1-0, when the team exploded for 7 runs on a combination of walks, a hit and errors. Krystee Dorland started the scoring rampage when she reached first on an error. Renee Czekai singled to right to score 2 runs and Ashley Barrigar also collected a hit.

In the first 3 innings it was a tight pitching duel. The Hawks loaded the bases with nobody out with 3 walks but failed to score.

Walks were the determining factor in the game. Cass City walked 10 times

There will be some big shoes to fill for Cass City next season. Four seniors have played their last game for the Hawks. They are Dorland, Kristi Fluegge, Megan Toner and Powell.



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RENEE CZEKAI missed on this pitch, but has been one of Cass City's most productive hitters all season. She is a sophomore.

Regional slated in Cass City

The district division 3 regional for baseball and softball will be held at Cass City High School Saturday.

The softball schedule has

Unionville-Sebewaing at 10 a.m. followed by Madison Heights Bishop-Foley at noon. The championship game will start at about 2 p.m.

The baseball competition Reese playing against pits Brown City against Ar-

Beach against Marlette at 12 noon. The championship game starts at about 2 p.m.

The quarterfinals will be played at Lapeer East.

Cass City bows to eventual district champion Pirates on Polega's 3-run homer

The Cass City Red Hawk baseball team bowed out in district tournament action at Unionville-Sebewaing Friday, losing to Harbor Beach, 7-5. The Pirates went on to post a victory over USA and claim the district toga.

Cass City led only once during the game. Mike Havens broke a scoreless tie with a home run over the left field fence in the top of the third inning.

The Pirates broke the scoring ice and went ahead to stay in their half of the inning with a 3-run rally. Shawn Cramer singled, Randy Mazure walked and a run scored on an error and when the throw to the plate was wild, another run trotted across. Chris Tyrell was safe on an error and Mazure and Shane Polega singled to score Tyrell.

The teams traded runs in the fourth. Jon Bennett was safe on an error and Nick Stoutenburg singled with 2 outs to score Bennett.

The Pirates scored on a home run by Messing. The Hawks closed the gap to a single run in the top of the fifth, scoring when Nate Laming was safe on an error and came around on infield

The Pirates staged the gamewinning rally in the fifth, scoring 3 times on a pair of walks and a 3-run homer by

Polega. Tyler Erla came on in relief of Brad Langenburg to get the next 2 batters. Brett Babich pitched a scoreless sixth inning. The Hawks scored a pair in the sixth on

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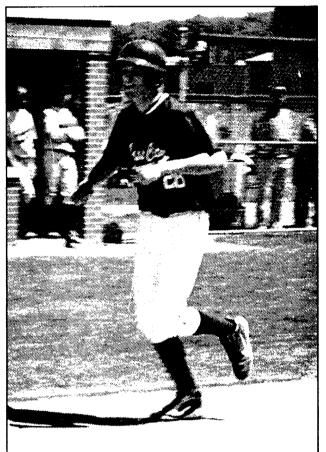
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double by Nick Stoutenburg and a single by Cody Halasz.

Nick Sopzynski was the winning pitcher, he allowed 6 hits. Langenburg took the loss, allowing 5 hits and 3

An obviously disappointed coach Ryan Pritchett said

after the game that he didn't have a lot to say about the game. But when asked about the future of his team, broke out in a smile. The Hawks started 4 sophomores and have only 3 senior starters on the team-Tyler Erla, Chris Dillon and Jake Brinkman.



MIKE HAVENS is all smiles as he rounds third base after he smashes a home run to give the Hawks a temporary lead over Harbor Beach in the district tournament Friday. He'll be back next a single by Justin Glaza, a season.

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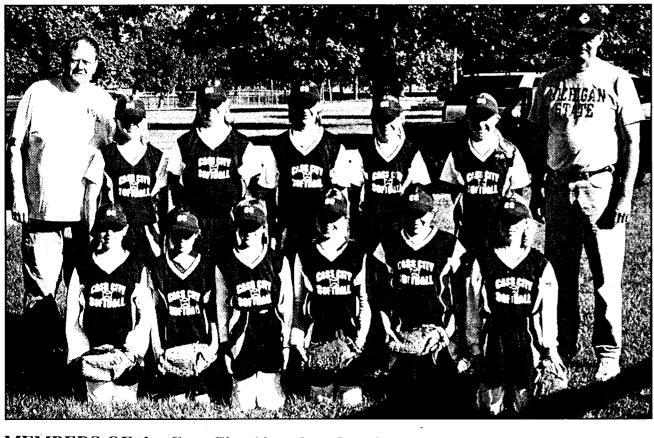
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MEMBERS OF the Cass City 12-and-under traveling softball team include (front row, I to r) Kendra Grady, Amanda Kaake, Lindsay Jamieson, Megan Zawilinski and McKensie Parrish; (back row, I to r) Dana Woodward, Elise Nicol, Amber Warju and Stephanie Steely. Not pictured are Emily Martin and Sadie Jordan.

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Mark Swanson	5
Scott Richards	5
Craig Helwig	4
Ray Fox	4
Don Ouvry	4
Dieter Roth	3
Chris Maharg	3
Rich Tate	3
Bill Kritzman	3
Brad Goslin	. 3
John Maharg	3
Terry Wiseman	2
Don Warner	2
Flight #2	
Mike Hawrylo	5
Jason Bitzer	5

Cass City Golf League

as of June 6, 2004

Mike Lowe 51 Rick Coleman 50 Corey Ulfig 48 Jim Peyerk Annual meeting set for Saturday

The 67th Annual Meeting

of Thumb Electric Coopera-

tive will be held Saturday,

June 12, at Cass City Recre-

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begin at 10:30 a.m., which

includes the election of 3

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Vikings sting Owen-Gage softball team

North Central Thumb League - North champion Owen-Gage was handed a heartbreaking loss last Tuesday when host Akron-Fairgrove eliminated the Bulldogs from the MHSAA Division 4 district tournament with a 4-3 extra inning decision.

Viking Katie Spencer drove home Amber Avila with the game winner with 2-outs in the 10th frame.

The game was a seesaw af-

Akron-Fairgrove scored the game's first run in the opening inning, only to see

Cass City lost to Bad Axe

3-2 in overtime in the dis-

The Hawks have had a prob-

lem all year playing two

halves of good, aggressive

soccer. In the games that they

have won, they put two good

halves together and played

a very consistent game for 80

minutes. Against the Hatch-

ets, they finally played like

they were capable of play-

ing for the entire game and,

even though the score was

against them, they never

gave up or quit hustling right

Both teams were aggressive

from the opening kick off

and neither had any easy

opportunities early in the

game. Midfield play by Braun, Witkovsky, and

Ashley Timon kept the Hatchets from mounting any

consistent attack and keyed

several good counters by Lima and Newby. Newby had

the best chance to put the

Hawks up early, but missed wide on an open net. The

Hatchets scored off a corner

kick and got a second late in

the half, but instead of back-

ing down, the Hawks picked

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through overtime.

trict semi-finals.

Owen-Gage jump out in front, 2-1, with a solo run in both the 4th and 5th innings.

The Vikings then tagged starter Kayla Zaleski for 2 tallies in the 6th frame to take a 3-2 advantage. However, the Bulldogs sent the game into extra innings when they scored their final run in the bottom of the 6th inning.

Kelly Burnison earned the win on the mound for the Vikings as she fanned 14, walked 2 and surrendered 9 hits. Zaleski allowed 4 hits, walked 5 and struck out 17 while tossing a complete game for the Bulldogs.

Hawks suffer overtime defeat

up the intensity as the half

The second half was all

Hawks as Lima scored on a

nice shot from outside the 18

and Braun scored on an as-

sist from Timon to tie the

game with most of the half

to go. Solid keeper play from

fense from Bell, Klco,

Fenningsdorf, McIntosh and

Delamarter kept Bad Axe off

balance and continued to

key the Hawk attack. Sarah

Hobbs played an attacking

mid slot and got several

good chances late in the

game, but the tie held up for

overtime. Both teams came

out strong in overtime and

play was up and down the

field until the Hatchets man-

aged a high shot over Timko's head to end the

Though only Kati Hill and

Donna Bushong got any re-

serve time, everyone on the

team was into the game from the opening, and no one got

discouraged after the Bad

Axe score. The team stepped

up their level of play in the

second half, got several good scoring chances and de-

Timko and good, solid de-

ended.

"We out hit them, but left 9 players on base. We started hitting the ball with 2 outs, that was killing us, I think we over looked this game and were looking down the road in districts and Akron-Fairgrove took our feet right out from under us," said Coach Barb Adams.

Candi Rhodes and Stephanie Dorsch led Owen-Gage at the plate; each slapping a single and double, while Zaleski collected a pair of singles. Owen-Gage also had Michelle Brown with a triple, while Katie Swiastyn and Natasha

served the win. Unfortu-

nately, the Hatchets played

iust good enough to prevent

that. This was by far the best

overall performance of the

year for the Hawks and even

though it was a loss, ended

the season with a good

memory to build on for next

calling

Sprague each had singles. Avila paced the Vikings' offense with a single and double, while Beth Sanburn added a single.



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REGULAR SCHOOL **ELECTION**

NOTICE OF REGULAR ELECTION OF THE ELECTORS OF CASS CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS TUSCOLA, HURON AND SANILAC COUNTIES, MICHIGAN TO BE HELD JUNE 14, 2004

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Please Take Notice that the regular election of the school district will be held on Monday, June 14, 2004.

THE POLLS OF ELECTION WILL OPEN AT 7 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING AND CLOSE AT 8 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING.

At the regular school election there will be elected two (2) members to the board of education of the district for full terms of four (4) years ending in 2008.

THE FOLLOWING PERSONS HAVE BEEN NOMINATED TO FILL SUCH VACANCIES:

Beverly Auten

Cathy Kropewnicki

Douglas C. Lautner

Write-in candidates must file a Declaration of Intent on or before 4 p.m. Friday, June 11, 2004.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT the following proposition will be submitted to the vote of the electors at the regular school election:

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This millage renewal will allow the school district to continue to levy the statutory rate of 18 mills on all property except principal residence and qualified agricultural property required for the school district to receive its revenue per pupil foundation guarantee and renews millage that will expire with the 2004 tax

Shall the currently authorized millage rate limitation of 18 mills (\$18.00 on each \$1,000,00 of taxable valuation) on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, exempting therefrom principal residence and qualified agricultural property as defined by law, in Cass City Public Schools, Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac Counties, Michigan, be renewed for a period of 10 years, 2005 to 2014, inclusive, to provide funds for operating purposes; if approved, the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect the first year of levy, 2005, is approximately \$750,000 (this is a renewal of millage which will expire with the 2004 tax

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PRECINCT NO. 1

Voting Place: High School Building in the Village of Cass City

All school electors who are registered with the city or township clerk of the city or township in which they reside are eligible to vote at this election.

I, Patricia Donovan, Treasurer of Tuscola County, Michigan, hereby certify that as of April 13, 2004, the records of this office indicate that the total of all voted increases over and above the tax limitation established by the Constitution of Michigan, in any local units of government affecting the taxable property located in Cass City Public Schools, Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac Counties, Michigan, is as follows:

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Date: April 13, 2004

By Wells Township:

Patricia Donovan

Treasurer, Tuscola County

I, Roberta Moetteli, Treasurer of Huron County, Michigan state that I have searched the records of my office and after inquiry find that the total of all voted increases over and above the tax rate limitation established by Section 6, Article IX of the Constitution of Michigan, as amended, in any local units affecting the taxable property in the Cass City Public Schools, Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac Counties, Michigan and the years such voted increases are effective to be as follows:

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This Notice is given by order of the board of education

Kathleen Dorman

Michelle Biddinger Secretary, Board of Education

Sweet note

Mallory sets sights on teaching, composing

by Tom Montgomery Editor

Dustin Mallory's high school musical education has been a roller coaster of sorts. At Cass City High School, the 17-year-old studied under 4 band directors in 4 years.

But Mallory figures the changes in leadership served him well. And when the leadership wasn't there, he provided some of his own.

"It kind of helped because every director's had their ups and downs," Mallory said. "I think when (former band director) Mr. (Marc) Palma was here, he was a percussionist and he really helped me with my personal performance."

Mallory added he also enjoyed studying with band Director Doug Burtch. "He's smart when it comes to the literature. He knows real good music and he knows arrangements. And, he knows what music's good for Cass City bands," he said.

"He's got an ear for balance and he knows what sound he wants before he stands up on the podium."

As for leadership, Mallory, an Eagle Scout, has proven himself to be a self-starter in a number of ways.

For example, a couple years ago, after former band director Doug Lull resigned, Mallory helped organize independent rehearsals for the drum line at Cass City High School. The students met as often as once a week during that summer.

"Music's kind of what I live for, and if the program's struggling, I'm kind of bored," he said. "If the thing you like most is trashed in your community, you just have an urge to keep it going a little

Organizing those rehearsals, Mallory added, "was always easy. It wasn't really hard because the drum line at the school has been really dedicated. The drum line is (made up of the kids) that were staying" in the band

"Dedicated, I guess, is the only way I could describe them."

Members of the drum line proved that again this year when Burtch presented sev-

Food pantry opening set

A new food pantry will make its debut in Cass City this weekend.

Cass City Girl Scouts Jerica Fenningsdorf, Puterbaugh and Lauren Brzuchowski organized and will operate the pantry starting Saturday, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at 6455 Main St., next to Kelly and Co. Realty.

The pantry is open to any

eral musicians with a big challenge in an effort to balance various instrument sections in the band. Mallory agreed to leave the percussion section and learn how to play a euphonium. Fellow drummer Sam Howard did the same, and snare drummer Bobby Windsor agreed to play tenor saxophone.

Next year, Mallory's brother, Derek, another drummer, will be playing string bass in the concert band.

Mallory acknowledged the transition from percussion to brass was a difficult one. "It was tough. I'd take the

instrument home every weekend, and every Sunday I'd be 2 seconds away from throwing it out the window," he said. "And I never really got to the level I wanted to."

But the experience was a good one, especially for a high school musician aspiring to be a band teacher. Mallory's willingness to do what it took to improve the band program is just one reason Burtch awarded him one of the most prestigious band honors year - the John Philip Sousa Band Award.

Established in 1954, the award has been presented to the top band students in thousands of high schools across the country. The honor is considered the pinnacle of achievement in a high school band program, recognizing outstanding dedication and superior musician-

Burtch presented the other top award - the Louis Armstrong Jazz Award - to senior Sarah Hobbs. Both students stood out in terms of their contributions to the band program, according to the director, who said Mallory is "extremely intelligent as far as his knowledge of music theory.

"He was my personal assistant all year. He's been an excellent asset to the program, and he was certainly looked up at as a leader,' Burtch added.

"He gave up his love for percussion for the betterment of the band. He picked up the euphonium and did an excellent job," Burtch said, noting a change in instruments would be a challenge for any student. "But being the musician he is, he put the necessary time into it." Mallory, who also plays

guitar and offers private lessons at Full Score Music in Cass City, said the experience was a good one, considering he will have to become familiar with a number of instruments when he begins his studies at Saginaw Valley State University in the fall.

The decision to major in music education and eventually teach was an easy one, he indicated.

"I guess I'm more interested in the make-up of music rather than the actual performance of it, and Γ m kind of interested in composition, too. That's my long-term goal - to be a composer."

Mallory is looking forward to continuing his education and, someday, having a classroom of his own, an environment that should be familiar to him.

In high school, he noted. "there were a lot of times when I found myself helping other people rather than working on my own part. But I like teaching. I like doing



DUSTIN MALLORY rounded out his final year of high school by receiving the prestigious John Philip Sousa Award. The versatile Cass City musician plans to teach high school band classes of his own someday.



DUSTIN HARP and Amanda Franzel, two students in Shannon Marion's sixth grade class, help hoist the new flag in front of Owen/Gage High School. Cass City VFW men (from left to right) George Schwartz, Jack Esau and Bob Guza salute the flag they presented to the school June 2.

Born to be wild

Bikers converge on Sanilac park

by Benjamin Ray Staff Writer

Bob Kreh rode his black Harley-Davidson Road King to Cass City for the Evergreen Park Benefit last week-

It was Kreh's fourth and the park's eleventh, and he took

TI Automotive is investing

more than \$16 million this

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said Howard Duxbury, presi-

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bal Fuel Systems Group.

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jority of the vehicles pro-

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manufactures nearly 10 mil-

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Automotive facilities in

Neuss and Caro. Customers

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major European automakers,

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and 2 Asia-Pacific producers.

new products and full fuel-

system solutions valued by

"We continue to invest in

France.

and performance.

full advantage of the concerts, fellowship with other motorcycle enthusiasts and beautiful weather.

"It benefits the park and it's a good time," said Kreh, who uses his bike for pleasure riding and, on occasion, a midnight cruise.

More than one thousand

our OEM customers,"

Duxbury said. "The acquisi-

tion of the Pierburg electric

fuel-pump business in 2003,

for example, has proven to

be an important addition to

Brian Lindsay, managing

director - commercial and

purchasing, Global Fuel Sys-

tems Group, noted that the

new line of fuel pumps,

coupled with the company's

acquisition of Pierburg's

electric fuel-pump business

unit last year, "significantly

strengthens TI Automotive's

ability to satisfy our custom-

ers' wide-ranging needs in

The Pierburg brand cur-

rently represents more than

Automotive's worldwide

production and gives the

company a strong presence

in the high-performance af-

termarket and original-

equipment fuel-pump re-

placement business as well.

Acquisition of the Pierburg

business added annual sales

of approximately \$48 mil-

lion and production facilities

in Neuss to TI Automotive's

total fuel-systems business.

The Pierburg pump lineup

also gives the company fur-

ther access to Europe's die-

TI Automotive is now able

to meet a growing demand

for high-pressure fuel-deliv-

ery systems, especially in the

high-end of the European

sel market.

percent of TI

complete fuel systems."

our fuel-systems group."

bikers converged at the park for A.B.A.T.E.'s annual benefit, created in 1993 to help save Evergreen Park from shutting down. The campground was full of tents with people sitting outside drinking beer, listening to country music and having a grand

market, according to Lind-

In Europe, TI Automotive's

fuel pumps, previously

manufactured under the

Walbro and Marwal brands,

have enjoyed a strong repu-

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strengthens sales there and

provides added sales oppor-

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reach 11 million by 2010.

"People can have a good TI investing \$16 million

Some bikers came from as

Brown said in the first year only 300 showed up, but word of the event has spread.

to Relay for Life, Toys for charged \$15 for the week-

Foremost on some people's minds was the current proposed helmet law. The law, if passed, would allow motorcyclists to ride without helmets if they desired. Both bikers and AAA have some-

"Wearing a helmet is your best protection against a very serious head injury, and in every state with the helmet law repealed you see a decline in the number of lives saved," said Nancy Cain, AAA Michigan spokesperson. "They feel it's their right, but we all pay when someone has a catastrophic head

"We believe in freedom of choice," he said simply. 'Safety awareness is much more effective than a hel-

Kreh agreed.

choice," he said. "I'd prefer to wear one, though."

They laughed the kind of laugh that only comes from having one shared love - in this case, riding bikes on the open road. All sorts of bikes - from dirt bikes to Hondas to massive Harley-Davidsons were strewn about the land.

time and they like the park," said Butch Brown, A.B.A.T.E. Michigan vice president. "We have good, clean fun."

far away as Escanaba and Ohio to join the weekend fun, which also included a poker run, vendors selling tattoos and accessories and a bike show Saturday after-

Proceeds from the benefit go

Tots, Evergreen Park and whatever other charities need it, Brown said. Bikers were

thing to say about it.

Brown disagreed and said a helmet only works up to 14 miles per hour.

"It should be the biker's

Obituaries

Alice Stec

Alice Anna Stec, 72, of Caro, died Thursday, June 3, 2004.

She was born in Kinde on Nov. 30, 1931, the daughter of Paul and Elizabeth (Andrewski) Prill. She married Peter Stec on

May 20, 1950 in Bad Axe. Stec was a member of St. Columbkille Catholic

Church, Ubly.

She is survived by her husband, Peter; 2 sons: Ernest (Robin) Stec and Randy (Rebecca) Stec. both of Caro; 2 grandchildren; a great-grandson; 3 brothers: Thomas (Flora) Prill of Bad Axe, Martin (Theresa) Prill of Port Austin, and Peter (Marie) Prill of Mio; 2 sisters: Pauline (Virgil) Godzinski of Caro and Kathleen Silva of Tennessee; and several nieces and neph-

She was preceded in death by a brother, Paul Prill Jr.

Funeral services were held Saturday, June 5, at St. Columbkille Catholic Church, Ubly, with Fr. Thomas J. Fleming officiating.

Burial took place in the church cemetery. Memorials may be made to

St. Columbkille Catholic Church, or to the charity of

Arrangements were made by the Unionville Funeral Chapel, Unionville.

Genevieve de Beaubien

Genevieve M. de Beaubien, M.D., F.A.C.E.P., 39, died unexpectedly at her home on June 6, 2004.

She was born in Redford February 9, 1965 to Albert and Andree (Tiglio) Schornberg.

On July 4, 1997, she married Brian C. de Beaubien M.D. in Port Austin.

de Beaubien was a graduate of Wayne State University and while there, she spent a year abroad studying

at The Ecole in Lyon, France on a chemistry scholarship. She went on to graduate from Michigan State University, School of Human Medicine. de Beaubien served her residency at Detroit Receiving Hospital and was board certified in emergency medicine. She was a Fellow of the American College of Emergency Physicians. de Beaubien was a senior partner with Timberline Emergency Physicians and worked in the emergency department of St. Mary's Hospital, Saginaw. She was a member of Trinity Episco-

de Beaubien is survived by her husband, Brian; her mother, Andree Schornberg of Lexington; brothers and sisters: Al (Cindy) Schornberg Charlottesville, (Drenon) MaryAnn Clemente of Canton Twp., Maureen (Erich) Regner of Dearborn Heights and Jean Pierre Schornberg of Lexington; and several nieces and nephews.

pal Church.

She was preceded in death by her father, Albert Schornberg, a World War II veteran who had received the Purple Heart.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m., Thursday, June 10, at Trinity Episcopal Church, 911 Center Ave (M-25), Bay City, with the Rev. Fr. Peter M. Cominos officiating.

Burial will be in Lexington Cemetery, Lexington.

Friends may call at Penzien-Steele Funeral Home on Wednesday from 2-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. She will lie in state at the church on Thursday from 9:00 a.m. until service time.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Humane So-

Arrangements were made by Penzien-Steele Funeral Home, Bay City.

Beatrice Tewsley

Beatrice J. Tewsley, 92, died Sunday, June 6, 2004.

She is survived by 4 children: Shirley Schneider, John Albert (Marcia) Tewsley, (Ralph)

Scianimanico and Barbara (Ken) Raymond; 20 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren; and 2 great greatgrandchildren.

Tewsley was preceded in death by her husband, Jack; and two children: Jackie Thomas and Marie Plouffe.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m., Wednesday, June 9, at Rudy Funeral Home, Centerline.

Burial was in Cass City. Arrangements were made by George H. Rudy Funeral Home, Inc., Centerline.

Blood drive set June 15 in village

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Tendercare offering shuttle

Tendercare, Cass City, 4782 Hospital Dr., offers a complimentary shuttle service from Pigeon.

Families and guests of Tendercare, Cass City, residents may reserve seating on the Monday and Friday shuttle, which leaves from Country Gardens Assisted Living Center, 203 North Caseville Rd., Pigeon. Pickup time is 9:30 a.m. at Country Gardens and drop off time is 2:30 p.m.; a complimentary lunch will be offered for "shuttle" visitors.

Reservations should be made a minimum of 24-hours in advance. Seating is limited, so early reservations are encouraged.

For more information on the shuttle service, or to make a reservation, contact Donna Lenhard or Missy Jewett at (989) 872-2174.

fewer than 5 percent of to give actually donate. There are several benefits to blood makes you feel better

giving blood. Donating knowing that you have made a significant contribution that saves lives every day. Donating blood can also assist in removing some of the extra iron in your system, which studies show can lead to health problems.

There are a few basic requirements for giving. The 3 most important are you must be in good health, be 17 years of age or older, and weigh at least 110 pounds. Giving blood takes approximately an hour. The procedure includes registration, a brief medical exam, blood collection and food and drink. The actual blood collection lasts approximately 10 minutes.

The next opportunity to donate blood locally will be Tuesday, June 15, at the VFW in Cass City. Hours of collection will be from 1 to 6:45

The Hills and Dales General Hospital Auxiliary and the Veterans of Foreign War will sponsor this blood drive.

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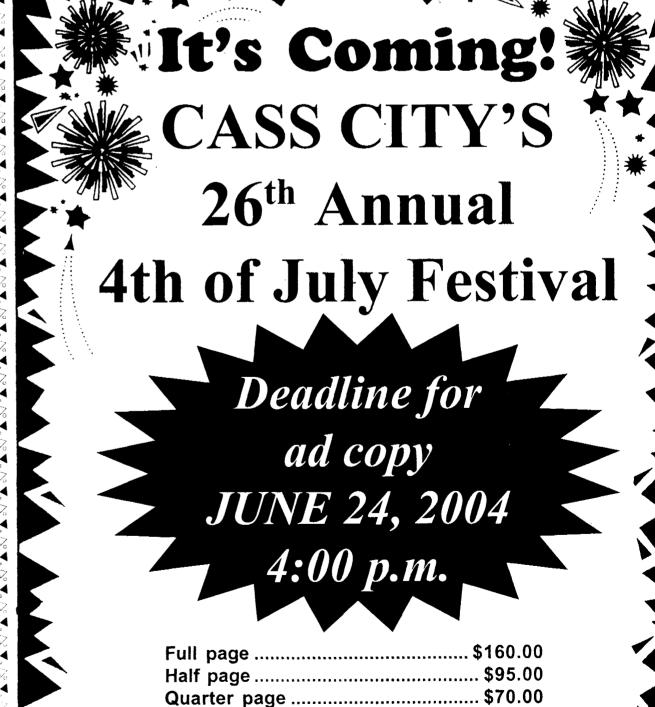
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THIS YEAR'S Fourth Grade Principal's Award was recently presented to Jared Weidman, a student in Linda Gray's class at Campbell Elementary School in Cass City. He is the son of Dale and Maryke Weidman.



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON INCREASING PROPERTY TAXES

The Library Board of the Rawson Memorial Library District will hold a public hearing on a proposed increase of .0196 mills in the operating tax millage rate to be levied in 2004.

The hearing will be held on June 15, 2004 at 9:00 a.m. at Rawson Memorial Library, 6495 Pine Street, Cass City, Michigan.

The date and location of the meeting to take action on the proposed additional millage will be announced at the public meeting.

If adopted, the proposed additional millage will increase operating revenues from ad valorem property taxes 1.82% over such revenues generated by levies permitted without holding a hearing. If proposed additional millage rate is not approved the operating revenue will increase by 1.99% over the preceding year's operating revenue.

The taxing unit publishing this notice, and identified below, has complete authority to establish the number of mills to be levied from within the authorized millage rate.

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Cass City Middle **School Honor Roll**

Cass City Middle School announces the 5th marking period honor roll.

GRADE 5

Brittany Asher-Lynch, Jef-

frey Bliss, Stephanie Bock,

Tommy Brinkman, Brittany

Brown, Nicholas Brown, Sa-

rah Burk*, Kelsey Cooper, Zachary Deering, Joseph Doerr, Cameron Dunnuck, Geoffory Fearson, Greggory Fearson, Nicholas Field, Taylor Forrest*, Kendra Grady, Chelsea Green*, Krista Marion Guinther*, Henderson, Angela Janssen*, Maircadez Jordan*, Nicholas Karavas*, Jade Kelley*, Justin Ketterer*, Michael Channing Langenburg, Ashlee LePage, Jeffery Leslie, Rebecca Leslie*, Dillin Lewis, Thomas LeValley*, Aaron Magiera, Colin Mason, Anthony McArthur*, Logan Mika, Dylan Miller, Michael Milligan*, Michael Miracle, Brandon Montgomery, Eric Montreuil*, Candace Myers*, Kathleen Nizzola, Austin Osentoski, McKensie Parrish*, Hayley Peters, Michael Potrykus*, Cody Pringle*, Jessica Proctor, Caitlyn Reed*, Mary Rivest, Kelsey Russell, Cameron Simpson, Victoria Spencer*, Brandon Stine, Courtney Stinson*, Amanda Stoll, Monica Stover, Michael Swain JR, Mariah Tabar, Robert VanAuken, Alexander Varney*, Lauren Walther, Amber Warju, Bradley Whittaker, Thomas Woodruff, Dallas Woodward, Dana Woodward, Jeremy Wright, Victoria Wright, Lauren Zdrojewski* and Matthew Zimmerman.

GRADE 6

Zachary Abell, Steffin Bader, Josiah Battel, Lindsey Bliss, Christopher Childers, Kevven Doerr, Richard Doerr*, Abby Ellis, Jalen Ferris, Zachary Fisher*, Nicole Guinther, Keegan Hagen, Kyle Hodder, Renee Janssen, Amanda Kaake*, Logan Kausch, Andrew Knight, Kent LaFave, Amber LaPonsie, Andrew Leslie*,

Paige Lester, Jennifer Manwell, Thomas Marker, Emily Martin*, Paul Martin, Zachary McCreedy, Erin McFadzean, Elise Nicol*, Ashleigh Moore, Brittany Nicol, Tyler Perry, Dillon Peruski, Trevor Phillips, Bridgette Putnam, LaShae Radeka, Eric Reif, Paul Rubey, Rochelle Rushlow, Kelsey Rudy*, Jenna Sattelberg*, Nicholas Shantz, Ashleigh Stoeckle, Angelena Simpson*, Stephanie Steely*, Samantha Swiderski*, Sara Venema, Brandon Weaver, Kyle Weidman, Amanda Woodruff, Jordan Yax and Megan Zawilinski.

GRADE 7

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* Denotes all "A"s

Calendar of Events

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

Wednesday, June 9

Swiss steak dinner with all the trimmings, served family style, noon, Cass City United Methodist Church, 5100 N. Cemetery Rd. Take outs are available, call 872-4604.

Thursday, June 10

Cass City Athletic Boosters meeting, 8 p.m., Cass City High School cafeteria.

Friday, June 11

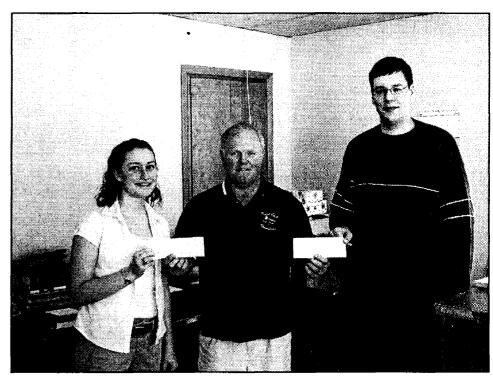
Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran

Monday, June 14

Owen-Gage School Board meeting, 7 p.m. Elkland Township Board meeting, 7 p.m. Kids' Movie, "Brother Bear", 1:30 p.m., Rawson Memorial

Tuesday, June 15

Thumb Area Parkinson's Support Group meeting, 1 p.m., Hills and Dales General Hospital. AYSO meeting, 7 p.m., Charmont.



THE CASS CITY Gavel Club recently presented a pair of \$500 scholarships to Cass City High School graduates Jennifer Sweeney and Eric Hanby. Above, club President Larry Robinson presents the scholarships, which are awarded based on community service. Sweeney plans to study pharmacology at Ferris State University, and Hanby will be attending Eastern Michigan University to major in secondary education (history).

Boosters launch drive to buy new band seats

Members of the Cass City a Seat" campaign in which she continued. "These up-Band Boosters are hoping to provide local student musicians with chairs designed specifically for musicians. The boosters organization

recently unveiled its "Have

community residents and businesses are being asked to donate enough money this month in order to purchase the chairs in time for the start of the 2004-05 school year.

"At the April band boosters meeting, Mr. (Cass City Schools Director of Bands) Doug Burtch shared the need for additional chairs for the high school band room to accommodate the additional students who will be joining the band as ninth graders next year," explained boosters member Debra Kranz.

"He pointed out that the current chairs in the band room have hard ceramic surfaces and slanted seats that are not designed for good posture for band or choral rehearsals.'

Burtch showed the group a sample Wenger musician chair that is designed specifically for music posture to help students produce better tone and become better musicians. "The chairs are stackable for

easy storage and are easy to transport between rehearsal and performance areas on specifically designed chair carts," Kranz noted.

Because the band budget has been exhausted by purchases of instruments, equipment and uniforms for additional band students, Kranz said the boosters decided to take on the project.

Residents are being asked to consider making a tax-deductible donation of \$150 per chair or any amount they wish. The boosters are asking that donations be made by June 25.

Those purchasing a chair will be recognized with a nameplate attached to the chair," Kranz said.

"Our goal is to first equip the high school band room with new chairs and then the middle school band room,

holstered chairs are designed to last many years and offer the proper musician posture our students need. They can also be used in a future performing arts center, not only for band and choir performances, but for community groups to use for performances and rehearsals as well.

Residents interested in making a donation may send a check payable to the Cass City Bands to: Cass City Middle School, 4805 Ale St., Cass City, MI 48726. Donation forms are available in both the middle and high school offices.

More information is available by calling Kranz at 872-4215 or Joan Helwig at 872-

Bill calls for tax credit

The Michigan House Agriculture and Resource Management Committee recently approved legislation allowing tree removal companies to claim a tax credit for the removal of infected ash trees. The legislation also pro-

vides for less than the actual cost of the removal, according to a Thumb area lawmaker who sponsored the measure.

State Rep. Tom Meyer said the credit would be equal to the difference between the actual cost and the amount paid for the removal, or \$5,000, whichever is less.

"The emerald ash borer is a serious concern to the preservation of our natural environment," said Meyer, R-Bad Axe. "We need to take care of the infested trees so that the ash borer doesn't spread and wipe out our entire ash tree population."

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been

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made by Carl S. Bennett and Cathy M.

Bennett, husband and wife, to Option One

Mortgage Corporation, a California Cor-

poration, Mortgagee, dated December 20.

2002 and recorded December 30, 2002 in

Liber 908, Page 1416. Tuscola County

Records. There is claimed to be due on

such mortgage the sum of Eighty-Four

Thousand One Hundred Forty and 30/100

Dollars (\$84,140.30), including interest

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

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of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro.

Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County

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The premises are located in the Townshir

of Fremont, Tuscola County, Michigan.

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

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

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

Attorneys for Option One Mortgage Cor-

poration, a California Corporation, As

Dated: June 2, 2004

Mortgagee

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be 30 days from the date of the sale

and are described as

110 feet thereof

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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 Dol-

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

lars (\$35,179.15), including interest at

7.5% per annum.

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 Deming'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

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

Attorneys for Mortgagee 1995 N. Cedar, Suite 4 (517) 699-4629

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14-6-9-1

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Notices

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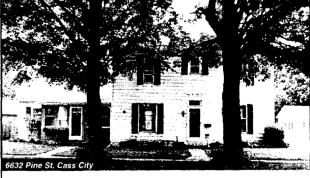
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been

made in the terms and conditions of a

Mortgage bearing interest at 9.950% per

annum made by Karen J. Roose and Date

E. Roose, wife and husband, Mortgagor,

to Aames Funding Corporation, DBA

Aames Home Loan, Mortgagee, on Janu-

ary 29, 1999 and recorded in the Office of

the Register of Deeds for the County of

Tuscola, State of Michigan, on March 11,

1999 in Liber 765 of Mortgages, Page

1103, and subsequently assigned,

through mesne assignments, to JP Mor-

gan Chase Bank, as Trustee for the Truman

Capital Mortgage Loan Trust 2002-2, on

which Mortgage there is due, as of the

date of this notice, the principal sum of

Under the power of sale contained in said

Mortgage and the statute in such case

made and provided, notice is hereby given

that on July 23, 2004, at 10:00 a.m., local

time, said Mortgage shall be foreclosed

at sale at public auction to the highest

bidder at the front entrance of the Court-

house, Caro, County of Tuscola, State of

Michigan, (that being one of the places

of holding Circuit Court in said County).

of the premises described in said Mort-

The premises described in said Mortgage

is located in the Village of Caro, County

of Tuscola, State of Michigan and legally

Lot 6. Block 4 of CHARLES

MONTAGUE'S SUBDIVISION, as re-

corded in Liber 10 of Plats, Page 11A,

Tax Identification No. 034-500-454-

The redemption period shall be six (6)

months from the date of the sale; unless

determined abandoned in accordance

with MCLA 600 3241a, in which case the

redemption period shall be thirty (30)

JP Morgan Chase Bank, as Trustee for the

Truman Capital Mortgage Loan Trust

6-9-4

days from the date of such sale.

DATED: June 1, 2004

NEUMANN LAW, P.C.

Holt, MI 48842

2002-2

gage, or some part of them.

Tuscola County Records.

\$37,639.57, plus interest.

day, 10-5 p.m. 14-6-9-1 THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR AT-TEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION THAT WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. IF YOU

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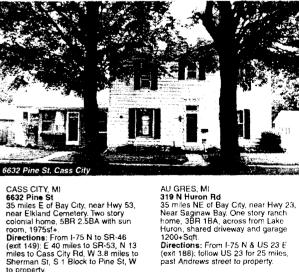
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Tanya L. Keiter and Christopher R. Keiter, (listed as) husband and wife of Tuscola County, Michigan, Mortgagor to Fifth Third Bank, successor by merger to Old Kent Bank, dated the 8th day of July, A.D. 1998 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 15th day of October, A.D. 1998, in Liber 752 of Tuscola Records, on Page 1471, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of \$27,766.80 (Twenty-Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-Six Dollars and Eighty cents), including interest thereon at 6.00% (Six Point Zero Percent) per annum

And no suit proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recove the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statue of the State of Michigan in such case made and the 17th day of June, A.D., 2004, at 10:00 o'clock said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front entrance of the Court house in Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage

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

Part of the Southeast 1/4 Section 1. Town 10 North, Range 8 East, also being a part veyed Parcel of land as recorded in Liber 514, Pages 764 to 766 described as beginning at a point which is located from the South 1/4 corner of said Section 1 by the following 7 courses (#1) South 76 along the South line of said Southeast 1/ 4, 1488.50 feet; (#2) North 12 degrees 13 minutes 00 seconds East, 415.50 feet; (#3) North 44 degrees 02 minutes 00 seconds East, 261.70 feet; (#4) North 28 415,50 feet; (#5) North 44 seconds East. along said Southerly line, 197.69 feet; (#7) North 54 degrees 34 minutes 06 seconds East, 10.24 feet to the point o beginning; thence South 47 degrees 52 minutes 00 seconds East, parallel with said Southerly line, 145.28 feet; thence North 54 degrees 34 minutes 06 seconds East, perpendicular to the Northerly line of said Parcel No. 4, 158.87 feet to said North erly line; thence North 35 degrees 25 minutes 54 seconds West, (previously recorded as North 35 degrees 27 minutes 00 seconds West) along said Northerly line, 141.87 feet; thence South 54 degrees 34 minutes 06 seconds West, perpendicu-

Tax ID: 017-001-000-5275-02

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: May 19, 2004 WELTMAN, WEINBERG & REIS CO.,

WWR #02563155

lar to said.

By: Daniel E. Best (P-58501) Attorney for Assignee of Mortgagee Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A.

755 W. Big Beaver Road, Suite 1820

5-19-5

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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 Darryl J. Webster and Charissa M. Webster, husband and wife (original mortgagors), to Oxford Bank Mortgage Services, LLC, Mortgagee, dated December 23, 2002 and recorded on March 24, 2003 in Liber 922 on Page 244, and as signed by said Mortgagee to National City Mortgage Co. as assignee by an assignment dated December 23, 2002 and recorded on September 19, 2003 in Liber 955 on Page 638, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgag there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-Seven and 54/100 Dollars (\$137,777.54),

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 June 17, 2004.

including interest at 6.25% per annum.

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

The East 6 acres of the Southwest quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 7, Town 11 North, Range 9 East, Tuscola County Records.

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

Dated: May 19, 2004

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE

FC F (248) 593-1313 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For National City Mortgage

30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200 Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822 File #012949F03

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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 Scott A. Fisher and Deborah A. Fisher, husband and wife (original mortgagors), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated August 13, 2002 and recorded on August 20 2002 in Liber 890 on Page 791 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Sixty-Two Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-Four and 97/100 Dollars (\$162,724.97), including interest at 8.125% 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 June 24, 2004.

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

A part of the East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/ 4 of Section 11, Town 14 North, Range 10 East, described as: Commencing at the Southeast corner of said Section 11: thence North 89 Degrees 33 Minutes 12 Seconds West on the South line of said Section 11, 33,00 feet; thence North par allel with the East line of said Section 11 415 Feet to the North bank of a ditch, to the point of beginning; thence continuing North parallel with the East line of said Section 11, 208.00 Feet; thence West 353.30 Feet; thence North, 128.00 Feet; thence West 942.39 Feet to the North and South centerline of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 11; thence South 00 Degrees 07 Minutes 49 Seconds West, on said North and South centerline, 137.08 Feet to the North bank of ditch; thence South 85 Degrees 07 Minutes 10 Seconds East. on said North bank 76.47 Feet; thence South 88 Degrees 15 Minutes 15 Seconds East, continuing on said North bank 484.48 Feet; thence South 88 Degrees 18 Minutes 11 Seconds East, continuing on said North bank 112 05 Feet; thence South 71 Degrees 21 Minutes 06 Seconds East, continuing on said North bank. 252.12 Feet; thence South 73 degrees 50 Minutes 31 Seconds East continuing on said North Bank, 217.67 Feet, thence South 79 Degrees 18 Minutes 39 Seconds East continuing on said North bank. 178.70 Feet to the point of beginning. Tuscola County Records.

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

Dated May 26, 2004

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE

FC F (248) 593-1313 Attorneys For Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200 Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822 File #024626F01

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TEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUM-BER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MILITARY DUTY. ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgages 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 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 and 67/100 Dollars (\$136,936.67), including interest at

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

7.5% per annum

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

Parcel D: Part of the Northeast 1/4 of Sec-

tion 20, Township 10 North, Range 7 East, Arbela Township, Tuscola County, Michi gan; 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 use of the Easterly 33.00 feet thereof as Bray 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

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE

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 File #017189F02

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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 dower 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

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 32 seconds West, a distance of 72.35 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 begin-

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

Dated: June 9, 2004

File #025437F01

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE

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 30400 Telegraph Rd., Stc. 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 Tad O. Vandemark, an unmarried individual, Daniel J. Vandemark, Dawn 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 as signed by said Mortgagee to Chase Mortgage Company, an Ohio Corporation as assignce 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 Fourteen and 28/100 Dollars (\$92,314.28), includ-

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

ing interest at 7.5% per annum.

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

Dated: June 9, 2004 FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE

CALL: FC S (248) 593-1304 Trott & Trott. P.C.

Attorneys For Chase Manhattan Mort-

gage Corporation, successor in interest by nierger and/or name change to Chase Mortgage Company, an Ohio Corporation 30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200 Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822 File #025984F01

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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 3, 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% per annum.

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

Under the power of sale contained in said

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 247.50 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 East 163.20 feet from the North quarter corner of said Section 16; thence along said centerline South 44 degrees 46 minutes 15 seconds West 134.24 feet to a point of curvature; thence along said 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

Parcel 3: Part of the Northwest quarter of he Northeast quarter of Section 16, Town 12 North, Range 9 East, 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 2.50 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 quar ter 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

Northerly side thereof.

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

File #025547F01

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE FC S (248) 593-1304 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, In-30400 Telegraph Rd., Stc. 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 Dennis L. Allen, a single man (original mortgagor), to Investaid Corporation, a Michigan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated October 22, 1999 and recorded on February 7, 2000 in Liber 793 on Page 1296, and re-recorded on February 20, 2004 in Liber 980 on Page 1299, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Bank One. National Association, as Trustee as assignee by an assignment dated Octo-2003 in Liber 935 on Page 803 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-Two and 80/100 Dollars (\$70,832.80), including interest at 10.99% 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

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

Parcel 1: Lot 14, Block 12 of the City of Vassar, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of Deeds, Page 143 and Liber 2 of Deeds, Page 93.

Parcel 2: A parcel of land in the Village (now City) of Vassar, described as: Commencing at the Southeast corner of Lot 20, Block 12 in said Village of Vassar; thence Westerly and on the line between said Lot 20 and Lot 21 to the Southwest corner of said Lot 20; thence Northerly on the line between said Lot 20 and Lot 14 of said Plat to the Northeast corner of said Lot 14; thence Easterly and parallel with the line between said Lots 20 and 21 to the street; thence Southerly and along the street line to the place of beginning All being in the Original Plat to the Village (now City) of Vassar, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 1 of Deeds, Page 143 and Liber 2 of Deeds, Page 93, ALSO part of the Northwest fractional one quarter of Section 7, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, City of Vassar, described as being a part of Lot 60 of Block 12 of the New Plat of the Village of Vassar, recorded in Liber 2 of Deeds, on Page 93, and also be a portion of the apparent Park Street right of way and more particularly described as beginning at a point on the Westerly right of way line of said Park Street which is North 50 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West n70.15 feet along the Southwesterly right of way line of Maple Street and along said Westerly right of way line of Park Street South 20 degrees 16 minutes 39 seconds West 121.00 feet from an iron pine found at the intersection of the Easterly right of way line of Park Street and the Southwesterly right of way line of Maple Street: thence continuing along said Westerly right of way line of Park Street, South 20 degrees 16 minutes 39 seconds West 19.23 feet to the point on the southwesterly line of said Lot 60; thence, North 28 degrees 18 minutes 24 seconds East 19.35 feet; thence, North 68 degrees 25 minutes 38 seconds West 3.15 feet to the Westerly right of way line one quarter of Section 7, Town 11 North,

of Park Street and the Point of Beginning EXCEPT part of the Northwest fractiona Range 8 East, City of Vassar, described as being a part of Lot 60 of Block 12 of the New Plat of the Village of Vassar, recorded in Liber 2 of Deeds, on Page 93, more particularly described as beginning at a point which is North 50 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West 70.15 feet along the Southwesterly right of way line of Maple Street and South 20 degrees 16 minutes 39 seconds West 101.00 feet along the Westerly right of way line of Park Street, South 20 degrees 16 minutes 39 seconds West 20.00 feet; thence North 68 degrees 25 minutes 38 seconds West 36.77 feet; thence North 21 degrees 34 minutes 22 seconds East 20.00 feet; thence South 68 degrees 25 minutes 38 seconds East 36.32 feet to the point of beginning. ALSO EXCEPT part of the Northwest fractional one quarter of Section 7, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, City of Vassar, described as that part of Lot 19 of Block 12 of the New Plat of the Village of Vassar, recorded in Liber 2 of Deeds, on Page 93, lying Northwesterly of an occupied fence line and more particularly described as beginning at a point on the Southwesterly right-of-way line of Maple Street which is North 50 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West 118.91 feet from an iron pipe found at the intersection of the Easterly right-of-way line of Park Street and the Southwesterly right-of-way line of said Maple Street; thence continuing along said Maple Street right-of-way line. West 30, 10 feet to the Northerly corner of said Lot 19; thence at right angles to said right-of-way line and along the Northwesterly line of said Lot 19, South 40 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West 132.00 feet to the Westerly corner of said Lot 19; thence South 59 degrees 07 minutes 13 seconds East 40.12 feet; thence

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

along said occupied fence line, North 35

degrees 40 minutes 40 seconds East

126.00 feet to the Southwesterly right

of-way line of Maple Street and the Point

the date of such sale. Dated: May 19, 2004

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE

FC H (248) 593-1300 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Bank One, National Association, as Trustee 30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200 Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822 File #005806F01

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been

made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Eugene Hergenreder, Jr. and Sharon A. Hengenreder, husband and wife as joint tenants, to J. Virgil, Inc. dba Lending Factory, Mortgage Banker, mortgagee, dated September 9, 2000 and recorded September 22, 2000 in Liber 811, Page 119, and re-recorded 3/22/01 in Liber 825, Page 1048, Tuscola County Records. Said mortgage is now held by LaSalle Bank, National Association f/k/ a LaSalle National Bank, in its capacity as indenture trustee under that certain Sale and Servicing Agreement dated 10/ 1/00 among AFC Trust Series 2000-3 as Issuer, Superior Bank FSB, as Seller and Servicer and LaSalle Bank National Association as Indenture Trustee, AFC Mortgage Loan Asset Backed Notes, Series 2000-3, and any amendments thereto by assignment submitted to and recorded by the Tuscola County Register of Deeds. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Ninety-Four Thousand Six Hundred Fifty-Four and 27/100 Dollars (\$94,654.27) including interest at the rate of 12.375% 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. Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on July 1, 2004

The premises are located in the Village of Kingston, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Section 33, Town 12 North, Range 11 East, commencing at a point 100 feet North of State Street, said point being on the East boundary line of Pine Street in the Village of Kingston (formerly Newbury); thence running North along said East boundary line a distance of 4 rods; thence East to a point on the West side and 22 1/ 2 feet from the center of Alder Creek Drain; thence South parallel with said drain a distance of 4 rods; thence West to place of beginning.

accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in 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 the horrower. In that event, your damages

if any, are limited solely to the return of

The redemption period shall be 6 months

from the date of such sale, unless the

property is determined abandoned in

Dated: June 2, 2004

ORLANS ASSOCIATES PC

the bid amount tendered at sale

Attorneys for LaSalle Bank, National Association f/k/a LaSalle National Bank, in its capacity as indenture trustee under that certain Sale and Servicing Agreement dated 10/1/00 among AFC Trust Series 2000-3 as Issuer, Superior Bank FSB, as Seller and Servicer and LaSalle Bank National Association as Indenture Trustee, AFC Mortgage Loan Asset Backed Notes, Series 2000-3, and any amendments thereto, As Assignee

P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 (248) 457-1000 File No. 199.1537

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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.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be

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 service ing agreement series 2001-B as assigne 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

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 Dated: June 9, 2004

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:

FC M (248) 593-1306 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Deutsche Bank National Trust Company as Trustee under the pooling and servicing agreement series 30400 Telegraph Rd., Stc. 200

Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822 File #025237F01

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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 Billy R. Vaughn joined by his wife, Peggy L. Vaughn (original montgagors), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated July 26. 2002 and recorded on August 15, 2002 in Liber 890 on Page 232 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 Eight Hundred Forty-Four and 96/100 Dollars (\$104,844.96), including interest at 5.875% 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 June 17, 2004.

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

396.00 feet of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 33, Town 10

The redemotion period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless deter mined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 6003241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from

File #023619F01

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE FC J (248) 593-1311

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be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. on October 27, 2001 in Liber 845 on Page

sand Six Hundred Seventy and 07/100 Dollars (\$88,670.07), including interest at 7.125% 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

Parcel "Z" Three; part of the West 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4, of Section 27, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, being further degrees 44 minutes 27 seconds West, 1/4 line to the point of beginning; thence continue along said 1/4 line North 00 degrees 41 minutes 27 seconds West. minutes 05 seconds East, 614.59 feet 89 degrees 45 minutes 32 seconds West with and subject to an easement for in-33.00 feet, either side of a centerline de corner: thence North 90 degrees 00 minthe South section line to the point of thence South 89 degrees 56 minutes 13 ending, except 1/2 of all oil, gas and County Records.

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 redemption period shall be 6 months

Dated: May 26, 2004

FC W (248) 593-1312 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Principal Residential Mortgage, Inc. 30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been

made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Norman Hawe, a single man (original mortgagor), to New Century Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated October 24, 2003 and recorded on January 30, 2004 in Liber 977 on Page 264, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, Trustee on behalf of the Certificate Holders of Morgan Stanley ABS Capital Hnc. Trust 2004-NC2, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-NC2 as assignee by an assignment dated May 27, 2004 and recorded on June 1, 2004 in Liber 994 on Page 943 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Eight Thousand Three Hundred Eighteen and 64/100 Dollars (\$78,318.64), including interest

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

Under the power of sale contained in said

at 8.65% per annum.

Said premises are situated in Township of Watertown, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 4 and 5, Block 15, Plat of the Village

of Fostoria, according to the plat thereof

recorded in Liber 1, Page 45A of Plats,

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 re-

demption period shall be 30 days from

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FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE

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30400 Telegraph Rd., Stc. 200 Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822 File #024135F01

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

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lars (\$123.70).

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of Michigan, and described as:

which may be paid by the undersigned,

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Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc 30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200 Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822

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the date of such sale.

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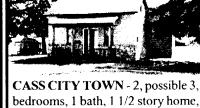
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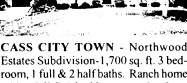
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Candidates discuss their views

Continued from page one.

member carry over into the career they choose to pursue and makes them better citizens. If cuts need to be made then we as a board would need to evaluate the pros and cons before making a final

I feel the greatest challenge aside from financial one is getting our alternative school up and running. We, as a board, need to continue to work on that project. We want to have it available this fall for those students who need a different school setting to be successful. We need to work through the process of getting the right staff, policies, and all the details worked out to ensure success of the program. We will then need to continually assess the program, making any changes or modifications as the need arises to ensure success for our students.

CATHY KROPEWNICKI

1) I have thought several er the years that would like to be involved with the district in this capacity; but, due to my involvement with the village council, was not able to run. The timing was right, my family supported the idea, so I decided to give it a shot.

The qualities that I possess that I feel will be a valuable contribution to the school

tive person who loves having an active role in the com- ative solutions to the probmunity. 2) I have 20 years lems that these ever demandexperience in education. I ing times challenge us with. currently work as a curriculum/school improvement specialist and I have acquired skills and knowledge that I can share with Cass City Public Schools. 3) I worked for the Cass City School District for 7 years and have a solid understand-

ing of its infrastructure. 2) As you know, the Federal No Child Left Behind legislation is the largest nonfunded mandate in the history of public education. It has caused many schools financial difficulty.

Fortunately, due to great financial leadership over the years, Cass City is not finding itself in dire financial difficulty. However, the cost squeeze is going to get tougher. In preparation for that, the entire staff and board at Cass City Public Schools will need to work together as a team and prioritize where cuts can be made, where services can be changed, where fees can be added, etc. This is a time that calls for collaboration and sharing wherever possible; including services from the Tuscola Intermediate School District.

It should not be mine, nor the school board's decision solely; rather, this is a time when all those involved with making educational decisions for the Cass City School District come to-

district are: 1) I am a posi-Police: lock up

A series of thefts involving vehicles has Cass City police urging village residents to lock up when they leave their cars, and take the keys

with them.

"This is an on-going problem," Cass City Police Chief Gene Wilson said. "One of our real problems on this is people won't lock their cars. and they leave the keys in

Wilson said that anyone who sees suspicious individuals around their auto should check to see if anything has been stolen, then call the police. "Let us check right away and not call us the next morning," he added.

Police recovered one stolen car last week. According to reports, Trent LeValley reported his 1988 Buick 2door taken from his Sherman Street residence last Wednesday afternoon. LeValley told

officers the doors were unlocked and the keys had been left in the ignition.

vehicle later the same day, abandoned west of 6737 Church St. Reports indicated there was no damage, and the keys were found on the pas-

In other reports, Christina M. Swiderski, Cass City, reported June 1 that someone had broken into her vehicle. She told officers that the only missing property was a spare set of keys and a dollar bill

June 1 was Christopher J. subwoofers and 2 cases of CDs (about 100 CDs in all) had been stolen from his car while the vehicle was parked at his Brenda Drive resi-

cars, take keys

Sgt. Don Miller located the senger front seat.

in her purse.

Also filing a theft report Maharg, Cass City, who reported a pair of 12-inch

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gether and work toward creto build and are the true centerpieces of our community. 3) It is difficult to look at

the challenges we face with-

out looking at finances. As

with so many business prob-

lems, our decisions (whether

we like it or not) will con-

Our district will be faced

with having to replace vet-

eran teachers and administra-

tors in the near future. The

hiring of the best-qualified

individuals to fill these

available positions will be a

challenge that will have last-

ing effects on the district.

Our school staff is the most

vital resource and the real

foundation of the school dis-

trict. They are the people we

put our trust in every day to

help shape the future of our

Make no mistake, our chil-

dren are the future of this

community and our world. I

would like the board to re-

view all hiring processes of

the district to make sure this

foundation of good people

continues to stay strong.

world.

tinue to be budget driven.

3) I would have to believe the greatest challenge facing schools, aside from finances. would be the requirements that No Child Left Behind legislation is demanding of school districts. Some of those challenges would be the onset of Grades 3-8 yearly testing in the areas of Mathematics and Reading, achieving Adequate Yearly Progress on school assessment programs, matching "Highly Qualified" teachers to their teaching assign-

DOUG LAUTNER

ments, and helping parapro-

fessionals become "Highly

Qualified?

1) I have thought about running for a position on the board of education for quite some time now. When Dave Knight decided not to seek re-election I felt the time was right to seek the position. There is no burning issue that has brought me to this decision other than a desire to serve our school district.

My family and I have lived in Cass City for over 10 years now. My son attends Cass City High School and my daughter attends Cass City Middle School. I am a 22year veteran of the Michigan State Police and have served as the Commander of the Caro State Police Post since 1993. Most recently I have assumed command of the Bad Axe State Police Post in addition to my duties in Tuscola County. My responsibilities in my work include the overall administration and budgeting for State Police uniform operations in the 2 counties.

I am a graduate of Michigan State University and the FBI National Academy. I have served on many committees and boards as part of my duties. I recently served as President of the Cass City Rotary Club. I have enjoyed the relationships I have developed and the ability to contribute to the decision making process in each set-

2) This is a very difficult question to answer without thorough research and input from many quarters. Core education programs of reading, writing, math, and sciences must be maintained to the highest possible degree. Beyond that each program must be evaluated for its value to the overall education of our students. Our curriculum must be reviewed with an eye toward rapidly changing technology in the world since our goal should be to prepare our children for

We must continue to maintain a professional staff of educators to further the goals of our district. We must also not forget to maintain the physical structures of the district that have cost so much

St. Agatha's turning 125

Continued from page one.

Krebs, known as the "Apostle of the Thumb" for his far-reaching job duties, began celebrating Mass in 1880 at a tiny church that would later become the first Catholic church in the county - St. Agatha's.

In 1916, construction began on a new building, which cost \$45,000 and was based on a model building in Canada. Teams of horses brought bricks from Sebewaing to build the church, which was finally finished and dedicated in

A new school was built in 1949 to replace the old school and convent; it opened in 1950 but is now closed. Recently, the rectory was re-finished and a handicap ramp was added to the side of the church.

"We still have people at this church whose grandparents brought the bricks over," said parishioner Mike Wald, Cass City resident.

However, modern problems can creep in to even the most beloved church. Because of fewer jobs, young people are moving away from the Thumb area, resulting in fewer baptisms and parishio-

There are currently 110 families in the parish, and Wyskiel said that could grow only if jobs return and more families move back to the area. She said a church should adapt to its congregation; as of now, St. Agatha's plays organ music and runs a more conservative Mass because that is what many parishioners are comfortable

Current scandals in the worldwide Catholic Church are being taken care of in this diocese as well. All staff members undergo a background check and take a VIRTUS course, which trains employees to learn the symptoms of child molestation. The Church is also easing up on their harsh stance on many issues, because as Wyskiel put it, "The emphasis is a person's relationship with God, not following the rules.

Recently, a Catholic church reportedly planned to deny Communion to Democratic presidential hopeful John Kerry, citing his pro-choice

stance. This outraged many Catholics across the country, including St. Agatha's member Genevieve Kehoe.

Kehoe said. "They have no business doing that."

But St. Agatha's soldiers on. The saint was born in Sicily

"It's a thorn in my side," change her mind, but she held firm in her faith. Today,

and dedicated her life to God at a young age. She resisted men who wanted to marry or have sex with her; one Italian politician, Quintian, had Agatha imprisoned and sexually tortured to get her to

Catholics venerate her when

they wish to pray for survivors of sexual assault.

The martyr the church is named after is a sign of hope, which is what parishioners

"This is a community that survives," Wyskiel said sim-

Adopt a cat in June

Welcome a feline into your family during American Humane's Adopt-A-Cat month in June.

The Cass River Pet FriendZ has plenty of cats and kittens waiting for new homes. While cats are available for adoption anytime of year, June is one of the busiest months for animal shelters and rescue organizations, which is why each June American Humane observes Adopt-A-Cat Month, a nationwide event to promote the adoption of cats.

If you have considered joining the growing ranks of cat caretakers, now is the time. As summer approaches, animal shelters and rescue organizations across the country brace for the inevitable onslaught of homeless spring kittens and cats looking for good homes.

According to Patricia Trisch, spokesperson for the Cass River Pet FriendZ and head of the cat-fostering program, "There have been an extraordinary number of calls coming in for strays, pregnant cats being dropped off and kittens needing to find homes. We have an average of 50 cats that are being fostered in our homes at

any given time, with a wait-

ing list of more needing and waiting to come in," she added.

During the month of June, special cat care packets will be offered with each adoption along with a choice of a free catnip bag or stuffed ani-

Band returns to Thumb for annual Sugar Fest

A traditional music band with ties to the local area is making a return visit to the Thumb area.

Folks attending the Michigan Sugar Festival will have an opportunity to see and hear The Lonesome Mountain Boys when they perform at The Heidelberg Gallery in downtown Sebewaing. They will play Saturday, June 19, from 1 to 4 p.m.

Those who attend will also be able to view the latest art

display, featuring local artists. Admission to the Gallery is free, but a donation is reauested. The event is being sponsored by the Lake Huron Community Arts Coun-

On Friday, June 18, at 6:30 p.m., the band will be the featured attraction at Bad Axe's Log Cabin Park. Bring a folding chair and plan to enjoy this free event, which is part of the Friday Night Music-in-the-Park series.



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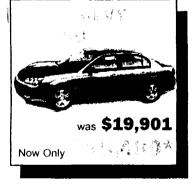
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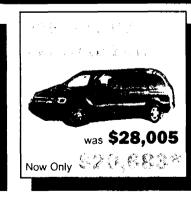
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