

Tuckey leaving "first love" after 16 years

Chantel Beyette, 11, set to compete in state pageant

Page 5

Sousa award winner Mallory eyes career in teaching

Page 8

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 pair of 4-year terms on the school board.

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

Kropewnicki are also running for a seat on the board. Incumbent Trustee Dave Knight opted not to seek another term.

In addition, school officials are asking voters to renew the

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 operations.

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

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 term.

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 issues.

The board is also asking residents to reinstate the district's full 18-mill non-homestead 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 revenue.

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 VanAllen 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.

*Uly 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 Incumbent 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.

Council ups sewer rates to cut deficit

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Flushing a toilet in the village of Cass City just got a little more expensive.

As expected, the Cass City Village Council Monday approved sewer rate increases to turn around a growing retained earnings deficit in the village's sewer fund.

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 gallons.

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 more.

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 billing.

The action during Monday's special meeting stems from a growing deficit, one that state officials are monitoring.

The village's 2003 audit revealed a deficit in retained earnings in the sewer fund of nearly \$430,000.

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 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 earnings.

Village President Bert Althaver 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 expenses; it's really only depreciation that puts us into a deficit," he said.

Sheridan said the new rates will generate \$6,000 to \$7,000 more per month, which should erase the deficit by the end of 2010.

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 capital improvement projects this year at the plant by 64 percent (\$52,700) by deferring a couple of projects. And, officials are not hiring

summer help.

"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 users."

In other business Monday, the council:

*Learned Trustee Dale McIntosh will resign effective after the regular June meeting. McIntosh 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 village.

*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.

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 you 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

in terms of school programs that should be left untouched by the budget axe?

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

The following are the candidates' 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 members.

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 attending in our District.

I have continued to be very interested in the school system, 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 board 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 current education process and postgraduate. The skills they learn and need as a team

Please turn to back page.



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 125.

The Gagetown church, 4618 South St., has survived many personnel and religious changes to become a strong, vibrant parish.

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 hall. The Denny Ewald

variety band will provide 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

administer the sacraments 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 teach-

ing one another," Wyskiel said.

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 Saginaw Diocese."

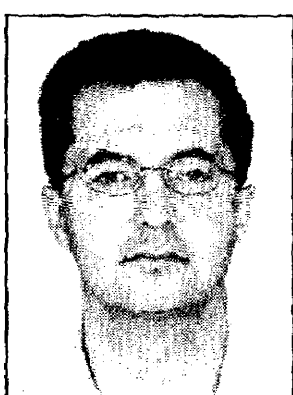
Please turn to back page.



Beverley Auten



Cathy Kropewnicki



Doug Lautner

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.

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, Katie, Tanya and Kim and Allen Farrelly were Sunday

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 Ugly 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 evening.

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,

It's twins!




Josephine Izydorek
Pauline Izydorek

Josephine and Pauline Izydorek were born March 6, 2004 to Andrew and Karen Izydorek of Royal Oak.

They were 6 pounds, 10 ounces and 20 inches long.

Their grandparents are Joe and Carole Janis of Rochester Hills and Chuck and Jo Izydorek of Decker.



Meg's Peg
Eggstraction
by Melva E. Guinther

We're always on the lookout for handy gadgets that will make life easier for one-handed 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 "Eggstractions 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



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.

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.

SURROUND
STEREO!

CASS THEATRE
CASS CITY • 872-2252

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY 7:30

Wed. Double Punch On Movie Goer Cards
Thurs. "Bargain Nite" Save \$\$\$
"SHREK 2" (PG)

STARTS FRIDAY (ONE WEEK)

New Summer Time Schedule
Fri., Sat., Sun. 7:30 (Early Show)
Saturday Late Show 9:30
Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs. 8:00
Children \$3.00 - Teen/Adults \$4.50

FROM THE
DIRECTOR OF
INDEPENDENCE DAY

THE
DAY AFTER
TOMORROW

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 Ugly 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.

Bible
school
on tap

Join us at the First Baptist Church located at 6420 Houghton St., Cass City, for exciting Bible stories, crafts, games, puppets, snacks and prizes.

Bring your friends (through the 6th grade) each day June 14-18, from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

For more information, call (989) 872-3155.

Ready to buy a Roth IRA?

Call us today. We'll explain how we can help you prepare for your retirement.

Roth IRA Advantages:

- \$ Most taxpayers can contribute up to \$3,000 each year; \$3,500 if you're over 55.
- \$ All distributions of funds are TAX FREE after five years and age 59 1/2.
- \$ No required minimum distributions at age 70 1/2.
- \$ Guaranteed interest rates.


Knight Insurance Agency
Next to Cass Theatre
Cass City, Michigan
Phone (989) 872-5114 or 1-800-835-9870




Roundy's
Russet
Potatoes
10 lb. bag
99¢


Assorted Varieties
Coke Products
12 pack 12 oz. cans or
6 pack 24 oz. btls.
plus deposit (limit 4)
4/\$10


Assorted Varieties
Country Fresh
Milk
gallon
2/\$6


Assorted Varieties
Ice Cream
4 qt. pail
\$2.99


8 Oz. Spray,
16 Oz. Tub,
16 Oz. quarters or
2 Pack 8 Oz. Tubs
I Can't Believe
It's Not Butter
99¢


Butt Portion 99¢ Lb.
Frick's
All Natural Juice
Bone-In Shank
Portion Ham
89¢ lb.


Erla's
FOOD CENTER
- IN CASS CITY - Phone: 872-2191 -

STORE HOURS:
Mon.-Sat.
7 a.m.-8 p.m.
Sunday
10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Beer & Wine Available
Senior Citizens 5% Discount
Every Wednesday
(includes alcohol & tobacco products)
No Service Without Account

We Gladly
Accept WIC and
Food Stamps and
Bridge Cards

Instant Lottery
Available
Also LOTTO

We have Fresh Meat &
Produce Departments
located at 6420 Houghton St., Cass City, MI 48601

A
career
that
goes
the
distance.



400,000 new truck driver jobs nationally
offering \$30,000 to \$55,000 annually.

- Severe shortage across USA for trained certified drivers.
- Unique Baker training meets Federal Highway Administration guidelines.
- Personalized, professional training; small class sizes.
- Two career paths:
 - Truck Driving Certificate or Associate Degree/Transport Management.
- Lifetime Employment Service links you to trucking industry's best jobs!
- Requirements for the Commercial Drivers License Class A can be met within the first 20 weeks of the program.
- Training program certified by Professional Truck Driver Institute.

(989) 755-2756

In partnership with Causley Truck Driving Institute, LLC
1621 Terminal Drive, Saginaw, MI 48601

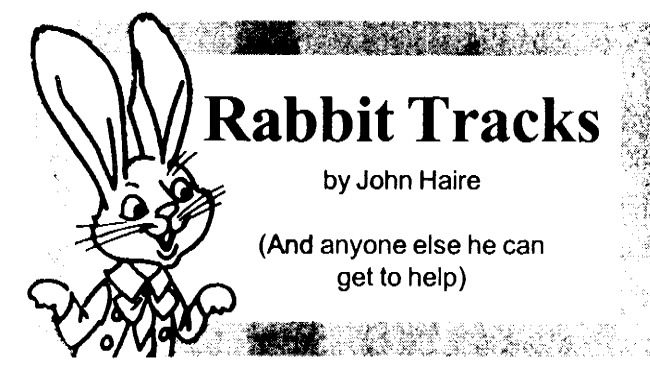
Call for information. Classes start soon.

BAKER COLLEGE

You'll do better with Baker!

 An equal opportunity affirmative action institution.

This program is operated in association with Davis Cartage Co. of Corunna, MI and Causley Trucking, Inc. of Saginaw, MI. Entities provide equipment, personnel, and facilities via lease arrangements to the program.



Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

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 significance.

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 will be Sutter's Bakery.

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 svrp95@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 1928.

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 Michigan.

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 survive in the wild.

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.

Women arrested in bad check investigation

Two Tuscola County women, including a Kingston resident, are facing charges stemming from

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. 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 at 12:31 a.m.

"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. 2233).

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 debut starting with 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 non-vocal accompaniment of their choice as they make their way to the final round, competing for a grand prize

of a \$2,000 U.S. Savings 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.

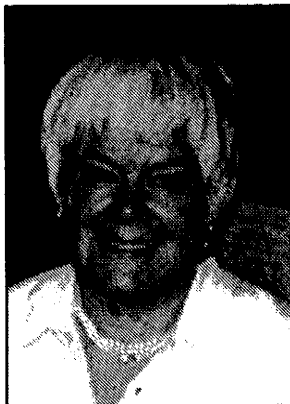
It's almost impossible to measure the value of the program. That it affects the students that come here and the students from the United States that spend up to a year abroad is indisputable.

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 assassinated.

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.



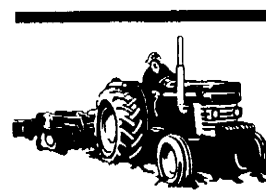
Dr. Inger Hansson
Today



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 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.



The back forty

© 2000 Roger Pond

by Roger Pond

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

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 Seniors:

"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

The Weather

	High	Low	Precip.
Tuesday	73	54	.07"
Wednesday	68	45	0
Thursday	65	39	0
Friday	69	40	0
Saturday	75	41	0
Sunday	79	61	0
Monday	84	66	0

(Recorded at Cass City wastewater treatment plant.)

Protect Your Retirement Nest Egg

Even the most savvy investors wonder about how to best protect their retirement nest egg.

To find out more information on protecting your retirement income call David A. Weiler today.

Together we can create an investment plan to help you reach your goals while protecting your annuity income.

Harris & Company
Cass City, MI 48726
989-872-2688

The Hartford variable annuities are issued by Hartford Life Insurance Company and by Hartford Life and Annuity Insurance Company and are underwritten and distributed by Hartford Securities Corporation. For more complete information on the Hartford variable annuities, including charges and expenses, obtain a prospectus from your investment representative or call 1-800-867-6666 for information on variable annuities. Please read carefully before you invest or send money. #3212 1/00/02



OPEN 7 DAYS

Fairway DISCOUNT STORES

CASS CITY
6520 MAIN STREET
HOURS: Mon.-Sat. 9 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Storewide Specials

50% Off Greeting Cards, Floral Bushes, Sunglasses

PHOTO DEVELOPING SPECIAL

4"x6" DOUBLES

3 1/2" Double Prints

ANY ROLL UP TO 24 EXP. **\$5.99**

ONLY **\$3.99** or ADD \$1.50 FOR 36EXP.

Original color print film only. C-41 film processing. No half frames, panoramic, black & white, Sundance Premium Processing, Advanced Photo System, Kodakolor or one-hour. 4x6 prints not available with disc film. Not valid with any other offer. Coupon or sticker must accompany order.

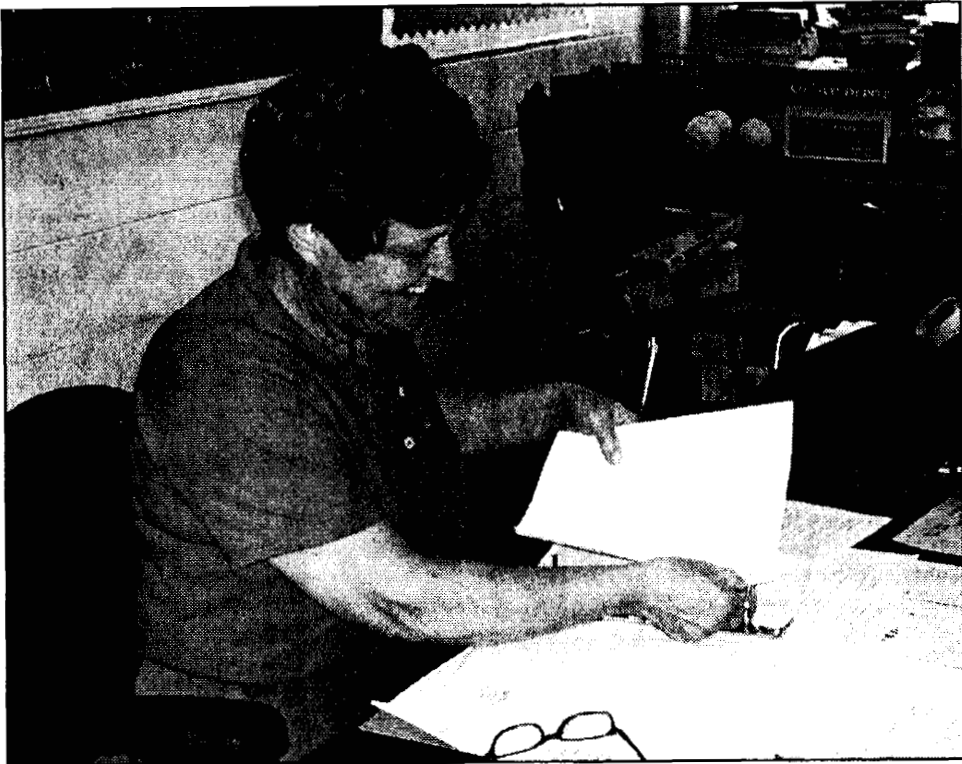
Soft White Light bulbs Box of 4 - 40-40-75 or 100 watt 79¢	Red, White & Blue American Stickers or Patriotic Clings Your choice! 88¢	Gas Grill Lighters 99¢
Patriotic Wind Mobiles \$7.00	maxell STANDARD GRADE Model T120 Video Tapes 6 hours 5/\$5	American Flags with disc - 17"x11" 88¢
Twizzlers Red or Black Licorice 16 oz. or 17.5 oz. bonus size \$7.09	Bic 10 Pack Pens Classic or Brite \$7.39	Sale Effective Now thru June 12, 2004 We now accept

Welcome back,
Dr. Gromada!

Dr. Jan C. Gromada, D.O., F.A.C.O.O.G., provider of Obstetrical and Gynecological services at Caro Community Hospital, has recovered from injuries sustained in an automobile accident. He returned to his practice at our Hill Medical Center on Monday, June 7, 2004. Dr. Gromada provides Primary Care for women, Prenatal Care, and Post-Partum care, as well as minor and major surgery (both pelvic and general). He also can medically assist women who are experiencing stress, infertility, or urinary incontinence. He is available daily by appointment to provide medical services for women who are pregnant, who are having pelvic problems (including cancer) or urinary problems, who require annual physicals, or who may have other general medical problems. Remember, if you need Obstetrical or Gynecological services, we CAN do them here at Caro Community Hospital!

Caro Community Hospital

Main Campus
401 N. Hooper, Caro, PH. (989) 673-3141
Caro Medical Clinic
220 E. Frank, Caro, PH. (989) 673-4126
Hill Medical Center
465 N. Hooper, Caro PH. (989) 673-4664
CCH Health Services
705 E. Frank, Caro, PH. (989) 673-1670



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 grandchildren.

Briolat to receive scholarship

The University of Michigan has selected 1,035 top high school seniors from 237 schools throughout the state

to receive the Regents Merit Scholarship for outstanding academic achievement, scholarly promise and poten-

tial contribution to the university community. Among the recipients is Hannah Briolat of Ubly.

At Cass City High School Tuckey leaving “first love” after 16 years

by Benjamin Ray
Staff Writer

The time comes when every celebrity needs to reinvent him or herself.

It happened to Madonna numerous times. It happened to David Bowie. And now, it's happening to Kathleen Tuckey.

After 16 years of teaching government at Cass City High School, Tuckey is putting down the books and calling it quits.

“I want to go while I'm still enjoying teaching,” she said. “It's tough right now, though.”

Indeed, teaching has always been Tuckey's first love, as she often says. After graduating from Michigan State University with a degree in history education, she spent five and a half years teaching before her two children were born.

During that time, she taught in Warren, Bad Axe and returned to Cass City, her birthplace and home of her husband, who she graduated

high school with but didn't really think she would marry.

“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 different 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.

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-

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.

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 them.

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 living is all about.

Proud husband and grandpa,
Richard Rick

Letters to the Editor

The Chronicle welcomes letters to the editor.

Letters must include the writer's name, address and telephone number.

The latter is in case it is necessary to call for verification, but won't be used in the newspaper.

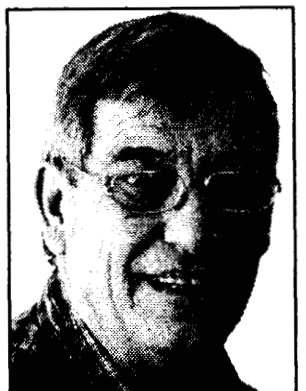
Names will be withheld from publication upon request, for an adequate reason.

The Chronicle reserves the right to edit letters for length and clarity.

We will not publish thank you letters of a specific nature, for instance, from a club thanking merchants who donated prizes for a raffle.

Randall to run for drain seat

Longtime Elkland Township Treasurer Art Randall has officially announced his candidacy for Tuscola County Drain Commissioner.



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,” said Randall.

“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.”

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 2003.

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 lines.

Pat Curtis
Chevy - Olds - Cadillac

Bryan Abbe
Sales Consultant
New & Pre Owned

(989) 673-2171
Ellington Street
Caro, MI 48723

Home: (989) 872-8283
Fax: (989) 673-5861
1-888-ANY-DODGE

(989) 872-2184
6617 Main Street
Cass City, MI 48726

Thanks for calling 872-2010 with feature story ideas

Chrysler ~ Dodge ~ Jeep
(M-81) Downtown Cass City

Curtis
Visit us online at...www.curtischrysler.com
989-872-2184 • Toll Free 1-888-269-3634

2004 GRAND CHEROKEE LIMITED
Loaded, Heated Seats, Sunroof, Remote Start
Was \$38,850
Now **\$29,818**

2004 DODGE RAM QC 4x4
V-8, Trailer Tow, SLT Pkg., Pwr. Seat
Employee **\$265/mo.**
Public **\$297/mo.**

2004 PT CRUISER
Keyless Entry, Air, Cruise, Tilt, Tinted Windows, CD
Employee **\$137/mo.**
Public **\$159/mo.**

THE ALL NEW 200 & 300c HEMIS HAVE ARRIVED.
Come on in & see this amazing vehicle today.
4 IN STOCK

CHRYSLER CERTIFIED

2002 Dodge Intrepid	\$11,995
2004 Dodge Stratus	\$13,500
2004 Dodge Stratus	\$13,395
2004 Chrysler Sebring	\$13,495
2002 Dodge Durango SLT	\$19,995
2001 Dodge Durango SLT	\$18,995
2001 Dodge Dakota QC	\$18,395

2003 Dodge Grand Caravan \$16,995
2003 Chrysler T & C \$17,495
2001 Dodge Caravan, 18,000 miles . \$11,495

PRE-OWNED
1999 Dodge Durango

Two Great Product Lines To Choose From, One Name You Can Trust!

PAT CURTIS CHEVROLET-OLDSMOBILE-CADILLAC
425 ELLINGTON STREET, CARO • 989-673-2171

OPEN 'TIL 8 P.M. MON. & THURS.;
T, W, F 8-6; Sat. 9-3;
SERVICE HOURS: M-F 8-5; Sat. 9-3

989-673-2171

Pat Curtis Chevrolet-Oldsmobile-Cadillac now has the largest rebates to go along with the largest inventory in the Thumb!

CHECK OUT THESE SPECIALS OF THE WEEK

2004 CHEVROLET TRAILBLAZER
4WD, LS Trim, Power Seat, Trailering Pkg.
(with GM Discount)
MSRP \$32,070.00
GMS \$28,144.70
Rebate \$3,000.00
Employee Bonus -\$1,000.00
\$24,144.70

2004 CHEVROLET IMPALA
Power Seat, Keyless Entry, Power Windows & Locks
MSRP \$23,440.00 GMS \$20,865.43
36 month lease, 12,000 miles per year
\$0 Down

Over 40 to choose from
(with GM Owner Loyalty)
MSRP \$32,070.00
Sale Price \$29,144.70
Loyalty Rebate -\$5,000.00
\$24,144.70

Only \$199.00
per month + tax
\$199.00 due at signing plus tax, title and license fees.

Integrity WINDOW & DOOR CO.
Three Convenient Locations!
BAD AXE • CARO • SANDUSKY

- Vinyl Windows
- Replacement
- New Construction
- Wood Windows
- Entry Doors
- Storm doors
- Garage Doors & Openers
- Agriculture
- Residential
- Commercial
- Shutters
- Spas & Chemicals
- Siding
- Tubular Skylites
- Retractable Awnings
- Much Much More

1171 S. Van Dyke • Bad Axe, MI 48413 • 800-516-4810
200 S. Ellington • Caro, MI 48723 • 866-278-4860
850 S. Sandusky Rd. • Sandusky, MI 48471 • 866-296-4870

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 Barn.

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 Court.

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 2003.

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 June 2000-2001 in 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-

tion was ordered and bond 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.

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

- 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 abuse treatment and pay costs and fines totaling \$2,430.

- 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. Resitution is to be determined.

- Joseph A. Hascall, 39, Vassar, was sentenced to 365 days in the county jail and 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 scheduled.

11-year-old set to compete in state pageant

Chantel Beyette is a well-rounded 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 day.

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 athletics.

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 said.

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 said.

"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 Beyette 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.

Down Memory Lane

By Harmony Doerr



5YEARSAGO

It all started out as a hands-on 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 Edwards.

10YEARSAGO

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 co-sponsored by the Cass City Chamber of Commerce and Rotary Club.

District Judge Kim Glaspie returned to the golf course this weekend after a 13-

month 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 winners.

25YEARSAGO

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?

35YEARSAGO

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, this 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 Tracks)

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 two-game 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. Toner outduelled Gibbas.

Getting Married?

We can help . . . Let us be your Wedding Invitation Consultants

Great Prices . . . Excellent Selection . . . Fast Turnaround

Cass City Chronicle
872-2010

Ask to see the *Registry* Collection

Cass City Area Church Directory

Calvary Bible Fellowship

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

Cass City Church of Christ

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

Cass City Church of the Nazarene

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

Cass City Missionary Church

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

Cass City United Methodist Church

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

First Presbyterian Church

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

Deford Community Church

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

Deford Country Church

Assemblies of God
5903 Main St., Box 224, Deford, MI 48729
989-872-5158
Wednesday Family Night 7 p.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m. and 4 p.m.
Dan Strength Sr. Pastor
Tim Wells, Associate
WSNL 600 AM, Saturday noon

Evangelical Free Church of Cass City

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

First Baptist Church

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

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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

Living Word Worship Center

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

Novesta Church of Christ

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

Potter's House

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

St. Agatha's Catholic Church

4618 South St., Gagetown, MI 48735
665-9966
Sunday Liturgy 10:30 a.m.
Parish Administrator: Joan Wyskiel

St. Pancratius Catholic Church

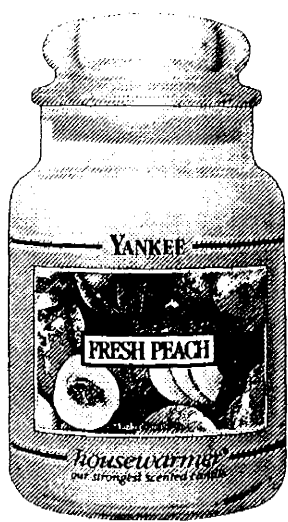
4292 S. Seeger St., Cass City, MI 48726
872-3336
Saturday Liturgy 5:30 p.m.
Sunday Liturgy 9:00 a.m.
Pastor: Father Steve Fillion

Shabbona United Methodist Church

4455 North Decker Rd., Decker, MI 48426
810-672-9929 (parsonage)
989-872-8094 (church)
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.
UMW Monthly 1st Wed., 7:30 p.m.
Youth Group Sunday Evenings 5:00 p.m.
Pastor: Ellen Burns
Visit our website at: www.dasuparish.com

YANKEE CANDLE

famous for fragrance™



Fresh Peach™
our June
Fragrance
of the Month
20% Off

Come visit us for the only candles that are
Famous for Fragrance.™

COACH LIGHT PHARMACY

Steve Eyer, Pharmacist Ph. 872-3613 Emergency Ph. 872-4403
HOURS: Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.;
Saturday 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Closed Sundays and Holidays
Your Family Discount Drug Store

Lady Hawks lose in district finals to host USA, 5-1

The Cass City Red Hawk softball team was defeated in the finals of the district tournament Friday by 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 to win.

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.



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

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 plays.

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

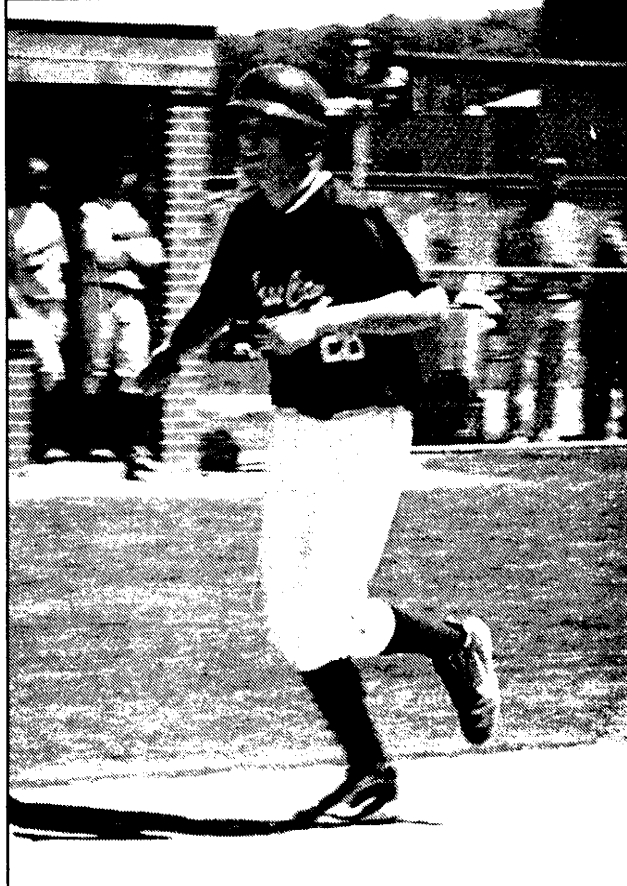
Tyler Erla came on in relief of Brad Langenburg to get the next 2 batters. Brett Babich pitched a scoreless sixth inning. The Hawks scored a pair in the sixth on a single by Justin Glaza, a

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 walks.

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 season.



Chronicle Liners
work Like Magic!

Cass City Chronicle
6550 Main St., Cass City
Phone 872-2010



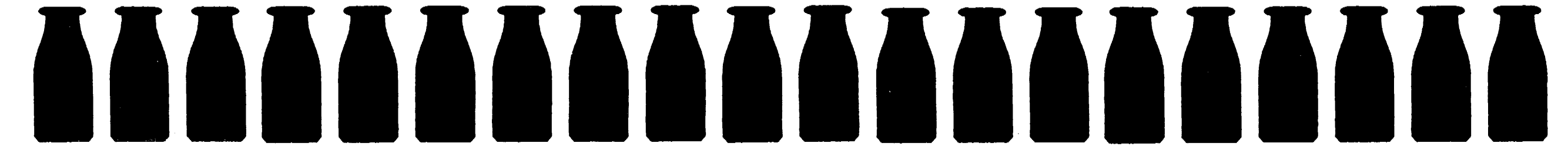
Regional slated in Cass City

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

The softball schedule has Reese playing against 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 pits Brown City against Armada at 10 a.m. and Harbor Beach against Marlette at 12 noon. The championship game starts at about 2 p.m.

The quarterfinals will be played at Lapeer East.



Enjoy Dairy Daily!

JUNE

IS DAIRY MONTH





REGGIE G. IGNASH
Auto Home Life Business Annuities

6392 Main St.
Cass City, MI 48726
Cell (989) 550-0823

Office (989) 872-4432
Fax (989) 872-4359
Email: rignash@fbinsmi.com
www.farmbureauinsurance-mi.com

Quaker Maid
Dairy Store

Stop in and check out our specials

6614 Main St., Cass City
Phone (989) 872-4600

Cass City
989-872-2248

Caro
989-673-2555



Caseville
989-856-8999

Bad Axe
989-269-6977

Email addresses: kellyco@band.net
kellyco@centurytel.net
kellyco@midmich.net
tdibble@echoicemi.com

Web Page: kellyandcompanyrealty.com

Everything Kelly & Co. Realty touches turns to SOLD!!

COPELAND GORNOWICZ AGENCY, INC.
All Lines of Insurance

Farm • Crop • Auto
Commercial • Home
Life and Health

6539 Main Street • Cass City, MI 48726
Phone (989) 872-4006 • Fax (989) 872-3661

ROBERT COPELAND
EXECUTIVE AGENT

MARK COPELAND
AGENT



CHEMICAL BANK
We think you'll like the chemistry.

MEMBER F.D.I.C. / EQUAL HOUSING / EQUAL OPPORTUNITY LENDER

www.chemicalbankmi.com

Chrysler ~ Dodge ~ Jeep
(M-81) Downtown Cass City

Curtis

Visit us online at...
www.curtischrysler.com

989-872-2184 • Toll Free 1-888-ANY-DODGE

ERLA'S FOOD CENTER
CASS CITY

WHOLESALE & RETAIL FRESH MEATS,
HOMEMADE SAUSAGES
IN-STORE DELI & BAKERY
★ FULL CATERING SERVICE ★
Senior Citizens 5% Discount
Every Wednesday (excludes alcohol & tobacco products)

Store Hours:
Mon. - Sat.
7 am - 8 pm
Sunday
10 am - 5 pm.

989-872-2191

We Love Our **Farmers**

Dairy The Cream of the Crop

OSENTOSKI
FARM EQUIPMENT

1145 E. Huron
Bad Axe, MI
(989)
269-6449

4592 Ruth Rd.
Ruth, MI
(989)
864-3760

425 S. Main
Pigeon, MI
(989)
453-2120

Cass City Tire
and Auto Repair


6415 Main St (989) 872-5303

Marathon Service Center
(full & self-serve)
Propane Filling Station
Certified Master Mechanic

HARRIS & COMPANY

DAVID A. WEILER - AGENT
LIFE - ANNUITIES - INVESTMENTS
PENSION & PROFIT SHARING PLANS

6815 E. CASS CITY RD.
CASS CITY, MI 48726
BUS. (989) 872-2688



Charles F. Reed D.V.M.
Dairy Practitioner & Consultant

4438 Seeger St.
Cass City, MI 48726 989-872-3093

OSENTOSKI
REALTY AND AUCTIONEERING

Cass City 989-872-4377
Caro 989-673-7777

Kingston 989-683-8888
North Lapeer 810-793-7777

E-mail: osentoski@avci.net

WEISS LIVESTOCK
EQUIPMENT SYSTEMS

J-STAR & VANDALE
Frankenmuth & Cass City
652-6151 872-2242

Full line of feed & manure handling equipment

TN **Thumb National**
Bank & Trust

872-4311 Cass City

THUMB INSURANCE
GROUP, INC.
Insurance Protection
for All Your Farm Needs

• Jim Ceranski • Mark Wiese
(989) 872-4351 1-800-233-9533

Independent Bank
MEMBER FDIC

872-2105 Cass City



MEMBERS OF the Cass City 10-and-under girls traveling softball team include (front row, l to r) Brenda Haley, Kaitlyn Messing, Audrey VanAuken, Krista Guinther, Alexandria Smith and Rachael Rule; (back row, l to r) Coach Doug Hyatt, Kelsey Cooper, Shannon Stec, Carley Hendrick, Rebecca Hacker, Megan Parrish and Coach Chuck Hendrick.



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

Rolling Hills Golf Course League Standings

Cass City Golf League as of June 6, 2004			
Flight #1			
Rick Salcido	66	Daryl Iwankovitch	47
Mark Swanson	52	Erik Tamlyn	45
Scott Richards	51	Dave Weiler	41
Craig Helwig	48	Fred Leeson	38
Ray Fox	48	Craig Bellew	37
Don Ouvry	43	Jim Hobbs	35
Dieter Roth	37	Gary Robinson	31
Chris Maharg	37	Brian Reinhardt	25
Rich Tate	36		
Bill Kritzman	36	Flight #3	
Brad Goslin	33	Ernie Bellew	61
John Maharg	33	Dave Hoard	60
Terry Wiseman	29	Clark Erla	58
Don Warner	23	Jim Fox	51
		Jon Zdrojewski	48
		Jack Hool	46
		Russ Biefer	43
		Dan Hittler	42
		Roy Tuckey	37
		Dan Mosher	32
		Dick Wallace	31
		Duane Henn	31
		Dave Oehring	28
		Tom Herron	26
		Flight #4	
		Paul Adams	57
		Kevin Bliss	56
		Ed Knight	56
		Mike King	52
		Dan Curtis	51
		Jeff Krol	50
		Tom Lis	48
		Bruce LeValley	48
		Doug Lautner	44
		Jim Mastie	37
		Charles Tunis	37
		Orvil Beecher	36
		Anton Peters	36
		Terry Hendrick	36
		Pat Curtis	32
		Flight #5	
		Bill Ewald	57
		Doug Laurie	51
		Tom Thorold	51
		Aaron Mar	46
		Pat Davis	45
		Dennis Meck	43
		John Agar	42
		Clate Sawdon	41
		Ed Mercado	41
		Bob Stickle	38
		Bert Althaver	37
		Dave Keller	35
		Thad Phelps	27
		Jeff Kindler	18
		Wednesday Night 2 Man Golf League as of June 2	
		Early Division	
		Burns/Hutchinson	80
		Herron/Tuckey	80
		Kritzman/Burns	76
		Stickle/Iwankovitch	72
		Henn/Peters	71
		Craig/Knight	70
		Strickland/Glaspie	69
		Bliss/Baker	67
		Wallace/Warner	62
		Berwick/Greenlee	60
		Wieler/Leeson	59
		Maharg/Pasieczny	59
		Jones/Marshall	51
		Dillon/Ralph R./Tonti	46
		Late Division	
		Hartel/Comment	86
		N. Bliss/Ware	84
		Hool/Toner	80
		deBeaubien/Patrick	73
		Doerr/Haire	70
		Schott/Osentoski	68
		Schneeberger/Ulfig	66
		LeValley/Morgan/Krol	66
		C. Bliss/K. Bliss	64
		Prieskorn/Rip	60
		Hillaker/Murphy	57
		Williamson/Rieman	48
		Smith/Biddinger	32

Annual meeting set for Saturday

The 67th Annual Meeting of Thumb Electric Cooperative will be held Saturday, June 12, at Cass City Recreation Park.

The business meeting will begin at 10:30 a.m., which includes the election of 3 directors. Each member (or

spouse with a completed proxy) who registers to vote prior to 11:15 a.m. will receive a \$10 credit on their next electric bill. One credit per membership.

Entertainment for the entire family is offered. There will be pony rides, a clown, face

painting and bucket rides. Lunch will be served at noon with "The Dueling Pianos" providing entertainment featuring singing, playing, and clean humor using 2 state of the art baby grand pianos at 1 p.m.

Michigan Athletic & Rehabilitation Center
(M.A.R.C.)
Division of Hills & Dales General Hospital
Physical & Occupational Therapy Services

Michigan Athletic & Rehabilitation Center
6190 Hospital Dr., Ste. 101
Cass City, MI 48726
989-872-2084

1186 Cleaver Rd.
Caro, MI 48723
989-673-4999

For More Information Please Call
989-872-2084 or
989-673-4999

HILLS & DALES
GENERAL HOSPITAL
"Then, Now & Always"
4675 Hill Street • Cass City, MI • 989-872-2121
www.hillsanddales.com

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 affair.

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

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

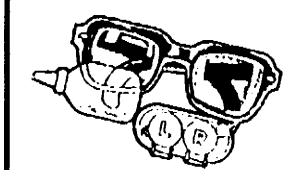
The Vikings then tagged starter Kayla Zaleski for 2 tallies in the 6th frame to take a 3-2 advantage. However, the Bulldogs sent the game into extra innings when they scored their final run in the bottom of the 6th inning.

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.

"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

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



EYECARE & EYEWEAR FOR EVERYONE

- Professional eye exams
- Prescriptions filled
- Large selection of frames
- All types of contacts
- No-line bifocals
- Glasses repaired
- Blue Cross & VSP participant

DAVID C. BATZER II, O.D.
Professional Eye Care
4672 Hill St., Cass City
872-3404
Bad Axe 269-7263

Thanks for calling 872-2010 with feature story ideas

Stop in and see Garth for your New Chrysler or Ford vehicle

Moore Motor Sales
The New Generation

1725 W. Caro Rd., Caro, MI
(989) 673-4171
TOLL FREE 1-800-516-6673

Garth O'Mara
Sales Consultant

Teams needed

Teams are needed for a Men's Class B and below Slow Pitch Tournament to be held July 10 and 11 in Cass City.

The entry fee is \$185. Deadline is Thursday, July 1.

For more information, please contact Doug Hyatt at (989) 872-4584.

THE GAGETOWN INN - 989-665-2466

"We serve the Best Burgers in the Thumb"

Karaoke Night
Saturday, June 12

9 p.m. till 1 a.m.

FREE Pool on Sundays
3:00-9:00 p.m.

SPECIAL
Monday Only
6:00 p.m. till closing
\$1.50 Bottled Beer
50¢ Draft Beer

Just moody... or something more?

Mental health issues are REAL, COMMON and TREATABLE.

At any given time, one in four adults and one in five children experience a mental health problem. Early and appropriate services can be the best way to prevent an illness from getting worse. To inquire about services or if you have questions regarding programs offered call:

Tuscola Behavioral Health Systems
(989) 673-6191 or 1-800-462-6814

TUSCOLA
Behavioral Health Systems
A Michigan Community Mental Health Authority
serving Tuscola County and the Greater Thumb Area

125 W. Lincoln St, P.O. Box 239 Caro, MI 48723
(989) 673-6191 or 1-800-462-6814

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:

OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL
EXEMPTING PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE AND
QUALIFIED AGRICULTURAL PROPERTY

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 levy.

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 levy)?

THE VOTING PLACE IS AS FOLLOWS:

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:

By Tuscola County:	2.6 Mills for Spec. Education - Indefinite 1.75 Mills for Voc. Education - Indefinite .4807 Mill for Bridges & Streets 1999-2007 - Inclusive .25 Mill for Medical Care Facility 2003-2008 - Inclusive .9657 Mill for Roads & Streets 1999-2007 - Inclusive .6415 Mill for Mosquito Control 1999-2007 - Inclusive .15 Mill for Recycling 2002-2008 - Inclusive 1 Mill for Alzheimer Unit 2002-2016 - Inclusive
By Ellington Township:	3 Mills for Roads 1998-2008 - Inclusive 1 Mill for Fire 1998-2004 - Inclusive
By Elmwood Township:	1.4790 Mills for Roads 2000-2009 - Inclusive 1 Mill for Fire 2006 - Inclusive
	1.4766 Mills for Fire 2006 - Inclusive .75 Mill for Library 1990-2010 - Inclusive
By Kingston Township:	None
By Wells Township:	2 Mills for Roads 2002-2010 - Inclusive
By Elkland Township:	1 Mill for Roads 2002-2005 - Inclusive
By Almer Township:	1 Mill for Roads 2000-2004 - Inclusive 1 Mill for Bus System 2001-2004 - Inclusive
By Columbia Township:	1.5 Mills for Roads 1998-2006 - Inclusive 1 Mill for Ambulance 1998-2006 - Inclusive 1.5 Mills for Roads 1998-2006 - Inclusive
By Novesta Township:	1 Mill for Roads 2002-2005 - Inclusive
By the School District:	18 mills (exempting principal residence and qualified agricultural property), 2004 only

Date: April 13, 2004 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:

LOCAL UNIT	YEARS EFFECTIVE		
By Huron County:	.20 Mill	2004-2006 Inc.	Older Citizens
	.20 Mill	2004-2007 Inc.	Transit
	.50 Mill	2004-2008 Inc.	Medical Care
By Grant Township:	NONE		
By Sheridan Township:	2.00 Mills	2004	Roads
By the School District:	18 Mills	2004	Exempting Principal Residence & Qualified Ag

Date: April 7, 2004 Roberta Moetteli
Treasurer, Huron County

I, Kathleen Dorman, Treasurer of Sanilac County, Michigan, hereby certify that as of April 8, 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:

	EXTRA VOTED	MILLS	YEARS
By Sanilac County:	Drug Task Force	.5000	1/1/02-12/31/05
	Road	2.0000	1/1/01-12/31/05
	Parks	.2000	1/1/02-12/31/05
	Ambulance	.2000	1/1/01-12/31/04
By Evergreen Township:	None		
By Greenleaf Township:	Road Millage	1.0000	1/1/02-12/31/05
	Fire Protection	1.0000	1/1/01-12/31/04
By Lamotte Township:	Road Millage	1.0000	1/1/02-12/31/05
By the School District:	Operating	18.0000	1/1/00-12/31/04 (exempting principal residence and qualified agricultural property)

Date: April 8, 2004 Kathleen Dorman
Kathleen Dorman, Sanilac County Treasurer

This Notice is given by order of the board of education.

Michelle Bickinger
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 Burch. "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 bit."

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 program.

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

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

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 Burch 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 musicianship.

Burch 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," Burch added.

"He gave up his love for percussion for the betterment of the band. He picked up the euphonium and did an excellent job," Burch 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 I'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 it."



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 weekend.

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

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

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 time.

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.

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

Some bikers came from as 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 afternoon.

Brown said in the first year only 300 showed up, but word of the event has spread. Proceeds from the benefit go to Relay for Life, Toys for Tots, Evergreen Park and whatever other charities need it, Brown said. Bikers were charged \$15 for the weekend.

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 something to say about it.

"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 injury."

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

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

Kreh agreed.

"It should be the biker's choice," he said. "I'd prefer to wear one, though."

The gasoline-pump product line makes up 95 percent of the total pump business and includes positive displacement, as well as low- and high-pressure turbine pumps in a variety of in-line or in-tank applications. Diesel applications represent the remaining five percent of TI pump production and include low-pressure, electric-turbine pumps as well as gerotor and screw-type pumps.

our OEM customers," Duxbury said. "The acquisition of the Pierburg electric fuel-pump business in 2003, for example, has proven to be an important addition to our fuel-systems group."

Brian Lindsay, managing director - commercial and purchasing, Global Fuel Systems 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 customers' wide-ranging needs in complete fuel systems."

The Pierburg brand currently represents more than 10 percent of TI Automotive's worldwide production and gives the company a strong presence in the high-performance aftermarket and original-equipment fuel-pump replacement business as well.

Acquisition of the Pierburg business added annual sales of approximately \$48 million and production facilities in Neuss to TI Automotive's total fuel-systems business. The Pierburg pump lineup also gives the company further access to Europe's diesel market.

TI Automotive is now able to meet a growing demand for high-pressure fuel-delivery systems, especially in the high-end of the European

market, according to Lindsay.

In Europe, TI Automotive's fuel pumps, previously manufactured under the Walbro and Marwal brands, have enjoyed a strong reputation. The Pierburg link strengthens sales there and provides added sales opportunities globally across the entire TI Automotive pump line, for both original equipment and aftermarket applications. About 15 percent of the company's fuel-pump production is devoted to the global automotive aftermarket.

TI Automotive supplies every major automotive original equipment manufacturer (OEM) in the world. The fuel systems division provides more than a dozen distinct fuel pumps for both gasoline and diesel engines. Global pump production for TI Automotive is projected to reach 11 million by 2010.

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, Ublly.

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 nephews.

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

Funeral services were held Saturday, June 5, at St. Columbkille Catholic Church, Ublly, 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 choice.

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 Episcopal Church.

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

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 Society.

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, Norma (Ralph) Scianimanico and Barbara (Ken) Raymond; 20 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren; and 2 great great-

grandchildren.

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

Blood donors are America's quiet heroes. There is a continuous demand for blood, and blood cannot be stored

for long periods of time. As such, there is a need for it to be donated regularly. Yet, fewer than 5 percent of Americans that are eligible to give actually donate.

There are several benefits to giving blood. Donating blood makes you feel better 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 p.m.

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

2004 Michigan SUGAR FESTIVAL

June 16-20 • Sebewaing, MI
ENTERTAINMENT GALORE!

LARRY McCRAY
JUNE 17
7 P.M.-11 P.M.
ENTERTAINMENT TENT
Also MO JO & THE BOOGIEMEN

* Entertainment Tent opens at 6 p.m. on Friday with ORCHID POOL playing 9 p.m.-1 a.m.
• Opening Ceremonies 7 p.m., June 17 with Queen Crowning at 8:30 p.m.
* Grand Parade - Saturday at 11 a.m.

Entertainment Tent opens at 12 p.m. with Denny Ewald at 1 p.m. on Saturday
* "Rising Star" Talent Contest main park stage 6 p.m., Saturday with Barbara B. Hutchinson at 8 p.m.
* Fireworks at dusk on Saturday
* Community Band Concert 1 p.m., Sunday
* Entertainment Tent open at 1 p.m.
MIDWAY - 1880s SOFTBALL, FOOD, FUN, PARADES, AND SO MUCH MORE!
For more Information and Complete Schedule Go To:
www.sebewaing.org

It's Coming!

CASS CITY'S

26th Annual

4th of July Festival

*Deadline for
ad copy*

JUNE 24, 2004

4:00 p.m.

Full page \$160.00
Half page \$95.00
Quarter page \$70.00
Eighth page \$45.00
Color charge \$39.50 Process (4-color) \$150.00

Cass City Chronicle

989-872-2010

Fax 872-3810

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 Church.

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 Library.

Tuesday, June 15

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

Cass City Middle School Honor Roll

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

GRADE 5

Brittany Asher-Lynch, Jeffrey Bliss, Stephanie Bock, Tommy Brinkman, Brittany Brown, Nicholas Brown, Sarah Burk*, Kelsey Cooper, Zachary Deering, Joseph Doerr, Cameron Dunnuck, Geoffroy Fearson, Gregory Fearson, Nicholas Field, Taylor Forrester*, Kendra Grady, Chelsea Green*, Krista Guinther*, Marion Henderson, Angela Janssen*, Maircadez Jordan*, Nicholas Karavas*, Jade Kelley*, Justin Ketterer*, Michael Lange, 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, Keven 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

Krystal Alexander, Samantha Auten, Austin Babich, Aaron Bardwell, Deidre Bowen*, Bryan Burk, Thomas Burns, Thomas Cotton, Chelsea Depner, Brent Doerr, Cassady Frank*, Jessica Galvan, Andrew Hagaman, Matthew Hallwood, Bradley Hanby*, Robyn Hill, Carly Howard, Michael Howard, Sarah Howard*, Chelsea Israelson*, Alexander Kappen, Kyle Kausch*, Jaymes Knight*, Amanda Langenburg*, Whitney Laurie*, Kelli Lautner*, Gregory Leslie, Brittany Loomis*, Travis Mabe*, Candice Marks, Abby McCallum, Elizabeth Michalski, Travis Mozen, Carl Nicol, Kimberly Proctor, Carly Rabideau, Sarah Reed*, Jennica Richards*, Seth Ricketts, Andrew Rohlf, Chris Summersett*, Andrew Teller*, Jennie Thorp*, Krysta Timko*, Tyler Tomlinson*, Joram Tyson*, Megan VanVliet, Lukas Varney*, Ariel Veneziano*, Timothy Vincent, Clark Walsh* and Ashley Weiss.

GRADE 8

Rodney Abasso, David Acker, Isaiah Battel*, Lauren Bennett, Jessica Bessler, Chelsey Bootz, Ryan Brown*, Evan Bushong, Christopher Childs, Ethan Damm*, Erica Dart*, Ashley



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.

BECAUSE SOME JOBS ARE TOUGHER THAN OTHERS.

NOW IN STOCK AT SPECIAL PRICING!



INTRODUCING THE JOHN DEERE TRAIL BUCK

Built with a powerful Rotax® engine, Visco-loc 4-wheel drive and a low center of gravity for more stability, the new John Deere Trail Buck can handle the toughest jobs in the toughest terrain. So whether you're working the back forty or riding the back woods, the John Deere Trail Buck is tougher than the task. See your John Deere dealer today.

JD MOTORSPORTS
www.johndeere.com/ATV

M-24 • Caro • (989) 673-8400
No gimmicks... Just Great Deals!
Open Mon., Tues. & Thurs. 9-6, Wed./Fri. 9-8, Sat. 9-5

Operation of John Deere Utility ATVs must be 16 years of age. John Deere highly recommends that all ATV riders take a training course. For safety and training information, see your dealer or in the U.S. call the ATV Safety Institute at 1-800-887-2867. In Canada call the Canadian Safety Council at 1-877-736-1535 ext. 22. ATVs Can Be Hazardous To Operate For Your Safety. Always wear a helmet, eye protection, and other protective clothing. Always remember that riding and alcohol/drugs don't mix. Never ride on paved surfaces or public roads. Please carry passengers. Please engage in smart driving. Avoid excessive speeds and be particularly careful on difficult terrain. John Deere urges you to "THINK SAFETY" or public and private land. Please use your vehicle responsibly. By showing respect for the environment, local laws, and the rights of others when you ride, your reputation. Because it is a trademark of GOM, Visco-Loc, Green, and Yellow are trademarks of John Deere. John Deere's green and yellow color scheme, the leaping deer symbol and JOHN DEERE are trademarks of John Deere & Company.



Modeling Risk, Let's Get It!

The Want Ads Are Newsy Too!

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.

This notice is published by:

Rawson Memorial Library
6495 Pine Street
Cass City, MI 48726-1498

Find the Service or Product You Need in This. . .

Action Guide SERVICE DIRECTORY

APPLIANCE SERVICE

JOHNSON APPLIANCE & REFRIGERATION SERVICE
872-1101

Washers, Dryers, Dishwashers, Microwaves, Stoves, Refrigerators, All Brands
7171 Severance Rd. Cass City

AUTO SERVICE

CASS CITY TIRE
National and Cooper TIRES
• Tire repair
• Alignment • Oil Changes
• Brakes • Certified Mechanic
Phone 872-5303

MASONRY

Concrete - Block - Brick - Stone
NO JOB TOO SMALL OR TOO BIG
Ask for Jim
989-872-3716

PLUMBING & HEATING

BK Plumbing Service
• Drain Cleaning
• Plumbing Repair
4215 Maple St., Cass City
(989) 872-5571

RUST PROOFING

Tuff-Kote Dinol
Automotive Rust Proofing
Systems & Waxing
Gravel Guards
Running Boards
Rock Kote Stone Chip Protection
Phone 269-9585
827 Van Dyke, Bad Axe

LANDSCAPING

GRICE's
Specializing in Professional Landscape and Water Garden Design & Installation
4 Miles South of Caro on M-24
1-877-523-8733

WINDOW CLEANING

SUPREME CLEANING
• Windows • Screens
• Storms • Gutters
COMPLETE POWER WASHING
• Homes • Buildings
• Driveways • Fences • Decks
RESIDENTIAL or COMMERCIAL
Fully Insured and Bonded
Locally owned & operated
Call Jack Groombridge
872-1533

HOME REPAIR

AS IF IT'S MINE
• Home Improvement
• Roofs & Repairs
• Siding - Soffit
Duane Marks
810-672-8905

BUILDERS

G & M BUILDERS
LICENSED & INSURED
ROOFING • SIDING
• POLE BARN • ADDITIONS
• CEMENT WORK • ETC.
Serving the Thumb area since 1993
Don (989) 635-5545



Don (989) 635-5545

Members of the Cass City Band Boosters are hoping to provide local student musicians with chairs designed specifically for musicians. The boosters organization recently unveiled its "Have

a Seat" campaign in which 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 Burch 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."

Burch 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.

she continued. "These upholstered 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 872-4397.

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 provides 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."

Professional and Business DIRECTORY

ACCOUNTANTS

Anderson, Tuckey, Bernhardt, Doran & Co., P.C.
Certified Public Accountants
Gary Anderson, CPA (Caro)
Robert Tuckey, CPA (Cass City)
Jerry Bernhardt, CPA (Caro)
Thomas Doran, CPA (Cass City)
Valerie Harteel, CPA (Cass City)
715 E. Frank St., Caro, MI
Phone 673-3137
6261 Church St., Cass City, MI
Phone 872-3730

PHYSICIANS

S.H. Raythatha, M.D.
Dr. Ray
Total Family Care
4672 Hill St.
Cass City
Phone 872-5010
Office Hours: Mon.-Fri. 8-5

COUNSELING

DO YOU HAVE A DRINKING PROBLEM? ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS
Every Friday Evening - 8:00 p.m.
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Cass City

INSURANCE

Thumb Insurance Group
(formerly Harris Hampshire Ins.)
Your hometown independent insurance agent for:
• Term & Universal Life
• Auto
• Business
• Home
• Health
INSURANCE PROTECTION IS OUR BUSINESS
"We want to be your agent"
Agents:
Mark Wiese Jim Ceranski
6240 W. Main St.
Cass City, MI 48726
989-872-4351

PHYSICIANS

Dr. Jeffrey Crowley
Chiropractor
4452 Doerr Rd
(across from Shell Gas Station)
Phone 872-4241

HEALTH CARE

RICHARD A. HALL, D.O.
4674 Hill Street
Cass City, MI 48726
Phone: 872-4725
Office Hours:
Mon., Tues., Thurs.,
& Fri. 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Wed. 9 a.m.-noon

VETERINARIANS

Edward Scollon, D.V.M.
Veterinarian
Farm and
Pet Animals
Phone 872-2935
4849 N. Seeger St., Cass City

ALL PETS VETERINARY CLINIC P.C.
Susan Hoppe D.V.M.
4438 S. Seeger St.
Phone 872-2255



Legal Notices

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Carl S. Bennett and Cathy M. Bennett, husband and wife, to Option One Mortgage Corporation, a California Corporation, 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 this mortgage the sum of Eighty-Four Thousand One Hundred Forty and 3/100 Dollars (\$84,140.30), including interest at the rate of 8.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on July 1, 2004.

The premises are located in the Township of Fremont, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

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

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

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

Dated, June 2, 2004

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

6-2-5

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dated, June 9, 2004

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
FC D (248) 593-1309
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys for SFJV-2002-1, LLC
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #004220F02 6-9-4

THE redemption period shall be six (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 thirty (30) days from the date of such sale.

DATED: June 1, 2004

JP Morgan Chase Bank, as Trustee for the Truman Capital Mortgage Loan Trust 2002-2

NEUMANN LAW, P.C.
Attorneys for Mortgagee
1995 N. Cedar, Suite 4
Holt, MI 48842
(517) 699-4629 6-9-4

CALL 872-010 TO PLACE AN ACTION AD

General Merchandise

EHRLICH'S FLAGS AMERICAN MADE
US-STATE - WORLD
MILITARY - POW
Aluminum Poles
Commercial/Residential
Sectional or One Piece
1-800-369-8882
Bill Ehrlich, Sr. 665-2568
Bill Ehrlich, Jr. 665-2503
2-4-16-1f

Real Estate For Sale

MAKE ME AN OFFER! 3-bedroom, 2 full baths, ranch style home w/central air, 2 car unattached garage w/cement to road, 24'x68' heated pole barn w/electric & water, stocked pond, 6.6 acres - partially wooded. Deckerville Rd. west of M-53. Asking \$159,900. Call 872-6683 for information or showing. 3-5-26-3

Real Estate For Rent

VFW HALL available for rental occasions. Call 872-4933. 4-4-1-1f

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

Services

WOOD LAMINATE and Pergo flooring installation, trim work, small home repair. Have references, quality work. 989-550-5588 8-6-9-3

Thomas Roofing
YOUR TOTAL ROOFING CONTRACTOR
Serving the area for 33 years
LICENSED - INSURED BONDED
(989) 872-2970
Cass City 8-3-25-1f

Automotive

FOR SALE- 1985 1,200 Interstate Goldwing, \$2,800. Call evenings, 989-658-8609. 1-6-2-2

FOR SALE - 2 racing carts, 3 extra motors, new electric starter, 10 extra tires, 30 gallons of alcohol, gears, clutches. For more information, call 665-9970 after 5 p.m., ask for Chad. 1-5-26-4

General Merchandise

SEWING MACHINE with cabinet, \$50. 872-1905 2-6-9-3

A TEMPOR PEDIC style memory foam mattress set, new, never used. Cost \$1,800, Sell for \$650. 989-631-2280 2-6-9-9

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

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

FOR SALE - Lovingly used 1973, 23' Terry travel trailer, some equipment included. Asking \$2,000. Thies, 678-4142. Seen at 3628 Seventh, Owendale. 2-6-9-3

SALE - STRAWBERRIES, gold couch, bicycles and parts. Arroyo, 872-2658 2-6-9-1

FOR SALE - Fiberglass picnic table. 872-5722, evenings. 2-6-9-1

FOR SALE - 1973 19' motor home. Microwave, stove, refrigerator, A/C, 2,000 watt generator. Good condition, \$1,800. 810-672-9661 2-6-9-3

FOR SALE - Canopy, 10'x20'. Great for yard sale or outside events. \$60. 872-3158 2-6-9-1

Household Sales

GARAGE SALE - Clothing: girls', boys', men's and ladies'; household items, wood items, pictures, PartyLite and Home Interior items and miscellaneous. June 10 & 11, 9-5 p.m.; June 12, 9-3 p.m. 259 Crawford Rd. (5 miles south on Cemetery, 2 miles east on Deckerville, 1/4 mile south). 14-6-9-1

ROTH, VAUGHAN & WARK Summer Sale! Wednesday, June 9, 4 p.m.-6 p.m. & Thursday, June 10, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. 6790 Pine Street. 14-6-9-1

ESTATE SALE - partial estate being sold at 6622 Gage St., downtown Gageton, Friday, June 11 and Saturday, June 12, 9-5 p.m. Saturday 1/2 price. Old dressers, hutch, Duncan Phyfe table, glassware, and other furniture and miscellaneous items. 14-6-9-1

HUGE GARAGE SALE - Medical equipment, household items, teens to adult clothes (mostly women's), lots of extras. June 10-12, 9-5 p.m. 4885 Germania Rd., Snover (1 1/8 north of Deckerville Rd. or 1 3/4 south of Argyle Rd.). 14-6-9-1

MULTI-FAMILY garage sale - Antiques, collectibles, home decor, dishes, toys, building supplies. M-53 north to Argyle Rd., east 1 mile, south 1/2 mile on Hadley. June 10-12, 8-4 p.m. 14-6-9-1

GARAGE SALE - Corner of Leach and Seventh St., Thursday and Friday, June 10 & 11, 8-5 p.m. Al and Barb Hutchinson. 14-6-9-1

ESTATE SALE - furniture, weight set, ceramic supplies plus kiln, miter-T. saw, miscellaneous. 3608 Seventh St., Owendale. Saturday-Sunday, 10-5 p.m. 14-6-9-1

YARD SALE - 4595 Oak St. Thursday, June 10, 8-5:30 p.m. 14-6-9-1

RUMMAGE SALE - 6820 E. Main St., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Thursday & Friday, June 10 & 11, 9-5 p.m. 14-6-9-1

GARAGE SALE - Friday, June 11, 8-5 p.m. 6362 Sixth St., Cass City. Boys' and girls' clothes and miscellaneous items. 14-6-9-1

Real Estate For Sale

REAL ESTATE - Vacant land building site. 2.5-acre building site, nice semi rural area near state land in beautiful area outside of Cass City. \$19,900. Jim 989-757-6109 or 872-3424. 3-5-26-5

Household Sales

3-Day Estate Garage Sale
June 10, 11, 12 - 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
All household items, kitchenware, women's clothes, crafts, scrap fabric for quilting and lots more!!!
More items will be added each day.
Sale is at:
6077 Cass City Rd.
(first white house west of Cass City on north side of road)
14-6-2-2

Chronicle Liners
work Like Magic!
Cass City Chronicle
6550 Main St.
Cass City
Phone 872-2010

Real Estate For Rent

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

2-BEDROOM downstairs apartment at beautiful Hillside Apartments. Fully carpeted, refrigerator, range, water softener, air conditioner, storage units and laundry. Near grocery store, beauty shop, hospital, doctors. Call 872-3315. 4-5-23-1f

FOR RENT - 5-bedroom house in town of Cass City. \$650/month. 872-2481 or 670-2064. Available July 1. 4-6-2-3

APARTMENT FOR RENT - Cass City, 1-bedroom, upstairs. Rent \$380, deposit \$300. Includes water and electricity. 989-673-7470 4-6-9-3

HURRY WHILE IT LASTS! Stay 11 months, get 12th month free. Nice 1-bedroom apartment. Great location, near grocery store, hospital, doctors' offices. Rent includes water and trash. For more information call after 6 p.m., 872-4654. 4-6-9-1f

1-BEDROOM APARTMENT - rent includes water, trash. Conveniently located near grocery store, doctor offices, and hospital. Must need deposit of \$385 and first month's rent of \$385. Call after 6 p.m., 872-4654 for more details. 4-5-26-1f

1-BEDROOM APARTMENT for rent - heat, water and garbage furnished. \$375/mo. Call 872-4780 4-6-2-3

FOR RENT - upstairs 2-bedroom apartment. No pets! Must have reference, \$350 plus security. 872-5062 4-5-26-3

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

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

LARGE 2-BEDROOM upstairs apartment for rent in Cass City - \$450/month, first and last month's deposit. Water included. 989-872-3935, call 10-5 p.m., Tuesday-Saturday. 4-5-19-4

LARGE 1-BEDROOM upstairs apartment for rent in Cass City - \$350/month, first and last month's deposit. Water included. 989-872-3935, call 10-5 p.m., Tuesday-Saturday. 4-5-19-4

Notices

CCW CLASS - A Carrying Concealed Weapons class will be held Saturday, June 26, at the Cass City Gun Club. This class fulfills the requirement for concealed handgun carry. The cost is \$85. A non-refundable pre-registration of \$35 is required. To pre-register call 872-5060 or 989-550-8800. 5-6-9-3

WANTED - Miscellaneous sized trophies needed for Gageton Country Days. 989-550-4634 5-6-9-2

IF YOU HAVE BEEN contacted or harassed by the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department or the Caro State Police over animals or horses, please call me. 989-827-9039 5-5-26-3

Trip to Mt. Pleasant
Monday, June 14
Bus leaves from St. Pancratius parking lot at 8:45 a.m. Returns at 4:30 p.m.
For reservations call Nina at 872-2925 or Ginny at 872-4793
\$25 for trip
Send payment to:
Nina Davis, P.O. Box 12,
Cass City, MI 48726
Payment due by Wed., June 9 or trip will be cancelled 5-6-2-2

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

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

LOST IN CASS CITY - metal Altoid box containing fishing knot-tying tools. Reward. Stan Guinther, 872-3284. 5-6-9-1nc

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY - Costume rental business. 872-5722, evenings. 5-6-9-1

NO SMOKING BINGO - Every Sunday at new Knights of Columbus Hall, 6106 Beechwood Dr., Cass City. Doors open 5:00 p.m., games start at 5:30. Phone 872-8892. Knights of Columbus Council No. 8892. 5-9-30-1f

Knights of Columbus FISH DINNERS
Baked & Fried Fish ALL YOU CAN EAT
3rd Friday of each month
4:00 to 7:00 p.m.
K of C Hall
6106 Beechwood Rd., Cass City
Adults \$7.00, Children \$3.00
5-9-10-1f

REWARD: For information leading to the whereabouts of 2 dogs, dead or alive, missing from the Deford area. Both females, gray and black, long hair, curly tails. Breed is Keeshond. 1 is small and other is medium in size. If dead we would like to bury them. (St. Francis, We pray for their return.) 989-872-2414 5-6-2-3

PAUL'S PUMP REPAIR - Water pump and water tank sales. In-home service. Credit cards accepted. Call 673-4850 or 800-745-4851 anytime. 8-9-25-1f

PET GROOMING BY CAROL - Monday through Friday at your convenience, Saturday, 7-11 a.m. 989-872-3160 8-4-21-1f

MOV'IN ON UP
Huron, Tuscola & Bay Counties
Complete Tree Service
Check out our website
www.movingonup.biz
989-883-9121
Evenings, Weekends, Emergencies
Sebewaing 883-2683 8-5-29-1fco

BYLER'S MINI BARNS - 8x8, \$700; 8x10, \$800; 8x12, \$900; 10x12, \$1,100; 12x20, \$1,750; Other sizes available. 8x8 economy barn, \$475. Erwin Byler, 7155 E. Kelly Rd. 989-872-3679, leave message. 8-10-8-1f

Pro Temp
Heating & Cooling
• Gas & Oil Furnaces
HEATING and AIR CONDITIONING
Paul L. Brown
Owner
State Licensed
24 Hour
Emergency Service
CALL 989-872-2734
8-3-30-1f

Robert Abfalter
Service Manager
Cass City Appliance Repair
Service You Can Count On
4141 Doerr Rd.
Cass City, MI 48726
989-872-6602
989-551-2023
ALL MAJOR BRANDS REPAIRED
8-2-25-1f

Real Estate

real estate auctions
Selling Bank Owned Homes throughout Michigan. No Buyer's Premium.
Williams & Williams AUCTIONEERS
Changing the way real estate changes hands
7666 E. 61ST, SUITE 135 | TULSA, OK 74133
800-444-4444
For more details and auctions, visit **WilliamsAuction.com** or call (918) 250-2012
ABOVE SALE TIMES & LOCATIONS CORRECT AS OF JUNE 7TH

CASS CITY, MI
6632 Pine St.
35 miles E of Bay City, near Hwy 53, near Elkland Cemetery. Two story colonial home, 5BR 2.5BA with sun room, 1975s+.
Directions: From I-75 N to SR-46 (exit 149) E 40 miles to SR-53, N 13 miles to Cass City Rd. W 3.8 miles to Sherman St. S 1 Block to Pine St. W to property.

AUGRES, MI
319 N Huron Rd.
35 miles NE of Bay City, near Hwy 23, Near Saginaw Bay. One story ranch home, 3BR 1BA, across from Lake Huron, shared driveway and garage 1200s+.
Directions: From I-75 N & US 23 E (exit 188), follow US 23 for 25 miles, past Andrews street to property.

BRIDGEPORT, MI
4328 Eastport Dr.
SE of Saginaw, near Interstate 75, near Pine Grove Cemetery 3BR 1.5BA ranch style home in Saginaw County. 1275s+ Gult 1972. Taxes \$1100.
Directions: From I-75 N & Dixie Highway (exit 144) E 4 miles to S Airport Rd. N 1.2 miles to Baker Rd. W 1 Block to Eastport Dr. S 2 miles to property.

ABOVE PROPERTIES:
Opening Bid: \$10,000 each
Open House: 1-5pm Sunday
1275s+ Gult 1972. Taxes \$1100.
Sale: 12:30pm Tue., Jun. 22nd
Sale location: 4328 Eastport Dr in Bridgeport

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

AT THE FORECLOSURER'S: 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.

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 at 8.65% 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

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.

Attorneys For Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, Trustee on behalf of the Certificate Holders of Morgan Stanley ABS Capital I Inc. Trust 2004-NC2, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-NC2

Ninety-Seven Thousand One Hundred Seventy-Eight and 08/100 Dollars (\$97,178.08), plus late charges of One Hundred Twenty-Three and 70/100 Dollars (\$123.70).

No proceedings at law or in equity have been instituted to recover the debt secured by this mortgage, or any part thereof. Therefore, under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in

such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on July 23, 2004, at 10:00 a.m. Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction to the highest bidder, at the front entrance of the Courthouse, in the Village of Carrollton, Louisiana.

Tuscola County, Michigan (that being the building where the Circuit Court for said County is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid, on said mortgage, with the interest thereon at 4 (FOUR)

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

Part of the Southwest quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 36, Town 12 North, Range 10 East, described as: Beginning at a point on the West section line North 01 degrees 04 minutes 45 seconds East 979.16 feet from the Southwest corner of said Section 36; thence continuing

along said line North 01 degrees 04 minutes 45 seconds East, 340.00 feet to the North line of said Southwest quarter of the Southwest quarter; thence along said line South 88 degrees 59 minutes 59 seconds East, 340.00 feet; thence South 01 degrees 04 minutes 45 seconds West, 340.00 feet; thence North 88 degrees 59

During the six months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, unless determined abandoned by the court, upon payment of the purchase price and interest.

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

Elizabeth A. Kiefer, LEGAL DEPARTMENT
TCF National Bank, Mortgagee
401 East Liberty
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104-2298
TEL: 313.763.2300 FAX: 313.763.2301

**Read
Meg's Peg**

Help Wanted

 <p>Owner Wanted!! The Joy of Moving! It'll be a pleasure when your destination is this 1,000+ sq. ft. 4 bedroom. The updates include newer roof, furnace, central air, breezeway. There is also a 2 car garage and 1 car detached garage. The price is right and the timing could not be better. Call Marty O. to move today. OW-128</p>	 <p>Custom Ranch Style Home Built in '99. Many great perks this home has to offer. Cozy & comfortable. 3 BRs on main floor & total of 3 baths. Basement is all finished w/BR, office, LR and more. All decking is maintenance free, sprinkler system, AC & heated garage to mention a few. Call for a personal showing today! EPB-138</p>	 <p>Martin Osentoski Sales Associate 872-3252 or 550-3400</p>
 <p>Start Packing! This home won't be on the market long. New roof in 2003. In the last 7 years the new list includes: windows, siding, paint, carpet, water softener/heater, redone wood floors. There are 3 bedrooms and charm all around. Call before it's too late. CCT-316</p>	 <p>Moving Has Never Been So EASY! 90'x242' lot has a great private setting. Two bedrooms and one full bath. New list includes roof, siding, carpet, windows. Call Marty O. so you can be amazed. L-30</p>	 <p>Lola Osentoski Sales Associate 872-3942</p>
 <p>IF YOU.... Build here you can watch the wildlife from your back deck. IF YOU... HUNT here you'll have your pick of game. 24 acres with some mature pine trees. The rest is grown up and some smaller pines. I would like to help you own a piece of country today. A-415</p>	 <p>Home With Personality! 1,300+ sq. ft. with 3 restful bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, mudroom off entrance w/laundry and 1/2 bath. Full basement, 2+ attached garage. Private patio area for family picnics and yard w/a view of Octagon barn. Call Marty to see your new home. OW-131</p>	 <p>Barb Osentoski Associate Broker 672-7777</p>

LISTINGS NEEDED OF ALL TYPES
We Have Buyers Waiting!



Lee LaFave
Sales Associate
665-2295



Roger Pohold
Sales Associate
872-2747

Tavis Osentoski
Sales Associate
989-551-2010

David Osentoski
Associate Broker
888-888-8888

