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THIS FARMER harvests wheat in a field just east of Koepfgen Road near Cass City. David Pratt of the Michigan State University Extension Office in Caro said this year's wheat crop, while taking longer to grow because of heavy rainfall, yielded above-average height and very low levels of vomitoxin, a fungus caused by too much rainfall.

Arsenic pilot test set in village

by Benjamin Ray Staff Writer

Cass City residents will soon have cleaner, purer drinking water coming from their taps. The Cass City Village Council voted 7-0 Monday night to allow the Tonka Equipment Company to conduct a pilot test for arsenic removal, starting Aug. 30 and ending in early October. The test comes after 4 companies submitted bids. Cass City's engineering firm, the

Spicer Group of Saginaw, recommended Tonka because of the firm's good history, said council member Jon Zdrojewski. "We're going with a company with a proven track record," he said. "Our arsenic level will be virtually zero when they are finished." Spicer Group recently completed a water treatment feasibility study to see how long it would take to comply with new federal guidelines. Currently, the highest acceptable level of arsenic in drinking

water is 50 parts per billion, but the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) lowered the maximum to 10 parts per billion, effective January 2006. Cass City's wells usually test around 16 to 17 parts per billion. The pilot test is needed because the technology for removing arsenic is new. Tonka will use an oxidation with co-precipitation method, one of 9 methods possible. Although Tonka was not the lowest bidder, village Manager Frank Sheridan said the \$8,700 cost is worth it because of the quality Tonka provides. He said the final cost of a water treatment facility will probably cost between \$1 million and \$1.5 million and will likely be funded through municipal bonds.

in the park," said Village President Bert Althaver. "We'll probably go over budget, but I feel this is important. We've put it off for too long." The courts were last surfaced 7 years ago. They will be covered with a latex coating, which lasts 2 years, after the cracks are filled in. Fresh paint will then be applied.

RIGHT-OF-WAYS

The Council also approved joining the Coalition to Protect Public Right-of-Way (PROTEC). The cost for one year is \$330.38; however, Cass City receives close to \$9,000 a year from PROTEC. Several years ago, a small group of big cities formed the Metropolitan Extension Right-of-Way (METRO), which helps cities receive funding to repair damage done by installation of cables underground. The right-of-way is the space between the curb and sidewalk, traditionally the place where phone and cable companies dig to install wires or cables. The new law states that a telecommunications provider will be assessed a maintenance fee of 2 cents per lin-

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BASKETBALL COURTS

In other news, the council voted 7-0 to refinish the basketball courts at Cass City Recreation Park. The contract went to a company out of Auburn Hills that works solely with golf courses and basketball courts. The project is expected to be completed by Oct. 30. "I've heard more questions about this than anything else

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Costly fires add up to \$200,000

A pair of structure fires last week in Tuscola County's Evergreen Township proved costly, with local fire officials estimating the combined loss at some \$200,000. There were no injuries in either blaze.

Elkland Township fire fighters responded to a reported house fire at 5517 Pringle Rd. Thursday shortly after 1 p.m.

Fire Chief Ron Pawloski said the older but modelled home was all but destroyed

when his department arrived at the scene. The owner, Randy Woodward, was not home at the time, according to Pawloski, who said fire apparently was electrical in nature.

"They've gotten the cause listed as the breaker box. It must have been a short in the wiring," he added.

Woodward was insured, and emergency housing was expected to be arranged by the

Sheriff: road patrol millage safety issue

A financial crisis that prompted Tuscola County commissioners to slash \$500,000 worth of services in 2003 is only getting worse, according to officials, who are again asking voters to approve a tax increase.

When residents go to the polls during the Tuesday, Aug. 3, primary election, they will decide a proposed increase of .5 of a mill for 6 years to maintain funding for the Tuscola County Sheriff's Road Patrol in the face of declining county revenues.

If approved, the millage would raise an estimated \$601,532 in the first year. For the owner of a home with a market value of \$80,000, the levy translates into an additional \$20 in taxes annually.

Also on the ballot will be 2 millage renewals; .2 of a mill for 6 years for senior citizen services, which raises about \$240,600 a year, and .9 of a mill for 6 years for the sheriff's road patrol, which generates \$1.08 million.

For Tuscola County Sheriff Tom Kern, the millage request isn't just about finances.

"It's a big safety issue, especially when other agencies have less and less manpower and more of the work falls on our shoulders," Kern said, adding if the millage fails, "I will lose some officers, there's no doubt about it."

"Road patrol's not mandated (by the state), so when they (commissioners) get to the point where they can't do anymore, I'm going to take a big hit."

County officials say the need for more money is a matter of simple economics - revenues are not keeping pace with expenses, making it increasingly difficult to subsidize non-mandated services such as the road patrol.

which has an annual budget of roughly \$1.25 million.

Tuscola County has lost a combined \$1.15 million over the past 4 years from state and county sources, according to county Controller Mike Hoagland.

"This is a huge loss considering the entire general fund budget of the county is approximately \$11 million," he said. "Declines are offsetting modest increases in other revenue categories. This is a serious situation because revenue increases are not even close to keeping pace with normal inflationary expenditure increases."

Hoagland noted the state has made massive cuts in revenue sources essential to operating services in the county.

"Since 2001, state revenue sharing has been reduced by over \$400,000, or 29 percent," he said. "State cuts for county housing of state prisoners, for operating under the influence of liquor, third offense, has resulted in a loss of approximately \$200,000 in county revenue."

Compounding the problem, Hoagland said, are other significant declining county revenue sources.

Interest earnings on invest-

ments, for example, have declined by some \$200,000, or 68 percent over the past 4 years. During the same period, delinquent tax earnings fell by \$350,000, or 37 percent.

Other than the property tax, which requires public approval, county government has no significant method of raising revenues, Hoagland pointed out.

Since the year 2000, Tuscola County officials have attempted 5 different requests to increase millage to offset state revenue cuts

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Trio vying for Tuscola drain commission post

Tuscola County voters will decide races for drain commissioner and a pair of county commission seats in the Tuesday, Aug. 3, primary election.

The races include a 3-way battle for incumbent Sarah M. Pistro's drain commissioner seat. Challenging her are Cyril A. Thomas and Elkland Township Treasurer Art Randall. All of the can-

didates are Republican.

Among the 5 county commissioner seats, newcomers Tony Bair and Thomas Bardwell, both Republicans, will square off for the right to represent District 2, which is comprised of Almer, Ellington, Indianfields and Juniata townships.

Incumbent Judy Babcock, a Democrat, opted to run for the register of deeds seat now

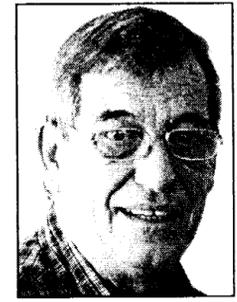
held by Ginny McLaren, Republican, who is seeking reelection.

The other primary race is in District 4, which is composed of Vassar, Millington and Watertown townships. Newcomer Richard L. Letts Jr. is challenging incumbent Commissioner Roy Petzold. Both are Republicans.

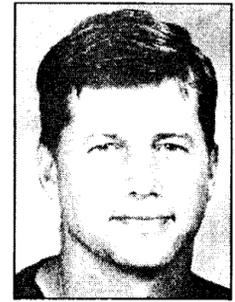
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Sarah Pistro



Art Randall



Cyril Thomas

Gaertner, Rutkowski square off

Huron County voters will decide a heated race for prosecutor in the Tuesday, Aug. 3, primary election.

Timothy J. Rutkowski, who currently serves as chief assistant prosecutor in Tuscola County, is challenging incumbent Prosecutor Mark J. Gaertner. Both are Republicans.

In discussing his candidacy, Gaertner cited 20 years of prosecution experience.

He has served as Huron County's chief assistant prosecutor and as the special prosecutor for the Multi-County Citizens Grand Jury. Prior to that he was assistant prosecutor in Saginaw County. He was first elected Huron County prosecutor in 1997.

"I am proud of the independent, public and professional prosecutor office that I have managed," Gaertner said. "It is open and accessible to our citizens. I have made it a priority to protect the rights of law-abiding citizens. I am just as interested in protecting the innocent as I am in convicting the guilty."

Rutkowski has 10 years of prosecution experience. He was an assistant prosecutor in Huron County from 1994 through 1999 and in Sanilac County from 1999 to 2000. He has served in the Tuscola County Prosecutor's Office since 2001.

"As chief assistant prosecutor, I have assisted in the administration of a prosecutor's office through the oversight of 3 other assistant prosecutors and 5 support staff be-

sides my regular trial docket," Rutkowski said.

Gaertner said he will continue the existing programs and policies in his office if reelected.

"A prosecutor today must be a leader in the community, concerned with preventing crime, promoting public safety, and enhancing the quality of life, in addition to performing the traditional role of enforcing criminal laws and ensuring the fair administration of justice," he said.

Gaertner added he has placed a high priority on community education, with prosecutors spending time in the schools and with civic and senior citizen groups.

"At a time when everyone is being asked to do more with less, we have taken a proactive and preventive approach to crime fighting and community services."

Since taking office, Gaertner noted he has established a full-time crime victim rights program and a comprehensive domestic violence program, both fully funded by state and federal dollars.

He also cited county officials' decision to return to the prosecutor's office the function of county attorney in 1999, saving taxpayers money. Gaertner also noted he initiated a bad check writing restitution program, added a prosecution investigator who assists in finding those who have not paid court-ordered fines, costs and

restitution, and established a diversion program that redirects some young, non-violent, first-time offenders from the court system.

Rutkowski said protecting children by taking a tough stance on drug dealers, being a prosecutor who will be in court, plea-bargaining and fiscal responsibility are among the issues that prompted him to run.

"The elected prosecutor must appear in court on a regular basis," Rutkowski added. "Crime victims, police and citizens want you to

at much expense to the taxpayer," Gaertner said.

"We have set priorities and stuck with them to fight crime in Huron County."

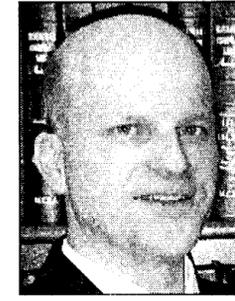
If elected, Rutkowski said he will work to maintain a cost efficient and effective office.

"As elected prosecutor, I would return to a 3-prosecutor office, which would save the Huron County taxpayers about \$40,000 plus per year plus benefits," Rutkowski said.

"Because of the reduction in the number of cases and



Mark Gaertner



Tim Rutkowski

be there. They want a prosecutor in court fighting for them. By appearing and trying cases, you send a message as to what is acceptable behavior in the community."

"My office has upheld a tough stance on serious and violent crime, while diverting from the criminal justice system petty matters and cases based on insufficient evidence, which result in unnecessary court hearings

trials in Huron County since 1997, and because I will be in court, trying cases, this will enable the Huron County Prosecutor's Office to operate more efficiently."

Rutkowski also said he would improve the office by ending what he called the misuse of plea-bargaining of serious and violent crime.

"Plea bargaining is part of

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Living on the edge

Messing home from Australia

by Benjamin Ray Staff Writer

Robin Messing laughs at personal safety.

Bungee jumping? Skydiving? Rock climbing? All in a day's work - if one lives in Australia, that is, and has access to people who are willing to live on the edge.

Messing spent last semester in Australia doing all of the above activities, enjoying herself immensely. Sometimes, she also went to class.

The 19-year-old Cass City native studied abroad last semester at Ballarat University in Victoria, Australia. Messing, soon to be a junior at Saginaw Valley State University, jumped at the chance to leave Michigan between



ROBIN MESSING abandons all attempts at personal safety as she skydives from a plane in Australia. Messing jumped from 14,000 feet in her first tandem skydive; she later remarked, "You can't think. You're screaming the whole way down."

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Holbrook Area News



Mrs. Thelma Jackson
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Mrs. Jerry Decker, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Beltz of Freeland, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Loeffler of Midland, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Rashau and Tanya of Salem, Ore., Clara Bond, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Hurford, Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Rubey and Paul of Cass City, Mrs. Bob Damm of Pigeon, Thelma Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rumpitz, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Van Erp, Mrs. Martin Sweeney, Mrs. Gerald Wills of Ubyly, Mrs. Howard Strieter, Mrs. Joyce Davison and Lorraine Riensness of Saginaw, Mrs. Jerry McGoldrich of Holly, Mr. and Mrs. Rich Meyer and granddaughter, Sierra, of Indian River, Mr. and Mrs. Al Anthes of Gagetown, Leonard Beulla of Sandusky, Mr. and Mrs. Don Carlile, Leone Hendrick and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Arlen Hendrick, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Hendrick, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Decker, Mr. and Mrs. Art Decker, and Calvin McRae were among a large group of relatives and friends who attended the memorial service for Jerry Decker at the Thabet Funeral Home, Cass City, on Friday.

Fifteen members of the Traveling Breakfast Club met at the Peppermill in Bad Axe

Thursday morning. They will meet at Lor Dels in Bad Axe next week.

Sunday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Cleland were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wiese, Amber and Stephanie of Virginia Beach, Va., and Mrs. Curtis Cleland.

Margaret Bently of Novi, Judy Copia and Karleen McIntosh of Chicago were Tuesday guests of Mrs. Martin Sweeney.

Janet Cummings, Janessa, James, Joey and Joshua of Fountain Hills and Nicole Depcinski spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski.

Bob Cleland Jr. went to Cheboygan on Saturday to get A.J. and Andy Cleland who had spent a week with their grandfather, Bob Cleland Sr.

Nancy Carpenter, Michael, Jessica and Timothy were Tuesday overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Depcinski and Wednesday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski.

Those who visited Thelma Jackson last week were Jerry Hillaker, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson, Mrs. Martin Sweeney, Mrs. Gerald Wills, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Stirrett, and Mrs. Harold Ballagh.

Engaged



Stacy Enderle and John Lubeski

Anthony and Patricia Enderle of Owendale announce the engagement of their daughter, Stacy, to John Lubeski, son of Wayne and Bernadette Lubeski of Bad Axe.

Stacy is a graduate of Central Michigan University and is currently employed at the Huron County Sheriff's Office. John is a graduate of Ferris State University and is currently employed as a service engineer at the General Motors Tech Center.

The wedding is being planned for April 2005. The couple will reside in Shelby Township.

Diabetes class set

Hills and Dales General Hospital will be hosting a diabetes education class series July 28 and 29 and continuing Aug. 4 and 5.

Classes will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. at Northwood Meadows, 6086 Beechwood Dr., Cass City. They will be led by a registered nurse and a registered dietitian.

For questions or to register, call Kathy Droupski, RN, or Dotty Korth, RN, at (989) 872-2121 (ext. 365).

70 attend family reunion

The annual Lounsbury-Dean family reunion was held Sunday, July 25, at the home of Tom and Ginny Lounsbury. Seventy people attended the potluck meal.

Traveling the farthest to attend was Kay Strecker Fricano and daughters from Spring Lake. Kay is the granddaughter of the late Emory Lounsbury.

The oldest Lounsbury descendant present was Jessie Goodall. Ten-month-old McKenna Lounsbury, daughter of Jake and Stacy Lounsbury, was the youngest Lounsbury descendant present.

Spike Pomeroy was the youngest descendant from the Dean family, and Dutch Ainsworth was the oldest.

Appreciation was given to Tom and Ginny for opening their home for the reunion.

Tom and Ginny will host the 2005 reunion the fourth Saturday in July 2005.

Kretzschmer reunion held Sunday

The 64th annual Kretzschmer reunion was held Sunday, July 25, at the home of Russel and Pennie Rienas in Deford.

There were 60 members of the family present.

There was a short meeting with the election of officers being the same for next year: Brenda Basant, president; Larry Kretzschmer, vice-president; and Pennie Rienas, secretary-treasurer.

There was a pig roast, donated by the Nick and Alice (Kretzschmer) Alexander family. The rest of the dinner was potluck.

Games were played by young and old, and a good time was had by all.

An auction was also held of items brought by the family members. The highest sold was a pecan pie made by Nancy Grady and bought by Ronald Grady for the sum of \$90. The total auction brought in \$350 for the Family Fund.

The oldest member present in the men's category was Ed Good, who won by a couple of months. The oldest member in the women's category was Rosella Kretzschmer. The youngest member was Konner Forbing.

The reunion next year will be held on July 24, at the lake house of Nancy Grady.



Meg's Peg
Woman's work
by Melva E. Guinther

After having our grandchildren here for a few weeks, I've been reminded of how busy a mother's life is. Thank goodness we're younger when we have children. I could never keep up the pace on a regular basis at this stage of life.

An anonymous author put these thoughts in verse form:

Every minute, to and fro,
That's the way my hours go.
Bring me this, take me that,
Feed the dog, put out the cat.

Standing up I eat my toast,
Drink my coffee, thaw the roast,
Empty garbage, make the bed,
Rush to church, wash my head,

Sweep the kitchen, wax the floor,
Scrub the woodwork, clean the door,
Scour the bathtub, then myself,
Vacuum carpets, straighten shelves,

Eat a sandwich on the run,
Now my afternoon's begun.

To the soccer game I go,
When will I find time to sew?
Meet the teacher, stop a fight,

At last in bed, my spouse and I,
Too tired to talk, too weak to cry,
And in the dark I hear him say...
"What do women do all day?"

Uh oh!

See the dentist, change a light,
Help with homework, do the wash,
Iron clothes, put on the squash,
Shop for groceries, cash a check,
Fight the crowds, now I'm a wreck!
Dinner time it soon will be,
"What's for dinner?" Wait and see!

Dirty dishes fill the sink,
Make some popcorn and a drink,
Will they never go to bed?
Will I never get ahead?
Bring them water, get the light,
Turn off TV, lock up the bike,
Where's my pillow? Say your prayers,
Did you lock the door downstairs?



Mr. and Mrs. Derek Doerr

Bryant, Doerr exchange vows

Ruby Bryant and Derek Doerr were married on Mackinac Island June 29, 2004.

Ruby is an LPN employed by Thumb Area Home Care.

Derek is a carpenter employed by Langenburg Construction.

They currently reside in Cass City.

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There was a short meeting with the election of officers being the same for next year: Brenda Basant, president; Larry Kretzschmer, vice-president; and Pennie Rienas, secretary-treasurer.

Deckerville museum to feature "The History of Mills"

The Deckerville Historical Museum will feature "The History of Mills," at its annual homecoming open house and flea market, Friday, Aug. 6, and Saturday, Aug. 7, from 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

The community of Mills, located 4 miles north and 3 miles east of Deckerville, once included a store, blacksmith shop, post office, a school and 2 churches, the Gospel Hall and the United Brethren of Christ, as well as a slaughter house nearby. The first settlers were Thomas and John Mills in 1857. Following the second Thumb fire of 1881, they built a store and many families came to pioneer the area, including the Hooper, Loss, Elder, Sweet, Wright, Cleland, Brettan, Ogden, Irwin, Utley, Leslie, Richards, Ramsey and Williams families.

Many decedents of these families still live in the area and will have photos and other items on display, including a "friendship quilt" made by the ladies of the United Brethren of Christ Church. The quilt has embroidered names of church and community members on it.

Anyone who has information on families, photos to share, or any information on the businesses and churches, is asked to share them. Please call Joyce Reid, curator at (810) 376-6695. Your items will be very carefully taken care of and promptly returned immediately after the 2-day show.

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David is a candidate for County Commissioner representing the townships of Dayton, Fremont, Kingston, Koylton, Novesta and Wells. This includes the villages of Mayville, Kingston, Deford, Silverwood, portions of Clifford, Marlette and Cass City. This area also includes the rural areas of Daytona, Shays Lake and Wilmot.

David is married to Cheri and they have four grandchildren. He is a member of the Kingston Lions Club, the Michigan State Employees Retirement Association, the Michigan Association of Chief's of Police, the Greater Thumb Lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police, the Caro Moose Lodge and a member of the Commanders Club of Disabled American Veterans.

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Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Reading about the annual Grayling to Oscoda AuSable River Marathon held last weekend, it was not the exploits of the paddlers who win or finish near the top that stands out, as inevitably as water runs down hill, but a paddler that finished behind 47 other teams in the race.

He is Al Widing of Mio, who was in his 37th race that takes around 15 hours, most of it during darkness. What makes him stand out for me is that he is 79 years old.

Pickup recovered

Car thief strikes again



The back forty

by Roger Pond

A string of car thefts and break-ins continued over the weekend in Cass City, village police reported.

Cass City Police Chief Gene Wilson said John P. Bulla, Cass City, reported someone stole his 1999 Chevrolet pickup sometime Friday

night or early Saturday morning while the vehicle was parked in the Cass City High School football stadium parking lot at the corner of Ale and Seed streets.

Wilson said the vehicle was unlocked and the keys were left in a cup holder.

Village officers recovered the pickup the next day after receiving a call from Rodney Speirs, who was checking a rental property on Dodge Road when he observed the vehicle behind the residence. Reports indicate the pickup was damaged and culprit(s) scratched obscenities on the sides.

Also over the weekend, Tricia R. Wyman of Caro reported someone smashed a window on her 1989 Olds 4-door car and stole several CDs. The vehicle was parked on Main Street at the time of the crime.

I don't know what they're thinking. Every so often someone releases a study listing the best cities in which to live.

Generally, they come up with someplace like Seattle or San Francisco as ideal places to raise your poodle. The last list I saw said Washington, D.C. was the best city in the country!

Authors of this study mentioned crime rates, educational opportunities, and clean water as some of the criteria used in their calculations. They've gotta be kidding.

My impression of these city rankings is that the authors are reading their list upside down. Maybe my criteria are different from theirs.

If I were ranking places to live, small towns would come out on top, and cities wouldn't even make the list. My criteria for a nice town leans heavily on social amenities: Does the coffee shop give free refills? Are the mechanics friendly?

My livability index would compute the population of a community and divide by 10. If this number is over 1,000, we subtract 10 points for overcrowding.

I would count the households in town and estimate the number of housecats. If the number of cats exceeds the number of homes, we deduct 5 points.

Then, my ranking system looks at transportation. Can you get where you want to go and find a parking space when you get there?

Does your community have parking garages with capacity for more than two cars? If "no," add 10 points.

Does the community have mass transit, or does everyone have to ride their own horse? Does everyone have a horse? If "yes," add five points.

How far do you have to drive to find some decent hay? Can you find a horse-shoer when you need one?

Consider the recreational opportunities. Is there good fishing within 20 miles of town?

If the answer is "yes," add 10 points. If the answer is "no," move.

Do folks own guns for hunting, or for protection? Can most residents distinguish a

school, even when they don't want to? If the answer is "yes," add 10 points.

Are students excused from school for hunting seasons, county fairs, and livestock shows? If "no," subtract 10 points.

I applied this test to my community and got a score of 35. I won't say where we lost points, but we out-scored Washington, D.C. by 55.

Cass City teen escapes injury

A Cass City motorist escaped injury Saturday when he lost control of his vehicle in Huron County's Windsor Township and the trailer he was towing overturned, spilling some 800 gallons of liquid nitrogen.

Troopers from the Michigan State Police post in Bad Axe reported the accident occurred at about 9:15 a.m. on Caseville Road near Berne Road.

called to the scene to evaluate and handle the incident.

The Haire Net

When wildlife, development clash



According to Sgt. Maria Eichler, 18-year-old Brice Stine, Ubly, was traveling north on Caseville Road, pulling a farm trailer containing the liquid nitrogen. "The vehicle was traveling at a speed greater than 25 m.p.h. and the trailer began to travel side to side, causing the driver to lose control of the vehicle," she said. "The vehicle left the roadway and entered the west ditch which caused the trailer to overturn."

Burt Eichler, deputy director of Huron County Emergency Management, was

The clash of encroaching development into former wild animal habitat continues. Another episode in the continuing battle is underway in Brownstown Township, one of the fastest growing townships in Wayne County.

The problem is deer, or to be more precise, deer hunting. Officials are concerned that hunting now is a hazard in the midst of an expanding residential development.

The situation in Brownstown Township is similar to the deer problem in most of the townships in the metro area. Many have already restricted hunting in the name of public safety. Hunting in Michigan is under the exclusive control of the Department of Natural Resources.

The problem in the metro area is different than the deer problem in the Upper Thumb today, but if the Brownstown residents have their way they may become similar. Too many deer.

The township might be better served in the long run if it continued to operate under the present state law that forbids discharging a firearm within 450 feet of any occupied building and requires permission from landowners

to hunt on private property. It's certain that without hunting, deer will become a nuisance and decimate young trees and flower and vegetable gardens. Most of all, they will create a traffic problem that's already being experienced in other metro areas that restrict hunting.

I'd guess that more injuries could be caused by deer-car crashes than by careless use of firearms. That's certainly the case in the Upper Thumb.

Advocates of eliminating deer hunting could well be back in the not too distant future after hunting is banned to demand that something be done to curb the damage that hungry deer are causing.

There's been a near 100 percent turnaround in the way that deer are controlled in the Upper Thumb. Taking a doe as suggested by the DNR no longer is something that a "real sportsman" doesn't do, as it was when doe hunting first started.

We've learned the hard way that too many deer and too many people just don't mix. Folks in some areas of metro Detroit have already learned that and judging by their problems you can expect Brownstown Township's deer problem will swell right along with the population increase.

I have been trekking north to the Boyne City area for well over a half century and until last weekend never knew that 2 18-hole golf courses were nestled within 15 miles or so from town.

They are 18-hole courses, well maintained, comparatively cheap to play and not crowded.

The courses need better promotion as a place to play without paying an arm or leg. I was a guest and we played just 9 holes and I can't tell you the actual price, but I think a sign said the Saturday morning price for 18 holes with a cart was \$25.

If it's good, why isn't it loaded? You need to travel down a road for a few miles that doesn't appear on the official Michigan map and if there are directional signs on the nearest highway, M-131, I haven't seen them.

In addition to his resume as listed in the stories of the candidates for Tuscola County Drain Commissioner, I can add another about Art Randall.

While still in high school, Randall worked in the print shop at the Chronicle.

It was a job that required working some odd hours in order to get the paper out on time. While he worked here for spending money, he proved to me that you could depend on him to do whatever it took to get the job done.

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Huron, Sanilac races slated Aug. 3

Huron candidates battling for prosecutor, treasurer

by Benjamin Ray
Staff Writer

Voters in Huron County will soon decide who their new prosecutor and treasurer are. Tuscola County Prosecutor Tim Rutkowski, an Ubyly resident, will challenge Huron County incumbent Mark Gaertner for his spot as county prosecuting attorney in the August 3 primary.

In addition to the prosecutor's race, Chief Deputy Sherry Learman and District 5 commissioner Henry Weitenberner will race for treasurer after Roberta Moetteli decided to retire after 21 years in the position.

"I'm endorsing Sherry Learman because she has the experience and knows what the day-to-day work is in the office," Moetteli said, adding that voters will find Learman easy to talk to.

Weitenberner praised his opponent, saying she is easy to work with and her position is safe if he is elected. However, he has a few ideas

about how the office of treasurer should be run.

"I'd like to see a little more efficiency in the office, which comes through cooperation and organization," he said.

Learman said, if elected, her first order of business is to put the revolving drain fund in the computer and make a computer available for public use in the office.

"I'd like people to feel free to come to my office and walk out with a smile," she said. "I know what needs to be done, I know the tax laws - I just have the experience and knowledge for the office."

Weitenberner has owned the funeral home named after him for 30 years and has been a county commissioner for ten years, with six years in the Building Authority before that.

The other major positions will only feature the incumbent on the ballot. Sheriff Kent Tibbits, County Clerk Peggy Koehler and register

of deeds Frances Holdwick will all run unchallenged.

"We have a great team working and I really strive to get around the county and meet as many people as I can," Tibbits said, adding he will not publicly endorse either candidate for prosecutor.

Six of the seven county commissioner seats will only have one candidate on the ballot, though, with the exception of District 5. Four Republicans, all males and all from Bad Axe, are running for the position - and John Collings, Robert Hogan, James Leonard and Mark Roggenbuck all hope to win.

"As far as experience and qualifications - Leonard was mayor of Bad Axe for a few years - I believe he has the time to do a good job," Weitenberner said by way of endorsement.

Dale Koehler, District 1; Don Booms, District 2; R. Dale Wertz, District 3; Robert Haldane, District 4; Ron Wruble, District 6; and Michael Gage, District 7 will all run unchallenged.

Sanilac voters to decide road commissioner race

by Benjamin Ray
Staff Writer

Don Rickett, Jr. is ready for the Sanilac County primary. Rickett is running for road commissioner in the election, which takes place Tuesday, August 3.

The position of road commissioner is one of the few contested jobs in the county. Rickett and Ron Gerstenberger are challenging incumbent Jerome Essenmacher for the chance to improve the roads, and maybe relationships, in the county.

Rickett, Washington Township treasurer, said there are many complaints about the roads in Sanilac County and feels it's time for a leadership change.

"After years of being on the board, I think there's a need to improve the relationship between townships and the road commission," Rickett

said. "I want to get the job done and get it done in a timely manner."

Aside from road commissioner, every major position will only have the incumbent running. County Clerk Linda Kozfkay will run unchallenged, as will county surveyor John Milletics, treasurer Kathy Dorman and drain commissioner James Bowerman.

In addition, James Young is the sole candidate for prosecuting attorney, while voters will only see Michele VanNorman's name under register of deeds. Virg Strickler will run for sheriff again.

Things could get interesting in the county commissioner race, though. Districts 3 and 7 both have multiple candidates this year.

In the third district, James Ruby will run against incumbent Robert Wood for a

county seat. Ruby said he wants to give the taxpayers a choice of a positive-thinking open-minded commissioner.

"What they think of Bob Wood is doing now and what I'm offering them is the voter's choice," he said. "If elected, I would like to get a survey out to the people to find out what they think."

Judy Vincent and Lyle Clarkson are also racing to replace John Espinoza as commissioner of the seventh district.

The other commissioners are running unchallenged, including John Merriman, first district; Gary Russell, second district; Norton Schramm, fourth district; William Walters, fifth district; and Donald Hunt, sixth district. All of the above candidates are Republican.

Letters to the editor

Consider road patrol millage

I do not know where to begin, but I feel compelled to ask for the public's support on our Road Patrol Millage coming up at the Aug. 3 primary election.

We have been very fortunate to have the public support for our road patrol millage since 1988, which is up for renewal this year.

Unfortunately, what worked in 1988 does not do the job in 2004. We are asking for an addition half mill (.5) so as to totally fund the road patrol.

As most people know, with all the state revenue sharing

cuts the county is being crunched.

My department was cut last year, but we absorbed the cuts by reduction in capital outlay and equipment, which allowed us to maintain road patrol.

I realize that tax increases are never popular, and there are those that cannot even afford a .5 mill increase, however, I would ask that everyone give this request their utmost consideration.

In your service,
Thomas T. Kern,
Tuscola County Sheriff

Reader clarifies lake drainage

The editor, Cass City Chronicle,

I have read the Chronicle and its "Rabbit Tracks" for many years. In a recent segment, Mr. Haire discussed a trip to Michigan's U.P. I think he got slightly "YOOPED" by the 'yoopers', if they told him the water drained to the south of M-28 into Lake Michigan ended up in the Gulf of Mexico. This would require the drainage of Lake Michigan to be via the Illinois River (Chicago Canal), which flow is controlled by locks. The drainage of Lake Michigan is via the Straits of Mackinac into Lake Huron, thence the St. Clair River to Lake St. Clair, Detroit River, Lake Erie to the Niagara River (some via the Welland Canal) into Lake Ontario. Out of this it ends in the Atlantic via the St. Lawrence River/Seaway.

I know this must sound picky, because perhaps a very tiny amount of Lake Michigan water must end up in the Gulf via the Mississippi drainage, but I thought it important that people not be lead to believe that the outflow of Lake Michigan is at its south end.

There is a great reference

found on the Internet, put out by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, called "The Great Lakes - An Environmental Atlas and Resource Book". Chapter 2 is especially pertinent and is fun reading.

Sincerely,
Donald L. Tuckey, M.D.

Letters to the Editor
The Chronicle welcomes letters to the editor.

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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.

Sanilac officials: funding vital to retain services

Sanilac County officials say a proposed Headlee override request on the Tuesday, Aug. 3, primary ballot would restore stability to the county's financial situation.

Without it, they say, the situation would be catastrophic in terms of the cuts necessary to balance the budget.

If approved, the override would restore the county's tax levy to 5 mills for one year. For the owner of home with a market value of \$60,000 the adjustment would cost an additional \$26.92 in taxes. The owner of a \$100,000 home would pay \$44.87 more.

"Because of the Headlee Amendment, passed in 1974, the county has had reduced revenue because the amount of operational millage it is permitted to levy, 5 mills, has been reduced over the years to 4.1026 mills," explained Sanilac County Administrator John Males. "From 1999 to 2004, this has been a loss of over \$5 million to the general fund."

The Headlee Amendment requires tax rates in counties, cities, townships, school dis-

tricts and other taxing authorities to be rolled back if the taxable value on property is greater than the rate of inflation, based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

Males acknowledged this isn't the first time the county has faced a financial crisis.

"This has happened before and in order to preserve as many services as possible, money was used from the Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund and the general fund contingency," he said. "There is now very little money left in the Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund and the contingency is virtually exhausted."

"Combined with these factors, the state of Michigan has drastically reduced their payments to counties and is proposing the total elimination of revenue sharing. Increasing costs and decreasing revenues have been major factors in threatening the county's ability to provide quality services."

Should voters reject the override, Males said, there will need to be serious cuts in services.

"The county has already reduced operating costs by not filling positions and consolidating services," he added. "The county is also examining more cost effective health plans for employees and has asked employees to do more for less. The cuts will be deep and will heavily impact services."

Males noted the county's contingency fund should be at least 8 to 10 percent of the general fund budget, which currently totals \$10.15 million. "It (contingency fund) is currently dangerously low."

"We have made mid-year reductions in the amount of \$199,771 and will need to further reduce expenditures to help our financial picture."

Voter-approval of the override "would certainly help restore stability," Males continued.

"The Headlee restoration would, along with continued effective money management, allow the county to maintain services. Further cuts from the state of Michigan would continue to put more strain on the county."

I encourage you to voice your right to vote!



VOTE August 3rd

David is a candidate for County Commissioner representing the townships of Dayton, Fremont, Kingston, Koylton, Novesta and Wells. This includes the villages of Mayville, Kingston, Deford, Silverwood, portions of Clifford, Marlette and Cass City. This area also includes the rural areas of Daytona, Shays Lake and Wilmot.

David is married to Cheri and they have four grandchildren. He is a member of the Kingston Lions Club, the Michigan State Employees Retirement Association, the Michigan Association of Chief's of Police, the Greater Thumb Lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police, the Caro Moose Lodge and a member of the Commanders Club of Disabled American Veterans.

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Bay City show coming up

Hip hop artist deals with fame

by Benjamin Ray
Staff Writer

Her debut CD is only a month old and already Jaime Englehart is dealing with the pressures of fame. She divides her time between promoting her CD, preparing for her August concert at the Players' Club in Bay City and working.

A zealous fan waited outside the library for the 25-year-old hip-hop artist last week and followed her to the gas station, where he said he just wanted to talk to her about her CD.

Granted, there are no clinging paparazzi, no sycophant fans after fame they cannot have, no record label thirsty to exploit her success. But for a girl from Cass City with a national recording contract and upcoming live show, finding time to write new songs or even a bit of peace is not easy.

"It's hard to promote a CD and keep your day job," she said. "I'm a hermit."

She is excited about the Bay City show, which will receive advertising around the Thumb area from Foundation Records, Englehart's record label. The show is slated for mid-August at Bay City Players, Inc., 1214 Columbia Ave.

Englehart will open for Chilae, an R&B artist also on the Foundation label who will open for Erykah Badu later this year. The Players'

Club seats around 40) and has the atmosphere of an upscale art gallery, Englehart said.

"If you don't come, you are out of your mind," she added. Englehart played her first live show at Cass City's Fourth of July Freedom Festival on July 3, delivering a set of songs off her debut CD "The Girl Next Door." The faulty PA system and lack of crowd involvement hindered the initial excitement not to mention she was down to one backup dancer, Jason Spencer.

Still, she said she had a good time, and her crowd was the largest of all the musical acts that weekend. She hopes Cass City will accept her.

"I want - challenge - this area to embrace something different," she said, adding that her style, a sort of hip-hop/pop/punk blend is difficult to define.

Her upcoming set list will include only songs from the CD - no covers or new material. She has not had time to write anything new and prefers not to do covers. "When I write stuff, I don't keep anyone else's stuff in mind," she said.

Among the songs to be performed is a six-minute piece entitled "Sunshine." Easily the most emotional piece on the 11-track CD, Englehart wrote it at a dark time in her life.

"I was buried under a lot of

rubble, and I wrote it when I started climbing back out," she said. "Of course, my boyfriend at the time read the lyrics and said 'Hey, is this about me?'"

Since the CD came out, Englehart has received e-mails ranging from praise to criticism. A college student from Caro named Jordan said in an e-mail he has been unable to put the CD down because it's unlike anything he has heard.

On the other end, a producer from Lapeer told Englehart she had a good voice but her beats were weak, and offered to remix her album. She declined because the producer's intentions were unclear.

Lately, Englehart has been preparing her dancers for the

upcoming show. Jason Spencer, a dancer of 12 years, is not new to the spotlight but still gets butterflies.

"If you're not nervous, you're not ready for the show," he said. "We're both interested in how many people will be there."

Spencer works with Sarah Taylor of Unionville to prepare dance moves for Englehart's songs. She tells them what she would like to see; Taylor and Spencer work on routines that fit the song and make Englehart happy.

"She has a lot of inner drive and knows where she wants to go with her music," Spencer said. "She's pretty easy to work with."

A show scheduled at Davenport University on July 31

fell through at the last minute due to lack of sponsorship. While disappointed on that front, Englehart is still excited about the Bay City gig.

"It's uncharted waters, so I'm a little nervous," she said.

Englehart's music is now even available in Tokyo. She has a link exchange over the Internet with Pit Radio, who selected her song "Mixed Drinks" to stream online.

For those who do not live overseas, the CD is available at Videomation and Full Score Records in Cass City, Thumb Home Real Video in Bad Axe. The Entertainer in Caro and Lapeer Music.

If the CD sells well, Englehart plans to use the money to help the Humane Society and various music programs in local schools.

Down Memory Lane

By Harmony Doerr



5 YEARS AGO

Cass City Schools Superintendent Ken Micklash announced Monday that Jeff Hartel has been awarded the newly created position of middle school assistant principal and athletic director. Hartel holds a master's degree from Central Michigan University.

Stifling heat and humidity hasn't deterred Cass City High School cheerleaders from their fund raising efforts this summer, including a car wash over the weekend at Mr. Chips. The teens welcomed all motorists and did their best to accommodate even the most challenging vehicles while earning \$250 that will go toward expenses for a cheerleading camp next month at Saginaw Valley State University.

Cass City Village officials Monday approved a trio of resolutions designed to enable the village to expand by about 2 acres. The Village Council voted to accept the property, located east of Maple Street near the Elizabeth Street curve, and hold the land in trust for the local chapter of Habitat for Humanity. The property was donated to the habitat group by Pat Gee of Cass City.

10 YEARS AGO

A review of the need for a new middle school building and a rehash of the deficiencies in the present building consumed the majority of the time in a special meeting Thursday night that drew about 25 persons, mostly members of the committee formed for school improvement. Fred Eurick, an architect from Lansing, outlined problems with the present building, which he estimated would cost about \$200,000 to meet current fire code standards. The school has been granted a year's ex-

5 YEARS AGO

tension to meet the fire code. Men and women were using the men's rest room at the same time in Tiger Stadium, actually rubbing female shoulder to male back as the men faced the wall and relieved themselves, and the women stood and waited for an empty stall. Meanwhile, in the grandstand, a large crowd was "redolent of pot smoke," according to one newspaper. It happened last Wednesday night, at Trumbull and Michigan, in the old ballpark that used to be Briggs Stadium and Navin Field. What would Hank Greenberg say? Or Frank Navin and Walter O. Briggs? Call the cops? (By Jim Fitzgerald)

Tanya Muntz was recently crowned the 1994 Tuscola County Bean Queen at the county fair. The 19-year-old Cass City farm woman will go on to the state competition in Fairgrove on Labor Day weekend, which could win her a \$15,000 scholarship. She is the daughter of Janet and the late Howard Muntz.

25 YEARS AGO

Fort's Store in Cass City was a family operation when it was started by the late Alfred and Mrs. Fort in 1922 and it is still a family operation today. Fifty-seven years after it opened, the store is under the direction of the third generation of the family. Ralph Retherford joined his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Retherford in the business after graduating from Cass City High School. When Fort's opened it was primarily a fruit and vegetable outlet. Today it is a party convenience store and the only store in Cass City that has a license to sell liquor. The license was acquired in 1938.

Possible takeover of all meat inspection in Michigan by the federal government is still a question mark. According to Dr. Thomas Dominguez, DVM, director

of the Michigan Department of Agriculture Animal Health Division, the legislature has appropriated funds for the state program to continue in the 1979-80 fiscal year, which starts Oct. 1.

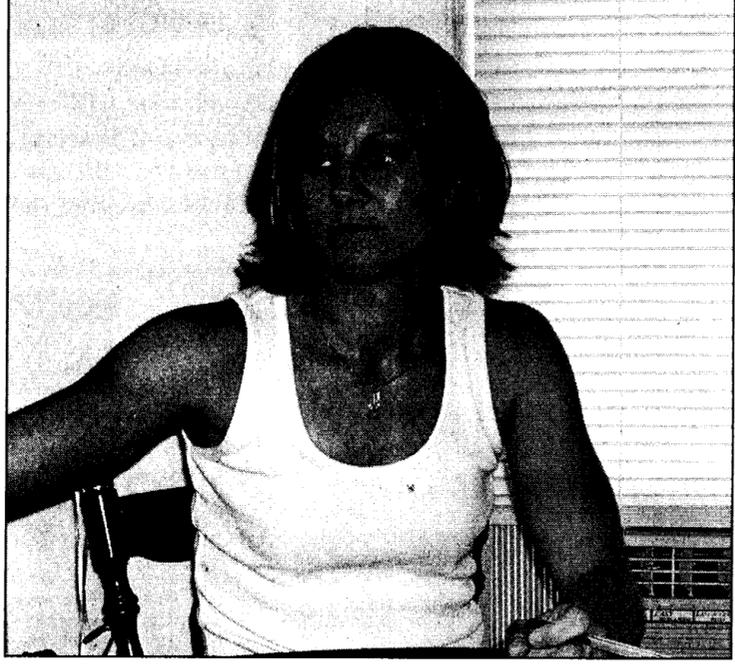
The Cass City swim team members combined their efforts for 15 first place finishes, to defeat Frankenmuth 140-98 Sunday at the recreation park pool. The win improved Cass City's record to 2-3.

35 YEARS AGO

Two changes in the Cass City business community were announced this week by principals involved. In a joint announcement, Cliff Ferguson, Bob Bader and Floyd Kennedy announced a change in the ownership of the Gulf station in Cass City. Taking over the station portion of the business will be Kennedy and Bader. The three stressed that the sale does not include the bulk gas and oil business, which remains with Ferguson. The owners at the station will operate under the name of Cass City Gulf Service, while Ferguson retains the name Cass City Oil & Gas for the bulk sale of fuel oil and gas.

An old approximately 20' by 60' barn containing lumber, a car, fishing tackle, a trailer and tools was destroyed Saturday, July 19, at the rural residence of Lee Wallace on Maxwell Road four miles northeast of Gaggetown. The loss was estimated at roughly \$2,000.

Cycling is becoming an in-thing, I discovered in Denver last weekend. Many youths armed with sleeping packs were cycling over the mountains and across the plains on holiday excursions. And if you find this hard to believe, how about the fellow I overheard talking about walking across the country and already had four states behind him? (From Rabbit Tracks)



JAIME ENGLEHART continues to promote her upcoming concert at Davenport University as well as sales of her debut CD, The Girl Next Door, which came out July 3. The July 31 concert is sponsored by Foundation Records, who released her CD as well as music by Chilae, who will follow Englehart on stage.

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Tent meets scheduled Aug. 11-15

Thumb Area Tent Meetings are to be held Wednesday through Sunday, Aug. 11-15, at 7 p.m. nightly.

The event, sponsored by Deford Country Church, Goodland Country Church and Marlette Lion of Judah Church, will be held at 1994 N. Van Dyke, just north of Marlette, across from the mini-storage at the school house.

The tent meetings will feature such Southern Gospel Groups at the Strength Family, Royalheirs, Joyful Sounds, Kim Pillow and many others.

Sunday morning there will be a United Worship Service under the tent at 11 a.m. with Thumb area churches. At the same time there will be vacation Bible school held for the children in the school house.

Cass City Area Church Directory

<p>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</p>	<p>Deford Community Church 1392 Kingston Rd., Deford, MI 48729 989-872-4051 (parsonage) 989-872-4055 (church) Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m. Contemporary & Traditional 6:00 p.m. Wednesdays 7:00 p.m. Pastor: David Mercer email: dcdca@band.net website: defordcommunitychurch.org</p>	<p>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</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>Deford Country Church Assemblies of God 5903 Main St., Box 224, Deford, MI 48729 989-872-5158 Wednesday Family Night 7 p.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Dan Strength Sr. Pastor Tim Wells, Associate WSNL 600 AM, Saturday, 5:30 a.m.</p>	<p>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</p>
<p>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</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>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</p>
<p>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</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>St. Agatha's Catholic Church 4618 South St., Gaggetown, MI 48735 665-9966 Sunday Liturgy 10:30 a.m. Parish Administrator: Joan Wyskiel</p>
<p>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</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>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</p>
<p>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</p>	<p>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</p>	

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July 29, 30, 31 and Aug. 1

50th Munger Potato Festival coming up

The Munger Volunteer Firemen Corps will sponsor its 50th annual Munger Potato Festival, July 29, 30, 31 and Aug. 1.

The events start Thursday at 7:30 p.m. with a Figure 8 Derby. At 7 p.m. there will be the selection of the 2004 Potato Queen and King in front of the Merritt Township Hall. All of the 49 past potato queens and kings have been invited to attend. From 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Groove Circle (formerly Jedi Mind Trip) will provide music in the Big Tent. Elliott Amusement rides begin at 4 p.m.

On Friday at 7:30 there will be a demolition derby. Sonny Hall and the U.S.A. Demolition Team will be back again this year. Men and women will compete for cash prizes of up to \$2,500. There will be 5 action packed heats with over 50 cars destroyed. There will be a special "Old Timer's" heat.

Music in the Big Tent will be provided by CEYX, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Elliott Amusement Carnival rides begin at 1 p.m.

Saturday will begin with an all you can eat potato pancake breakfast from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Then starts "Kids Day" with a Children's Pedal Pull at 11 a.m. There will be lots of other activities for the kids - Potato toss, Mr. Potato Head decorating, potato sack races, and much more. All activities are held inside the Big Tent and are free. Special pay one price for the Elliott Amusement Carnival will begin at noon.

Back again this year, Saturday, will be the addition of another Figure 8 Race at 7 p.m., with the gates opening at 5 p.m. At least 56 cars will participate in 6 heats. In the Big Tent music will be provided by Groove Circle, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. At 9 p.m. there will be a "Teen Dance" in the Firemen Hall, with entertainment provided by a D.J.

Sunday at 1 p.m. will be the annual parade, lead by the potato queen, king and court. There will be floats, fire engines, and many marching bands. Entertaining in the Big Tent from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. will be Steve Drzewicki and Friends followed by Jedi, 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.

There will be fireworks Friday and Saturday at dusk following the derbies.

Elliott Amusement Company will provide carnival rides with special pay one prices available at noon until 8 p.m. Sunday.

Las Vegas style casino, bingo and big 6 wheel will be operating every day. Tons of free potatoes will be given away Friday, Saturday and Sunday. St. Norbert Catholic Church will be operating the food tent throughout the festival, featuring a chicken barbecue beginning at 11 a.m. Sunday. Also on sale during the festival will be the famous Potato Bratwurst.

All profits raised at the festival go to promote recreation projects in Merritt Township. For more festival information, contact Don Smrecak, chairman, or Jerry Pavlawk, co-chairman, at the Firemen office at (989) 659-3471.



KELLY ROAD resident Dick Szarapski is a lifelong gardener who enjoys reaping the fruits of his labor each year. His gardens are a healthy mix of vegetables and flowers. The secret, he says, is ensuring good topsoil fortified naturally with compost, occasionally applying lime and, of course, keeping the weeds in check.

Obituaries

Leonard Kawecki

Leonard S. Kawecki, 72, of Ubly, died unexpectedly Sunday, July 25, 2004 at Hills and Dales General Hospital, Cass City.

He was born March 11, 1932 in Detroit, the son of the late Stanley and Mary Kawecki.

He married Arlene Gostiaux May 3, 1958. She died Aug. 19, 2002.

Kawecki moved to a farm in Ubly in 1969. He worked for many years at Chrysler Corp. and several years as a mechanic.

Kawecki is survived by two sons: Jeffrey (Brenda) Kawecki of Ubly, and Mark (Maureen) Kawecki of Cass City; and five grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Arthur Kawecki.

Cremation will take place by the Cremation Society of Michigan. A memorial dinner will take place at a later date.

Joan Zemke

Joan M. Zemke, 71, of Detroit, died Thursday, July 22, 2004 at her home.

She was born Jan. 18, 1933 in Detroit, the daughter of the late Basil and Lucille (Curtis) Hartwick.

She married William H. Zemke Aug. 30, 1952. Zemke worked as a teacher's assistant for Cass City Public Schools for 26 1/2 years, retiring Jan. 15, 1995.

She is survived by her husband, William; three children: Kathy A. (the late Dan) Risdon of Cass City, Kurt Zemke of Pontiac, and Christopher (Nancy) Zemke of Caro; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and a sister, Beverly (Richard) Craun of Lapeer.

She was preceded in death by a son, William Zemke.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be held at a later date.

Memorials may be made to Heartland Hospice or the Cass City VFW Post #3644.

Arrangements were made by Thabet Funeral Home, Cass City.

Read Meg's Peg, page 2

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For your support, cards, flowers, and most of all love and respect shown during this time of tragic difficulty. Dr. Vollmar has been a gift from heaven to our patients during my absence in the last few weeks. Please allow Dr. Vollmar to continue your care and render new care to you and your family as you have allowed me to do for so many years.

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Youth rally set Aug. 29

Youth in the upper Thumb are invited to get their "thumbs up" for a fun and faith-filled day. "Thumbs Up for Christ" is the theme of the youth rally sponsored by Catholic parishes comprising Vicariate II.

The 12th annual rally has been expanded this year to encompass a greater area. An invitation to participate in the day is extended to Catho-

lic youth from the entire upper Thumb, seventh grade through recent graduates, and their friends.

The expansion was prompted by past requests from other parishes in the area that wanted to participate and by encouragement from the Diocese of Saginaw.

The event is Aug. 29, from 3 to 9:30 p.m. at St. John's Parish Center in Ubly. Cost is \$5 per person.

Highlights of the day include a Catholic liturgy followed by a disc jockey and karaoke; volleyball tournaments; a barbecue dinner and basketball. Assorted games and contests will be available.

Youths may contact individual parishes to register. Pre-registration and a completion of a medical form are required by Aug. 25. Late registrations can contact Jean Winkel at (989) 479-6983.

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FIGURE EIGHT
DERBY - 7:30 P.M.

Groove Circle
8:00 P.M. till 1:00 A.M.

FRIDAY, JULY 30
DEMOLITION
DERBY - 7:30 P.M.

CEYX

9:00 P.M. till 1:00 A.M.
Fireworks at Dusk!

SATURDAY, JULY 31

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CHILDREN'S PEDAL
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DERBY - 7:00 P.M.

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Cass City Golf League
as of July 25

Flight #1
Rick Salcido 136
Mark Swanson 129
Craig Helwig 111
Scott Richards 103

Rich Tate 102
Brad Goslin 102
Don Ouvre 100
Dieter Roth 92
Bill Kritzman 92
Ray Fox 90
Chris Maharg 88
Don Warner 85
John Maharg 85
Terry Wiseman 71

Flight #2
Mike Hawrylo 131

Flight #3
117 Jason Bitzer
109 Erik Tamlyn
105 Rick Coleman
100 Corey Ulfig
100 Fred Leeson
95 Daryl Iwankovitsch
94 Dave Weiler
92 Mike Lowe
91 Jim Peyerk
79 Craig Bellew
72 Gary Robinson
71 Jim Hobbs
64 Brian Reinhardt

Flight #4
128 Paul Adams
120 Kevin Bliss
120 Jeff Krol
117 Mike King
116 Ed Knight
106 Tom Lis
101 Doug Lautner
99 Terry Hendrick
97 Bruce LeValley
95 Dan Curtis
94 Pat Curtis
90 Charles Tunis
81 Orvil Beecher
79 Jim Mastie
78 Anton Peters

Flight #5
125 Dave Keller
118 Doug Laurie
114 Tom Thorold
107 Thad Phelps
105 Bert Althaver
103 Pat Davis
101 Ed Mercado
100 Bill Ewald
100 Clate Sawdon
95 Bob Stickle
94 Dennis Meck
85 Aaron Mar
78 John Agar
39 Jeff Kinder



THE 2004 LIFEGUARD squad at the Cass City Pool include (back, l-r) Josh Rosenthal, Nathan Haag, Paul Hoelzle, Aaron Diegel, Nick Chappel, (front, l-r) Elizabeth Sobczak, Sarah Hobbs, director Katie Hacker, Alissa Pasant, Kayla Wentworth and Becca Bennet. Missing: Amy Howard, Lindsay Montgomery, Kyle Szarapski, Libby Greene and Megan O'Dell.

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YFC hosting softball tourney in Cass City

Want to play softball, but don't have time during the week to join a league? Then this weekend may fulfill your needs. Youth for Christ is raising

money to help junior high students in 5 different Thumb communities and are hosting a 2-day softball tournament to raise money for the programs.

The double elimination tournament takes place July 31 at Cass City Recreation Park. Teams need at least 9 players, 3 of which need to be women. The cost to register is \$100 and the team coach or captain will receive a packet with information about game times, rules and prizes.

Red Hawk soccer practices slated

Cass City boys' soccer coach Chuck Reed has announced the Red Hawks' opening practice schedule for the 2004 season. Voluntary conditioning will begin Monday, Aug. 2, at the varsity field at 6:30 p.m.,



Wednesday Night 2 Man Golf League as of July 21		Dillon/Ralph R./Tonti 15
Early Division		Late Division
Berwick/Greenlee 55	Jones/Marshall 50	Smith/Biddinger 53
Henn/Peters 48	Kritzman/Burns 43	Robinson/Martin 49
Wieler/Leeson 41	Stickle/Iwankovitsch 41	Williamson/Rieman 48
Herron/Tuckey 39	Burns/Hutchinson 37	Doerr/Haire 48
Bliss/Baker 36	Maharg/Pasieczny 36	Hillaker/Murphy 45
Wallace/Warner 33	Strickland/Glaspic 29	LeValley/Morgan/Krol 44
Craig/Knight 20		Hartel/Comment 40
		N. Bliss/Ware 40
		Hool/Toner 39
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2004 COLORADO LS 4X4 REG CAB Z71	\$24,590	\$3,000	\$19,510	\$18,541
2004 BLAZER LS 2DOOR ZR2	\$30,545	\$6,000	\$21,619	\$20,557
2004 TRAILBLAZER LS 4X4	\$32,050	\$6,000	\$23,394	\$22,129
2004 SUBURBAN 1500 4X4	\$45,300	\$6,000	\$34,154	\$32,425
2004 TAHOE 4X4 Z71	\$45,395	\$6,000	\$34,186	\$32,456
2004 VENTURE LT 4DOOR EXT ENTERTAINER	\$32,365	\$5,000	\$25,499	\$23,365

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Trio seeking Tuscola drain post

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Also seeking votes in the primary are newcomers John W. Hunter, Democrat, who previously unsuccessfully ran for commissioner, and former Elkland Township Supervisor David J. Milligan, Republican. They are vying for the District One seat, which represents Wisner, Akron, Columbia, Elmwood, Elkland, Gilford and Fairgrove townships.

Incumbent Commissioner Donald P. McLane, Republican, faces a challenge from Kingston Police Chief David Lich, Democrat, in District 3, which is comprised of Novesta, Wells, Kingston, Fremont, Dayton and Koylton townships.

Running unopposed is District 5 Commissioner Gerald C. Peterson, a Republican who represents Tuscola, Arbel and Denmark townships and the city of Vassar.

Also running unopposed are: county Clerk Margie White-Cormier, Republican; Prosecutor Mark E. Reene, Republican; Sheriff Tom Kern, Democrat; and Treasurer Patricia A. Donovan, Democrat.

TOWNSHIP VOTE

Among area townships, there will be one new face on the Elkland Township Board.

Filing for the seat of treasurer was former Cass City Village Council Trustee

Dale McIntosh, Republican, who will replace longtime township Treasurer Art Randall. Running unopposed are Supervisor Daniel J. Erla, Clerk Norma Wallace and trustees Cindy Kruse and Terry Muntz, all Republicans.

In Ellington Township, candidates seeking office are incumbents Supervisor Duane D. Lockwood, Clerk Frederick J. Bardwell Jr., Treasurer Diane K. Wilder and Trustee Larry A. Finkbeiner. Seeking the other available trustee seat is newcomer Mark McGarry.

All of the candidates are Republicans.

In Kingston Township, incumbent Clerk Victoria E. Wolak did not file for reelection. Seeking her seat is newcomer Carrie A. Gilley, Democrat. Running unopposed are incumbents Supervisor William J. Zimba, Democrat, Treasurer Sally L. Wood and trustees Gary S. King, Republican, and Francis J. Lis, Democrat.

Four candidates are running for a pair of trustee seats in Koylton Township. They are incumbents Faye Stoll and Douglas R. Kramer, both Re-

publicans, newcomer Michael Muxlow, Republican, and newcomer Lynn Saples, Democrat. Running unopposed are Supervisor Albert Ruggles, Clerk James R. Borek and Treasurer Louis Haase, all Republicans.

In Novesta Township, only the incumbents filed for seats. They are Supervisor Ronald E. Palmer, Republican, Clerk Karen M. Mozden, Democrat, Treasurer Ralph A. Zinnecker, Democrat, and trustees Ronald Patera and Dale Churchill, both Democ-



LLOYD MAREK celebrates his "35th" birthday with area resident Jane Hittler, who volunteered at Tendercare on Wednesday to help residents celebrate all of the July birthdays. Marek is actually 75 years old, but as he ate cake and fooled around with the noisemaker, he said he felt 35 again.

Drain candidates share their backgrounds, views

Each of the candidates seeking the office of Tuscola County Drain Commissioner agreed to participate in a brief question-and-answer session with the Chronicle.

The candidates were asked to respond to the following questions:

***Why are you seeking the office of drain commissioner?**

***Describe any background and/or experience you have that has prepared you to fulfill the duties of drain commissioner, and tell voters why you are the best candidate for the job.**

***For many county residents, the office of drain commissioner is a bit of a mystery. How would you describe the duties of the office, and what will be your priorities if elected.**

All 3 candidates are running under the Republican ticket, so voters will decide the race in the Tuesday, Aug. 3, primary election.

The following are their responses:

Sarah Pistro

• I believe that I'm the most qualified candidate for reelection to the position of Tuscola County Drain Commissioner because:

(1) I have been the drain commissioner in Tuscola County for the past 12 years, showing honesty, dedication and integrity in both work performance and family life.

(2) I was deputy drain commissioner in Tuscola County for 10 years prior.

(3) I worked at the county board of commissioner's office/personnel office for 3 years. This is a total of 25 years of serving the residents of Tuscola County.

(4) I have proven myself to be an effective leader by writing grants and bringing into Tuscola County drainage systems over \$4 million in free federal and state funds.

(5) I have completed all phases of soil erosion and am knowledgeable in computers, government accounting which is quite different from regular accounting. We also maintain a revolving fund.

(6) I have spent many hours working with D.E.Q. the Corps of Engineers and legislatures working out the problems we, as one of the

largest agricultural communities have to face.

(7) This position is not a 9 to 5 position. I work daily and many hours after 5 on projects. Evenings by appointment, and many weekends at the taxpayers convenience working at home and in the field.

(8) Tuscola County is and has been working on a limited budget. I have not increased the number of employees or increased the office budget line items. Since I became drain commissioner I don't sit in an office, I personally am out in the field. In other words, I'm a hands-on drain commissioner. I also must give credit to my staff for working as a team.

• The office of Tuscola County Drain Commissioner is and always will be a bit of a mystery because you operate under many statutes. All of the statutes you operate under are designed for the minority (those at the bottom of the hill) on a watershed basis.

The office of drain commissioner is the only office in the state of Michigan that has the responsibility of assessing land owners in a watershed without spreading a millage.

I have had 22 years of this responsibility.

The current statutes prevent me many times from doing what I would like to do verses what the statutes (laws) allow me to do.

I always attempt to do all drainage work in the most cost effective manner and to treat everyone the way I would like to be treated.

Art Randall

• Obviously farmers need drainage. The need to allow water to drain needs to be carefully explored for all drains. All members of the Board of Determination need to be informed of: costs, options, temporary fixes, financial impact on the drainage district, hence on the township, then on the county.

• I have served the public in the following ways:

Elkland Township Treasurer, 37 years. When I started as treasurer, I had to borrow from the next year to

pay all our bills. As of the last fiscal year, we have 1.3 million in cash and assets.

Loan officer and executive vice president of Cass City State Bank.

Owned and operated Cass City Tire.

Served in the U.S. Army. Sales Associate for Kelly & Co. Realty.

• Oversees drains, determines need, solicits bids.

I feel maintenance on drains will extend life. I believe temporary fixes will save money. I believe that duplication of expenses needs to be eliminated. I can't imagine suing another branch of commissioners. As ultimately, the taxpayer pays to sue each other.

Cyril Thomas

• I believe the office needs a fresh perspective. I'm convinced that there are easier and less costly ways of accomplishing what needs to be done when it comes to drainage issues.

• I've been a union carpenter for 16 years. My current job with Pumford Construction requires knowledge of a wide range of commercial building methods. I build concrete forms, so I know how to set grade for excavation, foundation, and footings, using such equipment as digital transits and laser levels.

I also own Thomas Marine in Unionville, where my family has been for almost 100 years.

I deal with water levels on a day-to-day basis, and I believe there should be simple solutions for the citizens of Tuscola County.

Prosecutor

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the criminal justice system, and it helps to serve justice in minor cases," he said. "Serious and violent crime should be taken to court and not plea bargained for the sake of moving the case along."

"Nobody has escaped punishment that deserved it and that is the key," Gaertner countered. "We have set priorities and stuck with them to fight crime in Huron County."

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Anti-Bush film very unnecessary

Question: Have you seen, or do you plan to see Michael Moore's documentary film "Fahrenheit 9/11"?



The Republicans have Rush Limbaugh, Bill O'Reilly and Ann Coulter to deliver political speech via books and radio talkshows. Democrats have Michael Moore.

The Flint-born filmmaker recently released his docu-

mentary "Fahrenheit 9/11" to a nationwide audience, and reactions run the gamut from praise to disgust.

The film suggests a relationship between President George W. Bush and the Bin Laden family and showcases Iraq as a peaceful, worry-free country invaded by America for no good reason.

Moore, a fierce Democrat, has labeled the president and his administration "fictitious." In an interview in England last week, Moore claimed Americans were the "dumbest people" he knew.

People from both political parties say the film is a must-see, even if it has factual errors, while others say it is a waste of time and money. Area resident David Sanders falls in the latter category.

"I don't care to see it - I like our president and I think he's doing a good job," he said.

Sanders viewed Roger & Me, another Moore film, and did not care for the filmmaker back then either.

"Bush is a Christian leader who puts God first in his life," he said. "This film just came out at a convenient time."

Cass City resident David Sanders is married to Mary Kay and has five kids. He works at Wesleyan Christian Academy in North Branch.

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Sheriff: tax about safety

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and other revenue reductions. Voters rejected all of them.

"The county has no meaningful method of generating revenue. The only method of balancing the budget has been to make severe budget cuts," Hoagland said.

The county board decision to cut \$500,000 in 2003 — about 4 percent of the budget — resulted in the elimination of 8 full-time positions. Funding for animal control, Vanderbilt Park, soil conservation and county planning services was also eliminated, and spending for MSU Extension programs was reduced by 70 percent.

Since then, the financial outlook has worsened, although county officials opted to delay additional significant cuts in 2004 by utilizing one-time revenue

sources. That solution, Hoagland emphasizes, will not provide any long-term relief.

"Tuscola County has developed revenue and expenditure projections for 2005, 2006 and 2007. For 2005, a best-case scenario projects expenditures exceeding revenues by approximately \$350,000, with a worst-case scenario at \$650,000," he said. "By 2007, a worst-case scenario shows expenditures exceeding revenues in excess of \$1 million."

Kern says he understands how voters feel when it comes to tax increases. However, he indicated residents should try to look at the big picture.

"What was good in 1988 is not good in 2004," he said of when the current millage rate was established. "You're talking 16 years and it doesn't fund the road patrol

anymore. That's the problem."

Kingston graduate on list

Alma College has named over 400 students to the dean's list for outstanding academic performance during the 2004 winter term, which ended April 16, 2004.

Students who achieve a 3.5 or better grade point average during a term, while carrying a minimum of 13 credits, at least 8 of which are evaluative grades, are named to the dean's list.

Among those earning the honor was senior Ethan Dereszynski of Caro, a 2000 graduate of Kingston High School and the son of Gerald and Deborah Dereszynski of Caro.

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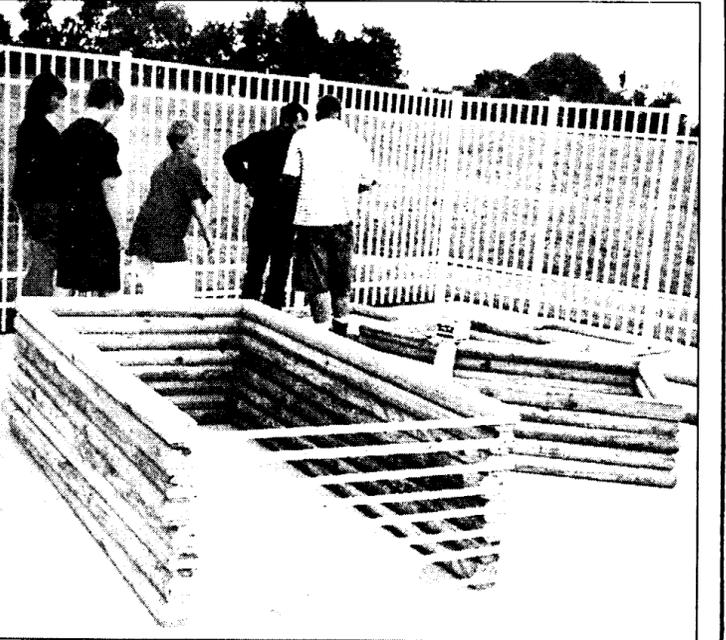
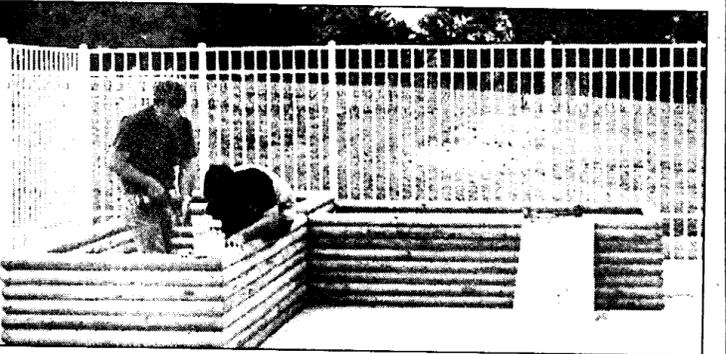
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Scouts lend a hand



ABOVE ARE the workers from Scout Troop 500 who volunteered to build two patio planter boxes on the west patio at Northwood Meadows. Pictured from left to right are Ray Ellis, Lysa Knight, Rick Kulinski, Brianne Smith, Lora Kulinski, Andy Ellis, Kyle Hanby, Clinton Ellis and Natalie Ellis. Not pictured are Rita Hanby and Jeffrey Bliss.



Northwood residents enjoying flowerboxes

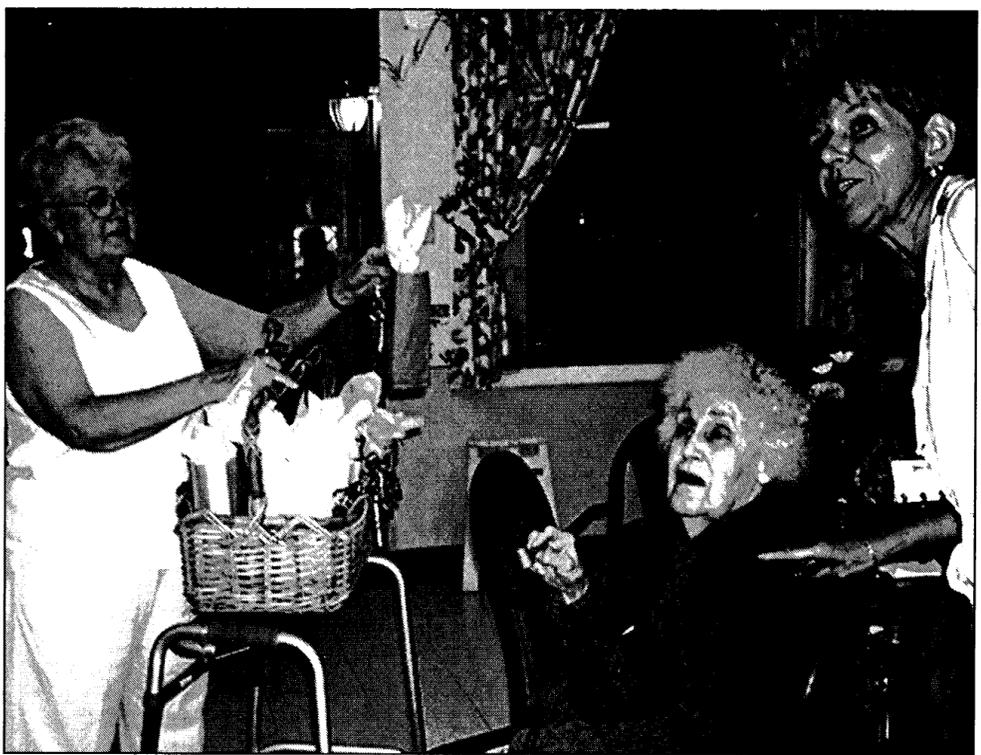
Wheelchair-bound residents at Northwood Meadows can now enjoy the flowers at their level, thanks to the efforts of Scout Troop 500.

Scouts and local residents built two adjacent flowerboxes out of wood, filled them with topsoil and planted flowers. The finished project sits on the patio in Northwood for all to see.

Troop 500 members, leaders and volunteers include Ray Ellis, Rick and Lora Kulinski, Rita and Kyle Hanby, Lysa Knight, Jeffrey Bliss, Brianne Smith, Andy Ellis, Natalie Ellis and Clinton Ellis.

The troop would like to thank Cass City Floral, Schneeberger's, Rawson Memorial Library, Pebbles Plus, Self-Serve Lumber and MI Ethanol.

Kelly Richmond, Northwood Meadows director, said the project truly fit the definition of hard work and dedication to community.



BONNIE TEAGUE chats with Dolores Bednarczyk and Theresa Smith at Tendercare, where residents celebrated all July birthdays last Wednesday. Teague turned 87 this month and chatted about her kids and grandchildren as she ate cake and ice cream.

Names needed for war memorial

A group of Cass City citizens have joined forces to erect a war memorial. The memorial will start with World War I and include all wars up to Iraq.

The volunteers are in search of names to be placed on the

memorial. Anyone knowing of a lifelong citizen of the Cass City School District who served in any branch of military service and died as a result of hostile action is asked to submit his or her name.

With each name the follow-

ing information should be provided: the war and branch of service. Please include your name and telephone number in case more data is needed.

The information should be sent to: War Memorial, P.O.

Box 22, Cass City, MI 48726.

The final words on Memorial Day express the group's concern, "Lost, but not forgotten." Area residents' help is needed to keep their memory alive.

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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 August 26, 2004.

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

Part of the Southwest quarter of Section 8, Town 13 North, Range 11 East, described as commencing at the South quarter corner of said Section 8, thence along the South line of said Section 8, North 89 degrees 31 minutes 45 seconds West, 634.12 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing along said South line of Section 8, North 89 degrees 31 minutes 45 seconds West, 164.20 feet; thence North 00 degrees 28 minutes 15 seconds East, 437.36 feet; thence South 89 degrees 31 minutes 45 seconds East, 122.07 feet; thence South 00 degrees 28 minutes 15 seconds West, 153.03 feet; thence South 89 degrees 31 minutes 45 seconds East, 42.13 feet; thence South 00 degrees 28 minutes 15 seconds West, 284.33 feet to the point of beginning.

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

Dated: July 28, 2004

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
FC X (248) 593-1302
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Countrywide Home Loans, Inc.
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File #026918F01

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Kenton J. Howard and Kim Perez, husband and wife (original mortgagors), to Icon Financial Group, Inc., Mortgagee, dated June 5, 2000 and recorded on June 12, 2000 in Liber 803 on Page 296, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, successor in interest by merger and/or name change to Chase Mortgage Company as assignee by an assignment dated June 5, 2001 and recorded on September 14, 2001 in Liber 842 on Page 1288 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Nine Thousand One Hundred Seventy-Two and 95/100 Dollars (\$69,172.95), including interest at 8.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on August 12, 2004.

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

Lot 2, Block 1 of Pinney's Addition to the Village of Cass City, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 60, now being Page 6B, 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: July 14, 2004

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Jason Schall and Andrea Schall, husband and wife. Mortgagee, to Homeowners Loan Corp., Mortgagee, dated the 16th day of July, 2002 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 19th day of May, 2003 in Liber 931 of Tuscola County Records, Page 649, said Mortgagee having been assigned to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Eighty Seven Thousand Four Hundred Twelve & 71/100 (\$87,412.71), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof.

Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 19th day of August, 2004 at 10:00 o'clock a.m. Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, front entrance of the Courthouse in Village of Caro, Tuscola County (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Tuscola is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 11.350000% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises.

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

Commencing 256 feet North of the West 1/4 Post of Section 33, Town 10 North, Range 9 East, thence North 74 feet; thence East 264 feet; thence South 74 feet; thence West 264 feet to the point of beginning.

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

Dated: 7/21/04

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
Mortgagee

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Jonathan L. Engman (P56364)
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Meranda Harper and Timothy Harper, wife and husband (original mortgagors), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated May 22, 2003 and recorded on July 7, 2003 in Liber 940 on Page 340, and assigned by said Mortgagee to LaSalle Bank National Association, as Trustee for the Registered Holders of the Structured Asset Securities Corporation, Structured Asset Investment Loan Trust, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2003-BC8 as assignee by an assignment dated May 27, 2004 and recorded on July 2, 2004 in Liber 999 on Page 161 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thousand Eight Hundred Seven and 3/100 Dollars (\$100,807.32), including interest at 7.85% 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 August 12, 2004.

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

Commencing at the Northwest corner of Section 24, Town 10 North, Range 9 East, Watertown Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, thence 50 degrees 26 minutes West 1007.70 feet along West Section line to point of beginning; running thence East 1137.14 feet; thence North 104.0 feet; thence East 200.0 feet; thence South 0 degrees 03 minutes West 423.23 feet; thence North 89 degrees 51 minutes 41 seconds West 1339.16 feet; thence North 0 degrees 26 minutes East 316.0 feet to the point of beginning, being part of the Northwest 1/4 Section 24 Town 10 North, Range 9 East, Watertown Township, Tuscola County, MI

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 August 12, 2004.

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

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on July 29, 2004.

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

Part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 34, Town 14 North, Range 8 East, described as: Beginning at a point on the West line of said Northeast 1/4 which is North 00 degrees 58 minutes 10 seconds West, along said West line, 348.25 feet from the center 1/4 corner of said Section 34, said point also being South 00 degrees 58 minutes 10 seconds East, along said West line, 229.30 feet from the North 1/4 corner of said Section 34; thence continuing North 00 degrees 58 minutes 10 seconds West, along said West line, 208.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 05 minutes 00 seconds East 363.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 58 minutes 10 seconds East, parallel with said West line, 208.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 05 minutes 00 seconds West, 363.00 feet to the point of beginning.

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

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

Dated: June 30, 2004

ORLANS ASSOCIATES P.C.
Attorneys for Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
As Mortgagee

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Timothy Harper, Linda Harper, husband and wife, and Alisa Harper, unmarried, as joint tenants with full rights of survivorship, original mortgagors, to EquiCredit, Mortgagee, dated May 11, 2001 and recorded on August 14, 2001 in Liber 840 on Page 1396 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Three Thousand Six Hundred Seventy-Eight and 29/100 Dollars (\$73,678.29), including interest at 9.13% 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 August 19, 2004.

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

Lot 9, Block 11 of North's Addition to the City of Vassar, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 20, now being Page 21A.

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: July 21, 2004

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For EquiCredit
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #029482F01

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This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below.

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

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on August 19, 2004.

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

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

Lot 12 and West 1/2 of Lot 13, Block 1 of Westdale Subdivision, Indianfields Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 1, Page 74, now being Page 24B, Tuscola County Records.

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

Dated: JUNE 23, 2004

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

Attorneys: Poletivo & Associates, P.C.
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Raymond A. Rogers and Carol A. Rogers, husband and wife (original mortgagors), to Option One Mortgage Corporation, a California Corporation, Mortgagee, dated June 5, 2000 and recorded on June 23, 2000 in Liber 804 on Page 579, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota, N.A., as Trustee for Registered Holders of Option One Mortgage Loan Trust 2000-C, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2000-C, without recourse as assignee by an assignment dated August 1, 2001 and recorded on August 7, 2001 in Liber 840 on Page 528 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-One Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-Eight and 48/100 Dollars (\$81,778.48), including interest at 9.8% 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 August 5, 2004.

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

The East 16 rods of the South 50 rods of the East half of the Southwest quarter of Section 15, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, Vassar Township, Tuscola County, Michigan.

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

Dated: July 7, 2004

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
FC G (248) 593-1310
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota, N.A., as Trustee for Registered Holders of Option One Mortgage Loan Trust 2000-C, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2000-C, without recourse
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #008654F03

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by John W. Buchinger and Joanne B. Buchinger, husband and wife (original mortgagors), to National City Mortgage Services Co., Mortgagee, dated June 16, 2000 and recorded on August 25, 2000 in Liber 809 on Page 445 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Five Thousand Two Hundred Seventy-Seven and 53/100 Dollars (\$55,277.53), including interest at 8.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on August 19, 2004.

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

Commencing 690 feet South of the Northeast corner of Section 28; thence West 235.5 feet; thence North 185 feet; thence East 235.5 feet; thence South 185 feet to the point of beginning. Township of Denmark, Tuscola County

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: July 21, 2004

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
FC F (248) 593-1313
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For National City Mortgage Services Co.
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #029447F01

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Matthew F. Reyes and Lora M. Reyes, husband and wife (original mortgagors), to Mac-Clair Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated December 31, 2001 and recorded on February 6, 2002 in Liber 862 on Page 740, and assigned by mesne assignments to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as assignee by an assignment dated December 31, 2001 and recorded on August 20, 2003 in Liber 949 on Page 1380 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety Thousand One Hundred Twenty-Nine and 38/100 Dollars (\$90,129.38), including interest at 7.25% 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 August 19, 2004.

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

PARCEL B - Commencing at the North quarter corner of Section 11, Town 10 North, Range 9 East; thence South 89 degrees 53 minutes 19 seconds East, 329.50 feet along the North line of said Section 11 to the point of beginning; running thence South 89 degrees 53 minutes 19 seconds East, 200.00 feet along the North line of Section 11; thence South 0 degrees 44 minutes 02 seconds West, 500.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 53 minutes 28 seconds East, 128.20 feet; thence South 0 degrees 47 minutes 17 seconds West 823.90 feet; thence North 89 degrees 52 minutes 07 seconds West 327.43 feet along the North 1/8 line of said Section 11; thence North 0 degrees 44 minutes 02 seconds East 1323.77 feet to the point of beginning. Being part of the Northeast quarter of Section 11, Town 10 North, Range 9 East.

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

Dated: July 21, 2004

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
FC W (248) 593-1312
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #028280F01

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Ken W. Sayers and Samantha L. Sayers, husband and wife, to HomeAmerica Credit Inc., d/b/a Upland Mtg., Mortgagee, dated June 12, 2003 and recorded June 25, 2003 in Liber 938, Page 662, Tuscola County Records. Said mortgage is now held by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc. by assignment dated October 9, 2003 and recorded on February 24, 2004 in Liber 981, Page 202, Tuscola County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of One Hundred Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-Six and 08/100 Dollars (\$100,376.08), including interest at the rate of 10.99% 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 August 12, 2004.

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

All that certain piece or parcel of land situated and lying in the Village of Caro, Township of Indianfields, County of Tuscola and State of Michigan and described as follows, to wit: Parcel 1 - Lot 10, Block 6, of Charles Montague's Subdivision, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 10, now being Page 11A.

Parcel 2: Commencing at the Southeast corner of Lot 10, Block 6 of Charles Montague's Subdivision, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 10, now being Page 11A; thence Southeast parallel with Montague Avenue 5 feet and 6 inches; thence Southwest at right angles with Montague Avenue 100 feet; thence Southeast parallel with Montague Avenue 94 1/2 feet to South West corner of Lot 13, Block 6; thence West 98 feet more or less; thence North 88 feet more or less to Southwest corner of Lot 10; thence Northeast along Southeast line of said Lot 10 to place of beginning.

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

Dated: July 21, 2004

ORLANS ASSOCIATES P.C.
Attorneys for Credit Based Asset Servicing and Securitization LLC, As Assignee
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 457-1000
File No. 213.0193

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THIS FIRM

Legal Notices

CALL 872-2010 TO PLACE AN ACTION AD

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Calvin Michael Sochocki, a single man, Mortgagee, to Investaid Corporation, Mortgagee, dated the 17th day of December, 1999 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 22nd day of December, 1999 in Liber 791 of Tuscola County Records, Pages 163-169, said mortgage having been assigned to Wachovia Bank of Delaware, N.A. /f/a First Union National Bank of Delaware by merger with First Union Home Equity Bank, N.A., said assignment dated the 22nd day of December 1999, and recorded with the Tuscola County Register of Deeds, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Forty Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Four & 14/100 (\$40,854.14), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof.

west quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 12, Town 12 North, Range 9 East; thence West on the North Section line 16 Rods; thence South parallel with the North and South quarter line of said Section, 20 Rods; thence East parallel with the North Section line, 16 Rods; thence North 20 Rods to the place of beginning. Right of Way for Gun Club Road over the Northerly side thereof.

During the twelve (12) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during 30 days immediately following the sale.

Dated: July 28, 2004

Wachovia Bank of Delaware, N.A. Mortgagee

FABRIZIO & BROOK, P.C. Jonathan L. Engman (P56364) Attorney for Wachovia Bank of Delaware, N.A. 888 W. Big Beaver, Suite 1470 Troy, MI 48064 248-362-2600

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Gerald L. Harris and Barbara M. Harris, husband and wife (original mortgagors), to North American Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated April 6, 1999 and recorded on April 12, 1999 in Liber 768 on Page 599 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by mesne assignments to U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement, dated as of May 1, 2000, among Financial Asset Securities Corp., as depositor, Greenwich Capital Financial Products, Inc., as seller, Litton Loan Servicing I.P., as servicer, and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee, Soundview Home Equity Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2000-1, without recourse as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety Thousand Ninety-Six and

Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 26th day of August, 2004 at 10:00 o'clock a.m. Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, front entrance of the Courthouse in Village of Caro, Tuscola County (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Tuscola is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 12-0000% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises.

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

The East 660 feet of the West half of the Northeast quarter of Section 12, Town 12 North, Range 9 East, EXCEPT the North 330 feet thereof. AND ALSO a parcel described as the West 2 Rods of the following described property, to wit Commencing at the Northeast corner of the North

10/100 Dollars (\$90,096.10), including interest at 10.55% 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 August 26, 2004.

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

Part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 28, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, described as: Beginning at a point on the North line of said Section 28, which is North 87 degrees 37 minutes 12 seconds West, 995.45 feet from the Northeast corner of said Section 28; thence continuing along said North line North 87 degrees 37 minutes 12 seconds West, 140.00 feet to a point which is South 87 degrees 37 minutes 12 seconds East, 132.00 feet from the Northwest corner of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 28; thence parallel to the West line of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 28, South 2 degrees 17 minutes 37 seconds West, 660.00 feet; thence South 87 degrees 37 minutes 12 seconds East, 140.00 feet; thence North 2 degrees 17 minutes 37 seconds East, 660.00 feet to the North line of said Section 28 and the point of beginning, Tuscola County Records.

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

Dated: July 28, 2004

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC M (248) 593-1306 Trot & Trot, P.C. Attorneys For U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement, dated as of May 1, 2000, among Financial Asset Securities Corp., as depositor, Greenwich Capital Financial Products, Inc., as seller, Litton Loan Servicing I.P., as servicer, and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee, Soundview Home Equity Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2000-1, without recourse 30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200 Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822 File #010996F02

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Transit (nonbusiness) rates, 10 words or less, \$3.75 each insertion; additional words 10 cents each. Three weeks for the price of 2-cash rate. Save money by enclosing cash with mail orders. Rates for display want ads on application.

Automotive

FOR SALE - 1986 Chevy work van, as is, \$600 O.B.O.; 2003 Husky lawn tractor, 27 HP, 54" cut, rear attachments, \$2,800. Call 989-872-8948. 1-7-28-3

1996 CHEVY EXTENDED cab pickup Z71 - 350, leather interior, toneau cover, good condition in/out. \$8,200 O.B.O. Call 670-6081. 1-7-28-1

1997 DODGE NEON - 63,500 miles, good condition in/out, 10-disc CD changer. \$4,000 O.B.O. Call 872-4981. 1-7-28-1

FOR SALE - 1973 Olds Cutlass Supreme, 87,300 miles on it, 350 4 barrel rocket, new tires, exhaust, battery. \$5,000 or best offer. Call 989-872-4677 or 989-912-0060. 1-7-28-1

1988 CHEVROLET SUB-URBAN 350 - 142,000 miles, air, no rust, clean & runs good. Only OBO. Stored in winter. \$4,000 or best. 989-856-3865. 1-7-28-2

FOR SALE - 1997 Buick LeSabre, full power with all the options, runs great, under 119,000 miles, asking \$3,800; also, 1996 Dodge Ram extended cab pickup, 1/2 ton, 129,000 miles, good shape, runs great, asking \$5,100. For more information, call 872-4862 or leave message. 1-7-28-3

General Merchandise

16' FIBERGLASS BOSTON whaler, 115 HP mercury outboard, and many extras. 989-872-3485. 2-7-28-1

FOR SALE - lawn mower, \$10; sewing machine in cabinet, \$45; Hollywood bed frame, twin or full, \$20. 872-1905. 2-7-28-1

FOR SALE - 3-piece medium oak entertainment center, will accommodate up to 32" TV, \$1,000; also 7-piece formal dining room set, table and China cabinet includes 2 leaves and custom pads, \$1,000. All excellent condition. 872-4577. 2-7-28-1

AKC BLACK LAB puppies great temperament. Both parents are guide dogs at Rooster Ranch Hunt Club. Call 989-551-5332. 2-7-28-3

FOR SALE - Set of 4 tires, Cooper Discover S/T, 31"x10.50"x15", over 80% tread, \$250. Call 872-2706 or 553-0881. 2-7-28-1

PASTURED FRYERS - pasture raised fryers. Know where your chicken comes from and buy right off the farm. Will be ready first part of August. From Cass City, 2 miles south, 1/2 mile east on Kelly Rd. 2-7-28-1

General Merchandise

POLEGA'S PRODUCE is opening for the season Wednesday, July 28. Muskmelons, tomatoes, potatoes, cukes, zucchini, onions and more. Also fresh fruit. We accept Project Fresh Coupons. Monday-Saturday, 10-6 p.m.; Sunday, noon-5 p.m. East of M-53 at 6480 Bay City Forestville Rd. 989-872-3348. 2-7-28-1

FOR SALE - Bahez electric guitar, great starter kit, hard case, 100-amp Carrun amp, electric tuner, strap, stand, cords, picks (never used), new \$850, asking \$650 O.B.O.; Dream Cast controller & lots of games \$65 O.B.O.; computer desk, \$75 O.B.O. Call 989-872-8948. 2-7-28-3

FOR SALE - Mac air hammer, like new, \$150 O.B.O. 989-872-8948. 2-7-28-3

FOR SALE - 14' trampoline, \$100. 872-5356. 2-7-28-2

17 FOOT SUNLINE travel trailer, sleeps 2-4, refrigerator, stove, sink, bathroom. Very good condition. Cass City area. \$2,995 O.B.O. 586-598-4316. 2-7-21-3

HITACHI CBX Ultra Vision TV - 60" screen with Dolby surround & TV Guide Plus. Can be updated to HDTV, \$750. 989-872-4537, Deford. 2-7-21-2

FOR SALE - 2002 Starcraft pop-up camper, excellent condition, sleeps 6, sink, stove, refrigerator, and awning with attachable screen. \$3,800 O.B.O. 872-2329. 2-7-21-2

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

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

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

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Household Sales

LARGE MOVING SALE - furniture, household items, clothes, lots of stuff. July 29-30, 8-6 p.m. 1/4 mile north of M-53 & Bay City Forestville Rd. intersection. 8640 Van Dyke. 14-7-28-1

MOVING OUT SALE - 5046 N. Sheridan Rd. (3 south, 1 west, 1/4 north of Unionville). Thursday-Saturday, July 29-31, 9-6 p.m. AVON, some antiques, clean clothes (men's, ladies' & children's), furniture. By the Becker Family. Come see what we've got! 14-7-28-1

3-FAMILY GARAGE SALE - Wednesday, 9-5 p.m.; Thursday, 9-5 p.m.; Friday, 9-5 p.m. Lots of dishes, knickknacks, few antiques, some Christmas crafts, lots of other stuff. 4 miles west of Cass City, 2 1/2 miles north on Cedar Run Rd. or 1 1/2 south of Gagetown. Everything left on Friday, 1/2 price. Warack. 14-7-28-1

GARAGE SALE - We're in the country, but don't miss us! Clothes, toys, books, linens, jewelry, nurse scrubs, desk/chair, recliner and miscellaneous. Aug. 5-6, 8 a.m.-?; Aug. 7, 9-1 p.m. From Cass City 2 miles south, 1 mile east, 1/2 north. 3665 N. Englehart. 14-7-28-2

GARAGE SALE - 3717 Dale Rd. (between Green Rd. and Hurds Corner Rd.). July 29-30, 9-5 p.m. 14-7-28-1

Household Sales

2-FAMILY SALE - corner of Hospital & Dale streets, Cass City. July 30-31, 9-5 p.m. Furniture, dishes, books, computer w/printer, new monitor & desk, Sears tread-mill, teen-2X clothes, electronics, 2 sewing machines, canning jars, comforter sets, clarinet, kerosene heater and more. 14-7-28-1

5-FAMILY GARAGE SALE - July 30, 31 & Aug. 1, from 10-5 p.m. Collectibles, baby items, clothing, household items, washer, refrigerator, electric stove, beds, shallow well pump. 3197 Van Dyke Rd. (1/4 mile south of Deckerville). 14-7-28-1

GARAGE SALE - July 29-31, 9-5 p.m. Tractor w/implements, boat motor trailer, old steel wheeled wagon, garden trailer, basketball hoop, Hot Wheels collection, lots and lots of stuff. 4760 Lamton, Cass City. 14-7-28-1

GARAGE SALE - Wednesday & Thursday, July 28 & 29, 9-5 p.m. 6396 7th St., Cass City. 14-7-28-1

5-FAMILY SALE - Aug. 7-8, 9-8 p.m. 6 miles north and 1/4 mile east of Cass City on Bach Rd. Estate, household, mowers, 3-wheelers, snow-mobles, old farm equipment, 70s Chevy truck parts and rustic items. 14-7-28-2

HUGE SHED SALE - Two days ONLY! July 28 & 30, 9-7 p.m. Antiques, household, clothing, toys, etc. 3 miles west of Cass City on M-81, 1 mile north on Dodge Rd., 1/2 mile east on Milligan Rd. Don't miss it! 14-7-21-2

Real Estate For Sale

KALKASKA COUNTY - 6.4 acres with countryside views. Both wooded and open. Short drive to state land, Manistee River and ORV trails. Includes driveway and cleared site. \$26,900. \$500 down, \$330/mo., 11% land contract. www.northernlandco.com or Northern Land Company, 1-800-968-3118. 3-7-21-2

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

BIG COUNTRY LOT - 3.72 acre surveyed parcel. Buy now, build later. \$29,000 w/terms available. 8 miles SW of Bad Axe. 989-658-2332. 3-7-28-3

1993 14'x72' 3-bedroom, 2-bath. Some appliances included, Berber carpet (1 year old). Must be moved. \$10,500 O.B.O. Call 989-843-5940 or 810-397-2443. 3-7-28-1f

LOOK HERE! Home on 5 acres, only \$99,900. 3-bedroom, basement and the country life. Would consider selling home with just an acre for \$89,900. Call for appointment, 989-673-3933 or 989-550-3943. 3-7-28-3

Real Estate For Rent

2-BEDROOM APARTMENTS available in Cass City. 810-659-8432 or 810-964-2666. 4-7-14-1f

WE ARE NOW TAKING applications for 2-bedroom and studio 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. 4-7-14-1f

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

Real Estate For Rent

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

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

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

FEMALE ROOMMATE WANTED - must be dependable, hard working, looking for a quiet place to study. Nice area, 10 minutes from SVSU. Call Christy at 989-799-0379. 4-7-28-1

2-BEDROOM DUPLEX for rent in Cass City. Attached garage, appliances furnished. Call 872-3917. 4-7-28-3

FOR RENT - 2-bedroom house in town with 2-car attached garage. \$600/mo. 586-781-4946. 4-7-28-3

Notices

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

Over Worked? Under Paid? Need to Find a Better Job? Want to Change That? We Can Help!  **DAVENPORT UNIVERSITY** Funding Is Available Call Today! 1-800-968-9710 5-7-28-1

I, RONALD RUSSELL, am no longer responsible for Valdora "Dori" Russell's financial obligations from this date (July 21, 2004) on. 5-7-21-2

BLUEBERRIES - U-PICK Blueberries are ready at Turner's Blueberry Farm. Picking 7 days, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. 989-673-6447. 5-7-21-5

FATHER & SON looking for hunting land, mostly wooded, 20-80+ acres to purchase. Please call Matt at 989-551-5332. 5-7-28-3

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

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Messing returns from Australia

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February and March to study down under. "They really like Americans and were willing to help," she said. "I'd definitely go back and recommend it to others."

Messing used her existing scholarships to pay for the trip, with \$1000 coming in from the Foundation Scholars for additional expenses. One 21-hour plane ride later, Messing found herself stranded in an Australian airport.

She said the people on the continent are quite friendly, which made the experience that much more enjoyable. After finding a ride to the university - which is about the size of SVSU - Messing met her nine roommates, all Australians.

"We were a family," she said. "They took me in as one of their own."

Each student had their own bedroom and shared the kitchen and living space. She said the Australians were fascinated by the little cultural differences, such as driving on the right side of the road and using stop signs. Australians use traffic circles in their cities.

One time, Messing went with a girl to have lunch. She ordered ketchup with her French fries, which was met with a blank stare from the waitress. Messing's companion leaned over and whispered, "Ask for tomato sauce."

But these small snags did not make a difference to Messing. She took four classes, which each had their own separate study session. She said her favorite was Exploring and Interpreting the Australian Landscape because the class took trips all over the country. Also, Americans were the only ones who signed up for the class.

However, she also enjoyed her weight training/massage/cricket class, her study of the

Aborigine culture, and - why not? - a class called Brewing Process.

"It actually involves a lot of chemistry, which is my minor, so that was OK," she said. "There is a brewery on campus, and we had to make and then drink our own beer."

Messing said classes are not too different from America - the professors lecture and the students fall asleep - but having a separate lab time helped her understand the material.

Of course, so did field trips. In the landscape class, or HMS10, the class took a 26-kilometer canoe trip, climbed rocks in the Grampians and went surfing. On the third try, Messing said she was finally able to stand up on the surfboard and get the hang of the extremely difficult sport.

"It's a lot harder than it looks," she said. "You get really winded."

Because there are no sports on Ballarat's campus, intramural-type club sports offer a way for students to let out some steam. This is how Messing found out about the extreme sports she participated in.

First came skydiving. Mess-

ing flew up to 14,000 feet, grabbed hold of her instructor - first time divers always fall in tandem, she said - and screamed the whole way down. A neighboring diver took a video of the entire thing and said Messing screamed the whole way down.

"You can't think, you just fall," she said.

After skydiving and rock climbing came bungee jumping. Messing climbed to 50 meters, strapped the glorified rubber band around her body and did a normal dive, then a backward dive, then the elevator dive. She had to hold her neck to keep it from jerking on the elevator because the diver falls straight down vertically and then flips over when he or she hits the bottom.

Once she regained her sanity, Messing found time to visit New Zealand, try snorkeling at the Great Barrier Reef, watch a ballet at the Sydney Opera House and try a sample of Vegemite, a Vitamin B spread with the texture of clay and the taste of beef jerky. Australians love it, she said.

Naturally, she ran into koalas and kangaroos everywhere, which are allowed to

roam free, kind of like deer in Michigan except there are fewer dead kangaroos on the side of the road.

Alcohol is not tolerated when one is driving - many people, even after one drink, will wait 12 hours before driving, she said. One student who got pulled over by police had his license taken away, even though he only had a couple of drinks, Messing said. "That's how seriously they take it," she added.

Messing's father Dexter, a

retired farmer and U.S. Manufacturer's employee, and her mother visited their daughter in April. They did not do any extreme sports, just sightseeing and a lot of driving.

"It's hard to get used to driving on the opposite side of the road," Dexter said. "The drivers over there are quite courteous, though."

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Structure fires very costly

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Red Cross. Pawloski estimated the loss

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"It was gone when we ar-

rived on the scene, and the cause of that one is going to be spontaneous combustion," said Pawloski, who theorized that clothing, books and papers inside the structure self-ignited. "They'll start heating in the heat and humidity, just like wet hay," he added.

"I would say the loss is probably \$60,000. That would be contents and everything," the fire chief said.

Hazel Park motorist killed in crash Friday

A single-vehicle traffic accident claimed the life of a Hazel Park man early Friday morning in Elmwood Township.

Troopers at the Michigan State Police post in Caro identified the victim as Wilson Rowell, 49.

According to reports, Rowell was driving southbound on Cedar Run Road at about 12:30 a.m. when he

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