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Long's service terminated Council taps former cop as new manager

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Cass City Village Council members spent their entire Saturday interviewing village manager candidates. In the end, most agreed to offer the job to a former Detroit police officer.

The council also immediately relieved acting interim village Manager Darcy D. Long of his duties, opting to instead appoint Rick Mohr to the interim position. Mohr has been superintendent of the village's wastewater treatment plant for many years. He will earn \$100 per week as acting interim manager.

Long, 32, a former Brown City city manager, was hired as acting interim Cass City Village manager in late January.

During discussion following 4 interviews Saturday, Trustee Don Richards indicated that Grand Blanc resident Mark A. Glenn impressed him, although he doesn't have as much experience in municipal administration in a small town as the council would have liked.

Trustee Jon Zdrojewski agreed. "I thought he was very intelligent, very well spoken," he said. "I liked him right from the beginning."

It was noted that Glenn was the only candidate who contacted the village prior to his interview to inquire about budget information for Cass City.

"I can tell you this, his references are unbelievable. His reference checks are truly exceptional," said Bill Richards, the Michigan Municipal League (MML) consultant who conducted the candidate search as well as Saturday's questioning of Glenn along with Long, William R. Commenator of Iron River and Craig Zins of Cleveland Heights. A fifth

candidate, Kenneth Weaver of Johnson City, Tenn., did not appear for his interview.

"He brings a lot with him, and there's always going to be a learning curve," commented Trustee Jeff Gillig, who said Glenn has experience with ordinances and, as a former veteran police officer, "He's run into hot situations."

"If he would have been here (at the start of the VFW mural controversy), with his background...I could see him handling that in a completely different way."

"I think the same thing, Jeff," added Zdrojewski. "He was number one (among the candidates) with people skills, and that may be something we really need to consider."

Council members discussed possibly interviewing more candidates, but decided to first complete a thorough background investigation on Glenn and, provided the results are satisfactory, enter into contract negotiations with him.

"The one thing that concerns me is that time is going forward, and the competition continues - Caro's in the mix now," noted village President Bert Althaver, referring to Caro officials' search for a new manager.

"I see a timeliness factor and it's going to get much worse," agreed Zdrojewski. "I think there's probably a majority" in favor of Glenn, Althaver said. "Maybe we need to go with majority rules."

Bill Richards said Glenn is well educated, highly articulate and has a very diverse background, making him a good candidate for the job. "I think you've made a good decision."

The council voted in favor of entering into negotiations with Glenn, pending a successful background investigation.

The motion passed 6 to 1, with Trustee Dawn Karr casting the lone dissenting vote. "I'm not comfortable that he (Glenn) is the perfect for our community," Karr later commented.

"I felt we didn't have any choice," added Karr, referring to the interviews of just 4 candidates. "I just really felt that we should have interviewed more."

Karr indicated she was also concerned with Glenn's limited experience in municipal government. "I don't feel he has any of the public works experience that we need. Our biggest issue right now is arsenic treatment," she said.

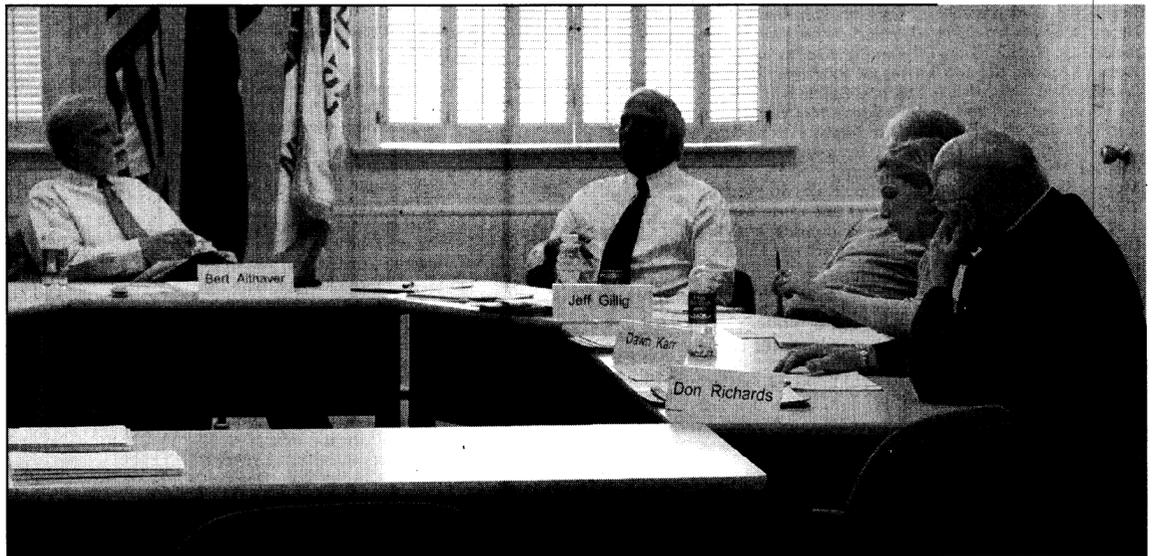
The council unanimously voted in favor of Don Richards' motion to immediately terminate Long's employment and to appoint Mohr in his place.

Althaver said the decision was based on the feelings of some council members who, during Saturday's interviews, indicated they could not support Long as permanent village manager. Some village employees also expressed concern over the possibility of Long becoming full-time manager, he added.

If he's hired, Glenn will earn a salary of between \$55,000 and \$65,000. Currently a part-time faculty member at Oakland Community College, his background includes a stint as city manager in Montrose, where he served as chief administration officer for a city of 1,619 residents and oversaw a general fund budget of \$700,000 and 7 employees.

He previously worked for nearly 3 years as supervisor of ordinance services in the city of Rochester Hills, and was chief of staff for a member of the Detroit City Council before that.

Before the council position, he served 15 years with the Detroit Police Department, retiring in 1998. He was please turn to back page.



MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL League Consultant Bill Richards (center) discusses the qualifications of Grand Blanc resident Mark Glenn, with Cass City Village Council members. The council named Glenn its choice for village manager from among 4 candidates interviewed Saturday. Glenn told officials Monday that he intends to pursue the position.

Village launching mercury program

Cass City officials last week launched a Mercury Reduction Project aimed at preventing mercury sources from entering the village's wastewater treatment plant.

The goal is to meet new, stringent Environmental Protection Agency rules that have reduced the acceptable levels of mercury in treated wastewater. "Taking a community approach to mercury reduction, the village will be working with wastewater customers to find alternative products and processes that don't use mercury," said Cass City Wastewater Treatment Plant Supt. Rick Mohr.

"Mercury reaches a wastewater treatment plant from many users of the system," Mohr explained. "Industries manufacturing products from raw materials along with labs, hospitals, dental practices, schools and homes have all been found to discharge mercury to the wastewater."

"Although mercury is rarely disposed of in large quantities, it builds up rather than

breaks down in the environment. As mercury persists in the environment, it converts to methyl mercury, a toxic compound that builds up in the tissues of animals and humans. Exposure to methyl mercury can have long-lasting health effects, especially on fetal development during pregnancy."

Mohr said the village plans to establish partnerships with local industries, dentists and healthcare officials along with the public in an effort to identify sources of mercury and reduce or eliminate those sources.

The first stage of the reduction program will be an educational campaign, with pamphlets being mailed out this week to village residents. "Pollution prevention is the most efficient approach to removing this persistent toxic substance from the wastewater," said Mohr, who noted the future phases of the program over the next several months will include sampling areas of town.

"It's going to be a long, tedious process and it's going

to be expensive - thousands of dollars," he said, adding a single sample testing, which must be sent to a specialized laboratory on the west side of the state, costs \$270.

In the past the village's wastewater treatment plant staff has tested for mercury on a quarterly basis, but last September DEQ officials began requiring monthly testing.

It's hoped the local mercury reduction program will enable Cass City to meet future wastewater permit rules enforced by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). Currently, Cass City is allowed to discharge a maximum of 30 parts of mercury per trillion.

"The ultimate goal is for all discharges across the United States to be down to 1.3 parts per trillion," Mohr said.

"Anyone getting a permit beginning this year through 2009 - their limit will be 10 parts per trillion."

Cass City's current wastewater discharge permit will expire in 2007, which is when the local discharge will have to meet the 10 parts per trillion limit.

Mohr said Cass City is already close to meeting a limit of 1.3 parts per trillion, "but we're not going to meet it."

Recent samples tested at the Cass City plant revealed about 53 parts per trillion of mercury entering the plant. After treatment, tests of the effluent (the treated water discharged into the Cass River) showed a mercury level of 2.9 parts per trillion.

"We need to drop this (53 parts per trillion) to 37 parts per trillion or less coming into the plant in order to not

violate our permit when the limit becomes 1.3 parts per trillion," Mohr said.

The local wastewater treatment plant staff is already doing its part to reduce sources of mercury, according to Mohr, who said all mercury thermometers used at the plant have been replaced with electronic or alcohol-filled thermometers.

Village residents who have mercury thermometers or other items containing mercury can have them disposed of properly by taking them to the wastewater treatment plant or the municipal building.

More information is available by contacting Mohr at (989) 872-3153.

UPI officials say "business as usual"

United Producers Inc. (UPI) filed for a Chapter 11 reorganization earlier this month following a week-long closure of its facilities in several states, including the Cass City stockyard just east of the village.

Officials said the temporary closures were approved in order to allow the company to make sure payments sent to farmers would be honored. Officials at the Columbus, Ohio-based corporation say all of those facilities subsequently reopened, as promised, and will remain open.

The Cass City location is like the other operating facilities. All were reopened April 4 after one week. It's business as usual," said Amy Boeckmann, manager of corporate communications for United Producers Inc.

"We believe this step (Chapter 11 reorganization) will help United Producers reorganize its business and continue its long record of service to the farming community for many years to come," said Dennis Bolling, president and CEO.

"We look forward to working with our customers in the coming months as we take

steps that will result in an even stronger United Producers."

Bolling said United Producers has reached an agreement with its bank to fund continuing operations.

The company was victimized 3 years ago by the biggest cattle-fraud case in U.S. history, according to Bolling, who said civil legal proceedings resulting from that have played a role in the decision to seek protection under Chapter 11.

United Producers took over the Cass City auction house in March 2001 along with other Michigan facilities, including Battle Creek, Manchester, St. Louis, Marion, Cassopolis and Fowler.

In 2003, the company oversaw \$900 million of trading in cattle, hogs and sheep, posting a profit of some \$20 million. The corporation employs about 150 full-time workers, including 4 in Cass City.

In addition to auctioning livestock, United Producers runs a credit corporation that a number of farmers use to finance endeavors such as putting animals in feedlots.



CASS CITY'S nominees for the third annual Celebrating Tuscola's Stars included Cass City Chamber of Commerce President Scott Mills (center), who is pictured above with Susan Andrus and Gene Pierce, co-chairman of the Stars Planning Team. Nearly 40 nominees were honored during a breakfast Thursday morning at the Tuscola Technology Center in Caro.

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12 valedictorians leading Cass City Class of 2005

The Cass City High School Class of 2005 will be led by 12 valedictorians, all boasting 4.0 grade point averages, and one salutatorian who achieved a nearly perfect GPA.

This year's valedictorians are Ashley Barrigar, Tasha Bryant, Krista Homakie, Samantha Glaspie, Carrie Hillaker, Luann Laming, Bethany Langlois, Stephanie Richards, Leah Sherman, Jason Speirs, Angela Stoeckle and Jessie Tuckey. Marcel Helland is the salutatorian. Barrigar, daughter of Randy and Michele Barrigar, has been active in the National Honor Society and softball during her high school career. She attends Shabbona United Methodist Church and plays in the church softball league.

The recipient of a Ferris University Dean's Scholarship, her future plans include attending Ferris to study psychology.

Bryant, daughter of Jephtha and Angela Bryant, has been active in basketball and volleyball along with National Honor Society, the all-school play, praise and worship team at her church and Academic Games.

She has received a scholarship and Michigan Merit Award, and plans to study

psychology at the University of Michigan.

Homakie, daughter of Michelle Homakie, has served as a student council officer and is a member of the National Honor Society and Academic Games. She has also been active in Sunday school, volunteered for the Community Thanksgiving Dinner and was named Cass City's Junior Citizen of the Year. She participated in basketball, volleyball and track.

Homakie is the recipient of several scholarships, including Rotary Club, Michigan Competitive and MEAP. She plans to attend Hope College and study business/advertising.

Glaspie, daughter of Kim and Jackie Glaspie, is a member of the National Honor Society and Student Council. She was involved in the all-school play and Academic Games, and volunteered for the Community Thanksgiving Dinner, blood drives, Adopt-a-Highway, St. Jude's bike-a-thon, and a fall harvest can drive.

A Michigan Merit Award recipient, her future plans include majoring in political science at the University of Michigan.

Hillaker, daughter of Jim and Susie Hillaker, is vice

president of the National Honor Society and is a member of Student Council, serving as vice president this year. She is involved in youth ministry, attended Camp Rotary Leadership Camp and was elected snowmaking queen. She is the cross-country team captain and also competes in track.

Her scholarships include the Grand Valley State University Award of Excellence and Award of Distinction Presidential awards. Hillaker plans to major in physical therapy at Grand Valley.

Laming, daughter of Louis and Anna Laming, has been active in Student Council and the National Honor Society. She also participates in volleyball and softball.

The recipient of MEAP and Dean's scholarships, she plans to study optometry at Ferris State University.

Langlois, daughter of Mike and Ruth Langlois, is editor of the yearbook and has been active in Student Council, and has competed in volleyball. She is involved in her church and helped organize a benefit for Cass City resident John Doerr.

A MEAP Scholarship recipient, she wants to study dental hygiene at Delta College.

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Holbrook Area News

Mrs. Thelma Jackson
Phone 989-269-6994



O'Bert Regal of Plymouth passed away Saturday morning. Funeral services were at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Plymouth. An open casket memorial service was held at Elkland Cemetery in Cass City in the afternoon. He is survived by his wife, Ruth Ann (Gibbard); 3 children, David Regal of Whittemore Lake, Nancy Dell Spooner of Plymouth, and Ronnie (Tracy) Regal of Aurora, Ill.; and 8 grandchildren. Those attending the services in Cass City were Mr. and Mrs. Evans Gibbard, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Gibbard, Mr. and Mrs. Greg Moore, Sandy Taylor and Theresa Gibbard.

Ten members of the Greenleaf Extended Homemakers met at Northwood Meadows for lunch on Thursday with Jean Clark as hostess. The table was decorated with 10 vases of beautiful spring flowers. The group played senior bingo and the prizes were the vases of flowers. The next meeting will be May 12 with Marilyn Rofenberger as hostess.

Mrs. Gerald Wills was a Monday afternoon guest of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Hind. Mrs. Gerald Wills and Mrs. Curtis Cleland were dinner guests of Mrs. Hiram Keyser. Bettie and Bryce Hagen spent a few days in Gladwin where they attended the funeral of their brother-in-law, Robert Harris. Others attending the funeral and luncheon were Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Hagen, Doreen Hagen, Ellen Moorman, Mary Hagen and friend, on Tuesday.

Mrs. Ray Depcinski attended the Over 50 Club meeting and Rosary at 10:30 a.m. followed by a potluck dinner, meeting and playing bingo. They will meet again on May 10.

Mrs. Gerald Wills was a Saturday guest of Mrs. Curtis Cleland and Eugene Cleland of Bad Axe was a Sunday

guest. Myron Wrubel and Allen Farrelly spent Monday and Wednesday in Flat Rock.

Mrs. Jim Sweeney visited Mrs. Martin Sweeney, Mrs. Elgin Wills and Thelma Jackson on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel, Doris Western, Margaret Cook, Barbara Salowitz and friend John, and Allen Farrelly attended the fish fry for the Habitat House at the K of C Hall in Bad Axe.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Booms were Sunday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Depcinski.

June Rutz of Sterling Heights and Doris Western were Thursday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski were Sunday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Carpenter and family at Caro.

Claude Mestack, Ed Schember and son Don, and Allen Farrelly met at McDonald's in Bad Axe on Friday morning.

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

Mrs. John O'Henley, Mrs. Bryce Hagen, Mrs. Martin Sweeney and Brian, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson and Dennis Yaroeh visited Thelma Jackson on Tuesday.

Allen Farrelly visited Don Rachoff and Henry Leppek at the Huron County Medical Care at Bad Axe.

June Rutz of Sterling Heights, Hazel Mattice, Doris Western, Allen Farrelly, and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel attended the turkey dinner at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of Cass City on Sunday.

Mrs. Harold Ballagh and Mrs. Gerald Wills visited Thelma Jackson on Thursday.

It's a boy!



Mikel Good

Jon and Kim Good of Cass City announce the birth of their son, Mikel Levi Good. Mikel was born April 11, 2005 at 10:22 p.m. at Covenant Healthcare in Saginaw. He weighed 8 pounds, 15 ounces and was 18 1/2 inches long. Mikel is welcomed home by big sister, Jacquelyn.

Students named to honor roll

Owen-Gage School officials recently announced the third marking period elementary honor roll.

3rd Grade

*Richelle Scharf
Benjamin Good

4th Grade

Andrew Fahrner
*Jeremy Jamieson
Tiffany Jamieson
*Courtney McCreedy
*Justin Miller
Miranda Radabaugh

5th grade

Hunter Champagne
Jacob Fuller
Christin Harris
Anna Louks
*Erika Mroz
Amanda Muntz
*Lacie Prich
*Carli Warack

*Denotes all As

Chapter to meet

The Kedron Chapter #33 O.E.S. of Caro will meet at 7 p.m., Tuesday, May 3, for its regular meeting and an Initiation at the Masonic Temple in Caro.

All members are urged to come and see the newly restored Masonic Temple. There will be a practice for all officers at 7:30 p.m., Monday, May 2.



Meg's Peg

Tourist tips

by Melva E. Guinther

My friend down South sent this item that might be beneficial for people who are traveling:

Because of misunderstandings that frequently develop when Easterners and Californians cross states in the Midwest, those states' tourism councils have adopted a set of information guidelines which will be handed to each driver entering the state:

* That farm boy standing next to the feed bin did more work before breakfast than you do all week at the gym.

* It's called a "gravel road." No matter how slow you drive, you're going to get dust on your Navigator. I have a four-wheel drive because I need it...not just to keep up with the neighbors.

* We all started hunting and fishing when we were 7 years old. Yeah, we saw Bambi. We got over it.

* Any reference to "corn fed" when talking about our women will get you whipped...by our women.

* Go ahead and bring your \$600 Orvis Fly Rod. Don't cry to us if a flathead catfish breaks it off at the handle. We have a name for those little trout you fish for - bait.

* Pull your pants up. You look like an idiot.

* If that cell phone rings while a bunch of mallards are making their final approach, we will shoot it. You might hope you don't have it up to your ear at the time.

* That's right. Whiskey is only 2 bucks. We can buy a fifth for what you pay for one drink at the airport.

* No, there's no "Vegetarian Special" on the menu. Order steak. Order it rare. Or

you can order the Chef Salad and pick off the 2 pounds of ham and turkey.

* You bring Coke into my house, it better be brown, wet and served over ice.

* So you have a \$60,000 car you drive on weekends. We're real impressed. We have quarter of a million dollar combines that we use 2 weeks a year.

* Let's get this straight. We have one stoplight in town. We stop when it's red. We may even stop when it's yellow.

* Our women hunt, fish and drive pickups because they want to. So, you're a feminist. Isn't that cute!

* Yeah, we eat catfish. Carp, too - and turtle. You really want sushi and caviar? It's available at the bait shop.

* They are pigs. That's what they smell like. Get over it. Don't like it? Interstates 70, 80 and 90 go east and west; Interstates 29, 35, and 55 go north and south. Pick one and use accordingly.

* The "Opener" refers to the first day of deer season. It's a religious holiday. You can get breakfast at the church.

* So everybody in a pickup waves. It's called being friendly. Understand the concept?

* Yeah, we have golf courses. Don't hit in the water hazard. It spooks the fish.

* That highway patrol officer who just pulled you over for driving like an idiot, his name is "Sir"...no matter how old he is.

Now please, enjoy your visit. Just don't overdo your stay. We have corn to plant.

Zaleski "student of month"

Kayla Zaleski has been named Owendale-Gagetown Schools' "Senior Student of the Month" for April.



Kayla Zaleski

Zaleski has been an active participant in sports while at Owen-Gage. She has been a member of the basketball, volleyball and softball teams all 4 years. In addition, she served as captain of each team. Zaleski was named "Athlete of the Week" on more than one occasion during her years at Owen-Gage.

During high school, Zaleski was selected by her classmates as representative for homecoming court as a freshman. As a senior, she was a candidate for homecoming queen and later that year selected snowball queen. Zaleski served as president of her freshman class. Also, as a junior she was a member of the prom committee.

She has excelled academically as well. She has been on the school's honor roll each year in high school. Zaleski was selected to the National Honor Society as a senior and has been a member of the 3.0 Honor's Club since she was a junior.

As a senior, Zaleski is a member of the newspaper/yearbook staff and assists in preparing the community newsletter for Owen-Gage. Currently she is a student aide.

Zaleski is the daughter of Joseph and Dawn Zaleski of Owendale. She plans to attend Delta College following graduation to pursue a career in the dental field.

Calendar of Events

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

Thursday, April 21

Toddler Story Time, 10 a.m., Rawson Memorial Library. Please call to register, 872-2856.

Multiple Sclerosis and Fibromyalgia Support Group meeting, 7 p.m., Northwood Meadows, 6086 Beechwood Dr., Cass City. For more information, call Deb at (989) 872-2121 (ext. 216).

Friday, April 22

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

Monday, April 25

Cass City School Board meeting, 7:30 p.m. Cass City Village Council meeting, 7 p.m., municipal building.

Tuscola County Right to Life Organization meeting, 6:30-8 p.m., Caro Library.

Wednesday, April 27

Preschool Story Time, 10 a.m., Rawson Memorial Library. Please call to register, 872-2856.

Ravenous Readers' Book Club, noon, Rawson Memorial Library.

Thumb Retired Officers of Police Service (TROOPS) meeting, 11:30 p.m., Franklin Inn, Bad Axe.

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MASB honors Ewald

The Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) recently honored James Ewald, a member of the Tuscola Intermediate School District Board, with the Award of Merit.

MASB officials said Ewald's efforts to become a more effective school leader and to better guide the district will be recognized at an upcoming awards ceremony.

Awards are earned for classes completed in MASB's leadership training program, as well as for conference attendance, years of

service and leadership activities.

This year, more than 1,000 school board members statewide participated in the school board association's professional leadership program. Certified Boardmember Awards (CBA), for elected school leaders. The award honors board members for 7 levels of achievement.

"It's great to be able to recognize the hard work and commitment of a school board member who believes so much in the value of training and achievement," said Justin King, executive director of MASB.

To achieve Level One and become "certified", board members take 30 hours of classroom training in subjects ranging from school law and finance to community relations. Higher levels of recognition require even more coursework, service and leadership responsibilities.

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Kate's Pants

Wednesday, May 4, 4 p.m.
Rawson Memorial Library

Sandra Hansen will present "Kate's Pants," a 40-minute play that is a light-hearted introduction to women's history. Children and adults are invited to attend!!

After the play, children grade 3 and up are invited to a Hands-on Workshop - 5 p.m.

Participants will

- ♦ write short script
- ♦ put on costumes
- ♦ perform the play they have written

Please register early because only 35 may attend.

To register for the workshop or for more information call the library at 872-2856.

This program is sponsored in part by the Cass City Area Historical Society, Friends of Rawson Memorial Library and the Cass City Branch of the American Association of University Women

This activity is funded in part by Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and Michigan Humanities Council

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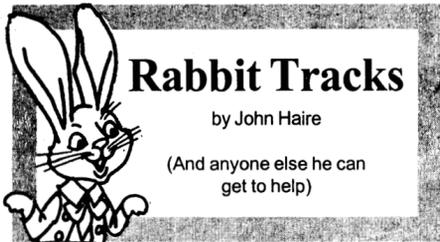
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Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

It appears to be a very poor year for harvesting mushrooms. Last week Chuck Emmert passed by and said that he has looked in many of his hot spots, but has come up empty. What we need is a good warm rain and warm nights, he says.

Last Thursday was the day for the annual fishing trip to catch the steelhead run, this year on the Muskegon River. It was a beautiful day to be on the river, even though we didn't catch a single trout.

Fishermen galore were on the river, including a group standing shoulder to shoulder over the spawning beds. Our guide said that it was a favorite spot to snag trout.

One guide remarked as he passed by, what are all these people doing here, doesn't anybody go to work anymore? No jobs (to go to) our guide answered.

Taken from the Sept. 1890 Cass City Enterprise. State News: Frederick Golden shot his eye out with a Roman candle at Flint during the democratic celebration and is so jubilant over the victory that he doesn't mind his loss a bit. Yeah, sure.

Fire chief, DNR: fire risk still high in area

Probably few area residents welcomed the weekend's light sprinkles more than Elkland Township Fire Chief Ron Pawloski, but the modest precipitation didn't come anywhere near to reducing the risk for grass fires.

And Pawloski and his department have seen plenty of those this spring, including one that sent 2 of his fire fighters to the hospital for treatment of smoke inhalation.

Pawloski, who is not issuing burn permits at this time due to the dry spring weather, is asking residents to refrain from any type of outdoor burning.

"We're running over and above last year, in fact the past couple of years,"

Pawloski said of the number of grass fires reported this spring. Those blazes have scorched anywhere from 2 or 3 acres to a 50-acre cornfield.

The risk will remain high until the area receives a significant rainfall, he continued.

"I would like to see a good 'all-dayer'. Anything is going to help, but it's got to be a substantial amount of rain. It's so dry," he said.

Doug Bates, a forest fire officer stationed at the DNR Cass City Field Office for the spring fire season, agreed. "We'd have to get a good, steady day of rain" to reduce the risk of wildfires, he said. Bates said the state's current burning ban covers only state land with the exception of campfires in state parks.

However, like Pawloski, he recommended that residents don't burn for now. "Thumb-wide," he said, "there's been at least one to 2 fire departments out on a grass fire every day between

Sanilac, Tuscola and Huron counties," Bates said. "All the local departments have been really busy."

The bill for a typical grass fire adds up quickly, according to Pawloski, who noted his department charges \$500 for the first 2 hours they are on the scene of a blaze. That doesn't include a DNR citation, he said, and many residents don't realize that they could end up paying for damages to property caused by a fire that gets away from them.

"If it is determined that fire starts on your property and it goes to anyone else's property, you're responsible for anything you destroy," Pawloski added.

The bottom line, he said, is that nothing is worth causing injuries to fire fighters or damage to property.

"People don't realize the risk," Pawloski continued. "I'm sorry, but people just do not have any common sense when it's dry."



The back forty

by Roger Pond

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The recent death of Hunter S. Thompson reminded me that the road to fame and glory is poorly marked and full of road apples. Very few people can become famous simply by being outrageous. There has to be a knack to it.

Most of us are too timid, I think. Only a few can make the jump from "kind of strange" to truly controversial. You've got to be crazy enough that people will stand back and watch, rather than trying to pound some sense into you.

Readers will recall Hunter S. Thompson was the irreverent writer who founded "gonzo journalism," whatever that means. Even in death he remains subject to torment.

A news report says Thompson's widow has decided to have him cremated and blast his ashes out of a cannon. "He loved explosions," she says.

Considering the poor fellow shot himself to death, I would think he might be a little tired of explosions right now. But who knows?

I do know that Hunter Thompson was famous for his bouts with drinking and drugs, as well as his audacious writing. There's an excellent chance he wasn't speaking clearly when he made an offhand comment about someone shooting his ash out of a cannon. Nobody said anything about cremation.

Still, the idea of blasting ashes across a Colorado hillside has a strange appeal. A cannon seems a good choice for a writer of Thompson's caliber.

Years ago I read about two fellows in Illinois who offered to load an ounce or so of a person's ashes into shotgun shell casings. That way the loved ones could blast them about.

A guy who was especially fond of duck hunting could have himself shot at a duck. Or the avid trout fisherman could be blasted into a mayfly hatch. The possibilities seemed endless.

I don't remember how much these fellows charged for their service, or the name of their business, but I do re-

call one of them was called "Newfie Bear." (Possibly relating to some bruinous encounter in Eastern Canada.)

The increasing popularity of cremation has created an entire industry for ash distribution. Folks are being dropped out of airplanes, tossed on the water and scattered among the rose bushes.

Many don't recognize the dangers of these efforts. Once we are gone, we have pretty much lost control.

Trying to fulfill last requests always reminds me of the Robert Service poem, "The Ballad of Blaspheamous Bill."

Service's poem describes a contract between a sourdough friend and blasphemous Bill MacKie, agreeing

that Bill would be buried in "a civilized bone yard lot," even though he lived alone in the arctic wilds.

When word came that Bill had passed away, the sourdough loaded his sleigh with a casket and supplies and headed off for the cabin. Unfortunately, Bill was frozen solid by the time his friend arrived several days later.

Days and nights were spent trying to thaw him out, but it was no use. Bill would never fit into that casket in the shape he was in. Finally, the friend did what he had to do.

"As I sit and the parson talks, expounding of the law, I think of poor old Bill — and how hard he was to saw."

Motorist pleads in fatal accident

The man charged in connection with the traffic deaths of a Bay City girl and her mother last fall has pleaded no contest to 2 counts of negligent homicide.

Gordon L. Brown, 18, entered the pleas last week in Tuscola County Circuit Court.

A plea of no contest is not an admission of guilt but is treated the same as a guilty plea for the purposes of sentencing.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered for Brown, whose bond was continued at \$50,000. A sentencing date is to be scheduled.

Negligent homicide is punishable by up to 2 years in prison and/or a \$2,000 fine.

The fatal crash occurred Oct. 18 in Vassar Township and claimed the lives of 8-year-old Marissa Chantell Chinault and her mother, Corrie Ann Chinault, 29.

Tuscola County Sheriff's Department investigators said Chinault was northbound on M-15 at about 10 p.m. when Brown, who was driving eastbound, disregarded a stop sign at Brown Road and struck the Chinault vehicle broadside on the

driver's side. The child was pronounced dead at the scene. Her mother was transported by FlightCare Helicopter to St. Mary's Medical Center in Saginaw, where she died 2 days later.

Firemen gearing up for dance

The Thumb Area Fire Fighters will be hosting its 17th annual Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) Fire Fighters Dance Saturday, April 23, from 6:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Vassar Eagles Hall.

The event will feature an auction, raffle and door prizes.

The Mid-Eastern District of the MDA covers the counties of Huron, Lapeer, Sanilac, St. Clair and Tuscola.

Ticket information for the dance is available by contacting Cory Thompson at MDA at (810) 866-9004.

Smoking program slated

Area residents are invited to join Huron Medical Center for their "Freedom from Smoking" program.

An informational session "Thinking about Quitting" will be held on Monday, May 9, at 7 p.m. in Huron Medical Center's Wellness Center, located at 1142 S. Van Dyke, west of Huron Medical Center in Bad Axe.

"Freedom from Smoking" is an 8-session stop-smoking clinic sponsored in cooperation with the American Lung Association. Professionally trained instructors help smokers create a supportive environment to break the smoking addiction.

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For more information or to register for the "Thinking about Quitting" session, call (989) 269-2883.

The Haire Net

This problem defies solution



Wow! Across the nation, driver training courses are springing up to teach teens how to cowboy in a car. Notice that it's driver training, not driver safety courses, although the aim of the courses is to teach drivers how to handle a vehicle in time of emergency.

I suppose knowing how to handle a car that is wildly skidding would come in handy, but judging from my experience as a youth learning about skidding would certainly increase my chances of a car crash.

Teens are fearless behind the wheel. That's why car crashes kill more 15 to 19-year-olds than murder and suicide combined. Most teens feel that nothing bad could ever happen to them.

When I was a teen there weren't any driving lessons,

you learned on the fly. As a youth in Pinconning, that is about 3 miles from Saginaw Bay, a common practice was to take your car out on the bay and have a little contest. The idea was to take the car on the ice and slam on the brakes to see if you could make it spin full circle. According to newspaper articles, kids get their stunt driving inspiration now from video-game-type antics.

Driver education in Michigan offered by schools is suffering because of the lack of funds.

Without any concrete evidence to back it up, my personal opinion was teaching a youth how to operate a car was in most instances a waste of time. I figured the real benefit came from the classroom work associated with the program.

Teaching kids the law and stressing safe driving habits was more important than learning how to parallel park.

Sponsors of the new-type schools say that hopefully both the timid girl (or boy) or the cocky jock that complete the course will emerge with a greater awareness of what driving is all about.

They undoubtedly will know more about driving, but leaning tricky maneuvers still seems to me to be an invitation to try it on the streets the first chance they get.

After all, accidents always happen to the other guy. In 1938 any teen at the time could tell you skidding on the ice was not dangerous at all.

In 2005 the same attitude prevails and that's the problem that defies solution.

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Red Hawk Talks

by Leah Sherman

Unbelievable as it may seem, seniors only have five more weeks left of school. This is crunch time for all of us. Whether we're tying up loose ends in our classes, or getting everything ready for the next phases of our lives, the next few weeks will prove to be quite hectic.

Unfortunately, this is also the time of year that many students get wrapped up in the thoughts of summer and their wants to be finished for the year. Many times this causes us to lose sight of what needs to be done. Procrastination is never a good thing, and as the end of the year draws nearer, this epidemic seems to worsen tenfold.

The teachers tend to call this plague "senioritis," but the truth is that all students suffer from it every year. My word of advice to my fellow schoolmates is to not let yourselves get behind so close to the end of the year. There is only a short amount of time left, so try to finish the year strong.

Graduation is an incredibly exciting event to look forward to, and my wish is that every person who starts school is able to finish it. Sometimes, however, this can be more of a challenge for some than for others. These students are precisely the reason that our school offers an opportunity at our Deford facility: ACE.

I've addressed the ACE opportunity in my past articles, but during this time when the main subject among the seniors is graduation and our futures, ACE's objectives fit perfectly into the theme.

To serve as a reminder, ACE stands for Alternative Center for Education. It is a completion program for students who have not been successful in a high school learning environment, for one reason or another. ACE is designed to help students get ready for the next phases of their lives, whether they are getting a GED, going to college, get-

ting a job, or enlisting in the military.

There are currently 12 students enrolled at Deford. At the end of this school year, two, maybe three, will have enough credits to graduate. Next year, an even larger group of students is expected to attend not only from Cass City, but from other surrounding schools. In fact, one of the graduates this year is from Kingston High School.

An average day at ACE closely parallels a day at Cass City High School, but with more focused attention on specific needs of the students. For instance, if one student has a math requirement to meet, another may have English and science requirements to fill. ACE caters to those needs.

ACE is also a part of the Tuscola Technology Center's program, which involves a half-day in school and a half-day in a career focused class at the Tech Center.

Although the ACE opportunity is new, it is quickly earning its bragging rights. If a student has made up his or her mind to drop out of school, reversing that decision can seem to be an impossible task. Then, to reinstate a course of study and a path to graduation for that student is astounding and definitely noteworthy.

When it comes to expenses, ACE requires minimal cost for Cass City Schools. The bus routes to and from Tech Center go by the school, it is not out of the way. Also, while it has come time for the roof to be replaced on the building, this would be a necessary expense whether ACE was occupying the space or not. In order to keep, maintain, or sell the building, the roof would need to be replaced.

The time is nearing for our graduation celebration, seniors! And thanks to the ACE opportunity, there will be at least two more students joining in our merriment.



THE THIRD ANNUAL Celebrating Tuscola's Stars breakfast Thursday morning was attended by a solid contingent of nominees from the Cass City area, including Cass City Director of Bands Doug Burtch (right of center).

Stars

Several area residents nominated for awards

The Cass City area community was well represented among the nominees for this year's Celebrating Tuscola's Stars Awards program.

In all, nearly 40 nominees were honored during the third annual awards program, held Thursday morning at the Tuscola Technology Center in Caro.

The nominees, all recognized for making Tuscola County a better place to live through their dedication and actions, were up for 4 top awards in all; Individual Community Service, Business Community Service, Group Community Service, and the Above and Beyond award.

This year's nominees included:

Cass City High School Director of Bands Doug Burtch, Cass City July 4 Festival volunteers Doug Hyatt and Gary Jones; veteran Cass City Middle School volunteer Ann Keiser, Hills and Dales General Hospital Auxiliary member and Northwood Meadows volunteer Jean Klinkman, Cass City Chamber of Commerce President Scott Mills, American Association of University Women member Pat Smith, St. Pancratius Catholic Church, Cass City Literacy Council tutor Karen Collard; and lifelong Kingston residents and "good neighbors" James and Sharon Brandibur. Named as the 2005 winners were:

*Above and Beyond - Maureen McLaughlin, who as a volunteer was described as having touched thousands of lives in the Caro area as a veteran educator, youth worker and church liturgist.

McLaughlin has volunteered many hours to her school in the areas of professional development, school improvement, and curriculum committee and education association leadership. She has been active in the arts and works with the Thumb Area Center for the Arts as a

past board member, initiator of a dance program, and coordinator of a dinner theatre. She has also volunteered for scouting programs, band boosters, the Tuscola County Pumpkin Festival and the Knights of Columbus Auxiliary.

*Individual Community Service - Elaine Ross-Fiorillo, a former police officer who, after moving to the county 9 years ago, immediately became involved in numerous community activities, including the Secret Garden at the women's shelter in Caro.

Her other activities have include a gardening program for children that grew into a full-fledged program at

Mayville Elementary School. She has also been involved in scouting as a den mother, the Mayville Museum, 4-H and the Fowler Center.

*Group Community Service - The Goodwill Group from Caro Manufacturing, for its combined volunteer efforts and donations to make sure kids and families feel special during the holidays, including Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

The group also has a strong working relationship with Thumb Area Big Brothers Big Sisters.

*Business Community Service - Wal-Mart and Manager Shawn Roddy for their

assistance to children and families throughout Tuscola County.

Last year's winners included the Hills and Dales General Hospital Auxiliary and McDonald's franchise owners Jim and Johanne Luth.

The Celebrating Tuscola's Stars Committee was established in 2003 by the Tuscola County Community Foundation, the Tuscola County Human Services Council and Tuscola 2011.

The goal was and continues to be to honor individuals, groups and businesses that make a difference in the community by donating their time and effort to benefit others in the county.

Elkland officials approve road work

The Elkland Township Board last week approved some additional road improvements during the upcoming summer construction season.

The board approved Tuscola County Road Commission contracts to repair holes on Schwegler Road, from Reed Road to Daus Road, and to place gravel on various other township roads. The Schwegler repairs are in preparation for repaving this summer, which was approved by the board in February at a cost of \$32,587.

In a related matter, the board voted in favor of asking the road commission to install stop signs at the intersections of Wilsie and Koepfgen roads, and at Muntz and Koepfgen roads.

In other business during the monthly meeting, the board:

*Approved a 2-year contract with Landmark Appraisal for \$23,000. The con-

tract will cover the years 2006 and 2007.

*Agreed to hire a surveyor to plot the southeast section of the township cemetery involving 125 to 150 gravesites.

*Voted to purchase a John Deere tractor from J & D Implement, with the trade-in of last year's mowers, at a cost of \$1,903.38.

*Heard from Fire Chief Ron Pawloski, who reported the township's new pumper is expected to be delivered shortly after June 14. He noted that R & R Fire Truck Repair will continue to service the department's Engine 5, and Halt Fire Inc. will service the new pumper under a one-year warranty agreement.

*Noted the Rev. Chuck Carr of the Calvary Bible Fellowship Church, Cass City, will be the guest speaker during this year's Memorial Day service, slated

for Monday, May 30, at the township cemetery.



Bulldog Beat

by Mary McKee

Being a part of a drama club is a hard thing. Long practices, endless lines to learn, and having that ongoing fear of forgetting all your lines and falling flat on your face in front of a packed crowd. Well, those things are hard to deal with, but add on adjusting to a new location and a new teacher and you have what the Owen-Gage Drama Club had to deal with this year.

"Death by Chocolate," was the play chosen this year. It is a mystery involving the Montague family and it takes place in a fancy restaurant named "Gourmet Surprise." This play not only involved the cast, but the audience as well to help solve the mystery.

In past years, the school play was held at the elementary school in Gageton because it had a stage. Now that the elementary building is no longer occupied, the play had to be moved to the high school, which has no stage. Luckily, "Death by Chocolate" takes place in a restaurant, so it made the cafeteria the perfect place for it.

Another new element this year is a new drama teacher. Sandy Parks is a teacher in the elementary school and she is taking over for Mrs. Sattler, who has been the teacher for the past couple of years. Even though Mrs. Parks took over, that doesn't mean she does not have experience. She was actually the drama teacher before Mrs. Sattler and she definitely knows what she is doing. Not only did she direct the play, she wrote the play herself.

As I said before, the audience was involved in the play by helping to solve the mystery, but that wasn't the only way the audience was called upon. Since "Death by Chocolate" was the name of the play, there was a baking

contest for the people in the community. The people who could bake the best dessert that included chocolate in the recipe won 3 cash prizes.

The plot of the play is pretty simple. Muriel Montague is celebrating her 80th birthday with her family at the "Gourmet Surprise" restaurant, which is very popular for their chocolate menu. All night she gets little messages warning her to enjoy her meal because it could be her last. All of a sudden, she dies and no one knows how. A detective along with Muriel's family investigates her death. After some clues were provided by the audience, everyone finds out that Muriel Montague died from all the sugar she ate from the chocolate because she had diabetes.

This year's cast was a little smaller than normal.

Playing dual roles as Muriel Montague and Detective Sam Suede was Jessica Neal. Alec Powell and Becky Schmidt played Muriel's son and his wife, Josh and Genna Montague. Heather Collon played Muriel's daughter Suzanne and Bethany Kovach played her granddaughter Jane. The black sheep of the family, Jed, was played by Josh Starks and his wife Stacy was played by Kendra Guilds. The restaurant staff was headed by Louie LeBlau, played by Tim Neal. Alisha Kovach was head waitress Mary Price, and Grant Champagne played Chef Jean Claude, who specialized in chocolate.

With all the changes the cast had to go through this year, the play went extremely well. Everyone in the cast did a very good job and obviously worked very hard. Everything seemed to come together just in time, and like previous years, this play was definitely a success.

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from the desk of Ken Micklash, Superintendent

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Some additional questions regarding the millage rate and just who can vote in the upcoming school election have been presented. Here are a few questions and answers related to these topics.

QUESTION - I have heard different millage rates being discussed within our community. Just what is the millage rate planned to be if the proposal passes?
ANSWER - The 2005 millage rate will be a total of 5.46 mills. This includes both the old debt for the middle school and the new debt for the proposed renovation and expansion project. After the current middle school debt is paid off in four additional years, the 5.46 rate will then begin to decrease.

QUESTION - What will the project cost me?
ANSWER - For explanation purposes, if your home/property is valued at \$80,000 the first year tax increase would be \$50.40. This would be in addition to the \$168.00 you would have paid if this renovation and expansion project would not be in consideration. So, the total cost would be \$218.40 for the first year.

QUESTION - Who can vote in the May 3rd election and where?
ANSWER - Any registered voter that lives within the Cass City Public School District can vote in this upcoming election, which will be held at Cass City High School.

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Mystery dinner theatre slated

The Windy Hill Players performed to a packed crowd Saturday in their opening performance of a mystery dinner theatre entitled "The Costume Party Caper".

"This is our fourth year," said Dolly Misch, who spearheaded the annual mystery dinner theatre hosted by the Cass City United Methodist Church.

Misch said she suggested the idea, in part, because she was new to the area and wanted to become better acquainted with her church family and community. "It's been a Godsend to me because I'm loved by so many and love so many here," she added.

This year's cast of 14 began rehearsals in January, according to Misch, who is serving as producer of this year's production. "We practice every Monday night until we have the play," she said.

The mystery dinner theatre depends on the talents of several individuals. Aside from the cast, Eleanor Truemmer handles dinner preparation, while Elaine Proctor is in charge of tables and décor. Beth Kittle takes care of tickets and reservations, Michelle Erla is in charge of make-up, and Barb Tuckey handles advertising. Jim Veneziano is this year's director.

Area residents have 2 more opportunities to enjoy the production. The cast will be performing Friday, April 22, and Saturday, April 23, starting at 6:30 p.m. sharp at the Cass City United Methodist Church.

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GARY WICHERT and Yvonne Sherman (foreground) and Jim Veneziano and Betsy Dillon (background) perform with the Windy Hill Players theatrical group during "The Costume Party Caper" Saturday at the Cass City United Methodist Church.

Several face felony charges

The following people appeared in Tuscola County Circuit Court on various criminal charges last week:

•Paula K. Racine, 42, Millington, pleaded guilty to possession of marijuana Sept. 15 in Watertown Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case and bond was continued at \$20,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Victoriano Maldonado, 44, Carsonville, was sentenced to 3 years and 7 months to 15 years in prison for his plea of no contest to second degree criminal sexual conduct involving a victim at least 13 years of age but under 16 years between January and February in Kingston Township.

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

•Daniel J. Reiter, 43, Clarkston, was sentenced to 180 days in the county jail (150 days deferred) and 18 months probation for his plea of guilty to possession of a firearm by a felon Sept. 1 in Akron Township.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$3,510.

•Gerald R. Cabal, 20, Millington, was sentenced to 24 months probation and 90 days in jail (45 days deferred), with work release, for his plea of guilty to larceny in a building Aug. 15 in Arbelia Township.

He was also ordered to pay \$620 in costs and fines.

•Daniel J. Graves, 34, Caro, was sentenced to 6 to 20 years in prison for his pleas of no contest to first degree home invasion, ethnic intimidation and assaulting a police officer May 7 in Caro.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$240. Restitution is to be determined.

•Terry K. Maxwell, was sentenced to 2 to 10 years in prison for his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Dec. 10 in Caro.

He was also ordered to pay \$120 in costs and fines.

•Amy Jo Gray, 29, Gagetown, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Oct. 13 in Caro.

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

•Robert M. Okorowski, 19, Mayville, pleaded guilty to second degree home invasion and receiving/concealing stolen property valued at \$200 to \$1,000 Feb. 15 in Juniata Township.

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

•Kenneth A. Buzzard Jr., 49, Munger, pleaded guilty to altering/forging a registration plate Feb. 18 in Fairgrove, and to being an habitual offender (3 prior felony convictions).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$2,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•David J. Rojas III, 34, Mayville, was found guilty by a jury on 2 counts of assault with a dangerous weapon Oct. 8 in Dayton Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$25,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Ryan J. Jensen, 25, Millington, pleaded guilty to manufacturing marijuana and possession of marijuana June 29 in Millington.

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•Larry D. Kirkey, 44, Millington, pleaded no contest to forgery involving a \$385 check drawn on Lapeer County Bank and Trust Co. Aug. 2.

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

•Phillip R. Racine, 46, Millington, pleaded guilty to delivery/manufacture of 5 to 45 kilograms of marijuana and maintaining a drug house Sept. 9-15 in Watertown Township.

The pleas were taken under advisement by the court, which ordered a pre-sentence investigation and continued bond at \$20,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•John D. Davis, 45, Burton, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, March 11 in Vassar Township, and to being an habitual offender (3 prior felony convictions).

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Down Memory Lane

By Harmony Doerr



5 YEARS AGO

Vandals cost Joe and Barbara Howard more than \$10,000 in stolen and damaged property 3 years ago when they broke into the couple's clubhouse at Northwood Shores Golf Course in Cass City. Vandals struck again over the weekend, but this time the cost will be much higher. After 5 years of pouring sweat and time into the par 3 course, the Howards say the latest attack on their business - just as they had returned from vacation with plans to prepare to open for the season - has left them frustrated to the point where they're ready to call it quits.

"It almost takes our energy away from the place. It might just be the last straw," Joe Howard commented Sunday after discovering that vandals had ripped off the wooden guardrails on bridges connecting greens on the course, and smashed benches and green markers, then tossed them into a ditch.

A little snow and cold didn't hamper a fun-filled Easter egg hunt at the Cass City playground last Wednesday morning. Cass City kindergarten students were treated by an area family that donated nearly 3,000 plastic eggs filled with candy. The family asked not to be identified.

10 YEARS AGO

Plans are in the works to erect the famous golden arches of McDonald's in Cass City. The Cass City Village Planning Commission was to have met Tuesday night to schedule a public hearing on a proposed zoning change related to the fast food chain's purpose of a lot on Main Street. The property is located on the south side of Main Street, between Wrubbe Elevator, Inc. and the Walbro Corp. Machine Tool Center. McDonald's signed a purchase with Walbro Corp., which owns the lot, according to Cass City Village Manager Lou S. LaPonsie.

You have to have been around for a while to remember when Mike Eliasohn, a former Chronicle editor, pedaled around town on his bike

wearing a helmet. At that time he was the first, and perhaps the only, cyclist in the area to wear a helmet and his appearance on his bike at the time resulted in some good-natured grins and head scratching. The general observation was that he was being super cautious, when in reality he was ahead of his time. Bike riders with helmets are no big deal anymore. In the last year that statistics are available (1993), 29 bicyclists were killed in Michigan. About 80 percent of the fatalities involved head injuries. While helmeted bike riders are no novelty, there is still a long way to go. (From Rabbit Tracks)

Chalk artist Paul Dietzel will continue his 2-year-old "Servant Hands Ministry" while also serving as children's pastor at the Living Word Church of God Worship Center in Cass City. The Cass City native hopes to minister to children throughout the community through special programs.

Tom Proctor was named Rotary district governor nominee Thursday at the annual meeting of the district held at Chesaning. Becoming the nominee is tantamount to election in the Rotary election system. When he takes office, Proctor will become the first Rotarian from Cass City to be the governor. He won the office in competition with a candidate from Alpena and during the course of the campaign visited nearly all of the 29 clubs in the district.

Michigan's western boundary on Lake Michigan includes more than 500 miles of sand beaches, according to the Michigan Tourist Council.

25 YEARS AGO

More than \$2,000 was raised in Tuscola County during the National Easter Seal Telethon March. 22-23. In the 5-county area served by the Thumb area unit, including Tuscola, more than \$11,000 was raised. A telephone call-in center was set up during the event at the Sears and Roebuck catalog center in Caro, with the

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Recycling of tires available

Officials at the Tuscola County Recycling Center in Caro accept tires year round from county residents for recycling.

"Thanks to a grant from the Mosquito Abatement Program, we are able to keep the cost per tire for our residents to a minimum," said Kate Neese, recycling coordinator. "We ask that residents bring their tires into our center Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. until 4 p.m."

The current fees are: \$1 per car tire, \$2 per car tire with rim, \$5 per semi truck or trailer tire, \$10 per semi truck or trailer tire with rim, \$20 per tractor tire, and \$40 per tractor tire with rim.

"Please be prepared to unload your tires as help may be limited," Neese said. "We ask that if you have more than 10 tires at a time, that you call ahead for assistance. We do not accept any tires that are on any type of axle" and all tires must be free of debris and water.

More information is available by calling Neese at (989) 672-2673 or e-mail: recycle@tuscolacounty.org.

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>Evangelical Free Church of Cass City 6430 Chestnut Blvd.,</p>
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Frankenmuth, Valley Lutheran win USA invite

Frankenmuth won the boys' division and Valley Lutheran annexed the girls' crown in the 15-team invitational Friday at Unionville-Sebewaing Area schools. Cass City boys finished fifth and the Hawk girls finished 13th.

Final standings and points earned by the boys were: Frankenmuth, 135; Unionville-Sebewaing, 90.5; Reese, 56.5; Caro, 48; Cass City, 38; Sanford-Meridan, 29; Valley Lutheran, 29; Sandusky, 24; Marlette, 24; Vassar, 19; Ubly, 13; Brown City, 12; Freeland, 9; Bad Axe, 0; Lakeville, 0.

The Hawks registered one first place, as Andrew Schinnerer won the pole vault (12'09"). The team of Chris Johnson, Dustin Bitzer, Kyle Sieradzki and Chris Zawilinski finished 6th in the 800-meter relay, and

Johnson, Bitzer, Gavin Mills and Sieradzki were fifth in the 400-meter relay. Other points earned by Cass City: Danny Mittlestat, 3rd in 300-meter hurdles; Chris Childs, 3rd in 800-meter run; Kyle Reif, 5th in 3,200-meter run; Zawilinski, 3rd in high jump.

GIRLS' RESULTS

Valley Lutheran won with a total of 101 points. Other teams finished in the following order: Ubly, 76.5; Bad Axe, 76; Freeland, 62; USA, 42.5; Sandusky 35; Sanford-Meridan, 29; Caro, 22; Frankenmuth, 20; Brown City, 18; Vassar, 15; Marlette, 12; Cass City 9, Reese, 9.

Cass City's points were earned by Caitlyn Sorenson, 6th in 200-meter dash, and Ashley Puterbaugh, fourth in the shot put and discus.



RED HAWK pole-vaulter Andrew Schinnerer clears the bar at 12'6" to win Wednesday's home triangular meet.



CASS CITY'S Sam Wright hits her mark during the long jump competition against Sandusky and Brown City.

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Hawk thinclads win home triangular meet

Cass City men easily won a triangular track meet Wednesday over visiting Sandusky and Brown City. Cass City scored 83 points, Sandusky 43 and Brown City 40.

In the girls' competition Brown City edged Sandusky 67-63 and Cass City was third with 42 points.

Among the men the competition was close for individual winners with Sandusky posting 6 firsts Cass City 7 firsts and Brown City, 3 firsts.

Andrew Schinnerer, Kyle Reif and Danny Mittlestat were double winners for Cass City.

The Hawk men won easily because of superior depth. Cass City swept the 110 hurdles led by Danny Mittlestat (16.88), and

posted seconds in 8 events. Hawk winners were: 1600-meter, Kyle Reif (5:11.05); 400-meter, Andrew Schinnerer (57.00); 300-meter hurdles, Mittlestat (43.25); 800-meter, Chris Childs (2:13.33); 3,200-meter, Reif (11:22.99) pole vault, Schinnerer (12'06").

Sandusky first places were won by: 3,200 meter relay (9:02.90); 100-meter, Kipper (11.43); 400-meter relay, (46.91); 200-meter Nippar (24.80); 1,600-meter relay, (3:49.36); high jump, Fetting (5'08").

Brown City wins: shot put, Don Freeland (45'04"); discus, Joseph Cross (110'08"); long jump, Ron Soule (17'07").

GIRLS' RESULTS

The Hawk girls won 2

events, Sandusky was first in 9 and Brown City won 6.

The Hawk wins were by Becca Doerr in the 300-meter low hurdles (53.98) and Ashley Puterbaugh, discus.

Brown City won the 3,200-meter relay (11:53.76); the 1,600-meter, Stacey Martus, (6:28.66); 3,200 meter, Martus, (13:59.83) and the high jump and pole vault.

Events won by Sandusky: 100-meter hurdles, VanConot, (17.53); 100-meter dash, May (13.10); 800-meter relay (59.92); 400-meter relay (54.75); 400-meter dash, (1:09.91); 800-meter run, Fetting (3:02.37); 200-meter dash, May (28.28); 1,600-meter relay (4:19.07).

Bulldogs split NCTL opener at Dryden

Owen-Gage traveled to Dryden Thursday and returned home with a split of the North Central Thumb League twin bill.

In game one the hosts built an 8-3 early advantage, thanks to a big opening inning that produced 6 tallies, on their way to a 10-5 decision.

Josh Powell started on the mound and was tagged with

the loss. Powell allowed 10 hits, walked 2 and fanned one over 2 innings.

Trace Lopez and Josh Leinweber led the Bulldogs at the plate with 2 hits and one RBI each.

In game 2, Leinweber went the distance and earned the 12-3 decision. Leinweber yielded 6 hits, fanned 8 and issued 2 free passes.

The Bulldog offense broke

up a tight 2-1 game with 4 runs in both the 4th and 6th innings.

Several Bulldogs enjoyed multiple hits. Lopez was perfect in 5 trips to the plate, while Powell collected 4 hits. Leinweber, Kenny Green and Aaron Faist had 3 hits each.

Owen-Gage will host Kingston Thursday in its home NCTL opener.

Zaleski tosses perfect game

Owen-Gage opened its North Central Thumb League softball season with a pair of wins Thursday at Dryden.

The Bulldogs captured the opener, 3-2, on Mary McKee's last inning score and then rode the arm of hurler Kayla Zaleski to an 8-0 romp in the nightcap.

Game 2 saw Zaleski dominating on the mound, recording 16 strikeouts en route to a perfect game.

Owen-Gage scored once in the opening frame and then padded its margin in every inning except the third, on the way to the 8-0 victory.

Katie Swiastyn collected 3 hits and scored twice for the winners. Zaleski also recorded 3 safeties, including a pair of triples.

Owen-Gage could use that same type of pitching effort this Thursday for its league home opener against rival Kingston.

In the opener, Owen-Gage held on for a tight 3-2 decision.

Swiastyn, Michelle Brown and Mary McKee all scored for the winners. McKee's game winning run came after she singled in the 6th inning.



CHARMONT LANES' Bowlers of the Year honors were recently earned by Deb Silance and Don Doerr.



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Hawks trade non-conference affairs

The Cass City Red Hawks split doubleheaders last week defeating North Branch and losing 2 games with Brown City. The Hawks last week were 6-2 for the season with 4 wins on the road. One more trip away from home against the Ubyly Bearcats was on the schedule Monday.

The Hawks are scheduled at home for the next 3 doubleheaders, capped by the first Greater Thumb West Conference opener Thursday, April 28, against Valley Lutheran. The girls are slated against Harbor Beach Thursday, April 21, and Monday, April 25, will play Marlette.

One big inning in each of the games propelled the Hawks to victory over North Branch, 9-3 in the opener and 5-3 in the nightcap.

In the opener, Courtney Rabideau notched the win allowing just 4 hits and one walk. She was big at the plate also, with 4 hits including a triple, a run scored and 2 RBIs. Currell took the loss.

The Hawks scored a pair in the first and the fourth innings, but the Broncos closed the gap to 4-2 in the top of the fifth.

In the bottom of the fifth Cass City made sure of the win with a 5-run rally, slapping out 5 hits. Renee Czakai was 2 for 2, including a double, and walked twice for Cass City. Mathews doubled home two runs for North Branch.

A big fourth inning proved to be the difference in the nightcap when the Hawks scored all of their runs to post the 5-3 decision. Going into the inning North Branch was in front, 2-0, on a pair of hits and an error. 2 walks and 2 hits set the stage for Rabideau, who tripled with the bases loaded and later scored.

Ashley Hendrick went the distance for Cass City allow-

ing 8 hits, including 3 for 3 by Mathews. Currell took the loss and was touched for 6 hits and 5 walks.

BROWN CITY

Pitching dominated the doubleheader with the Brown City Green Devils Thursday, as the Hawks were edged 2-0 and 4-3.

Brown City's Kelly Burton bested Hendrick, 4-3. Burton pitched a 4 hitter and Hendrick gave up 10 hits. The Hawks made the most out of their 4 hits, scoring a run in the second after Jenni Brinkman led off with a double and chalking up a pair

in the fifth on a single by Rabideau, a walk and a single by Ashley Barrigar that tied the score going into the last half of the fifth. Misty Pichla then opened with a double and came around to score what proved to be the winning run.

Brown City's Kayla Greene was even more effective than Burton. She shutout the Hawks, 2-0, allowing just 3 scattered singles. Victim of the pitching gem was Rabideau, who allowed just 4 hits. The game was scoreless until the sixth inning when an error, a walk and a double by Greene scored the only 2 runs of the game.

Cass City racks up road victories

The Cass City Red Hawks are proving to be a pretty good road team as it neared the end of 4 straight games away from home that included wins at both North Branch and Brown City.

Following Monday's game at Ubyly, Cass City will be at home for its next 3 games, facing Harbor Beach Thursday, Marlette Monday and the first league game of the year against Valley Lutheran April 28.

The Hawks chalked up a twin killing against North Branch in the first of 4 games last week. In the first game, the Hawks came from behind to top the Broncos, 7-3. Brad Langenburg chalked up his

second win of the young season with a 4-hit effort He stuck out 9 and walked one. The Hawk ace was off to a slow start and was victimized by a 3-run splurge by North Branch in the first inning.

After the shaky start, Langenburg allowed just one hit and shut out the Broncos the rest of the way.

The Hawks trailed 3-1 until the fourth inning when they pushed across 5 runs to decide the game. Cass City pounded out 14 hits. Mike Havens notched 2 hits and 2 runs. Nick Stoutenburg slammed 3 hits and drove in 3 runs. Langenburg and Justin Glaza hammered 3 hits each and Deryll Schenk had

a pair. Jared Hensen took the loss. Brock Walsh doubled and drove in 2 runs for the Broncos.

A 3-run rally in the sixth inning broke open a tight game and gave Brett Babich (1-0) his first win of the season. He went the distance in the 7-inning game and allowed 4 hits, walking one and striking out 8. Kyle Bonner took the loss.

Going into the sixth, Cass City trailed by a run. Jeff Stoutenburg sparked the rally with a single, followed by a stolen base. He scored on Nick Stoutenburg's single. Langenburg then lashed a double to score Nick.

The Hawks were helped,

coach Ryan Pritchett said, by tremendous infield defense by Havens, Glaza and Jarod and Nick Stoutenburg.

BROWN CITY

The Hawks won the opener against Brown City, 20-5, but the game was a lot closer than the final score indicated. After 6 innings Cass City led by a single run, 5-4, and then exploded for 15 runs in the seventh. Jarod Stoutenburg started the barrage of hits by leading off with a home run. He had 3 of his 4 hits in the game in the big inning. Cody Halasz also contributed 4 hits.

Havens (2-1) pitched 6 in-

nings and allowed 4 runs, 3 earned, struck out 5 and didn't walk a batter. Jake Marion pitched 5 innings and took the loss. He had relief help from Thomas Holsworth.

The second game ended in a 4-4 tie and was called after 5 innings due to darkness. Schenk started and allowed 2 runs in 3 innings. Babich pitched the final 2 innings and allowed 2 runs, one earned.

Jarod Stoutenburg hit a 2 RBI single in the fifth to tie the game. Lee Hutchinson pinch hit in the fourth and drove in a run with a single.



CLARKE HAIRE gets a bird's eye view of Northern Michigan's Jordan River from the shoulders of his dad, John Haire, during the 1960s. It was the start of a passion and partnership for life. Inset, the Haires, along with friend Jeff Hartel (left) hoist the day's catch, including a pair of 30 lb. Chinook salmon from a 1974 trip on Lake Michigan.



Fishing trips come full circle for Haires

Story by Clarke Haire

Our annual father-and-son spring steelhead-fishing trip produced only one small 12" brown trout that was quickly released. All that action occurred during an 8-hour guided voyage on the Muskegon River below the Croton Dam near Newaygo.

We entered the Pine Street launching area Thursday before 6 a.m., only to find other fishermen already wading belly deep in the chilly Blue Ribbon quality stream. Before daylight, Jay Koehler of Kentwood maneuvered his jet boat 300 yards downstream towards a deep bend. After a pair of mature gobblers fresh off their roosts promptly serenaded our arrival, we began fishing "floats" - a technique new to both of us. Floats basically consisted of freshly tied spawn bags hanging 6' below a bobber. Koehler attached little fluorescent light sticks to each float with pieces of electric tape that allowed us to watch the apparatus drift with the current, hoping it would disappear from the surface, in the early morning darkness.

After casting and retrieving several times, our floats, which were taller and thinner than a traditional bobber, stopped advancing freely in the strong current. That was easily corrected after light broke, which helped us discover ice forming on our lines. The lines were becoming stuck as they tried to slide through the guides on the 9' fiberglass spinning rods.

Four hours into the day we began peeling off layers of clothes as temperatures reached toward the mid 60s. Not even as much as a strike to get us excited after watching countless floats with our reels' bails set in the open position.

A tasty lunch and a few more hours spent popping from hole to hole still had us searching for our first hit. And so that's the way fishing would go on this afternoon.

On the drive home, however, it became a day that I'll always remember. It dawned on me: our fishing trips had come full circle.

This time I had taken my dad fishing. I arranged the hotel reservation for Wednesday night's stay. I found and booked the guide and did the driving. And, for the first time, I picked up the tab and that made me feel good. But it had nothing to do with money.

It was gratifying being able to give my dad a needed hand to lean on getting in and out of the boat. Or helping with a tangled fishing line, and handing him the rod if a fish became hooked. Seeing him fight a fish would be more meaningful than catching my own. Things he had done hundreds of times for me some 35 years before.

It was all about saying thanks to all real dads everywhere and appreciating time spent together. Realizing how special it is, as he approaches 84 years old, to have a fun, physically and mentally fit cohort. Most people aren't as blessed. Ask

my wife, who lost her own father recently at age 68.

It was a thank you to every dad who has coached Little League baseball, car-pooled to Cub Scout meetings, taken friends to the county fair, or Sleeper's State Park for a swim. For the true father figures that supported you when the chips appeared down, or things didn't go as planned.

All things my dad has done for a lifetime without hesitation.

It became a day that allowed a son to show his appreciation, something most of us don't do often enough, for double cheeseburgers on family trips to Bay City's McDonalds when I was young and for wonderful vacations to Montana and Colorado when I became older. For any dad who ever brought home a puppy, a horse, a bike, a musical instrument, or gave permission to use their car.

It was gratitude earned by all dads who know unconditional love. Always having the best interest of their child at heart, yet letting us learn from our own mistakes.

It also dawned on me, while driving home, that at the conclusion of the fishing day Koehler, who also guides rivers in Alaska during the summer months, told us he'd be back for the steelhead run in the fall and that it can be some of the best fishing of the year.

"It's my policy that if we have a poor fishing day, and I'd say we did today, I'll take you in the fall for half price." It'll be my treat.

THE RED HAWK VARSITY soccer team fell 4-0 Thursday to visiting Caro. Under the direction of new coach Kristin Dubs, the team members are: front row, left to right: Jenna Timko, Erin Witkovsky, Jerica Fenningsdorf, Katie McIntosh. Second row: Katie Klco, Kristen Curtis, Donna Bushong, Stephanie Healy, Cassie Simpson, Caitlyn Rickett. Back row: Coach Dubs, Danielle Delamarter, Bria Romstad, Amanda Stevens, Whitney Braun, Mirrissa Curtis, Shawna Compo, assistant coach Caleb Hanby.



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BIRD CREEK

Bird Creek Golf Club in Port Austin has been a favorite of players from all over the state and Eric Sump, PGA professional, has several early season offers sure to appeal to area golfers.

The first is customer appreciation day Wednesday, May 4, when customers can play golf free. The only expense is the rental of a cart for \$12 each player and is required for 18 holes.

A tee time is required and there will be no refunds or rain checks on this special day.

Again this year is a special 10-round play card including rental cart. An 18-hole card costs just \$240 during this limited time offer.

Golfers will also have the opportunity to win a free 2005 membership. Golfers register to win each time they play during this limited time special offer.

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MULLIGAN'S IRISH LINKS

In the off season, Mulligan's Irish Links, the par 3 course behind Hills and Dales General Hospital in Cass City, made some changes. Kevin, Dee Ann and Michael Mulligan explain.

Last year business was very good and they added a game room to the clubhouse complete with video arcade, darts, ping-pong and pool tables. They are also very excited about the addition of a batting cage to the course, which will be available to the public on or before their grand re-opening party Memorial Day weekend complete with contests and prizes.

When asked about leagues, the Mulligan's say their Wednesday night Ladies Fun League is going very well and may still have a couple spots open before the May 18 start date.

Dick Erla heads up a Monday morning group of golfers, who meet at 9:30 a.m. for a fun blind draw scramble. Erla says, "It's for anyone who wants to show up and the more the merrier. In fact, we had 2 golfers show up last week that had never played before and they had a lot of fun."

Michael Mulligan is quick to bring up the youth league that plays on Wednesday afternoons throughout the summer and is open to 8-14 year olds. The Thursday Men's League is currently a

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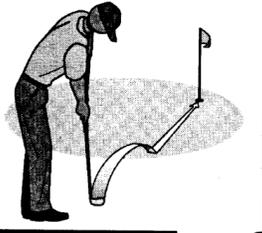
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GOLF!

Area golf courses ready for spring linksters

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joke with just a couple guys showing up. Kevin says, "It's a come when you can deal and we hope to see more guys golfing Thursday nights this year."

Dee Ann adds, Tony and Gloria Powers of Cass City are starting a Saturday Night Couples League, which begins April 30.

Mulligan's will still be doing Moonlight Golf and the 4th of July Hole In One Contest and beer tent featuring the dulcet tones of the Snover Bunch and a special guest appearance by Tommy J.

All in all, with the beautiful spring weather and the addition of the game room and batting cage, Mulligan's are hoping for another great year.

ROLLING HILLS

Spring golfers at Cass City's Rolling Hills Golf Course will enjoy midseason conditions at the 3,000-yard par 35 track.

The course's 4 ponds, fairways and greens are all in great shape despite a harsh winter and are ready to offer linksters an exciting and challenging 9 holes. Rolling Hills offers an on-site club repair shop.

Local club maker Pat Davis will offer shaft repair, club regripping and similar services at the clubhouse located on Milligan Road. Davis also offers a full line of Snake Eye clubs.

Several of the course's most popular activities are set for another year. Topping the list is the 6th annual Kally Maharg Memorial tournament. In the tournaments, \$72,000 has been raised. This year's tournament is scheduled for Saturday, July 16th.

All proceeds are used to benefit the community, including the Cass City Boosters Club, local student schol-

arships, 8th grade Washington, D.C. trip and senior scholarships for college.

Also back this season is the popular 2-for-one golf special every Friday. It's the perfect opportunity for family and friends to gather and split the cost of green fees.

A great way for the ladies to have a great time is to join the ladies' fun league. It's held Tuesday evenings starting at 5:30 p.m.

Beginners are welcomed in the league that starts in May.

SHERWOOD ON THE HILL

Sherwood on the Hill is a course that couples can enjoy playing. Women can play the course and score well because they can reach the holes in 2 or 3 strokes.

Men have an easier time reaching the holes, but the greens have enough curves and breaks so they are not always very easy to reach. So the men don't always walk away from the women.

Sherwood on the Hill has some water, some sand traps and a few hills. Hole number 8, a par 3, sits right on top of the hill and is about a 180-yard hole, but plays like about 200 yards. Sherwood is a 9-hole course with a limited number of carts, but the atmosphere is relaxing.

Sherwood has specials during the week. Monday golf is just \$6 per 9 holes until 3 p.m. Thursday 2 persons play with a cart for 9 holes for \$25 until 3 p.m. Friday between 3 and 7 p.m., 2 persons play with a cart for 9 holes and enjoy a fish and chips dinner for only \$38. If no cart is needed, it's just \$34. Must call for tee times, as the number of carts is limited.

Friday there is a fish fry from 5 to 8 p.m., with a regular menu available. Sunday brunch is available from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. A breakfast menu is also available.

Use Sherwood on the Hill for weddings, banquets, showers, Christmas parties, luncheons, golf outings, meetings, class reunions, confirmations and communions. Dates for Christmas parties are now being reserved, even at this early date.

Sherwood sits right on top of a hill and has one of the most beautiful views in the area. The motel features large spacious rooms. Weekday or weekend golf packages are available.

VERONA HILLS

Verona Hills Golf Club, established in 1924, takes advantage of the natural beauty of the land. Gentle rolling hills, lush green tree-lined fairways, sand bunkers, water hazards and small creeks crossing the fairways provide a challenging test for golfers.

What is equally as important, says Terry Ernst, PGA professional, is that the design of the course also assures pure enjoyment no matter the level of the player. Its beautiful layout provides golf at its best.

The semi-private 18-hole facility, located 6 miles east of Bad Axe on M-142 is open all day Monday, Wednesday and Friday. It's open weekends and holidays after 10 a.m.

Facilities include club house, bar, pro shop and range. Green fees are \$35 for 18 holes and \$21 for 9 holes. Cart fees are \$16 for 18 holes and \$10 for 9 holes.

Please call for tee times (989) 269-8132.

If, after you have enjoyed the course, you would like to investigate joining Verona Hills Golf Club, please ask for an informational packet prepared for persons interested in becoming a member.

The club's website is veronahillsgolf.com.



TWENTY-FOUR young adults attended the "You Can't Do That at the Library" program recently at Rawson Memorial Library in Cass City. They are shown here with the "golden plungers" they received during one of the games.



THOMAS LEVALLEY, Tommy Brinkman and Michael Milligan show how big you can blow up a rubber glove during the "You Can't Do That at the Library" program.

Thumb 2 Cylinder Club gathers for 18th banquet

The Thumb 2 Cylinder Club recently held its 18th annual banquet at the Uby Fox Hunters Club.

Master of Ceremonies Martin Kubacki and President Ron Kuenzli welcomed guests and members. A special thank you was given to the Genesee Valley Club for their support in the dinner and auction. Lucy Kubacki presented the invocation.

Certificates of recognition for financial support were given to the club's sponsors.

The Honorary Club Member Award was presented to Wayne Lenton for his years of dedication and service to the club. A special Gold Award was given to Russ Hazard for attending the most events and work sessions. Gerald Auten and Jim Stahl tied for second place; each was awarded a Silver Award. Richard Kottke won the Bronze Award for third place.

Certificates of appreciation were given to Joann

Wolschleger, Cathy Stacer, Gerald and Donna Auten, Russ and Erma Hazard, Wayne and Karen Lenton, Paul and Elizabeth Link, John and Lorraine Craig, Jim and Linn Prime, Richard and Marilyn Kottke, Bob and Mary Ann Hirn, Lawrence Longuski, Martin and Lucy Kubacki and Lyle Rochefort.

Board members and club members were thanked for their commitment and support throughout the year. Gerald Auten and Randy Sturm were acknowledged for their service as past board members. Fifty-fifty winners were: first place, Don Harris (\$150); second place, Lucy Kubacki (\$45); and third place, Carolyn Peddler (\$30).

Martin Kubacki presented Dale and Flora Wertz with a bouquet of flowers in honor of their 35th wedding anniversary.

Dale Wertz was the auctioneer for the evening activities. True to his form Wertz kept the crowd laughing with his jokes and antics. The auction

brought in \$2,455.50.

Some of the popular items were pies, cookies, homemade bread, blankets, throws, knives, birdhouses, and the mystery gift from the Genesee Valley Club. Among some of the unique items was a hand carved wooden tractor and spreader from Vietnam, also a prototype of a John Deere Model A that was produced for the United States Army.

The evening ended with the club's drawing. President Kuenzli gave Mildred Oeschgers recognition for her dedication and craftsmanship in the embroidering of this year's quilt. Winner of the quilt was Earl Marcath of Armada. The second prize, J.D. 4020 pedal tractor, went to Stan Mayer of Port Hope. One hundred dollars in cash went to Sherry McCrimmon from Cass City. Fourth prize (\$50) went to Mike Sullivan of Cass City. Fifth and last prize (\$50) went to Jim Curson of Mayville.

A net total of \$1,304.83 was raised with this year's raffle.

DTE hosting popular workshop for educators

The DTE Energy Foundation in partnership with Eastern Michigan University will offer its popular Educators Energy Workshop Aug. 9-11.

More than 500 teachers in Michigan have participated in the free workshop since the foundation began offering it in 1992. Participating teachers learn about changes in energy technology, the wise use of electricity and gas, and the impact of energy on the environment.

The workshop is aimed at helping high school and middle school science teachers develop their own energy education programs and integrate new materials into existing curricula. Teachers will tour DTE Energy's Monroe Power Plant.

The workshop will be at the Eagle Crest Conference Cen-

ter in Ypsilanti and includes materials, meals, tour transportation and one graduate credit hour from the university. Full attendance is mandatory at all sessions to receive credit. Grades will be based on completion of a journal that is kept during the workshop.

Teachers also may obtain 2 additional graduate credit hours at their expense by completing supplementary requirements.

The workshop will accommodate 48 teachers, and applications will be accepted until full. Because of the popularity of the workshop, interested parties are encouraged to register as soon as possible. Call (313) 235-7187 to request an application. Applications also are available online at dteenergy.com/workshop.

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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 vendue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 A.M. on May 12, 2005.

Said premises are situated in Township of Watertown, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Part of the Northwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 36, Town 10 North, Range 9 East, described as: Beginning at a point on the West, North and South one-eighth line of said section 36 which is North 89 degrees 23 minutes 16 seconds East, 1329.48 feet along the North line of said section and South 00 degrees 30 minutes 58 seconds East, 455.90 feet along said one-eighth line from the Northwest corner of Section 36, (said point of beginning also being the intersection of the West, North and South one-eighth line and the South line of the Plat of Lakehill Farms as recorded with the Register of Deeds of Tuscola County, Michigan) thence continuing along said West, North and South one-eighth line, South 00 degrees 30 minutes 58 seconds East, 866.73 feet to the North, East and West one-eighth line, thence along said one-eighth, South 89 degrees 17 minutes 41 seconds West, 269.99 feet, thence North 00 degrees 30 minutes 58 seconds West 865.97 feet to the South-west corner of the Plat of Lakehill Farms, thence along the South line of said Plat, North 89 degrees 08 minutes 00 seconds East 269.99 feet to said West, North and South one-eighth line and the point of beginning.

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

Dated: April 13, 2005

For more information, please call: FC S 248.593.1304
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #01619102

4-13-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Vincent R. Gilkerson, a married person, original mortgagor(s), to Candant Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated December 15, 1999, and recorded on December 16, 1999 in Liber 790 on Page 1049, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-One Thousand Three Hundred Twenty-Three And 93/100 Dollars (\$81,323.93), including interest at 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 vendue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 A.M. on May 12, 2005.

Said premises are situated in Township of Watertown, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the Southeast corner of the West 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 23, Town 10 North, Range 9 East; thence North 218.00 feet; thence West 200.00 feet; thence South 218.00 feet; thence East 200.00 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: April 13, 2005

For more information, please call: FC F 248.593.1313
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30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #053139F01

4-13-4

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MORTGAGE SALE Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Christine Bonnell, a married woman, and Duane Bonnell, her husband, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., mortgagee, dated October 25, 2001 and recorded December 10, 2001 in Liber 852, Page 156, Tuscola County Records. Said mortgage is now held by BANK ONE, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR CERTIFICATE HOLDERS OF BEAR STEARNS ASSET BACKED SECURITIES, INC. ASSET BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2002-2, by assignment, dated December 10, 2003 and recorded February 23, 2004 in Liber 980 on Page 1409 by the Tuscola County Register of Deeds. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of One Hundred Forty-Two Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-Six and 52/100 Dollars (\$142,626.53) including interest at the rate of 11.75% 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 May 12, 2005.

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

Part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 16, Town 11 North, Range 9 East, described as: Beginning at a point on the North line of Section 16, North 89 degrees 35 minutes 55 seconds East 881.58 feet from the West 1/4 corner of said Section 16; thence continuing along said North line North 89 degrees 35 minutes 55 seconds East 443.93 feet to the East line of said Northwest 1/4; thence along said East line South 00 degrees 08 minutes 07 seconds West 989.07 feet; thence South 89 degrees 35 minutes 55 seconds West 441.30 feet; thence North 00 degrees 01 minutes 00 seconds West 989.05 feet to the point of beginning.

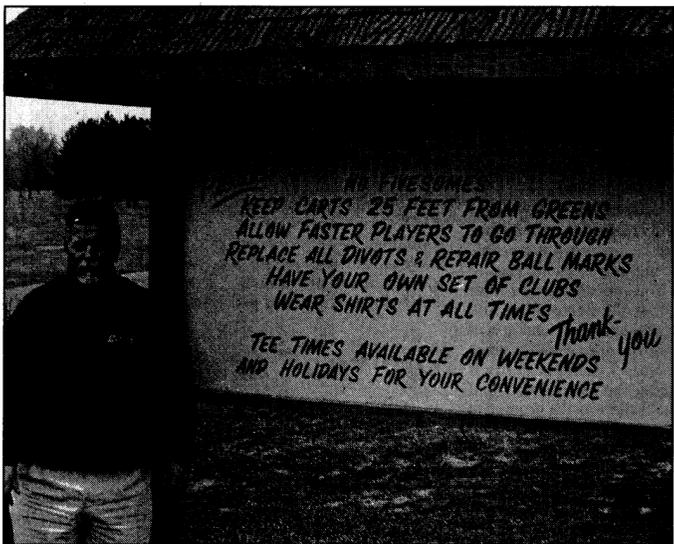
The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the 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: April 13, 2005

ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC

Attorneys for BANK ONE, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR CERTIFICATE HOLDERS OF BEAR STEARNS ASSET BACKED SECURITIES, INC. ASSET BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2002-2, As Assignee P.O. Box 5041
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4-13-5



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Obituaries

Thomas O'Connor

Thomas "Ike" O'Connor, 85, of Port Austin, died Wednesday, April 13, 2005, in Huron Medical Center, Bad Axe, after a long illness. He was born Aug. 28, 1919 at home in Watrousville, the son of Dennis Patrick and Mable Blance (Wickware) O'Connor.

He married Ruth Kirby Wagner May 5, 1968 in Tawas.

O'Connor served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He worked for the state of Michigan at the Caro State Hospital as a resident care aid for 5 years and then as an inspector in the Weights and Measures Department, inspecting elevators. He retired in 1982.

O'Connor is survived by his wife, Ruth; a sister, Marion Thomas of Plymouth; 7 stepchildren: Bev (Les) Auten of Cass City, Aileen (Daryl) Wisner of Sarnac, Dorothy Green of Grand Rapids, Jill (Bill) Haps of Grand Rapids, Vickie (Gary) DeHaan of Georgetown, S.C., Mary (Dale) Parsons of Cass City, and Kurt (Alice) Wagner of Grand Rapids; 28 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by 5 brothers: Morris, Francis, Louis, Alton and Vincent O'Connor; a sister, Genevieve Bartle; and a stepson, John Wagner.

Funeral services were held Monday, April 18, at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

with the Rev. Dale Parsons officiating. Military honors were under the direction of the Cass City VFW Post #3644.

Interment was in the Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

Darlene Peters

Darlene Gail Peters, 58, of St. Louis, died Thursday, April 14, 2005 in Carson City Hospital after a long illness.

She was born Jan. 31, 1947 in Cass City, the daughter of Charles and Elizabeth (Aune) Wright.

She married Gordon David Peters Jan. 8, 1966 in Cass City. He died Dec. 20, 1993.

Peters was a member of the Women of the Moose Chapter #1633 in St. Louis.

She is survived by her children: Joseph (Barbara) Peters, James (Kelly Turner) Peters, Vanessa Coffin, and Katherine Peters, all of St. Louis; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; siblings: Charles (Geraldine) Wright of Lincoln Park, Gladys Jones of Houston, Texas, Sharon Guinther of Caro, Delbert (Nancy) Wright of Cass City, Katherine (Robert) McPhail of Cass City, Carol (William) Benjamin of Woodlawn, Tenn., and Phillip (Shirley) Wright of Fairbanks, Alaska; sisters-in-law, Janet Wright of Deford, and M. Louise Wright of Cass City; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Peters was preceded in death by four brothers: James, Robert, Richard and John Wright; and a sister, Laura Mannarino.

Memorial services were held Monday, April 18, at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with the Rev. M. Louise Wright of First Spiritual Church of Bay City officiating.

Interment was in the Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

Letters to the editor

Community needs this arts center

Hello to all our citizens in the community,

I had to express my feelings for the up and coming vote May 3 for a performing arts center. My husband, 2 boys and I have lived here for 19 years. My older son graduated 3 years ago and my younger this year. I have been volunteering steadily in many areas of elementary and middle school since my kids were young. They have moved on, but I have never made it through middle school and am still happily an active volunteer.

I have watched so many changes through the years. I remember not long ago there was a need for a new middle school and, of course, some were for and some against. Eight years have past since the middle school children marched over to their new school that was needed for so many reasons. I can assure you if you walk in the middle school today it is in the same shape if not nicer than the day they first entered. Our kids really do take pride. Yes, there are always a few, but isn't that always the case anywhere you go, even as we reach adulthood?

With respect to EVERY-

ONE knowing how tight money is for some, actually for most, even a small amount. The people of Cass City community need this auditorium. Without getting too involved, these are my thoughts.

Have you been to a Cass City band concert? We have hundreds of hard working talented band students, and really not a decent place to perform. Not just in music it is endless as to what an auditorium can generate. If you

have been to any programs that a group or event is taking place in the gymnasium you would see how hard it would be for some elderly people to take part or sit for any length of time. I believe this would not limit people

and give them the opportunity to take part in any arts and entertainment program if they choose. Everyone would have accessibility, comfort of seating and even air ventilation for a crowd of a substantial size.

this type anywhere in the area. It would be a magnet for groups, other schools and endless reasons for the capacity needed for people to perform. This is the type of structured programming that would be welcomed in our community.

Whatever the outcome, I thank you for reading this letter and want to say I am grateful and proud to be part of this community!

Sincerely my best,
Ann Keiser

Center would be a boost

Dear Cass City Chronicle, Although I'm no longer a resident of Cass City, I remain in my heart a proud Red Hawk and wanted to voice my support for the upcoming election on the \$11.5 million bond proposal.

I was active in band throughout junior high and high school, and remember well the nights when we would have our concerts: parents and music supporters would troop into the gym and sit on wooden bleachers for the entire performance, while most of the music we played ricocheted around the huge space and bled up into the ceiling. The gym was a fine place to watch the basketball players bring a little pain to the Caro Tigers, but as a concert hall it was pretty pa-

thetic. Then too, I remember fondly the plays CCHS would put on every year...and the tiny, dismal stage in the cafeteria that served as the "theater" with audience members seated in hard plastic chairs.

While the bond proposal before the Cass City community is about more than just the performing arts center, that addition to the high school would take up most of the money, and it would be a shame to see such a wonderful opportunity lost.

Having recently heard the CCHS percussion ensemble at their district music festival, I can attest to the strong growth in music that has happened in the 20 years since I've been away.

After years of fly-by-night band directors using Cass City as a stepping-stone to bigger jobs, it now seems that there's a director who has made it his mission to polish off the image of the Cass City bands and really put the kids' talent to good use.

This proposed performing arts center would be a big boost in allowing the young musicians there to reach their

fullest potential. It would make concerts more enjoyable for parents and supporters, who would finally be able to hear the music played well in an acoustically appropriate environment. And, the drama department could make good use of a true theater to do annual plays and musicals.

Cass City has a history of good music, including not only the local bands and choirs, but right on up to the national level with the Village Bach Festival. A performing arts center of this magnitude would continue to serve the students, the schools, and the community long after the bond is paid for.

I hope voters go to the polls on May 3 with the same sense of community pride that this CCHS grad feels for his old hometown.

Sincerely,
Dr. Scott R. Harding
Asst. Prof. of Music Theory/
Composition
Central Michigan University
CCHS class of '86

Students need a place

Dear Editor, The bond proposal on May 3 is not only a school issue, but a community issue. Communities whose schools offer many opportunities for all children; athletically, scholastically and in the performing arts, are communities that grow.

The number one concern of families moving to a new area is, "What will my children be offered in this community, specifically the school system?" The above concern is also true in the manufacturing sector, when industry is recruiting new employees, the number one question is, "What do the schools offer?"

I urge you to vote yes for the renovations and expansions of our schools. The proposed performing arts center needs to be erected. Our students need to have a place to perform; the same as the athletes in our schools now do.

It is a proven fact that students involved in the performing arts become strong academically. Mr. Burch, director of bands, has tripled the band size to include 2 complete high school jazz bands and in the future 2 high school concert bands. The curriculum has also expanded to include music theory, music appreciation.

It is now "COOL" for students to be involved in the bands and other performing arts such as dance, choir and school plays. Instead of having beer parties on back roads and malicious destruction of property, these students are much more disciplined and are future leaders of our community. Where do you prefer your tax dollars go, into the court system or to our schools and the performing arts?

The bond proposal is not 9.66 mills as Mr. Bailey has wrongly stated. The millage rate for the bond proposal and the middle school debt will be a total of 5.46 beginning in 2005, assuming the approval of the bond. The rate begins to decline after the middle school payoff in 4 years. This information has been approved by the Michigan Department of Treasury.

Sincerely,
Caren Clara
retiree

What will bond issue cost you?

RE: Performing Arts Center - The \$5,092.80 can of pop I would like to direct this letter to the forgotten people, the seniors and retired people living on a fixed income.

You probably heard a lot about the performing arts center and how much it will cost you. The amounts range from 75 cents to \$30. It doesn't sound like much and that's the way the promoters of the bond proposal want to keep it. The amount may be important to you, especially if you are living on a fixed income.

First, there are 2 parts to the bond proposal. The supporters of the performing arts center openly tout the first part. Part one raises the existing middle school millage by 1.26 mills immediately over the life of the aforementioned millage, or approximately 3 years. On part 2, the promoters of the bond proposal avoid this part and here is why. It adds an additional 12 years onto the middle school millage at "4.99 mills or more." (Reference phone conversation with school Supt. Micklash)

What will the bond proposal cost you? If you have a home with a taxable value of \$80,000 (get out your pocket calculator), enter 80 (tax value) x 4.99 (mills) x 12 (years) = \$4,790.40. That is the amount you will pay over the life of the bond proposal. Note: This amount does not include the 1.26 mills over 3 years, or \$302.40.

Now let's do yours. Enter taxable value in thousands x 4.99 mills x 12 years = your cost. I'll bet your cost isn't about the cost of a can of pop either. It's money that will come out of your fixed income. If defeated, this money is yours. Enjoy it. God bless Cass City!

Raymond Donaldson,
Cass City

Still enjoy the paper

Dear John, Although I have been gone from Cass City for nearly 6 years, I still subscribe to the Cass City Chronicle and enjoy reading about Cass City. You mentioned looking forward to the ice cream season. Have you ever been to the general store, off the beaten path in Grindstone City? I think they have the biggest and best ice cream cones in the Thumb.

I used to love sitting on the old bench beside a hitching post and enjoying my cone, overlooking the pretty ravine in the front. Once I saw 2 men buy cones for themselves and one for their dog.

By the way, who is the dude, Ray Donaldson, who seems to have a perpetual burr under his saddle?

Also, I like Thelma Jackson's column. Hi to Melva.

Sincerely,
Evelyn MacRae,
Marshall

Publisher's note: Evelyn MacRae was an active, respected resident of Cass City. She served on the village council and was Citizen of the Year in 1976. She is the widow of Dr. Ivan MacRae, who practiced in Cass City for many years.

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Say "no" to new facility

Dear Editor,

There is a time and a place for everything, but this is not the time to be spending a large amount of the taxpayer's money on a new building.

Take a look around the state. School districts all over are cutting programs and classes, laying off teachers and other personnel, and closing buildings. Michigan's unemployment rate in February was 7.5 percent, second highest in the country.

Cass City's economic outlook is bleak at best. Where are any new jobs going to come from, another video or dollar store? On one realty website alone there are 77 homes listed for sale in the Cass City School District. What percentages of these homes are on the market because the owner can no longer make the payment on the mortgage?

Now let's look at my economic figures. Natural gas up 5.1 percent, property taxes up 2.3 percent, gasoline up 15 percent, medical insurance up 28 percent, sewer up 12 percent, and refuse removal up 11 percent over the last year alone. And once again everyone gets to pay more on their car insurance to cover uninsured motorists. I now pay \$384 a year to that fund. Do I want to pay out more money for a performing arts building? No!

As to our young people's education, we keep hearing how much their education is

hurt because they don't have a place of their own to perform in. I graduated in 1973. Cass City High School had the largest classes ever in the 1970s. Did our education suffer? No. The band performed in the gym or the cafeteria, drama club put on plays in the cafeteria. It seemed to work out fine back then, so what's changed?

A select few adults' perceptions of what our young people need, that's what. Why don't these select few take the money out of their own pockets to pay for this building that we just can't do without. I don't see any fund raising projects going on so that people who really want to contribute can give donations. But wait, let's make the retired people pay for it also. And what about the farmers? They've got all that land that they pay taxes on, we'll get them to pay for it too.

My dad is 73 years old and should be enjoying retirement, but he can't because he's out in the fields still trying to make a living and now you want him to pay more taxes. Everyone in town should go out and see what it takes to run a farm. A good tractor costs more than your beautiful home.

So I hope when this comes to a vote that people face reality and not fantasy and say no to the new building. I'm sure our young people will do just fine without it.

Sincerely,
Terry Hendrick,
Cass City

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Caroline A. Stratton, a single person, original mortgagor, to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc., Mortgagee, dated December 11, 2001 and recorded on January 28, 2002 in Liber 859 on Page 975 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty-Five and 39/100 Dollars (\$49,985.39), including interest at 6.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on April 28, 2005.

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

The West 400 Feet of the East 500 Feet of the South 200 Feet of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 30, Township 11 North, Range 8 East, 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: March 30, 2005

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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3-30-4

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by James L. McNeil, a single man, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated December 23, 2002, and recorded on March 7, 2003 in Liber 919 on Page 214, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Sixty-Two Thousand Two Hundred Thirteen and 29/100 Dollars (\$162,238.29), including interest at 8.49% 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 May 5, 2005.

Said premises are situated in Township of Ellington, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 32, Town 13 North, Range 10 East, described as: Beginning at a point on the North line of said Section 32, which is West 462.80 feet from the North 1/4 corner of said Section 32; thence continuing along said North line West 253.00 feet; thence at right angles to said North line, South 396.00 feet; thence East 253.00 feet; thence South 396.00 feet to the North line of said Section and 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: April 6, 2005

For more information, please call:
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Attorneys For Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
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4-6-4

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the condition of a certain mortgage made by RICHARD K. SPRAGUE AND NANCY M. SPRAGUE, HUSBAND AND WIFE, to NOVI COMMUNITY CREDIT UNION, now known as HOMETOWN COMMUNITY CREDIT UNION, Mortgagee, dated August 19, 2002 and recorded on September 9, 2002 in Liber 892 on Page 1426, TUSCOLA County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty-Four and 27/100 Dollars (\$48,954.27), including interest at 7% 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 of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Michigan, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., on Thursday, April 28, 2005.

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

LAND SITUATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF JUNATA, COUNTY OF TUSCOLA AND STATE OF MICHIGAN, PART OF

THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 24, TOWN 12 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST, DESCRIBED AS: BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 24, WHICH IS N88 DEG 21' 50" W, 250.00 FEET FROM THE NORTH 1/4 CORNER OF SAID SECTION 24; THENCE CONTINUING ALONG SAID NORTH LINE, N88 DEG 21' 50" W, 150.00 FEET; THENCE AT RIGHT ANGLES TO SAID NORTH LINE, S01 DEG 38' 10" W, 220.00 FEET; THENCE S88 DEG 21' 50" E, 150.00 FEET; THENCE N01 DEG 38' 10" E, 220.00 FEET TO THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 24 AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

A.P.N. # 014-024-000-1000-00

The redemption period shall be six 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: March 11, 2005

Novi Community Credit Union
n/k/a Hometown Community Credit Union
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Novi, MI 48376
Mortgagee

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3-23-5

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Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Dane L. Byrd, a married person and Ladinia M. Byrd, his wife, to Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc., mortgagee, dated January 13, 2003 and recorded January 22, 2003 in Liber 911, Page 1318, Tuscola County Records. Said mortgage is now held by EMC Mortgage Corporation by assignment dated November 20, 2003 and recorded March 03, 2004 in Liber 982 on Page 1031, by the Tuscola County Register of Deeds. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Three Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-Two and 15/100 Dollars (\$133,722.15) including interest at the rate of 6.50% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statute 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 April 28, 2005.

The premises are located in the Township of Dayton, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:
The South half of the South half of the Northwest quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section 1, Town 11 North, Range 10 East.

The redemption period shall be 12 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.

ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC
Attorneys for EMC Mortgage Corporation, As Assignee
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(248) 457-1000
File No. 199.1967

3-30-5

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Timothy A. Dickinson, a single man, original mortgagor, to Candant Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated April 30, 1999 and recorded on May 21, 1999 in Liber 772 on Page 128 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Ninety-Nine and 88/100 Dollars (\$47,599.88), including interest at 7.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on May 19, 2005.

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

Commencing at the Southwest corner of Sunshine Park Subdivision, part of the East 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 7, Township 11 North, Range 8 East, thence North 0 degrees 47 minutes East, 180 feet; thence West at right angles to the West line of Sunshine Park, 52 feet to point of beginning of this description; thence continuing West at right angles to the West line of Sunshine Park, 50.7 feet; thence South 0 degrees 47 minutes West to the Northerly margin of Huron Avenue; thence Southeastly along the Northerly margin of Huron Avenue to a point which is South 0 degrees 47 minutes West of the point of

beginning of this description; thence North to the point of beginning of this description.

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: April 20, 2005

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
FC F (248) 593-1313
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For PHH Mortgage Corporation, f/k/a Candant Mortgage Corporation
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #053744F01

4-20-4

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Julie Boddy, an unmarried woman and Steven L. Plummer, an unmarried man, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated February 5, 2004, and recorded on March 18, 2004 in Liber 984 on Page 1236, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Eighty-Five Thousand Five Hundred Sixty-Three And 09/100 Dollars (\$185,563.09), including interest at 6.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on May 12, 2005.

Said premises are situated in Township of Watertown, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: The North 1/2 of a parcel of land described as: Beginning at the East 1/4 corner of Section 15, Township 10 North, Range 9 East, thence along the East line of said Section 15, South 02 degrees 00 minutes 54 seconds East 424.00 feet; thence South 87 degrees 46 minutes 03 seconds West 1318.05 feet to the West line of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of said section; thence along said line North 02 degrees 04 minutes 28 seconds West 424.00 feet to the East-West 1/4 line of said section; thence along said East-West 1/4 line North 87 degrees 46 minutes 03 seconds East 1318.05 feet to the East 1/4 corner of said Section 15 and the point of beginning, Tuscola County Records.

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

Dated: April 13, 2005

For more information, please call:
FC R 248.593.1305
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
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Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #051264F01

4-6-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Morris J. Houthoff, a single man, Mortgagor, to Conesco Finance Servicing Corp., Mortgagee, dated February 9, 2002 and recorded on February 22, 2002 in Liber 866, Page 1039, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which said mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Thirty-Six Thousand Three Hundred Eighteen and 35/100 Dollars (\$36,318.35), including interest at 11.75% 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 front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, on Thursday, April 28, 2005 at 10:00 a.m.

Said premises are situated in the Township of North Akron, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, and is described as follows, to-wit:

Part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 32, Town 15 North, Range 8 East, North Akron Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as: Beginning at a point of the North and South 1/4 line of said Section 32, which is South 00 degrees 12 minutes 20 seconds East, 457.00 feet from the North 1/4 corner of said section; thence continuing along said North and South 1/4 line, South 00 degrees 12 minutes 20 seconds East, 153 feet; thence at right angles to said North and South 1/4 line, South 89 degrees 47 minutes 40 seconds West, 183 feet; thence North 00 degrees 47 minutes 40 seconds West, 183 feet; thence North 00 degrees 12 minutes 20 seconds West, 153 feet; thence North 89 degrees 47 minutes 40 seconds East, 183 feet to the North and South 1/4 line of said Section 32 and the point of beginning.

Parcel ID: 001-132-000-0600-00

The redemption period shall be six (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: March 15, 2005

Conesco Finance Servicing Corp.
N/K/A Green Tree Servicing, L.L.C.
Mortgagee

Keith A. Sotiroff, Esq.
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3-23-5

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by John W. Elmore and Ida L. Elmore, original mortgagor(s), to Bay Creek Mortgage, Mortgagee, dated February 1, 1995, and recorded on February 2, 1995 in Liber 669 on Page 1305, and assigned by said Mortgagee to EverHome Mortgage Company fka Alliance Mortgage Company as assignee by an assignment, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy Thousand Five Hundred Fifty-

Three And 02/100 Dollars (\$70,553.02), including interest at 10% 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 May 12, 2005.

Said premises are situated in Township of Dayton, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Land Beginning at the Southeast corner of the East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 23, Town 11 North, Range 10 East, thence North 12 rods; thence West 10 rods; thence South 12 rods; thence East 10 rods to the place 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: April 13, 2005

For more information, please call:
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Attorneys For EverHome Mortgage Company fka Alliance Mortgage Company
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #002719F02

4-13-4

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by John W. Homakie, a Married Man, and Julie Homakie, His Wife, w/k/a Julie L. Homakie, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated May 31, 2002, and recorded on June 18, 2002 in Liber 882 on Page 133, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Three Thousand Three Hundred Nine And 76/100 Dollars (\$73,309.76), 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 May 5, 2005.

Said premises are situated in Village of Cass City, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 4, and a piece of land commencing at the Southwest corner of Lot 3 and running East 1 rod; thence North 4 Rods; thence West 1 Rod; Thence South 4 Rods to the place of beginning, all being in Block 7 of the Plat of the Village of Cass City, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 15 of Deeds, Page 276.

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: April 6, 2005

For more information, please call:
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Attorneys For Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
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Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #052903F01

4-6-4

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Daniel Stover, Jr. and Debra Stover, husband and wife as joint tenants, original mortgagor(s), to IndyMac Bank, F.S.B., a federally chartered savings bank, Mortgagee, dated August 30, 2001, and recorded on October 31, 2001 in Liber 846 on Page 70, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-Four And 15/100 Dollars (\$33,634.15), including interest at 10% 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 May 12, 2005.

Said premises are situated in Township of Koylton, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: The Southeast quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 16, Town 11 North, Range 11 East, thence South 89 degrees 27 minutes 04 seconds West 824.63 feet along the South Section line to the Point of Beginning, running thence North 0 degrees 32 minutes 43 seconds West 436 feet; thence North 89 degrees 27 minutes 04 seconds East 200 feet; thence South 0 degrees 32 minutes 43 seconds East 436 feet; thence South 89 degrees 27 minutes 04 seconds West 200 feet to the Point of Beginning.

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

Dated: April 13, 2005

For more information, please call:
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Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Cass Manhattan Bank USA, N.A.
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #052926F01

4-13-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Frederick A. Wolf and Patricia Wolf, husband and wife, joint tenants with right of survivorship, to Advanta National Bank, Mortgagee, dated December 17, 1997 and recorded December 23, 1997 in Liber 727, Page 14, Tuscola County Records. Said mortgage is now held by Chase Home Finance, L.L.C., successor by merger to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation by assignment submitted to and recorded by the Tuscola County Register of Deeds. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Thirteen Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-Six and 61/100 Dollars (\$13,996.61), including interest at the rate of 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 May 12, 2005.

Said premises are situated in Township of Koylton, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: The East half of the East half of the Southeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 20, Town 11 North, Range 11 East, EXCEPT that part lying Southwesterly of the centerline of South Kingston Road, Right of way for Kingston Road over the Southerly side thereof.

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

Dated: April 13, 2005

For more information, please call:
FC F 248.593.1313
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For IndyMac Bank, F.S.B., a federally chartered savings bank
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #052640F01

4-13-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Ward Ellis Beems and Marianne Barhorst Beems, to Advanta National Bank, mortgagee, dated February 29, 2000 and recorded June 4, 2001 in Liber 833, Page 1450, Tuscola County Records. Said mortgage is now held by Chase Home Finance LLC by assignment submitted to and recorded by the Tuscola County Register of Deeds. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Thirty Thousand Six Hundred Thirty-Two and 70/100 Dollars (\$30,632.70) including interest at the rate of 12.63% 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 April 28, 2005.

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

Commencing at the northwest corner of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 25, Town 14 North, Range 8 East, running thence South Line 100 feet, east at right angle to said section line 195 feet, thence north 100 feet, thence West 195 feet to the 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.

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: March 30, 2005

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Cass City Class of '05

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Ashley Barrigar

Richards, daughter of Scott and Janet Richards, is secretary of the Student Council Executive Board and treasurer of National Honor Society. She has also been in forensics, including 2 state championship teams, and

Academic Games, and volunteers for several events such as Adopt-a-Highway, blood drives, Tuscola County Senior Ball, tutoring and speech camp.

She has received CMU's Gold Scholarship and the MEAP scholarship. Richards plans to attend CMU to major in elementary

education/communication disorders, and earn a master's degree in speech and language pathology.

Sherman, daughter of Rod and Yvonne Sherman, is a member of Student Council and National Honor Society. She has been involved in the all-school play, forensics, Student Congress, Academic Games, Quiz Bowl, Young People's Citizenship Seminar, youth group and Youth For Christ.

Sherman has volunteered for the St. Jude's bike-a-thon and senior ball, and was a camp counselor.

A columnist for the Cass City Chronicle and an Alma College Trustees Honors Award winner, she plans to pursue a career in journalism.

Speirs, son of Dave and Karen Speirs, is active in National Honor Society as well as Bible Bowl and church league volleyball and softball. He has earned a presidential scholarship and plans to attend Saginaw Valley State University.

Stoeckle, daughter of Mark and Carol Stoeckle, is National Honor Society president, Student Council Executive Board treasurer and Student Council secretary. She was a member of the state championship forensics teams and is active in 4-H and is captain of her equestrian team. Also active in her church, she is a Red Hawk Award of Excellence winner.

Stoeckle has received a pair of scholarships and plans to study optometry at Ferris State University.

Tuckey, daughter of Jeff and Janice Tuckey, is involved in art and has had her work exhibited both locally and at the Saginaw Art Museum. She participates in Academic Games and volunteered for the Community Thanksgiving Dinner.

Tuckey has received a presidential scholarship and will attend Saginaw Valley State University to study paleontology.

Helland, son of Annette Bell, is a National Honor Society member and has been involved in Academic Games and band, earning top marks at the solo and ensemble competition. He is an academic all-conference honoree. Also active in athletics, he has been part of the wrestling team and a scholar athlete for 4 years.

Helland has enlisted in the U.S. Navy and hopes to put his musical talent to good use in the Navy. He also plans to make the service his career.



Tasha Bryant



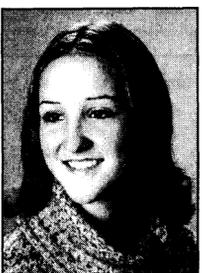
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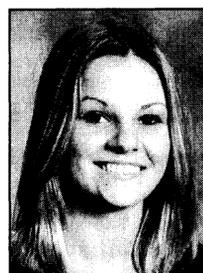
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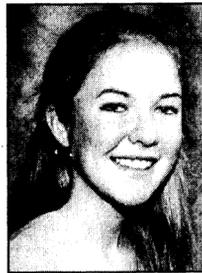
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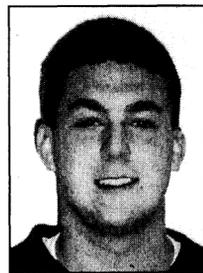
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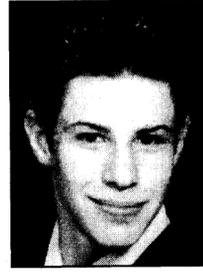
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Council selects manager

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In all, Glenn boasts 20 years of municipal government experience, with 13 years in a supervisory and management capacity.

Contacted Monday, Glenn indicated he looking forward to his new role in Cass City.

"I chose the village of Cass City because I considered it a good opportunity for continuing my career in public management," he said. "Some of my initial actions will entail getting out into the public and meeting with citizens, the business community, school officials and the local ministerial association.

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