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## Mural resolution eludes VFW, council Monday

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

There appeared to be little movement during most of an hour-long discussion between Cass City officials and representatives of VFW Post 3644 Monday over a patriotic wall mural that has been the subject of debate for 2 years now.

However, in the end, VFW Post Commander Ron Lomasney hinted that the veterans will probably meet with the village's zoning board of appeals next month in an effort to settle the issue.

Both sides discussed the controversy at length during the monthly village Council meeting Monday.

The debate was sparked in June 2003 when then-village Manager Frank Sheridan and members of the local VFW post clashed over a large painting on the north side of the post's annex building. The painting features the Pledge of Allegiance and an eagle wrapped in the American flag.

Sheridan said the images amounted to a "wall sign" in the village's sign ordinance, which allows such signs provided they pertain to the use of the building and meet cer-

tain size restrictions.

At the time, Sheridan said the post was repeatedly asked to apply for a zoning variance, but VFW members refused, saying the painting is a mural, not a sign. They have noted murals are not specifically addressed in the ordinance.

That position has not changed, judging by Lomasney's remarks to the council Monday.

In spite of Sheridan's opinion that the veterans are radicals who don't think they have to follow the law, Lomasney said, the veterans don't feel they are above the law. He said post members carefully examined the ordinance and feel their mural was not in violation of the zoning ordinance.

"Our position is very simple. What we have is a mural. A mural is not a sign. There are no guidelines in the ordinance for murals," Lomasney said.

Village President Bert Althaver noted the council last month directed the village's planning commission to review the ordinance in an effort to more clearly address murals in the future. However, he said, the VFW mural remains under the jurisdiction of the existing or-

dinance, and the village's legal council has stated murals are addressed under that ordinance.

Althaver conceded that Sheridan might have dealt with the veterans differently in an effort to resolve the issue, but that it's still the council's responsibility to enforce local ordinances.

"That puts us, I guess, as the bad guys, and we don't want to be the bad guys, and we don't think the VFW (are) the bad guys. All we want to do is resolve this within the frameworks of the village of Cass City."

"No one is opposed to the content of the sign/mural, whatever it is," continued Althaver, who emphasized that applying for a zoning variance is not tantamount to admitting that an error has been made. Variances, he explained, are available because special circumstances are always going to exist.

"There's nothing wrong and there's nothing negative with that. Unless we do it that way, we're really stuck," he added.

Lomasney suggested that the problem lies in "simple error" on the part of village officials who failed to specifically address murals in the ordinance. The solution,

he said, is for the village to "just plug it in. That's all we're saying is...there is an omission. Put it in. We have violated nothing."

Trustee Don Richards asked why it is such a big issue to apply for a variance.

"You have no mural ordinance. You have a sign ordinance," Lomasney replied.

Althaver reiterated the council's position, saying the village has a legal opinion that the mural violates the ordinance.

"I don't want to say this...but the only way for council to deal with this issue, unless the VFW seeks a variance, is in court," he said. "Please believe me. I'm not threatening anything. We're stuck. Please see where we sit and the way we're trying to deal with the situation."

Trustee Dwight Thabet indicated he doesn't believe the VFW post is in the wrong, and that the council should not rely on one legal opinion.

"We're going to go to court and waste a lot of money, and then we're going to run into it again down the road," Thabet said. "I don't see the sense in it."

"It's a matter of principle," Trustee Don Richards responded. "It's about representative government - if you don't like a decision, you have a right to appeal," he added. "We do not want to fight. We want to resolve this. That's why we invited you (VFW members) here tonight."

Richards asked why the veterans refuse to request a variance. "Is it contempt for the process?"

"Absolutely not," Lomasney replied.

"We must resolve this or else we will end up in a very sad situation," Richards said.

Several of the 2 dozen audience members, including Bud Schneeberger, also voiced their opinions.

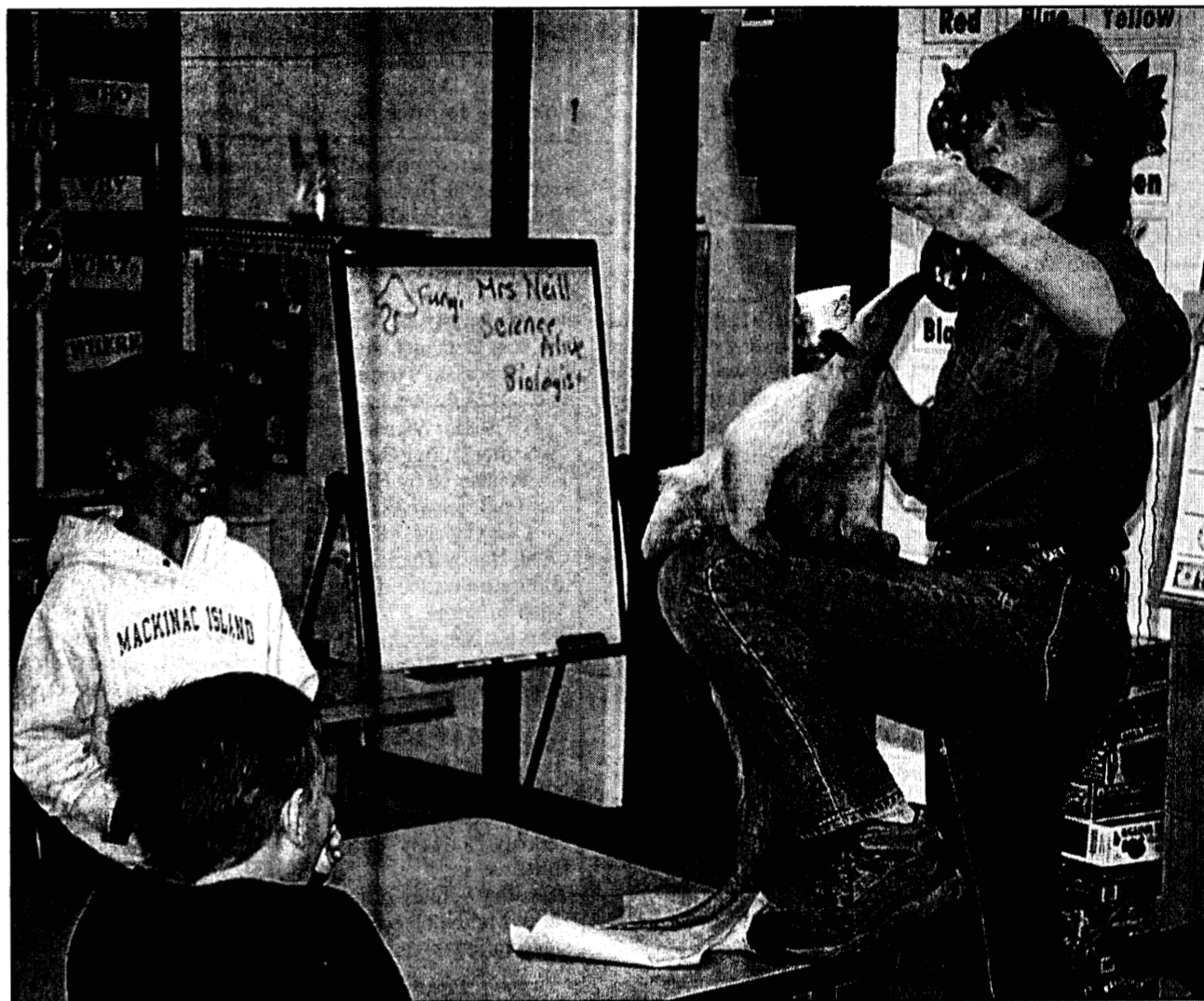
"I'm not willing to go to court to get this settled," said Schneeberger, who added he would prefer to support worthwhile causes in the vil-

### OTHER BUSINESS

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**TERRI NEILL FEEDS "Armstrong" the anteater a treat of frozen crickets to the delight of some Campbell Elementary School students Friday morning. Neill and her partner, Bill Neill, annually bring the Waterford-based Science Alive exhibits to the Cass City Schools.**

## Arts center in hands of voters

After months of discussion and debate, residents in the Cass City School District next week will decide the fate of an \$11.5 million bond issue.

If approved, school officials plan to construct a performing arts center estimated at \$7.5 million, and complete several major renovations/upgrades of the district's existing buildings.

Residents will cast their ballots in the annual school election Tuesday, May 3, at Cass City High School. The polls will open at 7 a.m. and remain open until 8 p.m.

If approved, school officials would be authorized to sell bonds totaling \$11.5 million. The district's debt retirement tax levy for the middle school totaled 4.2 mills in 2004. Under the proposed bond issue, the new debt levy for the first year would be 5.46 mills, an increase of 1.26 mills. The debt would then be paid off in 2020, 12 years beyond the payoff of the middle school.

A chart demonstrating how the millage rate would affect property owners accompanies this story. School officials have emphasized that taxpayers receiving the Michigan Homestead Property Tax Credit would see little or no tax increase with passage of the new levy.

The proposed performing arts center would feature an 800-seat auditorium, dressing rooms, storage areas, a new band/vocal music room and restrooms. The facility would be built at the high school.

A group of parents initially spearheaded the proposal with the support of Director of Bands Doug Burtch, whose nearly 3-year tenure in Cass City has seen dra-

matic growth in the district's music programs.

High school band numbers have increased from the mid-20 range to about 80 this year, with a projection of more than 100 members next year. An estimated 40 percent of current middle school students are now enrolled in music programs.

Burtch has said the high school band has simply outgrown its rehearsal and storage facilities, with 245 concert band, concert choir and marching band uniforms crammed into inadequate spaces, and more than 2,000 music titles stored in file cabinets designed to hold 500 music pieces.

On a daily basis, according to Burtch, 80 musicians try to rehearse in a space that was designed for a 65-member band.

Aside from providing adequate rehearsal and performing areas, the performing arts center would enable the district to host Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association band festivals.

But school officials emphasize the facility would have many school-related uses, from concerts and awards ceremonies to Academic Track and Forensics competitions, to hosting guest speakers and fine arts festivals. The center would also offer a variety of community uses, they say, including community theatre and music concerts, recitals, charity and hospital benefits, and community forums.

### IMPROVEMENTS

According to school officials, the bond issue would also generate enough funding to tackle several other improvements at the high

school, which was built in 1966.

They include renovation of the existing band room for new classrooms, storage, teacher work area and meeting room; replace the roof and boilers along with the fire alarm, public address and telephone systems; upgrade computer technology systems; refurbish the bleacher system in the gym; resurface the running track at the football stadium; renovate locker rooms; replace or refurbish classroom doors, cabinets, light fixtures and ceilings; and repaint classrooms and hallways.

The proposal also includes a major computer technology system upgrade at the middle school.

The list of improvements at Campbell Elementary School also includes a computer technology system upgrade as well as adding 2 new classrooms, expand the multipurpose room (gym), con-

vert the steam heat system to water, replace portions of the roof, replace lockers and connect the building with the Early Childhood Education Center.

School officials say that expanding the multipurpose room would enable them to address a possible court ruling requiring all Michigan schools to realign several athletic boys' and girls' seasons.

Among the resulting changes would be aligning the girls' basketball season with the boys', along with wrestling and gymnastics, which translates into scheduling difficulties for practices and competitions. The expanded gym would make it easier to schedule those and avoid weekend and late night practices.

School officials also want to replace the roof at the former Deford Elementary School

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## Races set in 2 districts

Voters will decide races for board of education seats in 2 of 4 area districts in the annual school elections Tuesday, May 3.

No races are on tap in the Cass City School District, where only the incumbents are seeking election to 4-year terms. They are Michelle Biddinger, who currently serves as board vice president, and Treasurer Danny Haag.

Voters in the Cass City area will also be asked to approve an \$11.5 million bond issue for construction of a performing arts center and to complete several major repairs/upgrades to the district's existing buildings

(see related story).

In the Owen-Gage School District, voters will select from among 3 candidates - all newcomers - to fill a pair of 4-year terms.

The candidates are Terry L. Muntz, who previously served as president of the Owen-Gage Board of Education, and Jerry Radabaugh and Loretta Mae Schmidt.

Incumbent Trustee Tom Mellendorf and veteran board Treasurer Walt Swiastyn are not seeking reelection.

Five candidates are seeking 2 available seats on the Uby Community School Board.

Incumbents Lucy Recker and Don Booms are seeking a lone 4-year term, while Mike Byarski, Carol Peruski Fess and Martin Kubacki are running for a 2-year term that was created when Janice Sageman resigned.

In the Kingston Community School District, only the incumbents are seeking election to 4-year terms. They are David Kolacz, the current school board president, and Trustee Seth Geister.

### Board motion approved, 6-1

## School okays payment

The Cass City School Board voted to give qualified teachers a separation payment of \$20,000, provided 3 or more teachers take advantage of the offer. The decision came after a lengthy debate at the regular meeting of the board Monday night at the high school.

The motion was finally approved, 6-1, with trustee Michelle Biddinger dissenting. It called for the payment to any teacher at the top of the pay scale, provided that 3 or more eligible teachers apply. The motion also stipulated that the retirement bo-

nus would definitely not be offered next year and possibly not the year after that.

The savings to the school district is the difference in salary at the top of the pay scale compared to what a teacher at the bottom of the scale would receive. Biddinger voted against the payment because she feels that teachers ready to retire would do so regardless of any bonus offered.

Chad Daniels, advisor, introduced 2 members of the Cass City forensic team that will compete in the state finals at Michigan State Uni-

versity. Angela Stoeckle demonstrated story telling and Stephanie Richards demonstrated the art of fingerprint detection, separating fact from fiction.

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**MOTHER NATURE socked it to the Thumb over the weekend, with blizzard warnings preceding a blanket of heavy, wet snow measuring up to a foot or more in some areas. School officials in Cass City and surrounding districts canceled classes Monday morning as utility crews worked to restore power to hundreds of residents in the upper Thumb. (See story, page 3).**

## O-G okays pay hikes, narrows candidates

Owen-Gage School officials Thursday approved pay raises for the district's principal and support staff, and selected 6 individuals to interview for the newly created superintendent/K-12 principal position.

Meeting in special session, the board of education approved a 2-year contract with 22 support staff members, including secretaries, custodians, cooks, paraprofessionals and bus drivers, and for the principal's post.

The pact gives them a 3-percent pay increase in 2004-05, and another 2.5 percent in 2005-06. School Supt. Bob Peterson said the increase will cost the district about \$11,000 the first year.

Turning to the superintendent/K-12 principal position, the board narrowed a list of 27 applicants down to 6 candidates who will be inter-

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### How the new millage rate affects you

Current Value of Home:	\$60,000	\$80,000	\$100,000	\$120,000
Taxable Value (50%)	\$30,000	\$40,000	\$50,000	\$60,000
2005 Millage (1st Year)	5.46	5.46	5.46	5.46
2004 Millage (Current)	4.20	4.20	4.20	4.20
2005 Increase Over 2004	1.26	1.26	1.26	1.26
Additional Cost / 1st Year	\$37.80	\$50.40	\$63.00	\$75.60
Additional Cost per week	\$0.73	\$0.97	\$1.21	\$1.45

## Holbrook Area News

Mrs. Thelma Jackson  
Phone 989-269-6994



Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sageman, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Robinson, Mrs. Gerald Wills, Mrs. Harold Ballagh and Mrs. Martin Sweeney visited Thelma Jackson Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski attended the 8:30 a.m. mass at the Our Lady of Lake Huron Church, Harbor Beach and the K of C breakfast on Sunday.

Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Evans Gibbard were Mr. and Mrs. Greg Moore and family, Mr. and Mrs. Marty Wagoner and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Taylor and Brian, Dan Gibbard and Kim Thiel.

Bob Cleland Sr. came home from Fort Meyers and is spending a few days with Mrs. Alex Cleland and Carol Laming.

Mrs. Gerald Wills and Mrs.

Harold Ballagh visited Mrs. Martin Sweeney and Mrs. Elgin Wills Thursday.

Saturday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski were Mr. and Mrs. Dean Carpenter and Timothy of Caro, Greg and Susan Krozek and Ryan, Charles Depcinski and Nicole, Bob and Carol Osantoski, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Depcinski and Brooke for birthday cake and ice cream for Mrs. Ray Depcinski's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel and Allen Farrelly were Thursday guests of June Rutz at Sterling Heights where they celebrated Cindy Rutz's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Stirett of Bad Axe, Frances Tschirhart, Kay and Jim Sweeney and Mrs. Martin Sweeney visited Thelma Jackson Monday.

Twelve members of the

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

Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Hagen attended the appreciation luncheon at the medical care facility in Bad Axe Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Holdwick and Bruce and Mrs. Allen Depcinski visited Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Holdwick at Birch Run on Sunday.

Allen Farrelly visited Don Rachoff at the Huron County Medical Care Facility Saturday forenoon.


Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Depcinski were Monday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski for Mrs. Ray Depcinski's birthday.

## Illustrator scheduled at library

Children's book illustrator Wendy Halperin will present a program at 7 p.m., Thursday, May 5 at Rawson Memorial Library. Books illustrated by Halperin that are available at the library include: "The Full Belly Bowl," "The Secret Remedy Book," "Let's Go Home," and "Homeplace."

This quote from her website explains how Halperin feels about her work. "To me, the world is a carousel of photos that take on meaning and poetry. Drawing opens children to the mysterious dimensions of this wonderful planet; it is a means to understanding what they see. My goal is to create characters whom children would like to know and places where children would want to be, so that every time they open one of my books, they find warm, treasured photos they can carry around with them like one of Grama's patchwork quilts..."

Halperin will demonstrate basic techniques used by children's illustrators. Those attending will have the opportunity to try their hand at drawing. Supplies will be provided. Come to the library and be a part of this special program.



Meg's Peg  
*Eats, shoots??*  
by Melva E. Guinther

## Calendar of Events

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

### Thursday, April 28

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

Free Senior Citizen Bingo Party, 1-4 p.m., Cass City VFW Hall, 4533 Veterans Dr. Prizes and refreshments. Sponsored by 3644 Ladies Auxiliary.

### Friday, April 29

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

### Monday, May 2

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

### Tuesday, May 3

AYSO Board meeting, 7 p.m., Charmont.

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

### Wednesday, May 4

Kate's Pants Program, 4 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library. Workshop at 5 p.m.

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MAY 2-3

**Monday** - Apple pork chops, mashed potatoes, carrots, variety bread, fruit.

**Tuesday** - Tater crusted Hoki, Malibu blend, coleslaw, variety bread, fruit.

### Several on dean's list

Several students from the Cass City area were recently named to the dean's list at Saginaw Valley State University.

They are:

Anthony Brinkman, Marnie Hacker, Erik Helwig, Mallory Powell, Travis Schneeberger and Ashley Timon, all of Cass City; Lisa Shaw, Matthew L. Shaw and Dustin Stolzman, all of Decker; Joshua Kamrad, Deford; Rebecca Hartman and Dustin Mallory, both of Gagetown; Samantha Anger, Alisha Blomquist and Christy Willis, all of Kingston; Danielle Fritz and Timothy Kain, both of Owendale; Amy Jo Miller, Snover; and Jessica Bonnema, Jill Butch, Krista Leavine, Patricia Peruski, Lisa Romzek, Megan Ruthko and Brenda Rutkowski, all of Ubyl.

To be named to the list, students must earn a minimum grade point average of 3.4 to 3.99 in at least 12 credit hours of accepted classes.

## Johnston completes training

Navy Seaman Daniel J. Johnston, son of Paula A. Johnston of Cass City, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

The capstone event of boot camp is "Battle Stations". This exercise gives recruits the skills and confidence they need to succeed in the fleet. "Battle Stations" is designed to galvanize the basic warrior attributes of sacrifice, dedication, teamwork and endurance in each recruit through the practical application of basic Navy skills and the core values of honor, courage and commitment.

Johnston is a 1999 graduate of North Branch High School and he is a 2003 graduate of University of Michigan-Flint.

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## Cass City Public Schools

### PROGRESS IN EDUCATION

from the desk of Ken Micklash, Superintendent

### 4th GRADE MEAP SCORES OUTSTANDING

We recently received the results of the 2005 MEAP scores. I wish to present the 4th grade results in this edition and in a later edition the middle school results which also were very good. The Campbell results were outstanding. We are very proud of our students' high level of achievement with the tests and our staff members' efforts and dedication with providing exceptional educational programs.

The results follow:

CORE AREA	CASS CITY 4th GRADE	STATE AVERAGE
Mathematics	85	73
Reading	94	82
English Language Arts	71	54
Listening (Optional)	92	79

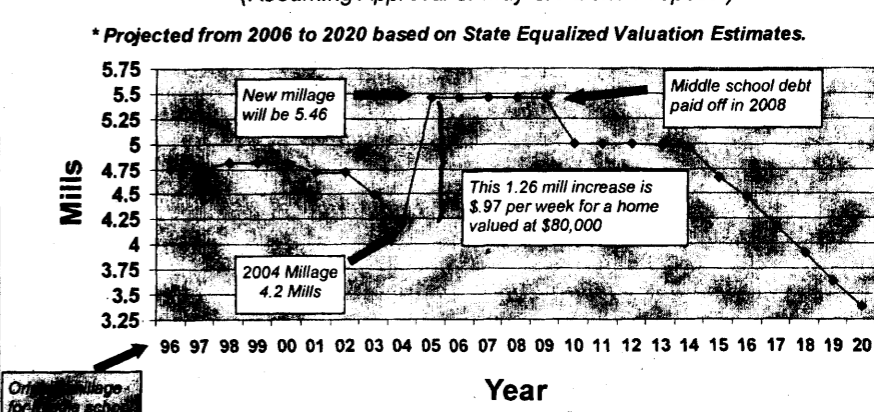
### CONCLUDING BOND INFORMATION

The following is some final information which relates to the upcoming school election.

The line graph below shows the mills levied from 1996 to 2020 assuming approval of the new bond issue. From 1996 to 2004, the mills levied have been between 4.81 and 4.2. The mill levy will increase to 5.46 in 2005 until the middle school debt is paid off in 2008. In 2009, the mill will decrease to 4.99. After that time, the mills steadily go down each year until 2020.

**Projected Millage \***  
(Assuming Approval of May 3rd Bond Proposal)

\* Projected from 2006 to 2020 based on State Equalized Valuation Estimates.



**WHO CAN VOTE:** Any registered voter in the Cass City School District.  
**WHEN AND WHERE CAN I VOTE:** The election will be held at Cass City High School on Tuesday, May 3, 2005 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Questions can be sent to me at 4868 N. Seeger St., Cass City, MI 48726. Thank you.



## Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Kudos to the Cass City Lions Club members who gutted it out at the corner of Seeger and Main Streets Saturday during the snowstorm to collect money to be used in its program to help the blind.

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Black squirrels have moved south. Previously, practically all the squirrels in town have been brown. In the last week a pair of black ones appeared, one crossing Seeger north of Houghton and the other at the corner of Oak and Pine Streets.

In the northern Lower Peninsula it's rare to see a squirrel that isn't black.

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It always happens. Regular readers of this trivia will recall that Chuck Emmert reported the week before the paper was published that there just wasn't a mushroom to be found.

Well, just after the paper hit the newsstands last Tuesday Emmert rushed in with a bag of the tasty morels. He missed last week's edition, but he won the first to report mushrooms derby for the spring.

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Several Cass City teachers were recent recipients of awards from DTE Energy Mini-grants for Educators Program. The program was established in 1990 to promote science and energy studies for K-12 students. Honored were Jennifer Green, Deb Peruski, Barb Kirm and Marilyn Biefer.

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## NOTICE TO THE CITIZENS OF THE VILLAGE OF CASS CITY

The Village of Cass City Zoning Board of Appeals will be holding an Annual Meeting, Wednesday, May 4, 2005 at 7:00 P.M. at the Village Municipal Building for the purpose of organization.

Nanette S. Walsh  
Clerk/Treasurer

## Crash injures 4

# Snow storm blasts area, cuts power, closes school

A ferocious late spring storm that roared into the Thumb over the weekend dumped up to a foot of snow or more, covering roads with thick slush and cutting power to hundreds of residents.

Blizzard warnings were posted early in the weekend, prompting the cancellation of dozens of activities.

School officials in several area school districts, including Cass City, Owen-Gage, Kingston and Uby, canceled classes Monday morning.

The storm left roads treacherous. Troopers from the Michigan State Police post in Sandusky reported that 4

people were injured late Sunday afternoon in a 2-vehicle traffic crash on M-53 near Argyle Road.

Trooper Bethany Craig said a southbound vehicle driven by Janice Duerr, 52, Harbor Beach, struck some slush in the roadway and began to lose control, and a northbound vehicle driven by Robert Bolton, 51, of Ray, Mich., swerved to avoid the Duerr vehicle.

The 2 vehicles collided, causing injuries to all 4 occupants. Duerr was treated at Marlette Community Hospital and then released. Her passenger, Johanna Ross, 58, Port Hope, was transported to Hurley Medical Center in Flint, where she was listed in critical condition, according to reports.

Craig said Bolton and his wife, Kathleen, 47, were taken to St. Joseph's hospital, where they were each being treated for several broken bones.

The staff at the Cass City Wastewater Treatment Plant

measured a snowfall total of 5 inches. However, they noted the snow was melting too quickly to get an accurate measurement. The melted total was 1.27 inches of precipitation, equivalent to nearly a foot of snow.

Detroit Edison officials reported the heavy, wet snowfall caused branches to hit power lines, knocking out electricity Saturday and Sunday to some 3,500 customers in the upper Thumb.

Edison media relations spokesman Scott Simons said there were 900 customers affected in Tuscola County, with 300 still without power Monday morning. Another 1,200 customers were affected in Huron County and 1,400 customers in Sanilac County. About 300 remained without power Monday morning in Huron County and 100 customers in Sanilac County.

Simons said officials were expecting to have all customers back online sometime Monday.

## Hospital honors its volunteers

Officials at Hills and Dales General Hospital in Cass City celebrated National Volunteer Week last week.

Hills and Dales officials celebrated with a recognition breakfast for all volunteers April 18.

"We are proud to announce our volunteers donated 7,174 hours of their time in various meetings, activities and tasks," said Kerry Brown, hospital social worker.

"Thirty-five volunteers attended meetings, made items for bake sales, assisted with raffles and fundraisers, worked as a messenger, gift shop attendant or was an assistant at Northwood Meadows," she added. "Some also assisted in patient care areas, rocking babies or sitting with elderly patients."

Local volunteers donating the most time this year were Mary Ann Hinn (1,058 hours), Nina Davis (712 hours), Jean Klinkman (629.5 hours) and Pat Wells (515.5 hours). Helen Jezewski had the highest total accumulated hours at 7,700.

"All our volunteers are appreciated, and we salute them for a job well done," Brown said. "We couldn't do it without them."

## The Haire Net

Uniting council challenging task



A little of this and that as seen from the corner of Oak and Main streets. Items gleaned from the news of the day that sparked a comment.

Now that a new village manager has been tentatively selected, it will be a vast improvement if the turmoil ceases and the council members pull together to attack the problems facing the village.

The short tenure of managers in recent years has made it difficult to have a coordinated attack on major problems that Cass City faces.

The new manager's most difficult task may well be uniting the council. A council united with every member willing to support majority decisions, even though it

may differ with their conclusions, is essential.

I confess that persons smoking around me was never a problem, never stimulated a desire to start puffing again.

Now there is a bipartisan effort in Michigan to ban smoking in public workplaces including bars and restaurants. Eleven states have already passed smoking bans and more are on the verge of doing so.

The Michigan Restaurant Association is vigorously opposing the smoking restrictions.

The group may be fighting a losing cause, as the doctors are on record as saying the second hand smoke is a definite health hazard.

That information is enough for me to join the estimated 80 percent that indicated in a survey they prefer a smoke-free environment.

It's hard to see that the ban will have a significant economic affect on restaurants and bars.

The 12 valedictorians lauded in last week's Chronicle will probably be the greatest number from any class from now on to earn the honor at Cass City High School.

There are 2 more classes that will be judged with A-B-C-D-F marks before the point system takes over starting with this year's freshman class.

Right now, there are 4 junior students and 8 sophomore students with all-A grades.



## The back forty

by Roger Pond

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Two recent emails from my brother illustrate the great divide between cat lovers and non-cat lovers. The last two messages I've received from my brother Kenny involve helpful hints for cat owners.

I'm not sure if Kenny is a cat lover or not, but his first email describes a cat carrier he found on the Internet. The photo and accompanying message describe a handy device that should restrain most any cat, making it a more enjoyable companion.

The whole thing resembles a large "C" clamp with a handy carrying handle. It is totally adjustable for any size cat. The price is good, too, at \$16.97.

His second message includes directions on how to bathe a cat. (Also found on the Internet, I presume.)

This one begins, "1. Clean toilet thoroughly. 2. Add shampoo." (Are you still with me here?)

Never mind about the agitation, spin cycle, triple rinse, etc. This looks like an exciting and handy idea.

Both of these missives remind me of a woman from the Dallas area who paid \$50,000 to have her cat cloned, and a legislative proposal in Wisconsin to allow hunting of stray cats.

TV news reports show camo-clad Wisconsin residents, just drooling at the prospect of a cat season.

There seems to be a great diversity of opinion about these animals: "Boom!" A \$50,000 cat!

A newspaper story about the Texas woman says she doesn't want to be identified — so the newspaper published her photo and said her name is Julie. (Her telephone and social security numbers remain a secret.)

Anyway, this woman paid a California company to store her cat Nicky's tissue in their gene bank and create Little Nicky after old Nicky passed away. The news photo shows Little Nicky (who doesn't want to be identified, either). We can see this is a small, gray kitten that apparently looks like Old Nicky and belongs to a blond woman named Julie.

I can't speak for cat owners in general, but I see a lot of similarities between Little Nicky and other small, gray kittens I have known. Re-

ports from Wisconsin suggest there are quite a few of these in Dairyland.

I've never done any cloning, but if I wanted to try it, I think gray cats would be my first subject. "Hey, Harold. I've got another blond woman on the phone. How many little, gray ones you got left?"

Even the company that cloned Julie's cat agrees these animals aren't neces-

sarily identical to the original. "More like twins," a spokesman says. This company also admits their price is still a little steep.

I would have to agree with them there. How much does it cost for a call to Wisconsin? And how many cats can you ship for \$50,000?

If it were me, I would include a free carrier and some shampoo.

## Meyer supports voting bill

The Michigan House last week approved a "no-reason early voting" bill designed to expand voter access and maintain integrity and security to the voting process.

State Rep. Tom Meyer, R-Bad Axe, said he voted in favor of House Bill 4569, which allows residents to vote at their local clerk's office during the one-week period before an election. To guard against fraud, he added, voters would be required to present a government- or school-issued photo identification card to cast

early ballots.

"This bill will increase voter turnout and empower people to take part in our democratic process," Meyer said.

Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land last week testified before the House Oversight, Elections and Ethics Committee in support of the bill, saying the no-reason measure is a solid step in the ongoing effort to make the process more efficient and promote a higher voter turnout.

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### 5-Day Local Forecast

	<b>Wednesday</b>
	Few Showers
	High: 50 Low: 34
	<b>Thursday</b>
	Mostly Cloudy
	High: 51 Low: 35
	<b>Friday</b>
	Partly Cloudy
	High: 53 Low: 40
	<b>Saturday</b>
	Partly Cloudy
	High: 55 Low: 39
	<b>Sunday</b>
	Mostly Cloudy
	High: 53 Low: 37

### In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a 40% chance of showers, high temperature of 50°, humidity of 68% and an overnight low of 34°. The record high temperature for today is 86° set in 1990. Thursday, skies will remain mostly cloudy in the morning and afternoon with partly cloudy skies in the evening, high temperature of 51°.

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip
Sunday	66	39	53/33	0.00"
Monday	73	32	53/33	0.00"
Tuesday	82	50	54/34	0.00"
Wednesday	64	34	54/34	0.00"
Thursday	55	27	55/34	0.00"
Friday	52	28	55/35	0.00"
Saturday	41	32	55/35	0.00"

### Upcoming Moon Phases

Last 5/1	New 5/8	First 5/16	Full 5/23

### Sunrise/Sunset Times

Sunrise today	6:30 a.m.
Sunset tonight	8:31 p.m.

### Last Week's Local Almanac

Precipitation	0.00"
Normal precipitation	0.65"
Departure from normal	-0.65"
Average temperature	50.2°
Average normal temperature	43.9°
Departure from normal	+6.3°

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## Red Hawk Talks

by Leah Sherman

Another week has gone by, and for any of you who are counting down to the end of the year, there are only three weeks left for the seniors. And for the rest of the student body, there are five weeks plus an extra day due to this incredible weather that we recently experienced.

In doing some research, I wasn't surprised to find that many people had the same reaction to this weather as I did. It wasn't a welcome change in the weather pattern for most, but Ben Pettit, a junior this year states, "I'm happy that we had a snow day. Plus, it's good for building snowmen."

Senior Tim Mills plans to spend his snow day relaxing, like many of the people that I talked to. However, Ryan King, a sophomore, plans to use the extra time to make some money for his upcoming summer vacation. He'll be working during his snow day.

So, despite the fact that most people were ready to see summer rather than welcome back winter, the general consensus is that snow days are always a welcome break.

Breaks come in all shapes and forms, and last week's talent show definitely had the feel of a vacation for most students. When the student body can get together and share in some fun, it is easy for a normal day to take on the feeling of a holiday.

As many people already know, I'm a huge fan of students displaying their talents in a variety of ways: academically, athletically, musically, dramatically, etc. And there's no better place to see a range of talents than at Cass City High School's talent show. There were dancers, bands, soloists, actors, and even comedians.

Caitie Barnes and Nicole Heronemus performed an interpretive dance to the song "Can't Sleep."

Showing off their musical talents were several bands. "Take a Number," made up of Derrick Mallory, Jamie Monas, and Eric Bullock, "Minor Casualty," with Justin Sorenson, Mike Green, and Jordan Mozdzen, "Echolalia," of Dennis Thomas, Brent Weaver, and Philip Strong, and finally a band whose name was unspecified with members Sam Howard, Corey Johnson, Trey Helwig, Alex Hiatt, Erik Helwig, and Steve MacIntosh were all quite impressive with their musical comprehension, with many of them composing their own songs.

An alternative musical group that performed several random songs and also provided comedic relief and dancing included members J.T. Ketterer, Adam Kranz, Eric Romain, Tim Mills, Sam Howard, and Kevin Martin. David Wade, C.J. Warmbier, Jessica Pratt, and Amber Williams all sang beautifully, moving many people to stand and applaud.

Danielle Reed and Jessica Lange showed off their dramatic talents by performing a short comedic skit.

Finally, Jessica Chappel and Tom Galloway graced the stage with their own humorous interpretations of life.

The high school cafeteria was full Friday night, and the entertainment was exactly that. No one could walk away disappointed after witnessing some of the talent in our school, even if it was only a small fraction of the student body that performed. Once again, I'm proud to say that I'm a Red Hawk.



**HILLS AND DALES employee and cancer survivor Dawn Rick (left) accepts the Five Star Investor awards from Lisa Cleland of the American Cancer Society.**

## Several face charges

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

•Frederick G. Heinz, 53, Caro, was sentenced to 10 1/2 years to 20 years in prison for his pleas of no contest to first degree criminal sexual conduct involving a victim at least 13 years of age but under 16 years between August 1995 and May 2002.

•Randell L. Hiatt, 55, Cass City, was sentenced to 24 months probation and 180 days in the county jail (63 days deferred), with work release, for his pleas of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while impaired and possession of marijuana Dec. 4 in Elkland Township.

He was also ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$2,325.

•Michael R. James, 43, Millington, was sentenced to 180 days in jail (90 days deferred) and 60 months probation for his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Nov. 13 in Koylton Township.

He was also ordered to complete 50 hours of community service and pay \$2,120 in costs and fines.

•Christopher T. Young, 36, Roseville, stood mute to charges of failure to pay child support from November 2004 through March 22, and being an habitual offender (3 prior felony convictions).

A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled in the case and bond was set at \$500.

•Mark S. Helm, 45, Bay City, stood mute to a charge of failure to pay child support between Jan. 1, 2003, and Jan. 31, 2005.

A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled and bond was continued at \$80,000.

•William M. Allen, 51, Flint, was sentenced to 122 days in jail and 6 months probation for his pleas of guilty to malicious destruction of property valued at \$1,000 to \$20,000 June 29, 2003, in

Vassar Township, and to absconding or forfeiting bond July 2 in Caro.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$680 plus restitution of \$1,500.85.

•Arnold R. Thomas, 51, Kingston, stood mute to charges of possession of a firearm by a felon, possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony, assaulting a police officer and failure to present a pistol belonging to him to a sheriff's deputy for inspection Jan. 8 in Dayton Township, and to receiving and concealing stolen property valued at \$1,000 to \$20,000 last September in Kingston Township.

A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled, bond was continued at a combined \$100,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department.

•Dana K. Clifton, 42, Flint, was sentenced to 18 months to 7 years and 6 months in prison for pleas of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, and driving with a suspended license, second offense, second offense, Oct. 2 in Millington Township, and to being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

The defendant was also ordered to pay \$665 in costs and fines.

•Bryon T. Kabat, 45, Caro, was sentenced to 4 days in jail for his pleas of guilty to assaulting a police officer, operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, and driving without a license in his possession Dec. 24 in Caro.

He was also ordered to pay fines and costs totaling \$2,670.

•Paul A. McKee, 40, Cass City, pleaded no contest to false report of a felony (larceny in a building) Feb. 8 in Elkland Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$3,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Jason W. Valentine, 26, Akron, pleaded no contest to third degree child abuse May 8, 2004, in Akron Township.

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

•Gary J. Gillis, 48, Saginaw, was sentenced to 3 to 15 years in prison for his pleas of no contest to second degree home invasion and 2 counts of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor Feb. 23 in Gilford Township, and to being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

He was also ordered to pay \$210 in costs and fines.

•Lawrence S. Lesowyk, 55, Vassar, pleaded guilty to receiving and concealing stolen property valued at \$200 to \$1,000 and receiving and concealing stolen property

valued at less than \$200 Jan. 24, 2003, in Juniata Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$10,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Rodney R. Gurd II, 21, Lapeer, pleaded guilty to possession of marijuana, driving without insurance, violating license restrictions and unlawful use of a license plate March 25 in Millington Township.

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

•Robert A. Hempton, 44, Gageton, was sentenced to 180 days in jail and 60 months probation for his pleas of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, June 23 in Millington Township, and to carrying a concealed weapon Nov. 30 in Caro.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$5,240 plus \$500 in attorneys fees.

•Kyle T. McCormick, 21, Cass City, pleaded guilty to second degree home invasion and larceny in a building Feb. 1-15 in Novesta Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$3,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

## Society honors hospital

The American Cancer Society recently recognized Hills and Dales General Hospital in Cass City as a Five Star Investor and Five Star Community Investor during a special presentation.

The American Cancer Society's Five Star Investor award program recognizes worksites active in fighting cancer on multiple fronts through its At Work Program.

Hills and Dales shares health information with its employees through Access to Cancer Information and is active in such employee-focused programs as Relay for Life. The hospital also offers employees cancer-related medical benefits and a smoke-free worksite, and encourages volunteerism.

The Five Star Community Investor award recognizes hospitals for their active role in the fight against cancer.

Hills and Dales offers a number of patient benefits, including cancer screenings for the community, involvement in the Reach to Recovery program, participation in the state's Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program, and by addressing tobacco and advocacy issues.

"Hills and Dales Hospital's commitment to their employees and community is evident in their enthusiasm for this program," said Lisa Cleland, Quality of Life director at the American Cancer Society - Bay Area Service Center. "We are honored to be presenting this award to Hills and Dales General Hospital for the second year."

## 57 donate in Cass City

Fifty-seven people donated blood during a recent blood drive sponsored by the Hills and Dales General Hospital Auxiliary at the VFW Hall in Cass City.

First-time donors were Crist Kauffman and Peter J. Martin; one-gallon donors were Marlene Donaldson, Jeff Tuckey Jr. and Diane Battel; 6-gallon donors were John L. Miller, Nancy J. Schrock and Beverly Heron; 7-gallon donor was Art Glaza; 8-gallon donor was Dick Wallace.

The next blood drive is scheduled for June 14.



## Bulldog Beat

by Mary McKee

Whether you are still in high school or have been graduated for 20 years, you know who your favorite teacher is. You remember their teaching methods, their personality, and how much you liked them.

Teachers play a big role in high school students' lives. Not only do they educate you, some teachers play the role of counselor, authority figure, and friend. At Owen-Gage students will sometimes have the same teachers for up to 4 hours a day and being around someone for so long they get to know you pretty well and you get to know them pretty well also.

A survey was conducted last year to see who students thought were their favorite teachers, so I thought it would be interesting to do that survey over again. I distributed the survey to students in grades 9-12 and the following are the results.

Coming in first place with 43 percent of the votes was Mrs. Schuette. She teaches science classes like biology, chemistry, earth science, and physics. She is also the senior class advisor. Some students who voted for Mrs. Schuette explained why they liked her so much. One reason was because she is the funniest and another reason was because they never have homework. Another student said Mrs. Schuette was their favorite teacher "because she is cool and has her own fun way of teaching us kids," and "because she is like a kid herself and can relate to her students."

Coming in second place with 21 percent was Ms. Sutter. She is the history teacher at Owen-Gage, teaching everything from geography to U.S. history to world history. She also teaches the psychology/sociology class. While not teach-

ing, Ms. Sutter serves as the National Honor Society Advisor.

When asked why they chose Ms. Sutter as their favorite teacher one student said, "because she's funny and down to earth and treats us like normal people and she's an awesome teacher who knows her junk." Another student chose Ms. Sutter because she explains stuff really well and is one of the best teachers. One student said they like Ms. Sutter "because she is nice and cares about our school and the kids in it."

The teacher coming in a close third place was Mrs. Falkenberg, the math teacher with 18 percent of the votes. She teaches many math classes ranging from algebra to geometry to pre-calculus and trigonometry. Being a math student requires receiving a lot of help from the teacher and that is why a student chose her, because she helps kids one on one. Another student picked Mrs. Falkenberg as her favorite teacher because "she helps you with things and doesn't treat you like you are five." One student chose her because she goes out of her way to help kids and another chose her just because she listens.

I want to say congratulations to the winners of the survey. Coming in fourth, fifth, and sixth place and receiving the honorable mention award goes to Mrs. Sattler, the English teacher, Mr. Starks, the band teacher, and Mr. Wright, the gym teacher.

As you can see, the teachers at Owen-Gage mean a lot to students. They are more than just educators and I think that is due in large part to the small family-like atmosphere that we are lucky enough to have at our school.

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## University of Wisconsin professor

# Council honors O-G grad Schwartz

A national council recently honored an Owen-Gage High School graduate who now serves as a faculty member at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.



Mark D. Schwartz

The National Council of the Association of American Geographers (AAG) presented Mark D. Schwartz, a professor of geography, with the Ronald H. Abler Distinguished Service Honors for his service to geography "through effective leadership in his department and within

the discipline of geography."

The award also recognized the "lasting institutional impact" he has created for geography graduate programs, and for his exemplary actions toward rebuilding an academic core and faculty in the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Geography Department.

The honors were conferred by the AAG in Denver, Colo., during an annual meeting awards luncheon held April 9.

Schwartz, a 1976 graduate of Owen-Gage High School and the son of Marjorie H. Schwartz of Gagetown and the late Donald J. Schwartz, earned his doctorate at the University of Kansas in 1985, and his bachelor's and master's degrees at Michigan State University in 1980 and 1982.

He is an active researcher, considered a pioneer in thinking of vegetation phenology (the branch of science dealing with the relationship between climate and plant growth) on the conti-

mental scale.

In presenting Schwartz with the distinguished service honors, AAG officials said, "As a relatively junior faculty member of the department of geography at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Mark Schwartz took on the task of chair. As departmental chair he enabled the department to survive a critical period when the university administration sought to eliminate the Ph.D. program. Not only that, he led the department to emerge with a new sense of direction and the resources for faculty renewal and growth.

"Moving from threatened closure in 1998, a new doctoral program with a curriculum based on urban environments was developed and approved by 2000. Mark has also facilitated the reorganization of the core curriculum for undergraduate majors in geography, including appropriate defined internships and studies abroad, and the modification of the master's program.

"In the words of one of his colleagues, Mark has 'overseen the transformation' of a faltering department of 6 faculty into a thriving department of 12 faculty."

"His service extends beyond his department to in-

clude current responsibilities as chair of both the faculty executive committee at this university, and of the Phenology Commission of the International Society of Biometeorology, as well as a past term director of the AAG Climate Specialty Group."

## \$500 grant goes to Sanilac youth

Sanilac County MSU Extension 4-H Youth Development is one of 4 recipients of a \$500 Michigan 4-H Foundation 4-H County Innovation grant.

Sanilac County 4-H officials will use the grant for the 4-H Naturalist Program, which fosters development of a lifelong appreciation and knowledge of natural history, natural resources and conservation among youth. The project uses curriculum for both indoor and outdoor hands-on laboratory experi-

ences to help youth gain awareness and knowledge of and have positive impacts on their community and natural resources.

The 4-H Naturalist Program is a new 4-H project in Sanilac County. Many activities are planned including trips to a landfill, a county and city park, a city neighborhood, Minden Bog, Lake Huron and the Black River.

The grant is funded by gifts to the Michigan 4-H Foundation from the Michigan 4-H Legacy Fund Endowment.

## Cass City students Academic Track stars

Thirty-five Cass City Middle School students who earned a first place at least once in their Academic Track category recently advanced to the 19th annual All-Area Invitational at Carrollton Middle School.

Nearly 800 students from 19 schools were represented at the competition. According to Academic Track Coordinator Kathy Milligan, Cass City brought home 3 first-place awards and was bested in overall first-place finishes by Bay City Handy.

Cass City students winning top honors were Joe Packard in Word-O-Clock (honorable mention went to Jalen Ferris), Rochelle Rushlow in Trivia, and Lukas Varney in U.S. History. Varney also earned honorable mention in Ancient History.

In addition, third-place awards were earned by Krista Timko in Physical Science and Paige Lester and Emily Martin (tie) in Speech and Theatre. Kelsey Rudy took home honorable mention in Earth Science.

"The finalists in the performing area were invited to perform at Arthur Hill High School that evening," Milligan said. "Cass City performers were Vicky Scasny who received a second in Interpretive Reading, Brittany Nicol who received an honorable mention in Vocal Solo, and Jennifer Manwell who received an honorable mention in Dramatic Reading.

"It took much support from the middle school staff to coach and help with the 3 home meets," Milligan added. "Twenty-one staff members gave their time to do this."

In all, some 70 Cass City students in the sixth, seventh and eighth grades signed up for Academic Track this year. The students competed in 27 events in testing and performances against Reese, Caro, Bay City Eastside and Birch Run.

## Down Memory Lane

By Harmony Doerr



### 5 YEARS AGO

Doug Kucharczyk hasn't settled on a name for the manufactured home community he's developing in Gagetown, but says he's leaning towards Elmwood Estates. The 22-acre subdivision will accommodate 35 to 40 homes, according to Kucharczyk, who also owns and operates the All Way Stop Market in Gagetown.

Former Cass City resident Dr. Shirley S. Hendrick, associate dean in The Mary Jean and Frank P. Smeal College of Business Administration at Penn State, was recently honored with the inaugural Outstanding Academic Leadership Award by the Penn State Division of Continuing Education. Dr. Patricia A. Book, associate vice-president for outreach and executive director of the Penn State Division of Continuing Education, called Hendrick "an innovative and creative associate dean."

Jarred Glaza, 16, has spent the better part of his life working towards scouting's highest rank. The Cass City High School student will realize that goal Friday when a Court of Honor will convene to formally recognize him as an Eagle Scout.

### 10 YEARS AGO

James Nichols was not home when federal agents raided his Decker area farm Friday afternoon, but he appeared shortly thereafter, driving up to a roadblock set up at the corner of M-53 and Deckerville Road. Nichols was escorted to the farm after agents searched his vehicle.

Tell them you read it here first. Elementary principal Dave Lovejoy is due for a dunking. He agreed to let every student in the Willis Campbell Elementary School take a pot shot at him in the dunking tank if they read over 10,000 books. Last Friday the count was 10,878. So it's ready, aim, fire for the kids at a date and time to be set during the last week of

school.

Michigan farmers had a record fall potato crop, harvesting 1.2 billion pounds of spuds. That output is up 3 percent from last year and up one percent from the previous record set in 1984.

### 25 YEARS AGO

This is Tuesday and the temperature as this is written is at least 85 degrees. What a wonderful day. Just bet you a cookie that it will be cold and damp by Saturday. Why? Saturday is the opening of the trout season in Michigan and any fisherman will tell you that it's always horrible then. (From Rabbit Tracks)

Puppet Play - In conjunction with National Library Week last week, all the students at Campbell Elementary viewed the puppet play, "A Fine Mess." The four puppeteers were intermediate students Darla McKee, Jeff Healy, Sally Warju and Terry Leino. The puppet theatre was set up in the intermediate school library.

Lambert E. Althaver, president and chief operating officer, Walbro Corp., reported

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## Center in hands of voters

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building, which was constructed in 1957 and now serves as home to the district's Alternative Center

for Education (ACE). Failure to maintain the roof, officials contend, will result in structural damage to the building.

School officials say the planned upgrades are needed not only because of age, but also because of the effects of the state's economic woes in

recent years.

State officials have reduced or frozen per-pupil state aid payments to schools for the past 3 years, forcing school officials to cut major capital improvement spending in favor of maintaining existing student educational programs.

### School approves payment

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A decision on whether or not the Michigan Supreme Court will hear the appeal of the change in seasons for boys' and girls' athletic contests will be announced May 2. Fernald said that 2 schedules have been created. One if change is mandated next

year and the other if the Supreme Court decides to hear the appeal.

A committee to implement the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program has been formed. It will be chaired by Sandi Smith and include teachers, administrators and members of the community.

### Pre-register for collection

Residents have until May 1 to pre-register for the Sanilac County Household Hazardous Waste Pesticide Collection set for May 7 in the Marlette area.

Examples of materials which will be collected include any pesticides, contaminated gasoline, waxes, spray cans, cleaners, lighter fluid, oven cleaners, oil-based paints, fingernail polish and remover.

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# Obituaries

## Onnalee Heltsley

Onnalee Ruth Heltsley, 87, of Deford, died Tuesday, April 19, 2005 in Rendon's Young at Heart Adult Foster Care Home, Caro.

She was born Oct. 21, 1917 in Harrison, the daughter of James and Virginia (Crothers) Gordon.

Heltsley worked in accounting at Pontiac Schools for 31 years. She was a member of the Kingston United Methodist Church and a former member of the Pontiac United Methodist Church. She was a member of the Business and Professional Women in Pontiac and Cass City.

Heltsley is survived by her children: Jim (Carol) Richardson of Grand Blanc and Colleen (James) Kitchen of Deford; 3 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren; 2 brothers: James (Jeanette) Gordon, and Byron Gordon; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Harold Richardson; a grandson, Brian Edward Kitchen; brothers: Marshall, Melvin,

Ace, Edward, Royal and Robert Gordon; and sisters: Mildred Herr and Lucille Root.

Funeral services were held Friday, April 22, at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with the Rev. George Ward of Cass City United Methodist Church officiating.

Interment was in the Kingston Cemetery, Kingston. Memorials may be made to the Kingston United Methodist Church or United Hospice of Marlette.

## Mary McNaughton

Mary Joyce McNaughton, 77, of Cass City, died Saturday, April 23, 2005 in Tuscola County Medical Care Facility, Caro, after a long illness.

She was born March 1, 1928 at home in Kingston, the daughter of Charles and Gladys (Boughner) Deo.

She married Elwyn A. McNaughton Nov. 9, 1946 in Sanilac County. He died Dec. 17, 2001.

McNaughton worked for a time as a retail clerk. She decorated homes that her

husband built. She attended Cass City United Methodist Church and was a member of the Evergreen Township Extension Club.

She is survived by a son, Dave (Connie) McNaughton of Cass City; 5 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren; 2 sisters-in-law: Agnes Deo of Snover and Margaret Burns of Cass City; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Robert Deo.

A memorial service was held at 1 p.m., Tuesday, April 26, at Cass City United Methodist Church, with the Rev. George Ward officiating.

Interment was in the Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City.

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

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

## Evelyn Tuckey

Evelyn D. Tuckey, 94, of Cass City, died Monday, April 18, 2005 in Tendercare Nursing Facility after a long

illness.

She was born June 13, 1910 in Lake Odessa, the daughter of Charles and Jeanette Graham (Ferguson) Doerr.



She married Charles Luke Tuckey Nov. 9, 1927 in Cass City. He died March 28, 1996.

Tuckey was a member of the Cass City United Methodist Church, the former Salem United Methodist Church, and the Cass City United Methodist Women.

She is survived by her children: Dorothy (Carl) Mantey of Port Austin, Charles (Iris) Tuckey of Sand Pointe, Eunice (Donald) Kaufman of Edwardsburg, Dr. Donald (Kathlyn) Tuckey of

Frankenmuth, William (Sylvia) Tuckey of Frankenmuth, Robert (Barbara) Tuckey of Cass City and Roy (Kathleen) Tuckey of Cass City; 27 grandchildren; 47 great-grandchildren; 2 great-great-granddaughters; a daughter-in-law, Delores Tuckey of Cass City; sisters-in-law, Ruth Doerr of Saginaw, Mary Doerr of Mayville, Olga Doerr of Rhodes and Lanettia Tuckey of Pontiac; a brother-in-law, the Rev. John (Bernice) Tuckey of Flint; many nieces and nephews; and a dear friend/cousin, Florence Schott of Saginaw.

She was preceded in death by a son, J.D. Tuckey; brothers: William, Albert, Henry and Doris Doerr; and sisters: Marjorie Jones, Dorothy Shue and Mary Buchannan.

Funeral services were held Thursday, April 21, at Cass City United Methodist Church, Cass City, with the Rev. George Ward officiating.

Interment was in the Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City.

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

## Franzels attend meeting

Frank E. Franzel Jr. and John Paul Franzel recently attended the 77th annual business meeting and convention of the Michigan Ground Water Association in Lansing.

Both are registered water well drilling contractors employed at F.E. Franzel Well Drilling. Frank serves on the board of directors of the Michigan Association. Frank's father, Frank E. Franzel Sr., was an honorary member of the association.

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## Hawk thinclads post victory in quad outing

Cass City boys won 10 of the 17 events in a quad meet last week Monday at Bad Axe and totaled 116 points on the way to a win over Bad Axe, 69 points, Lakers, 47 points and Caseville, 25 points.

Double winners for the Hawks were Kyle Reif and Andrew Schinnerer. Reif took the 1,600-meter (5:06.08) and the 3,200-meter. Schinnerer won the pole vault (12'6") and the 400-meter (55.60). Other firsts for the Hawks were: Chris Zawilinski, high jump, (6'2"); Dustin Bitzer, 110-meter hurdles (17.61); Scott Meeker, shot put (40'3"); 400-meter relay team (47.57); Chris Childs, 800-meter (2:06.20); 1,600 relay team (3:55.16).

Winners for Bad Axe were: Iskow, 300 hurdles (47.49); Grigg, discus (115'5"); 3,200 relay team (9:13.51). Laker winners were: Ireland,

100-meter (11.77); 800-meter relay team (1:41.71); Ireland, 200-meter (25.22). Ostrander of Caseville took the long jump (17-2).

### SANDUSKY MEET

Cass City finished second in the boys' quad meet at Sandusky Wednesday. Marlette totaled 103 points to win. Cass City scored 77 points, Sandusky, 42 points and Dryden, 18 points.

The Hawks and Marlette each had 6 victories and Sandusky had 4. Cass City's Danny Mittlestat was a double winner, taking the 110-meter hurdles and the 300-meter hurdles (43.40). Bitzer finished second in the 110-meter hurdles. Schinnerer won the 400-meter dash (57.04); Childs won the 800-meter run (2:14.2) Reif won the 3,200-meter run and Zawilinski, the high jump (5'10").

## Cass City girls finish runner up at Bad Axe, third in Sandusky

Bad Axe girls dominated the quad meet last week, Monday, sweeping 15 of the 17 events on their home grounds. The Hatchets scored 126 points. Cass City totaled 85.5 points, Caseville, 20 points and Lakers, 8.5 points.

Cass City won the shot put on Ashley Puterbaugh's toss of 31' 2 1/2". Caseville's Quinn took the long jump (13' 1"). Bad Axe won the rest.

Bad Axe first places finishes: Messing, high jump (4' 10"); DeGrandt, discus (96' 6"); Howard, 100 hurdles (16.49); 3,200 relay team (11:10.91); Howard, pole vault (8' 0"); Byrne, 100-meter (12.81); 800-meter relay team (1:57.75); Fischer, 1,600 meter (6:05.75) 400-meter relay team, (52.61); Byrne, 400 meter (1:06.40); Fisher, 800-meter (2:42.81); Byrne, 200-meter (27.58); Essenmacher, 3,200-meter (13:53.31); 1,600-meter relay team, (4:50.29.) Howard, 300-meter hurdles (51.58).

### AT SANDUSKY

In another quad meet Wednesday, host Sandusky edged Marlette by a single point, 79-78. Cass City was third with 45 points and Dryden fourth with 35 points.

The Hawks posted a win by Jenny Zmierski (13:51.5) in the 3,200-meter run. The remaining first place finishes were divided between Sandusky with 8 and Marlette with 7.

Cass City placed second in these 5 events: the 3,200-meter relay team of Tara Whittaker, Carrie Hillaker, Brittany Karavas and Jenny Zmierski (12:24.9); 1,600-meter run, Zmierski, (6:20.8); 300-meter hurdles, Becca Doerr; 800-meter run, Leah Whittaker; shot put, Ashley Puterbaugh (30'3").

Third places were earned in the 400-meter relay with Kayla Morrish, Sarah Zawilinski, Tara Sherman and Caitlyn Sorenson (58.8) and Puterbaugh in discus.

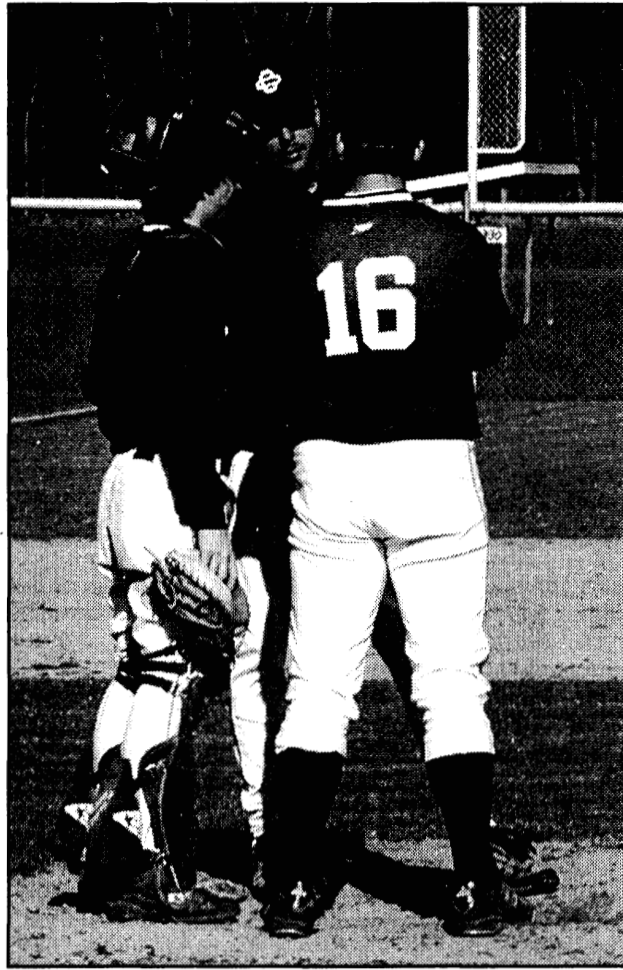
Finishing fourth were: Becca Doerr, 100-meter

## Cooperative swim program approved

The Michigan High School Athletic Association Executive Committee has approved a cooperative program in boys and girls swimming and diving between Cass City and Caro.

Caro will be the primary school and has sponsored the sport previously. The combined enrollment of the 2 schools is 1,176 and the program will continue in Division 2 of the MHSAA Swimming and Diving Tournament.

For more information contact Tiger Athletic Director Perry Baranic at 989-673-3165, ext. 1700.



**THE CONFERENCE** at the pitching mound paid off for Cass City against Harbor Beach. The bases were loaded with no outs. But a pop up to short right field, followed by a put out at the plate and an easy third out enabled the Hawks to escape unscored upon. Clockwise from left: Jeff Stoutenburg, coach Ryan Pritchett and Brad Langenburg.

## Kingston, Owen-Gage split doubleheader softball gem

A showdown between the North and South Division leaders Thursday left spectators arguing who has the best softball team in the North Central Thumb League conference.

That question may not be answered until regional play, where Owen-Gage and Kingston are on a collision course to meet again.

In a well-played doubleheader, host Owen-Gage (5-1, 8-2 overall) captured the opener, 2-0, while Kingston rallied (11-3, 8-4 overall) for a 2-1 decision in the nightcap.

Senior Kayla Zaleski was the pitcher of record in both outings for the Bulldogs. In game one, Zaleski yielded just one hit and fanned 5.

The hosts broke open a scoreless tie in the third inning when Michelle Brown came home on a 2-out double by Zaleski. Owen-Gage added an insurance marker in the fifth when another 2-out Zaleski double drove home Katie Swiastyn.

Zaleski led the winners at the plate with a perfect 3-3 outing. Swiastyn added 2 safeties, including a triple.

"This was a low scoring game and one I've been waiting for to see how our defense would react," coach Cory Fritz said. "They played nearly perfect. I couldn't ask for anything more."

In the nightcap, Owen-Gage struck first in the initial inning, but the Cardinals responded with 2 runs in the second that proved enough.

Leigha Wilmot earned the win on the hill for the visitors.

## Opening ceremonies scheduled

Officials of the Cass City Minor and Little League programs invite area baseball fans to the opening ceremonies Saturday in the recreational park to meet all the players and coaches of both leagues.

Justin Shepherd, of 92.1 FM, will act as master of ceremonies starting at noon. Four games are slated. In the opener, scheduled for a 12:30 start, the Minor and Little League Giants will take on the Orioles while the Dodgers and Tigers will square off at 2:30 p.m.

In addition, a ceremonial first pitch, along with printed programs highlighting the teams and concessions are planned.

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### CASEVILLE

Earlier in the week, on Monday, the Bulldogs slugged out wins of 8-1 and 9-0 over host Caseville.

Game one saw the visitors strike for 4 runs in the first and 3 in the last frames. Zaleski handled the pitching chores and fanned 10.

### At the plate, Trace Lopez delivered a triple, while Leinweber doubled and Eric Zaleski pitched in a single.

"We had the game won in the sixth and Kingston came up with some big hits to get to the extra frame," coach Mac McKee said.

In game 2, Kingston jumped out, 5-0, and cruised to an 8-1 win.

Aaron Faist suffered the loss, working 5 innings.

At the plate Faist, Kenny Brown and Eric Zaleski all singled for Owen-Gage.

Kingston kept its unblemished North Central Thumb League record intact Thursday with a doubleheader sweep of host Owen-Gage.

The Cardinals rallied from a 3-1 deficit in the opener with 2 runs in the sixth and then registered a 6-3 win with 3 tallies in the extra frame.

Josh Leinweber went the distance for the hosts and was tagged with the loss. He fanned 9 and issued one free pass.

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## Cass City earns victories over Harbor Beach, Ubly

Weather permitting, the Cass City Red Hawks should start the Greater Thumb West competition Thursday with plenty of momentum. The Hawks will play Valley Lutheran at home and will enter the fray on the heels of 4 wins last week.

Cass City rolled to wins over Harbor Beach Thursday behind some timely hitting and great pitching. In the opener against the Pirates, Brad Langenburg hurled a 3-hit shutout to register the win, 4-0.

The Pirates made one serious threat to win. In the 5th inning Harbor Beach loaded the bases with nobody out. A pop up went to short right field and the runner on third

attempted to score after the catch and was nipped at the plate. After that the Pirates never threatened again.

In the nightcap, some lusty hitting backed up some great pitching by Mike Havens, who paced the Hawks to a 13-0 win. Cass City banged out 12 hits in the game. Havens allowed 3 hits, 2 walks and struck out 8.

There was plenty of offensive firepower all afternoon. Lee Hutchinson, who has been hot with the bat recently, got 2 hits. So did Chris Landrith, including a double that drove in a pair of runs. Nick Stoutenburg was 2 for 2 and walked 3 times and Justin Glaza cracked out 2 for 2.

### UBLY GAMES

Cass City racked up a pair of wins at Ubly last week, Monday, behind some fine pitching and hitting. Brett Babich pitched a 5-hitter in the opener and his teammates backed him with a 12-hit attack. The Hawks coasted to a 15-4 decision. Eric Pichla took the loss.

The game was all but decided in the first 2 innings when the Hawks bounced out to a 6-2 lead. Babich struck out 8 and didn't walk a batter. Leading sticklers for the Hawks were Jeff Stoutenburg, Cody Halasz and Nick Stoutenburg, each with 2 hits. Jeff Stoutenburg

scored 3 runs and stole 3 bases. Matt Peruski led Ubly with 2 hits.

The Hawks won the 5-inning nightcap game, 6-2. The Hawks broke open a scoreless game in the third with a 4-run rally. Brad Langenburg pitched the win, going 4 innings and allowing 2 runs and 4 hits. He struck out 5 and walked one. Mike Havens pitched the last inning and allowed one hit and no runs.

Ubly's scores came on a home run with a man on by Peruski. Lee Hutchinson rapped 3 hits and drove in 2 runners and Langenburg had 2 hits. The Bearcats' Maurer allowed 7 hits and took the loss.

## Lady Red Hawks roll past pair of non-conference foes

The Cass City Red Hawks finally are getting down to

it—the games that really count. The final pre-con-

ference clash was Monday against Marlette and Thursday the first Greater Thumb West clash of the year will be played when Saginaw Valley Lutheran comes to town. Saturday the Birch Run Invitational is slated starting at 10 a.m.

The Hawks should have momentum when the GTW games start as last week the team rolled to a pair of doubleheader wins.

The opener against Ubly pitted a pair of outstanding hurlers that went 9 innings before Cass City won 7-1. The game was tied at one-all after 7 innings as Courtney Rabideau yielded a run in the 7th inning on a pair of hits. Kim Lackowski was equally effective for the Bearcats and the first run she allowed came in the seventh to tie the score.

Cass City put the game away in the 9th with a 6-run splurge. Two walks, 2 errors and 2 hits sparked the rally. Among the hits were a key double by Luann Laming that drove in 3 runs and a double by Gail Hartwick that drove in a pair.

Rabideau allowed 6 hits and struck out 14 while walking 2. Lackowski allowed 7 hits, walked 3 and also struck out 14.

In the nightcap, the Hawks used a very fine pitching performance by Ashley Hendrick to whitewash Ubly, 3-0. Lackowski pitched another fine game with nothing

to show for it but another loss.

Hendrick allowed 5 hits and a walk while striking out 9. Rabideau opened the game with a single, the first of her 2 hits for the night, and came around to score. That was it until the sixth when the Hawks scored twice on hits by Laming and Renee Czekai.

### HARBOR BEACH

The Hawks rolled over Harbor Beach in the opener, 8-1, and edged the Pirates, 4-2, in the nightcap.

Hendrick pitched a gem for the Hawks in the first game, striking out 5 and allowing just one hit and one walk. Meanwhile her teammates backed her with some long ball hitting.

Czekai cracked a 2-run homer, Laming chipped in with a double and a triple to score a run and 2 RBIs, and Hartwick and Aimee Hennessey each doubled.

In the nightcap, coach Josh Stern gave experience to a pair of hurlers and combined they allowed just 2 runs and 5 hits. Starting for the Hawks was Kalen Trischler. She went 3 innings and allowed 2 runs. Emily Schinnerer, in her first outing for the varsity on the mound, allowed a walk and no hits in a sparkling performance.

Czekai led the Hawk attack with 3 hits in 4 trips and scored a run.

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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on 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: FC # 248.593.1310  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys For Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.  
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200  
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822  
File #052280F01

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 Vincent R. Gilkerson, a married person, original mortgagor(s), to Cendant 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 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: 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 # 248.593.1313  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys For PHH Mortgage Corp., f/k/a Cendant Mortgage Corporation  
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200  
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822  
File #053139F01

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 Jennifer A. Shelton and Robert E. Shelton, wife and husband, original mortgagors, to First Franklin Financial Corp., subsidiary of National City Bank of Indiana, Mortgagee, dated June 15, 2004 and recorded on July 12, 2004 in Liber 1000 on Page 343 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Seven Thousand One Hundred Ninety-Nine and 08/100 Dollars (\$87,199.08), including interest at 6.375% 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 26, 2005.

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

Commencing at a point 200 feet West of the Southeast corner of the South 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 26, Township 10 North, Range 7 East, in said Township; thence West 200 feet; thence North 360 feet; thence East 200 feet; thence South 360 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 27, 2005

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:  
FC # (248) 593-1310  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys For First Franklin Financial Corp., subsidiary of National City Bank of Indiana  
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200  
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822  
File #053360F01

4-27-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - 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 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 to 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.

Dated: March 30, 2005

ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC  
Attorneys for EMC Mortgage Corporation. As Assignee  
P.O. Box 5041  
Troy, MI 48007-5041  
(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 Cendant 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 9% 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 Southeasterly 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 # (248) 593-1313  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys For PHH Mortgage Corporation, f/k/a Cendant 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, and modified by Affidavit recorded on March 1, 2005 in Liber 1028 on page 1498, 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 Fifty-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 1318.00 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 # 248.593.1313  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys For Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.  
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200  
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File #035431F03

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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 Elaine M. Locke, a single woman, original mortgagor, to Gehrke Mortgage Corporation, a Michigan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated September 17, 1996 and recorded on September 20, 1996 in Liber 697 on Page 1075, and assigned by mesne assignments to Atlantic Mortgage & Investment Corporation 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 Thirty-Four Thousand Two Hundred Thirty-Four and 82/100 Dollars (\$39,234.82), including interest at 9% 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 26, 2005.

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

Lot 9, Block 24 of the Village of Caro, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 11 of Deeds, Pages 362 through 363, now being Liber 1 of Plats, Page 56, now being Page 59A.

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 27, 2005

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:  
FC # (248) 593-1301  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys For ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc. successor by merger and/or name change to Atlantic Mortgage & Investment Corporation  
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200  
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822  
File #053859F01

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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 Keith A Staple, a married man and William K Staple, an unmarried man, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated May 21, 2004, and recorded on June 22, 2004 in Liber 997 on Page 691, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Eight Thousand Three Hundred Eighty-Two And 62/100 Dollars (\$108,382.62), including interest at 6.75% 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 City of Vassar, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot (s) 1, Block 2, Hutson's Addition, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 20A.

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: FC # 248.593.1305  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys For Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.  
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200  
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822  
File #051264F01

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Mark A. Gager and Glenda J. Larkin, a/k/a Glenda J. Gager, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to CiFinancial, Inc, Mortgagee, dated February 25, 2004 in Liber 981 on Page 384 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Sixty-Three Thousand Four Hundred Two and 29/100 Dollars (\$163,402.29), including interest at 7.495% 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 26, 2005.

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

Part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 22, Town 11 North, Range 7 East, Tuscola Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as beginning at a point on the original centerline of Sohn Road, which is South 46 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West 212.05 feet and South 38 degrees 44 minutes 00 seconds West, 487.65 feet, South 44 degrees 34 minutes 00 seconds West, 513.00 feet along said centerline from the East 1/4 corner of said Section 22; thence continuing along said centerline South 44 degrees 34 minutes 00 seconds West 117.00 feet, and South 32 degrees 44 minutes 00 seconds West 170.91 feet along the original centerline of Sohn Road; thence South 49 degrees 46 minutes 00 seconds East 452.30 feet to the North Edge of the Cass River, thence North 08 degrees 43 minutes 55 seconds East 180.61 feet along the North Edge of the Cass River; thence North 30 degrees 11 minutes 00 seconds West 394.20 feet to the said centerline of Sohn Road and the place of beginning.

Parcel B: Part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 22, Township 11 North, Range 7 East, Tuscola Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as beginning at a point on the original centerline of Sohn Road, which is South 46 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West 212.05 feet and South 38 degrees 44 minutes 00 seconds West 487.65 feet and South 44 degrees 34 minutes 00 seconds West, 513.00 feet, and South 32 degrees 44 minutes 00 seconds West 170.91 feet along the original centerline from the East 1/4 corner of said Section 22; thence continuing along said original centerline South 32 degrees 44 minutes 00 seconds West, 100.00 feet, thence South 49 degrees 46 minutes 00 seconds East 500.00 feet to the North Edge of the Cass River; thence North 08 degrees 43 minutes 55 seconds East 116.27 feet along the North Edge of the Cass River; thence North 49 degrees 46 minutes 00 seconds West 452.30 feet to the said centerline of Sohn Road and the place of beginning.

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

Dated: April 27, 2005

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:  
FC # (248) 593-1310  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys For CitiFinancial, Inc  
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200  
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822  
File #047916F02

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by John W. Boone, a single man, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated May 9, 2002, and recorded on December 19, 2002 in Liber 907 on Page 1335, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Four Thousand Six Hundred Fifty-Five And 38/100 Dollars (\$134,655.38), 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 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: 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 Southwest 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 # 248.593.1304  
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Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822  
File #016191F02

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Douglas F. Moore, single, original mortgagor(s), to Chase Manhattan Bank USA, N.A., Mortgagee, dated December 16, 2002, and recorded on June 4, 2003 in Liber 934 on Page 263, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Seven Hundred Forty-Seven And 88/100 Dollars (\$25,747.88), including interest at 9.625% 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 Village of Kingston, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: The Southeast quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 16, Town 11 North, Range 11 East:

Excepting and reserving all that certain property conveyed to David J. Vroman as described in deed dated 9/26/2001, recorded 11/9/2001 in book 848, page 159. Described as follows: Commencing at the South 1/4 corner of Section 16, Town 11 North, Range 11 East, thence South 89 degrees 27 minutes 04 seconds West 84.63 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 North 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: FC # 248.593.1304  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys For Chase Manhattan Bank USA, N.A.  
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200  
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822  
File #052926F01

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Being known and designated as Lots 2, 3 and 5, Block 3, Metes and Bounds Property, to wit: The Southwest half of Lot 2, Block 3 of Sherman's Addition to the Village of Caro, according to the plat recorded in Liber 11 of Deeds, Page 491. Excepted a place of land six feet wide on Madison Street and 75 feet deep from the Northeast side of said Southwest half of Lot 2, also Lot 3 of Block 3, of said Sherman's Addition to the Village of Caro, except the Southwest 8 feet thereof, also all of the Northeasterly portion of Lot 5, Block 3 of said Sherman's Addition to the Village of Caro lying Southeast of Alone said described property except Commencing 122 feet South of the Southeast corner of Lot 2, Block 3, Sherman's Addition to the Village of Caro running thence West to Division line between Lot 5 and 6 of said Block, thence North to the Southwest corner of Lot 3 in said Block thence Easterly to a point 66 feet South of the Southeast corner of Lot 2 in said Block; thence South along margin of Almer Street to the 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.

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 Kingston, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Commencing at the northwest corner of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 25, Town 14 North, Range 9 East, running thence South Line 100 feet, east at right angles 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.

Dated: March 30, 2005

ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC  
Attorneys for Chase Home Finance LLC, As Assignee  
P.O. Box 5041  
Troy, MI 48007-5041  
(248) 457-1

## Legal Notices

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

Dated: April 13, 2005

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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 Troy, MI 48007-5041 (248) 457-1000 File No. 199.1353

4-13-5

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by DAVID Z. DICKIE and SHIRLEY M. DICKIE, HUSBAND AND WIFE, AS TENANTS BY THE ENTIRETY to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. (MERS), solely as nominee for Lender and Lender's successors and assigns GMAC Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated March 25, 2004 and recorded on April 13, 2004 in Liber 987 on Page 922, TUSCOLA County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SIXTY-FOUR THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED NINETY-SEVEN AND 59/100 DOLLARS (\$64,297.59), including interest at 5.00% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, front entrance of the Courthouse Building in the Village of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on May 26, 2005.

Said premises are situated in VILLAGE OF MAYVILLE, TUSCOLA County, Michigan, and are described as:

COMMENCING AT A POINT ON THE NORTH AND SOUTH QUARTER LINE 1453.7 FEET NORTH OF THE SOUTH QUARTER CORNER OF SECTION 25, TOWN 11 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST; THENCE NORTH 82 1/2 FEET; THENCE WEST AT RIGHT ANGLES TO NORTH AND SOUTH QUARTER LINE 396 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 82 1/2 FEET; THENCE EAST AT RIGHT ANGLES TO SAID QUARTER LINE 306 FEET TO POINT OF BEGINNING, BEING IN THE VILLAGE OF MAYVILLE, TUSCOLA COUNTY,

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TAX ID NO. 040-025-000-7200-00

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

Dated: April 22, 2005

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. (MERS), solely as nominee for Lender and Lender's successors and assigns GMAC Mortgage Corporation Mortgagee

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4-27-4

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by David R. Johnson and Patricia A. Johnson, husband and wife, Mortgageors, to PHB Funding, Mortgagee, dated the 13th day of June, 2001 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 19th day of June, 2001 in Liber 835 of Tuscola County Records, Page 1281, said mortgage having been assigned to Wachovia Bank of Delaware National Association on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Two Hundred Thirty One Thousand Nine Hundred Twelve & 27/100 (\$231,912.27), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof.

Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 26th day of May, 2005 at 10:00 o'clock a.m. Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, front entrance of the Courthouse in Village of Caro, Tuscola County (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Tuscola is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 9.9900% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises.

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

Parcel 1: Commencing at the Southeast corner of the Northeast quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 11, Town 12 North, Range 9 East; thence North 632 feet to the point of beginning; thence North 100 feet; thence West 200 feet; thence South 100 feet; thence East 200 feet to the point of beginning, also known as Lot 2 of Carmenwood (an unplatted subdivision). Right of Way for Weeden Road over the Easterly side thereof.

Parcel 2: Commencing at the Southeast corner of the Northeast quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 11, Town 12 North, Range 9 East; thence North 732 feet to the point of beginning; thence North 100 feet; thence West 200 feet; thence South 100 feet; thence East 200 feet to the point of beginning, also known as Lot 1 of Carmenwood Lots (an unplatted subdivision). Right of Way for Weeden Road over the Easterly side thereof.

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

Dated: 4/27/05  
Wachovia Bank of Delaware National Association  
Mortgagee  
FABRIZIO & BROOK, P.C.  
Jonathan L. Engman (PS6364)  
Attorney for Wachovia Bank of Delaware National Association  
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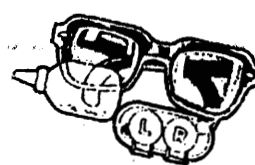
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Council approves Walbro tax abatement

The Cass City Village Council Monday approved a tax abatement on nearly \$1.7 million worth of new equipment for Walbro Engine Management.

Following a brief public hearing during the regular meeting, the council unanimously approved an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate providing Walbro with a tax break of up to 50 percent for 12 years.

Walbro officials told the council that they are planning to purchase a blow molding machine and accessories to manufacture multi-layer fuel tanks for the lawn and garden industry. Total cost of the equipment is estimated at \$1.695 million.

Company officials project that the new equipment will enable them to add 10 new jobs over the next couple of years.

Turning to other matters during the monthly meeting,

the council learned the results of a recent survey in the village may pave the way for federal funding to help pay for infrastructure improvements in the future.

Cass City DDA/EDC representative Kay Warner and Tuscola County EDC Executive Director Jim McLoskey outlined the results, saying the response was outstanding, with 362 surveys returned out of about 1,080.

It's good news for Cass City, said McLoskey, who noted the bottom line is the survey revealed 54.82 percent of the village's households are in the low to moderate income range. Officials were hoping for a percentage of at least 51 percent in order to convince state EDC officials to place Cass City on an eligibility list for funding that could also help pay for a planned arsenic treatment plant.

In other business, the council:

- Approved spending \$39,700 for a bar screen at the village's wastewater treatment plant, and \$12,354 for a replacement heater at the pool.
- Learned the latest audit of the village's finances revealed no problems. Joel Chamberlain of Yeo and Yeo gave the village a clean bill of financial health.
- Approved a letter of commendation to the Michigan Municipal League (MML) and MML Consultant Bill Richards for their work in conducting the search for a new village manager.
- Appointed Trustee Jeff Gillig as this year's Memorial Day Parade chairman.

Mural debate not settled yet

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lage. "I want this settled so I don't have to spend my taxpayer's money."

Scott Hendrian agreed, saying the council should take the money it would spend on legal fees and pay for the VFW post's variance, which would cost \$100 plus a refundable \$300 deposit.

Dan Delamarter, a member of the village's zoning board of appeals, said he wants to help resolve the issue "because I don't want to read about it anymore. It should be embarrassing to us as a community," he added, noting both sides could have ini-

tially handled things in a way that would have resolved the matter quickly and quietly.

Former trustee Don Ball indicated he agrees with the council's stand. Ball, who said he left the council because of harassing phone calls over the issue, chided the veterans. "If you don't like the laws, change the laws, folks. But they have a law up here," said Ball, who offered to pay for the variance himself. "I get tired of this. All you have to do is apply for the sign variance."

Lomasney asked if village officials and the veterans could meet privately in a small group to resolve the issue, but Althaver pointed out the council's obligations to conduct meetings publicly in compliance with the state's Open Meetings Act.

Althaver pressed the veterans to resolve the issue Monday night.

Trustee Gillig agreed, saying either the VFW needs to agree to file for a zoning variance, or the village will be forced to cite the post and, if necessary, turn to the courts for a settlement.

A frustrated Thabet offered to make a motion to "take it to the courts and get it settled," but the motion was not formally presented for action.

Following discussion, the veterans left the meeting, but Lomasney returned a few minutes later and indicated the veterans may be interested in requesting a special meeting of the zoning board of appeals after holding their own post meeting Monday, May 9.

Owen-Gage

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viewed next week.

Scheduled for interviews Wednesday May 4, are Dana Compton of Boyne City (6 p.m.) and Dennis Haut of Sterling (7:45 p.m.). The board will interview Patrick Dillion of Bay City (6 p.m.) and Kyle Mayer of Bronson (7:45 p.m.) Thursday, and Larry J. Ford of Ontonagon (6 p.m.) and Roderick Martin of Houghton Lake (7:45 p.m.) Friday.

Current Owen-Gage K-12 Principal Diane Warack also applied for the position, but was not selected for an interview.

Warack has been with the district for more than 20 years. She started organizing a preschool program in 1982, then came on staff as a preschool teacher in 1991 and as Title I director in 1993. More recently, she served 2 years as elementary principal and last year was named K-12 principal.

In other business during the special meeting, the board voted to expel a 10th grade student for the remainder of this school year. School officials did not release any details regarding the nature of the student's offense, but said he may be allowed to return to school next year.

Letters

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