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New village manager on board in Cass City

The Cass City Village Council formally hired new village manager Peter J. Cristiano of Caseville during a regular monthly meeting Monday night.

The unanimous vote brings to a close a frustrating administrative search that ended with 2 previous hirings - first of Mark Glenn of Grand Blanc and then John L. McCurtain of Marquette. Both candidates subsequently withdrew, sending the council back to the drawing board.

This time, however, there were signs that the council's latest choice would be officially on the job Tuesday, including the fact that Cristiano was on hand during Monday's meeting.

Trustee Don Richards recommended hiring Cristiano, saying a background investigation and pre-employment physical have been completed and revealed no problems.

The contract approved by the council offered 3 additions not included in the previous manager contracts. They include giving Cristiano the option of resigning "with dignity and pride" should there be an irresolvable dispute between himself and the council. Cristiano will also be reimbursed for the use of his own vehicle for village business instead of using a village-owned vehicle, and the council approved paying him up to \$1,000 in moving expenses.

Along with the duties of manager, Cristiano was appointed the village's street administrator and zoning administrator, and was authorized to sign MDOT contracts and to sign on all checking accounts.

In a related matter, the council officially relieved acting interim village Manager Rick Mohr of all of his administrative duties "with the highest possible com-

mendation for his services."

Also approved was a consulting contract in which Mohr will continue to be paid \$200 per week for the next 2 weeks in exchange for assisting in helping Cristiano make the transition to his new position.

Turning to other matters, Mohr updated the council on plans to seek federal grant funding to cover a portion of cost of an estimated \$1.54 million treatment plan to reduce the level of arsenic in the village's drinking water supply.

"The grant application was submitted last Thursday and it will just be a period of time before we find out about the status of that," Mohr told the council.

Without grant funding, the

cost will be shouldered entirely by the village's water customers, who would see their water bills increase dramatically.

The village has no control over whether or not to building the treatment plant. The decision was made after federal officials reduced the acceptable level of arsenic in public water supplies from 50 parts per billion to 10 parts per billion. Arsenic levels in Cass City average 16 or 17 parts per billion.

Federal officials have made it clear they will fine municipalities that fail to address the arsenic issue, although a number of governmental units, including Cass City, are entering into administrative consent orders (ACOs) with the Michigan Depart-

ment of Environmental Quality.

Mohr told the council Monday that he sent in Cass City's ACO Friday.

"That will give us, I believe, 30 additional months to bring our system into compliance. I think we are one of the first communities to sign an ACO," he said.

In other business, the council adopted 3 new village ordinances that address establishment of adult entertainment businesses, property maintenance, and dangerous buildings.

All of the ordinances were previously reviewed by the village's attorney and the village's zoning enforcement company, village President Bert Althaver noted.

Severance: dependable help is vital on the farm

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Editor's note: This is the fourth in a series of agricultural stories the Chronicle is publishing this summer in cooperation with the Michigan Farm Bureau's Adopt-a-Farm program, which pairs members of the media with local farming operations. The goal is to give readers a close look at "life on the farm" through stories that track the ups and downs of agriculture through the eyes of a single area farm family.

In this installment, lifelong Sanilac County dairy farmer Randy Severance discusses the challenge of finding long-term, dependable help on a small dairy farm, and how his lone, full-time employee,

Gary Robinson, makes a vital contribution to his operation week in and week out.

Not everyone would enjoy Gary Robinson's work schedule.

Robinson, a 1982 Cass City High School graduate, works 7 days a week, although he puts in only a couple of 2-hour shifts on most days.

His time on the job is spent outdoors, regardless of the heat in summer or cold in the winter. And he wouldn't have it any other way.

"I tried working at (a retail chain store) and I didn't like that," said Robinson, who has worked for Sanilac County dairy farmer Randy Severance for the past 17 years. "That was 8 hours a day and inside, and I always

liked being outside."

Milking is his sole responsibility at Severance's Evergreen Township farm. His job involves milking about 82 cows twice a day, and ensuring that each shift's yield of roughly 2,500 pounds of milk, or about 300 gallons, is properly transferred to a 1,250-gallon holding tank.

Robinson said his job offers not only an outdoor workplace, but also unique hours - he milks at 1 a.m. and again at 1 p.m. - that enable him to pursue other interests year round. The summer months find him on the golf course as often as he can manage, and he's an avid bowler.

"I can get done early enough so I can go and do

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Special program

ALL EARS - Several area children were introduced to Michigan native and Author Deborah K. Frontiera Thursday at Rawson Memorial Library in Cass City. Frontiera, now a kindergarten teacher in Texas, has written several books for children.



Assistant prosecutor arrested

Huron County Prosecutor Mark Gaertner has asked for the appointment of a special prosecutor to determine if formal charges will be filed against his chief assistant prosecutor.

Huron County Sheriff's deputies arrested Chief Assistant Prosecutor Stephen J. Allen, 57, during an investigation into a domestic vio-

lence report at Allen's Port Hope residence last Wednesday night.

According to Huron County Sheriff's Department reports, Allen's wife, Jamie Allen, a retired Oakland County Sheriff's deputy, called 911 at about 6:10 p.m. and asked that a police officer be sent to the home.

Allen told police that he was

recently served with divorce papers and was surprised to find his wife at home with the couple's dogs when he arrived there from work.

"Soon after his arrival, his wife and he engaged in an argument over their dogs," Gaertner said. "The argument started as a shouting match and then turned to pushing and shoving on both

parties' part while one of the dogs was being held by one party or the other."

Gaertner said neither Allen nor his wife required medical attention, and neither was intoxicated.

Gaertner said a sheriff's department sergeant took statements from the couple.

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Board to spend \$7,000

In a brief special meeting last Tuesday the Cass City School Board voted to spend an estimated \$7,000 to assist in the search for a new superintendent.

The decision was reached after a discussion about the need for outside aid in the search. Board members indicated that they had no strong opinions about the issue. President Teresa Rabideau said she had talked with the Reese superintendent and said that they drew 24 candidates for the job and were satisfied with the result. However, she said later, considering the importance of the decision, \$7,000 was a relatively small price to pay. I think, probably, we should go with the pros, Randy Severance said.

The board then voted unanimously to hire a search firm, from one of 2 under consideration—Michigan Leadership Institute and Michigan Association of School Boards.

A decision will presumably be reached when representatives from each firm make a presentation to the board Monday, Aug. 1 at 7 p.m.

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"I REMEMBER the patience she always had," Palms resident Ron Zdrojewski said of his former voice teacher, Cass City's Jan Moore, who has been sharing her love of music with Thumb youth for more than 50 years.

Legacy of music Cass City's Jan Moore still going strong

Ron Zdrojewski was a teenager when he started taking voice lessons from Cass City's Jan Moore, but he still remembers how patient Moore was when it came to the shenanigans of 4 boys preparing to perform as a quartet.

"We'd be horsing around when it came to rehearsal. It's a wonder we got anything done, but she'd say, alright now, c'mon," recalled Zdrojewski, 35, of Palms. "We always had fun, though."

"I started (taking lessons) when I was 13," Zdrojewski said. "I'm not sure how long I took them, but it was quite a little while, and I went up for talent shows. That was a lot of fun."

Zdrojewski is just one of thousands of Thumb area youngsters who have learned to explore their musical talents seated next to Moore in front of a piano. A Deckerville native who made her home in Cass City about 18 years ago, she has been teaching voice as well as piano and organ for more than 5 decades.

"I started out with one student and kept going. The

first one was at my house in Deckerville," Moore said. About 10 years later, she added, "the music teacher at Deckerville wondered if I would come in and teach there, so I had 30 students."

Over the years, Moore was invited to share her talent for teaching throughout the Thumb, including Ruth, where she taught piano, organ and accordion at St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church for about 10 years.

"And then I was in a piano scholarship competition - the American Music Scholarship Competition - for 5 years and I was a master teacher there," said Moore, who taught students from all over the world during the competitions based in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Moore also spent 10 years giving lessons in the Ugly Community Schools. In recent years, she enjoyed organizing and leading adult and young children's choirs.

"I had, at one time, more than 100 students a week when I was at the schools and taught at home," she said. "There wasn't much spare time."

Moore began nurturing her

own love of music at an early age. She was an only child growing up on a farm, and her parents were not musically inclined, but playing just seemed to come naturally.

"I was the only one in the family. That (piano) was the first thing I went to after school and the first thing I went to when I got up," she said. "I just loved it."

"I'd taken lessons for years," Moore recalled of what led her to become a teacher. "I started when I was 7 years old, and when I was 13 years old, I played piano for Bible school and for the East Marion Baptist Church in Deckerville."

When Moore and her late husband, Donald, moved to Cass City, she began attending the Lutheran church in town, but continued to give lessons.

Over the years, she has hosted students of all ages and offered lessons for all levels of experience, from the beginner to the advanced student. Her youngest students have gotten their start at the tender age of 4. Her 2 oldest students were both 80.

Moore acknowledged it can be a challenge for younger students to remain enthusiastic when faced with the responsibility of preparing for their lessons. But she's found that mixing the work with enjoyable activities is a good way of keeping their attention.

"A lot of times after they get started, you just get to talking to them and telling them different things, and doing some fun things," she said, adding her approach to teaching has been to expose her pupils to a variety of music styles, from hymns to the classics.

Moore has always made sure her students have ample opportunities to showcase what they've learned, having organized countless recitals for them. She's also made it a habit to provide her full support to those students who express an interest in competing in various competitions, a commitment that has taken her to events in Kansas City and Nashville, as well as Cincinnati. "Where they went, I went,

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Holbrook Area News

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Rita Hockeimeyer of Crystal, Judy Labra of Allegan, Brenda and Mike Weisenberger and Sarah of Birch Run, and Mrs. Jim Tyrrell, Olivia, Noel and J.C. of Ubyly visited Thelma Jackson and Mrs. Martin Sweeney Saturday.

Doris Western, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel and Allen Farrelly attended the Western theme party at the Huron County Health Center Friday.

Linda Rukuk of Brown City spent Tuesday with her foster mother Mrs. Curtis Cleland.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski attended the Over 50 Card Party at Oswald Hall in Bad Axe Sunday. After the 50/50 drawing, a lunch was served by the club members.

Tom Talaski, Jack Kennedy, Bernard Morley, Allen Farrelly, and Ron Wolschlagler met at McDonald's in Bad Axe on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Stirrett of Bad Axe, Mrs. Ray Depcinski and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson visited Thelma Jackson last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Gornowicz were Monday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Particka.

June Rutz of Sterling Heights spent 4 days last week with Allen Farrelly.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Cleland of Bad Axe were Sunday guests of Mrs. Curtis Cleland. Other evening guests were Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Doerr, Jamie Doerr, and Wendy Rickett.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Telro of Windsor, Ontario, Larry Silver and friend of Clinton Township, Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Goodfellow of Onaway and Mrs. Gerald Wills were Sunday guests of Reva Silver.

June Rutz of Sterling Heights and Allen Farrelly visited Jim Sommerville of Port Huron and had dinner at the 4 Star Restaurant Monday.

The 50-year Ubyly High School class reunion was held Saturday at Ubyly Heights Country Club. Ruth Ann Gibbard (Regal) Secretary of her class was among a group of 35 out of a class of 45 pupils that attended the reunion.

Jessica Carpenter of Caro was a Saturday evening guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski.

Wayne Sweeney of Auburn Hills spent the weekend with Jim and Kay Sweeney.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel, Doris Western, June Rutz and Allen Farrelly attended the Franzel family reunion Sunday at Lapeer.

Mrs. Don Hendrick, Mrs. Harold Ballagh, and Mrs. Martin Sweeney visited Thelma Jackson Thursday.

Thirteen members of The Traveling Breakfast Club met at the Peppermill in Bad Axe Thursday morning. They will meet at the Coffee Cup Plus in Bad Axe next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski were Wednesday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Depcinski.

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Goodfellow of Onaway spent the weekend with Mrs. Gerald Wills. Mrs. Goodfellow stayed a few days with Mrs. Wills. While she was here, they visited Mr. and Mrs. Dale Hind, Mrs. Curtis Cleland and Thelma Jackson.

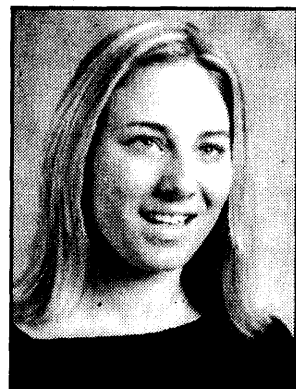
Mrs. Melvin Particka spent 3 days with Mr. and Mrs. Greg Reid and sons Ethan and Joshau at Clinton Township.

Mrs. Ray Depcinski visited Mr. and Mrs. Allen Depcinski Saturday.

June Rutz of Sterling Heights, Doris Western, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel and Allen Farrelly had dinner at Big Boy in Bad Axe on Saturday.

The 20th, 45th and 50th year Ubyly class reunions were all held at Ubyly Heights in Ubyly Saturday.

Cooper graduates with honors



Holli Cooper

Holli C. Cooper of Cass City is among a host of recent Hope College graduates who were awarded graduation honors for outstanding academic accomplishments during their 4 years of study.

Cooper graduated Cum Laude, which recognizes students who achieve a minimum 3.3 grade point average.

Cooper, the daughter of Cathy Cooper, Cass City, earned a bachelor's degree in athletic training.

Library book sale slated

The Friends of Rawson Memorial Library are preparing for the annual book sale set for Aug. 4-6.

If you have used paperback or hard cover books, audio or video tapes, that you would like to get out of your home, bring them to the library by Aug. 1 and we will include them in the sale. This is a good way to clear out used books and to help the library at the same time.

Please do not bring Reader's Digest condensed books or textbooks because they do not sell. All books should be clean and in good condition.

If you are unable to bring books to the library someone will pick them up for you. Just call the library and let us know you need that service. Books will be picked up by Aug. 1.


Hours for the book sale are Thursday from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Friday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

TOWNSHIP OF GREENLEAF NOTICE OF ZONING ORDINANCE ADOPTION


A Zoning Ordinance regulating the development and use of land has been adopted by the Township Board of the Township of Greenleaf. The new Zoning Ordinance, including a new zoning map, was adopted on the 21st day of July, 2005 and was made effective seven (7) days after the date of publication of this notice. Copies of the new Zoning Ordinance may be purchased or inspected by contacting the Greenleaf Township Clerk at 7381 N. Germania, Ubyly, Michigan 48475. This notice has been published pursuant to the requirements of Section 11a of the Michigan Township Rural Zoning Act.

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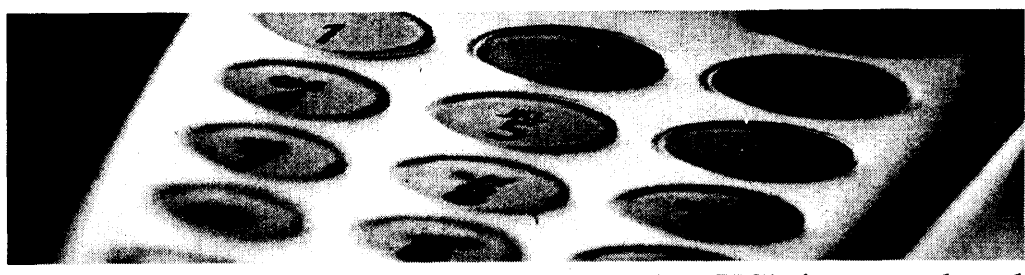


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Meg's Peg

Grandkids

by Melva E. Guinther



Local readers who know that our grandchildren from California have been visiting may wonder why I haven't written about them. The truth is that I haven't had time!

Since they arrived the first of July, the house has been a whirlwind of nonstop activity and noise.

The first thing Drew, 13, and Spencer, 10, did when they arrived was start digging for worms.

The boys have taken advantage of every opportunity to go fishing - with their dad, Mark, who was here for a couple of weeks, and with Grandpa. They've caught some big ones at Good Ol' Willie's (Willie Goodall) pond.

Spencer shows signs of being a true fisherman. His fish grows with every telling of the story. Drew enjoys the sport and is equally successful, but doesn't talk as much.

They've also gone swimming at Caseville, visited Bronners in Frankenmuth, picked blueberries with Grandpa, attended Bible School and a family reunion, rode go-carts, canoed on the river and at Port Austin. Busy, busy, busy!

The boys can be handy with chores, when they're not too busy arguing with each other. It's especially nice to have someone to help carry in groceries, empty the dishwasher, take care of the trash, mow the lawn, plant flowers, etc.

Four-year-old Gretchen could take up a column in herself. She likes to dust, vacuum and mop the floor. Mostly, though, she's just fun to love and play with.

She really likes Grandpa's tree swing, and she endeared herself to the residents at the Medical Care Facility, where he has a Bible study.

As a diabetic, she knows how to check her own sugar level, but is frustrated because she can't read the numbers yet. She would desperately like to be able to read.

I've always known she's precocious, but I was taken aback when she asked one day if she could borrow my credit card. Turns out she wanted to see if it would work in her toy cash register.

Gretchen loves to shop, and of course, Mom (Shelley) and I had to tag along. We've gone to the outlets at Birch Run, Frankenmuth, the mall, garage sales, etc.

Naturally, the washer, dryer and dishwasher have been going nonstop for the past month, and were never quite able to catch up.

We've gone through at least 10 pounds of Erle's hot dogs and hamburger. We finally found an industrial size can of ravioli, which lasted a couple days. The regular tall cans are one meal for Drew - any meal, any time of the day.

Their appetites are reflected in their growth.

We have the typical grandma's height chart on the kitchen doorway, and each of the kids has grown about 4 inches since they were last measured. Drew now towers over everybody but his dad.

It's good to see how much they've grown, but it's kind of sad, too. As I watch them grow up, I can't help wondering if the time will come when visiting Grandma will be a chore instead of a joy.

I hope not.

45 attend reunion

The 65th Kretzschmer reunion was held Sunday, July 24, at Nancy Grady's lake house in Port Hope.

There were approximately 45 family members in attendance.

A business meeting was conducted by Vice-President Larry Kretzschmer. The election of officers was held, with all officers staying the same-President Brenda Basant, Vice-President, Kretzschmer and Secretary-Treasurer Pennie Rianas.

Kretzschmer also was the auctioneer for the family auction. The reunion next year will be held at the Owendale Park July 23, with a small service at Grant Cemetery afterwards.

There were 3 family members that passed away in the past year: Ross Jones, Jack Alexander and Carol Kretzschmer. Also, a Kretzschmer reunion banner was purchased and donated by Nancy Grady.

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JULY 29
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Calendar of Events

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

Thursday, July 28

A Healthy Senior Series: Healthy Bowels, 2-3 p.m., Northwood Meadows, 6086 Beechwood Dr., Cass City. Presented by Dr. Laurey Hanselman, D.O. Board certified in family medicine, geriatrics and hospice. For more information, call Community Education at (989) 872-2121 (ext. 365). Rawson Memorial Library Summer Reading Program closing picnic, noon, park.

Seniors' lunch, noon, Shabbona United Methodist Church.

Friday, July 29

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

Monday, August 1

Ubyly "Monday at a Time," AA meeting, 8 p.m., Parkside Cafe, 2031 Main St., Ubyly. For more information, contact Angela R. at (989) 658-2319.

Owen-Gage School Board meeting, 7 p.m.

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

Cass City School Board meeting, 7 p.m. To hear presentations from superintendent search companies.

Tuesday, August 2

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

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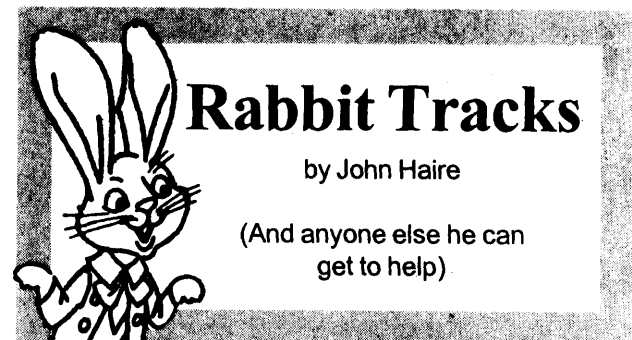
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Judging food is, at best, subjective. It's always influenced by factors other than just its quality.

I experienced that this morning when I spread jam on a piece of toast. This jam had everything going for it. Besides being great in itself, this is why it ranked a 10-plus for me. It was a jam that probably very few have been privileged to often eat. It was made from *WILD* blueberries (huckleberries). My nephew, who found and picked the berries and made the jam, gave it to me.

Every bite brings back pleasant memories of good times we shared together.

Because we were headed into Canada, we stopped at Port Huron to fill the gas tank. We lucked out because the price on June 23 was \$2.169 per gallon, the lowest we found all weekend. We also filled up later in Canada but can't give you a comparison. We purchased 50.89 liters and the cost was \$42.05.

Even if you do the conversion and know how many liters are in a gallon you don't know the true cost unless you know the discount rate for that day.

It's safe to say it wasn't less expensive than gas in the United States.

At London the man looked over my car without a license plate on the front and smiled, you're from the states. I was checking for a place to eat and he said, try this restaurant (the Swiss Chalet Rotisserie & Grill) you'll like it, it's great.

We did it and it was good, but perhaps we left a shade less enthusiastic about it than the friendly Canadian.

Mine included a small order of ribs, baked potato, rolls, coleslaw and a beer. We split a generous apple turnover. Esther had chicken, potatoes, rolls, a tossed salad and coffee. The beer cost \$3.69, coffee, \$1.89 and the turnover, \$5.74. Total cost was \$34.28 Canadian. The food was better than the atmosphere and the service was adequate.

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Sanilac drug team seizes 255 cultivated pot plants

A random flyover in Sanilac County early last week led Sanilac County Drug Task Force officers to a healthy crop of marijuana.

The operation targets Elmer, Watertown and Speaker townships, according to task force Director William Gray, who said the pot field was located growing behind a Watertown Township residence.

"The aerial surveillance unit directed the team of officers on the ground to a home on Watertown Road, where the officers located 255 cultivated marijuana plants growing in 49 plastic tree pots in a hedgerow between the yard and a bean field," Gray said. "The marijuana plants ranged in size from under one foot to more than 4 feet in length."

Bean Fest scheduled Sept. 3, 4

Organizers of the Michigan Bean Festival, held on Labor Day weekend in Fairgrove, are adding 2 new events and revamping 3 existing ones.

New this year is a Red Hat Fashion show, set for Sunday, Sept. 4, at 2 p.m. The show will feature the latest in Red Hat Fashion, gifts for the first 100 ladies, drawings for prizes, a best red hat contest, and refreshments.

Tickets will be available at the door based on available seating. The phone number is (989) 691-5664.

On Saturday, Sept. 3, another new event premiering is the Ride in Motor Cycle Show. Registration for the show is from 1 to 2 p.m. and the show is from 2 to 5 p.m. there will be several classes of bikes plus prizes and trophies awarded.

This year the demolition derby will be handled by Unique Motor Sports. It will feature cars and trucks 1978 and newer. For more information, call (616) 636-8180 or visit www.unique-motor-sports.com.

The grand parade route has been changed. It will not go to the festival grounds on M-138. Instead, it will go straight on Main Street, ending at Fairgrove Oil and Grace Lutheran Church.

The last event to be changed is the bean bake off. This year it will be held Saturday, Sept. 3. Registration is at 11 a.m. and the judging at 12:30 p.m. in the events building.

The categories are: the Best Baked Bean using Michigan Beans, All American Apple Pie, Most Unusual Use of Michigan Beans in a Dish, Best Desert Other than Pie, Best Cookies using Pioneer Sugar, Best Cinnamon Rolls Using Pioneer Sugar, and Best Dish Using Wild Game. A copy of the recipe must accompany the entry.

The craft show, car show, bingo, ice cream social, free kids' games and many more events are also returning again this year. For more information, call (989) 693-6841.

Officers located and interviewed the homeowner and the homeowner's 20-year-old son, who admitted responsibility for the marijuana plants being grown on the property.

"The officers obtained a search warrant for the home and other buildings that were located on the 80-acre property, and a search of those buildings was then conducted," Gray said.

"During the search of the residence, officers located and seized processed marijuana packaged for use, marijuana use paraphernalia and packaging materials. A search of the outbuildings netted an additional number of items used in the growing and cultivation of the marijuana."

Gray noted the marijuana plants were transported to the Sanilac County Sheriff's Department, where they

were photographed, separated and itemized for transport to the crime lab.

"For scientific purposes, the crime lab will analyze each individual plant's root system," Gray explained. The crime lab will also test the marijuana plants' leaf and bud growth for positive marijuana identification."

The 20-year-old suspect was not taken into custody. Once the lab work has been completed, Gray said, Sanilac Drug Task Force investigators will be submitting a request for a not-in-custody warrant charging the 20-year-old with manufacturing more than 200 marijuana plants, a felony punishable by up to 15 years in prison and/or a \$10,000 fine.

Area residents can anonymously report suspected drug trafficking activity by calling the drug task force at 1-800-544-DRUG (3784).

The Haire Net

Team has big shoes to fill



The search team that gets the job of helping Cass City Schools select a new superintendent has big shoes to fill to equal the results obtained when school officials handled the task without special help.

Of course, a search today has no comparison with a search of yesterday. It may not be fair to compare them, except that the results are proof of the pudding.

And if the person selected by the board with the aid of a professional organization proves to be as good for the district as his 3 long-time predecessors proved to be, the board could rightly take a bow.

Of the 3 previous superintendents only one came to Cass City without previous experience in the district.

That was Don Crouse. The Central Michigan University Placement Bureau recommended him. Every college and university had a bureau

back in 1964, he recalled. He was a principal at Ithaca and took a job at Forrest Hills as principal. Meanwhile, the superintendent at Ithaca died and he was offered the superintendent's post, but Forrest Hills would not release him from his contract. Elwyn Helwig and Geraldine Prieskorn were among the board members at that time.

That's as near a search as the district has conducted in over 50 years. Willis Campbell, who was the first superintendent, was a member of the school teaching staff and specialized in agriculture before taking the top reins.

Ken Micklash was no stranger in Cass City when he became superintendent. Prior to becoming superintendent he was the high school principal. He also served on the Cass City school board while working at the Huron Intermediate School District. It would be great if the next superintendent would add to the stability that has been so beneficial. You can't pile up the years on the job unless you are doing something right.

If the Cass City District is in the same relative position a decade and a half down the road as it is today, we all benefit. Although Cass City's salary schedule is comparable to other schools in the Thumb, it is considerably less than that in the higher salaried districts. That will probably be a major factor in the search and could result in the next superintendent moving up from the principal ranks.

That's not all bad. Look what happened when the 3 predecessors were given the shot at the top job.



The back forty

by Roger Pond

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I got a kick out of a recent newspaper story about the minimalist lifestyle. The news feature describes "minimalists" as people who reject extraneous objects and clutter. They keep things simple and try to minimize the amount of "stuff" in their homes.

The first example cited is a man and wife who live in a 4,200 square-foot home that is nearly void of furniture. These folks decided to keep their house as open and simple as possible by minimizing the furniture.

Their little girl runs from room to room without crashing into anything. She could probably ride a bicycle through there if she wanted to.

This makes perfect sense to me. If I had a 4,200 square-foot home, I couldn't afford any furniture, either.

Apparently the minimalist philosophy isn't about size or cost. It's more about how many things you have. If these folks had two little houses, that would be extravagant.

I was attracted to this article because I've always considered myself a minimalist type of person. I have very little stuff in my house or my life.

Everything I have is totally necessary and justifiable. All of the "stuff" around here belongs to my wife.

The story's second example is two men who share a small Victorian home in Chicago. We'll call them Frank and Jim.

The house seems very uncluttered, but Frank says he has to work hard to keep the piles down. Still, the story's author says she wouldn't have noticed the small stack of magazines and catalogs on the floor in the study if Frank hadn't pointed them out. (I'll bet you anything Jim put them there.)

The third example is a man and wife who operate an ar-

chitecture and design business. These folks are expecting a baby this fall, so their home has "the feeling of movement and beginnings."

That's kind of scary, it seems to me. Anytime my house gets the feeling of movement, I'll be looking for the insurance policy.

The owner of the design business comments, "I tend to think that physical minimalism that tends to do with design or environment could be different than a lifestyle or a metaphysical process."

"I think you can have a very elaborate or encumbered life in the sense of the things that you do or the kinds of involvement you have socially, intellectually, and still be in

an environment that provides a relief from that kind of elaboration." (Boy, he said a mouthful there, didn't he?)

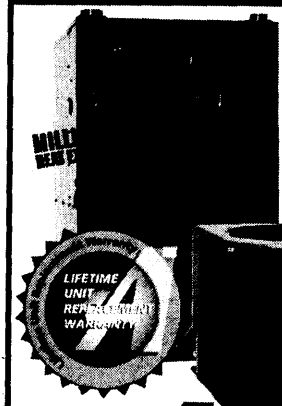
I'm reminded of a man in Texas who responded to a letter his son brought home from school. The letter was written by the school superintendent and contained a lot of educational jargon and high-sounding phrases describing what was being accomplished at the school.

The boy's father felt compelled to write back. "I have two college degrees and speak three languages," he wrote.

"I've been to numerous Little League games, four county fairs, and two goat ropings; but I don't have the slightest idea what you are talking about. Do you?"

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High: 78 Low: 56
Friday
Partly Cloudy
High: 77 Low: 55
Saturday
Partly Cloudy
High: 79 Low: 56
Sunday
Partly Cloudy
High: 80 Low: 58

In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see partly cloudy skies with a high temperature of 73°, humidity of 65% and an overnight low of 52°. The record high temperature for today is 92° set in 1949. The record low is 43° set in 1977. Thursday, skies will be mostly sunny with a high temperature of 78°, humidity of 63% and an overnight low of 56°.

Upcoming Moon Phases

Last 7/27 New 8/4 First 8/12 Full 8/19

Sunrise/Sunset Times

Sunrise today 6:16 a.m.
Sunset tonight 9:01 p.m.

Last Week's Local Almanac

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip
Monday	88	70	81/59	0.00"
Tuesday	79	63	81/59	0.00"
Wednesday	84	55	81/59	0.00"
Thursday	84	66	81/59	0.00"
Friday	79	55	81/59	0.00"
Saturday	81	50	81/59	0.00"
Sunday	82	66	81/59	0.00"

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Letters to the editor

Please spay, neuter your pets

The other night my husband and I were taking an evening drive down a country road when our headlights picked up movement on the side of the road. There in the weeds were several small kittens huddled together shivering and terrified.

When my husband and I got out to get them, they ran in all directions. After a few minutes, 2 of the kittens came toward us. One let us pick it up and the other panicked last minute and darted into the weeds. We could hear the rest of them mewling in all different directions, but after trying for quite some time to locate them in the dark, we had to give up for the night.

At sunrise the next morning, my daughter, Samantha, and I were back out there searching in the weeds and bramble to look for the rest. We managed to find 2 more: one who was hiding under brush and another who had been torn apart by wild animals. It just so happens that that was the one that we had almost had before it panicked and ran the night before.

These kittens were dumped off on the side of the road and left to die by some ignorant person who obviously has no heart or conscience. Do the people that dump these animals off really think that these poor babies ever get a chance to learn to fend for themselves? These kittens were so young their mother hadn't gotten a chance to teach them to hunt. They are still trying to nurse.

No, they don't 'manage' or 'find a new home' when you dump them off. They do as these poor babies did, huddled together and waited for their mother to come find them. But she won't, the kittens will either be eaten by wild animals or slowly starve to death, alone out in the weeds. I would say shame on anyone who could be so cruel and heartless, but chances are that these sorts of people couldn't care less as they seem to have no soul.

However, this letter is aimed more at the good and caring people out there who love animals. The 2 kittens we found are now being fostered by us and will be under

der the care and protection of the Cass River Pet FriendZ. They will be health checked, given their shots, and eventually be spayed and neutered. Then, at last, they will be adopted by a loving family. But they are not alone in waiting; Pat Trisch who works with the cat areas of the Cass River Pet FriendZ has many cats and kittens that are anxiously awaiting a home.

Ms. Trisch works so hard caring for these kitties and not just for their every physical need, but by running garage sales, fundraisers, taking them to vet visits, you name it. She works tirelessly and is an awesome woman who cares so much and works so hard. Please, please, if you have ever considered adopting a kitty, go see all the beautiful cats that would love a home of their very own. Ms. Trisch can be contacted at (989) 673-7141.

If you are not currently able to adopt a kitty, then perhaps you have a spare room to foster a cat, or if you have a few extra dollars, it could be used for kitty litter or cat food, or any of the extra costs that come along with helping the cats. There are so many ways to help and to show you care. Also, every fall, the Cass River Pet FriendZ holds a Little Caesars pizza kit fundraiser that helps Ms. Trisch to cover her costs and continue to save cats.

Finally, and most importantly, please people, spay and neuter your pets. We have countless cats and dogs being euthanized each and every year and countless others who are waiting for a home. Don't become a part of the problem cycle, there are so many ways to help with the cost of spaying and neutering. You can contact the American Humane Society or the Cass River Pet FriendZ to find out more about their programs.

Donna Auten,
Cass City



CASS CITY VILLAGE Clerk-Treasurer Nanette Walsh performed the swearing-in duties for new Cass City Police Chief Craig Haynes during a brief ceremony last week. Haynes, an 18-year veteran of the local department, replaces Gene Wilson, who retired after serving as chief in Cass City for 35 years.

New gasoline pipeline to benefit Thumb residents

Wolverine Pipe Line Company officials last week lauded Gov. Jennifer Granholm's signing of a bill that paves the way for a more efficient and safer mode of gasoline transportation to several counties, including Tuscola.

The legislation, Senate Bill 522, will enable state officials to facilitate development of energy and utility infrastructure.

"Wolverine is looking at opportunities to utilize this new law to improve its facilities," said Wolverine President Robert Luckner.

"One opportunity is to complete a project Wolverine proposed 3 years ago. In 2002, Wolverine proposed construction of a 40-mile pipeline from Stockbridge to Lansing to replace a 70-year-old line that was undersized and could not meet the need for gasoline in mid- and northern Michigan,"

Luckner said.

"Approximately 24 miles of the proposed new pipeline route is along the Interstate 96 right-of-way in the Lansing area. All the communities along the I-96 route approved the pipeline except the city of Lansing."

The new legislation prevents local governments from blocking utility projects in the rights-of-way on state owned limited access highways.

The pipeline proposed by Wolverine officials would serve gasoline terminals in Bay City and Lansing, which serve 39 counties. The 39-county area they serve uses more than 2.1 million gallons of gasoline each day.

"The new pipeline system will have a capacity of more than 2.4 million gallons per day," Luckner said, adding the pipeline will be able to replace the 2.1 million gallons a day lost when the Total/Ultra Diamond Shamrock's Alma refinery closed in 1999. "(It) will also have additional capacity to safely and reliably meet demands well into the future."

The Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) has already approved the pipeline. The proposed interstate right-of-way versus alternate routes has been studied and approved by both the MPSC and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality as the best and safest route.

Among the groups backing the legislation signed by the governor is the Michigan Manufacturers Association. "This legislation is absolutely vital to protect the state's ability to deliver essential services to all areas of the state," said Chuck Hadden, the association's vice president.

John Griffin, executive director of the Associated Petroleum Industries of Michigan, agreed. "This is vital to the residents of Tuscola County and the state of Michigan," he said.

"The project is the safest

long-term solution to meet mid- and northern Michigan's gasoline transportation needs for the future," said Wolverine spokesman Tom Shields. "It should reduce local price spikes caused by a shortage of gasoline, reduce the cost of transporting the gasoline, and reduce the need for Great Lakes barges carrying gasoline" into the state.

More than 85 percent of petroleum products used in Michigan must be imported from out of state. Gasoline brought to Tuscola County is primarily produced in the Chicago area.

Wolverine Pipe Line Company, which is based in Lansing, has operated refined petroleum product pipelines for more than 50 years. The company currently operates more than 750 miles of pipeline in Michigan, and delivers and estimates 35 percent of the state's refined petroleum product needs.

Osentoski makes his Broadway debut July 20

Whitney Osentoski, formerly of Cass City, made his Broadway debut July 20 at

the Cadillac Winder Garden Theater in New York, performing in Mama Mia.

He will be in the ensemble and understudying for another 6 weeks or longer.

Osentoski had toured with the first national tour of Mama Mia for 14 months previously. He is also being considered, after having 5 auditions, for a new Disney musical, "Tarzan."

Osentoski said he was thrilled when he called after auditioning in front of the legendary Phil Collins, who wrote the score for Tarzan.



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USDA announcement**CRP extension offered**

USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) officials last week announced that farmers and ranchers with certain Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) contracts expiring this year may extend their contracts for one year.

"The expiration affects approximately 16,165 acres now protected by the CRP in Michigan," said Bruce Weir, state executive director for the USDA Farm Service Agency. "Extending certain, existing contracts will ensure that CRP's environmental

benefits are preserved."

The extension option applied to CRP participants with contracts scheduled to expire Sept. 30, 2005, and whose original contracts with the extension will not exceed 15 years. Michigan offices of USDA's Farm Service Agency will notify eligible CRP participants of their option to modify and extend their CRP contracts.

In all, about 7,000 contracts are eligible for the extension. The deadline to apply is Sept. 2, 2005.

The extension will not change participants' rental rates. All or a portion of the acreage under contract may be included in an extension, but no new acreage may be added. Obligations and responsibilities under the original contract continue to apply to contracts that are modified and extended.

Weir said that USDA is not planning to offer a general CRP sign-up in fiscal year 2005. However, he added, producers may continue to enroll relatively small, highly desirable acreage, such as fil-

ter strips and riparian buffers in the continuous CRP at any time at their local FSA office.

The CRP is a voluntary program available to agricultural producers to help them safeguard environmentally sensitive land.

Producers enrolled in CRP plant long-term, resource-conserving cover vegetation to improve the quality of water, control soil erosion and enhance wildlife habitat. In return, FSA provides participants with rental payments for 10- to 15-year contracts and cost-share assistance to establish the practice.

Since its inception in 1986, CRP continues to reduce soil erosion, improve water quality and wildlife habitat, and sequester atmospheric carbon in the 35 million acres currently enrolled in the program.

More information is available by contacting a local FSA office.

50 attend Lounsbury reunion

The annual Lounsbury-Dean family reunion was held Sunday, July 24 at the home of Tom and Ginny Lounsbury. Fifty people attended the potluck meal.

Traveling the farthest to attend was Kay Strecker Fricano and daughters from Spring Lake. Kay is the granddaughter of the late Emory Lounsbury. The oldest Lounsbury descendant present was Jessie Goodall McKenna Lounsbury, daughter of Jake and Stacy Lounsbury, was the youngest Lounsbury descendant present. Spike Pomeroy was the youngest descendant from the Dean family and Dutch Ainsworth was the oldest.

Officers re-elected were Tom Lounsbury, president; Gordon Goodall, vice-president; Barbara Hutchinson, secretary-treasurer.

Appreciation was given to Tom and Ginny for opening their home for the reunion. They will host the 2006 reunion on the fourth Saturday of July.

5 YEARS AGO

The names on the trophy indicate the winners of the first annual Kally Maharg Memorial Outing Saturday, but the real winners were the Kally Maharg Fund and the Athletic Boosters. Final figures have yet to be released, but Dr. Paul Chappel said that the amount will exceed the \$10,000 that was virtually guaranteed before the golf tournament started. Whatever the final amount, the net will assure solid financial footing for the Maharg fund that helps to send Cass City Middle School students on an annual trip to Washington, D.C., and the boosters club that promotes Cass City Schools' sports.

Anyone interested in making Cass City their home will soon have a new option when it comes to finding a place to live. After years of wading through permits and red tape, local businessman Kelly Smith is gearing up to proceed with development of The Point, the village's first manufactured home community. The development will be located on a 20-acre parcel located just north of the Huntsville Mobile Home Park on Doerr Road. The site includes a 9- to 10-acre gravel pit. Smith, who recently received his construction permit from the Michigan Department of Consumer and Industry Services, Manufactured Housing and Land Division, plans to create 29 home sites, including 22 lakefront lots.

Area 4-Hers, including Jesse Bouck of the Cass City Livestock Club, proudly displayed their hard work during the Tuscola County Fair last week. Bouck, son of Roger and Vera Bouck, raised the grand champion steer and was named Reserve Overall Showman. He sold his steer to Weiss Equipment, Frankenmuth, for \$2 a pound.

10 YEARS AGO

The Chemical Bank building at the corner of Main and Seeger streets will soon be known as the Cass City Village Municipal Building. The Village Council Monday unanimously approved pur-

chasing the building and 5 adjacent parking lots, all for \$200,000. The deal will be financed on a 10-year land contract.

Walbro Corporation announced recently an offering of \$110 million in principal amount of 10-year senior notes with a 9 7/8 percent coupon. The senior notes are being sold at a price equal to 99.65 percent of the principal amount thereof. The company intends to use the net proceeds from the sale of the senior notes to fund the acquisition of the fuel systems business of Dyno Industrier A.S., Oslo, Norway.

Thumb National Bank, headquartered in Pigeon, has been around in one form or another since 1895, with one principle guiding its action - know the customer. The bank is celebrating its 100th anniversary. The bank dates back to 1895 with the founding of the Farmers' Bank of Frank W. Hubbard, a private bank in Pigeon. The 4 partners were Frank Hubbard, Richard Hubbard, Frank Merrick and Allison Wright. In 1906 - 3 years after Pigeon was incorporated as a village - a second bank was chartered as the Pigeon State Bank. Two years later, in 1908, the Farmers' Bank bought out Pigeon State Bank and the 2 were consolidated and renamed the Pigeon State Bank. In 1970, the Pigeon State Bank received permission to change its organization to a national bank charter and was renamed Thumb National Bank and Trust Company.

25 YEARS AGO

AT LAST! The four miles of Germania Road between Bay City-Forestville and Cass City roads were paved during the past week, ending several years of poor conditions of the road. Evergreen Township is paying \$10,000 per mile for the paving, with the Sanilac County Road Commission paying about \$20,000 per mile.

There was nothing hard about Chester "Chet" Muntz' job, except making the decision to quit it. "That was the hardest part. Finally deciding to quit," said Muntz who, af-

ter 23 years of delivering mail to the residents along Cass City's postal route 1, made his last delivery Friday. One of the best parts of his job was the associations he made with "my people, as I like to call them." Over the years he got to know everyone on his route and most were on a first name basis with their favorite carrier. It was this fondness for the people that led Chet Muntz to take a bit longer than usual delivering the mail during his final week. He had to say goodbye to "his people." "I didn't leave any of them that I didn't have a lump in my throat or a tear in my eye," Muntz said. "They're some of the best people in the world."

Another footnote to the Brooker story was provided by Jim Patnaude, a student at Owen-Gage. He had the records. Brooker vaulted 12-9 9/16 at the Paris Olympics. The year Brooker won the bronze was one of four times that the United States won all three places in the pole vault.

Finally, DeHart Hubbard's first place in the long jump was 25-5 at Paris, Patnaude reports. Patnaude's best vault during this past season was 13-3, the best of anyone in the upper Thumb. (From Rabbit Tracks)

35 YEARS AGO

The Board of Directors of Hills and Dales General Hospital this week authorized Fred Wiggin, an architect from

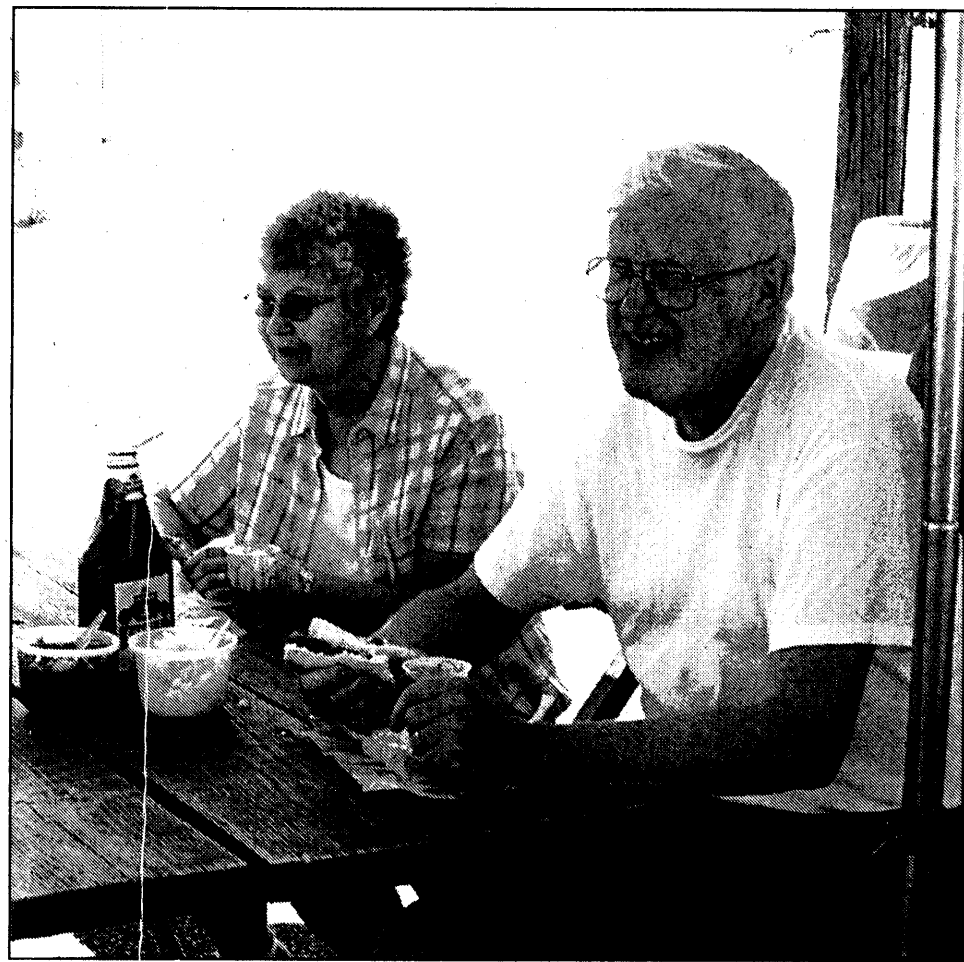
Saginaw, to draw preliminary plans for an addition to the facility in Cass City. The action is the culmination of several years of planning by hospital authorities. Byron Landholt, administrator, said that the addition will provide 8 or 10 more beds, but added that increasing the bed capacity was not the primary concern in the remodeling and enlargement. What we must have here, he explained, is a practical nursing station area of 28-30 beds. The addition will give it to us.

INITIATIVE - There is a place at the top for you, but every man has to furnish his own ladder.

While on a date last weekend my companion subtly told me, "Hey, you've got gray hair!" "And you've got marbles for eyes," I replied. But that night when I got home, caught my shirt cuff on the doorknob and stumbled over the dog in the dark in my rush to the bathroom mirror, I found she was right. Well, half right. I had not one, but two gray hairs, one for each decade of my life. Now, I've got nothing against gray hair, mind you.

It's alright in its place: on the head of anyone over 40. But I'm not over 40. In fact I'm just barely over half of 40. I'm just not prepared to make the transition from the Pepsi generation to the Geritol set.

And I don't plan on trading in my skateboard for a wheel chair. (Mike Walsh)



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Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service & Youth Group 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Meeting & His Kids Bible Club 6:30 p.m.
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Worship 11:00 a.m.
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Sunday Evening Service 6:30 p.m.
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Worship Service 10:45 a.m.
Pastor: Dave Blackburn

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CASS CITY RECENTLY captured the Caro Invitational 9-and-under baseball tourney. Team members included: (front, l-r) Curtis Dickinson, Bradley Thornton, Jacob Guinther, Sawyer Cuthrell, Mason Erla, (back, l-r) coach Scott Hartel, coach Dan Dickinson, Dakota Hartel, Shane Rasmussen, Dalton Prieskorn, Jake Hacker, Luke Baker, Michael Mulligan and coach Matt Prieskorn.

Coaches - Don't forget to call in your results.

Coach Reed announces boys' soccer schedule

Head soccer coach Chuck Reed has set conditioning and practice schedules for the Cass City boys' varsity 2005 season.

A preseason team camp will run August 2-3-4, from 6-8 p.m., at the high school field. Following the camp, conditioning for the upcoming fall season will be held August 8-12, from 6-7 p.m., at the high school field and weight room.

Mandatory practice begins Monday, August 15, from 6-8:30 p.m. at the high school field.

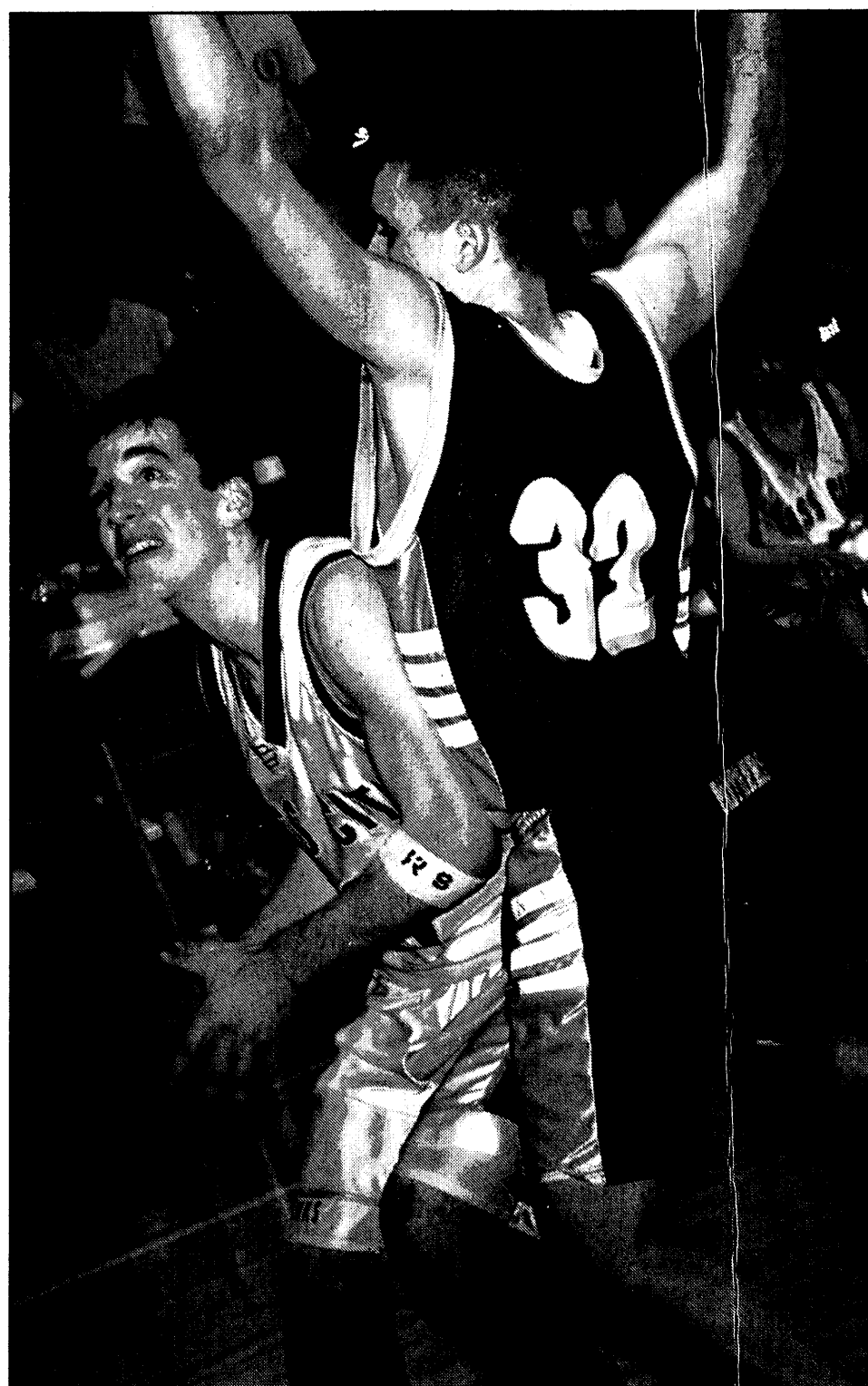
Reed stated that all players need a current physical by Aug. 15 in order to practice. Any questions, call Reed at 989-872-3093.

Teams needed

Teams interested in playing co-ed softball, call Doug Hyatt at (989) 872-4584. The league will run from Aug. 15 to Oct. 22 in Cass City.

Cost is \$185. Deadline to register is Aug. 8.

The co-ed softball tournament will be held Aug. 6 and will cost \$100. Deadline to register for the tournament is July 29.



CASS CITY'S JUSTIN Glaza worked for this shot during the Red Hawk's 2004-05 basketball season. His work ethic has led to a spot at the USA Junior Nationals Championship Festival in Columbus, Ohio.

Glaza takes aim at championship event

Basketball teams are made in the winter, while basketball players are made in the summer. That was the philosophy of former long-time Cass City coaching guru Ron Nurnberger.

Nurnberger often directed teams deep into the state tournament, highlighted by a quarterfinal appearance during the 1981 campaign. He delighted in guiding talented players such as Ken Lowe, Paul Battel, Tim Severance, Jerry Toner, Kurt Bliss and Ken Martin during his 17 years at the helm of the Red Hawk program.

Nurnberger would have loved schooling Justin Glaza. Entering his senior year, the Greater Thumb West all-conference guard has been busy honing his skills over the past several months. Glaza's latest attempt in raising his skill level will take him to the

USA Junior Nationals Championship Sports Festival in Columbus, Ohio.

"It started with a letter I got in the mail," said the 6' Red Hawk sharp shooter.

That letter invited Glaza to compete at the state level of the USA Junior Nationals held at Eastern Michigan University earlier in the year. Joining 200 other hopeful hoopsters, Glaza was one of 20 athletes selected to advance into the next level of play being held July 25-31. At the Championship Sports Festival, Glaza aims to improve his basketball talent through competition against players from across the country.

"Coach (Aaron Fernald) says I need to work on my defense," Glaza said with a grin. "That and I'm working on my 15' jumper."

One area that Glaza needs

little improvement in is his shooting behind the 3-point arc. Cass City and Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port backers can attest to that as Glaza raised Cass City's 3-point shot record to double digits last January during a GTW win over the Lakers. He bettered Joel Brinkman's 2001 mark of 7 treys by 3 en route to a season-high 34 points.

In addition to his outside artistry, Glaza has the ability to put the ball on the floor and drive to the cylinder.

"I think I'm able to finish from playing in the backyard against my older brothers Jared and Jordan."

Now if Glaza can just add the mid-range jumper to his arsenal, coach Fernald should be pleased.

That and, according to almost all coaches, play better defense.

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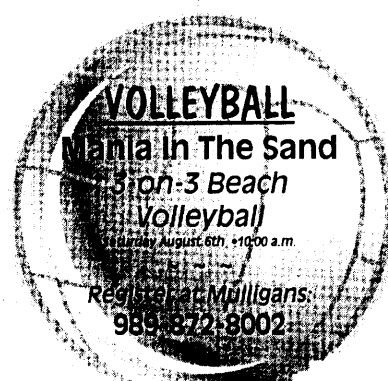
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CASS CITY'S 14-and-under state tournament baseball team members included: (front) Paul Ruby (first row, l-r) Trevor Phillips, Dylan Murphy, Kyle Pine, Jake Mozdzen, Alex Hoyt (second row, l-r) Brent Doerr, Austin Babich, Mason Doerr, Lukas Varney, Zack Abell, Luke Newton (back row l-r) coaches Craig Abell, Scott Murphy, Rick Doerr, Matt Stoutenburg and Tyler Bader.

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Mike Hawrylo	96	
Bill Kritzman	93	
Jerry Toner	93	
Ray Fox	93	
Erik Tamlyn	92	
Brad Goslin	92	
Rich Tate	83	
Rick Coleman	76	
Flight #2		
Fred Leeson	126	
Daryl Iwankovitch	115	
John Maharg	111	
Craig Bellew	107	
Corey Ulfig	105	
Dave Weiler	100	
Don Warner	93	
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Mike Lowe	87	
Jim Apley	85	
Dave Hoard	83	
Clark Erla	79	
Gary Robinson	73	
Russ Bieffer	70	
Jim Hobbs	64	
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Jon Zdrojewski	116	
Brian Reinhardt	115	
Jim Fox	114	
Dan Mosher	113	
Ernie Bellew	112	
Tom Lis	98	
Jack Hool	98	
Dan Curtis	93	
Dick Wallace	89	
Dave Oehring	85	
Ed Knight	78	
Chuck Tunis	73	
Roy Tuckey	69	
Wednesday Night 2 Man		
Early Division		
Henn/Peters	130	
Stickle/Iwankovitch	126	
Leeson/Davis	118	
Bliss/Baker	113	
Jones/Marshall	108	
Strickland/Glaspie	107	
Wallace/Warner	106	
Berwick/Greenlee	101	
Craig/Knight	97	
Herron/Tuckey	87	
Burns/Hutchinson	83	
Kritzman/Burns	73	
Maharg/Tiseo	66	
Dillon/Tonti/Ralph	58	
Late Division		
LeValley/Morgan	132	
Hartel/Comment	126	
Smith/Biddinger	119	
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Prieskorn/Rip	115	
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Doerr/Haire	93	
N. Bliss/Ware	87	
Schott/Osentoski	83	
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IT'S A WHOPPER. Cameron Childs, from Middlebury, Indiana, admires the Small Mouth Bass his grandmother Pat Greenwood (insert) reeled in fishing from the walking trail bridge over the Cass River.

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Obituaries

Burdeen Blashill

Burdeen E. Blashill, 85, of Caro, formerly of Cass City, Marlette and East Detroit, died Sunday, July 17, 2005 at Tuscola County Medical Care Facility, Caro.

She was born June 8, 1920 in Flint, the daughter of the late George and Mary (Wenger) Kelly.

She married James A. Blashill April 13, 1946 in Caro. He died Dec. 10, 1996.

Blashill worked for Macomb County and the state of Michigan Social Services for several years until her retirement. She was a member of the State Employee Retirement Association of Caro and Tuscola Senior Citizens.

Blashill is survived by 2 daughters: Marilyn (Duane) Phillips of Gagetown, and Cheryl (Robert) Lester of Cass City; a brother, Donald (Irene) Kelly of Washington; 7 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and a great great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, July 20, at Marsh Funeral Chapel, Marlette, with Duane A.G. Phillips and James E. Phillips officiating.

Burial was in the Moshier Cemetery, Hemans.

Memorials may be made to the Decker United Method-

ist Church or the Thumb Octagon Barn.

Arrangements were made by Marshal Funeral Chapel, Inc., Marlette.

Gracia Hergenreder

Gracia Frances Hergenreder, 92, of Kingston, died Friday, July 22, 2005 in her home.

She was born Oct. 26, 1912 at home in Peck, the daughter of Theron and Frances (Dunn) VanSickle.

She married Theodore "Ted" Hergenreder Sept. 27, 1938 in Detroit. He died Jan. 17, 2000.

Hergenreder graduated from Peck High School. She and her husband farmed.

Hergenreder is survived by her daughters: Muriel (William) Beltz of Oxford, and Arlene (the late Wayne) Nichols of Lake Orion; 3 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren; a sister, Ethel Beardslee of Newberry; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her siblings: Harold VanSickle, Knessie Welt, Lila Dingman, Theron Verde VanSickle, Charlotte K. "Lottie" Essex, Milne VanSickle, and an infant brother.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m., Tuesday, July 26, at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass

City, with Lecil Sullivan officiating.

Interment was in the Kingston Cemetery.

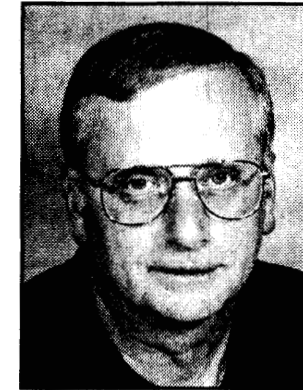
Memorials may be made to the United Hospice of Marlette.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Kingston.

Eugene Nicholas

Eugene David Nicholas, 56, of Cass City, died Thursday, July 21, 2005 in his home.

He was born May 16, 1949 in Cass City, the son of Floyd and Martha (Preba) Nicholas.



Nicholas graduated from Cass City High School. He served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War in Vietnam. Nicholas worked at General Motors, retiring in May 2000 after 30 years. He was a member of the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, serving as an Elder and an usher, and the Cass City VFW Post #3644.

Nicholas is survived by a daughter, Heather (David Hellebuyck) Nicholas of Sterling Heights; a son, Jason Guza of Bad Axe; his mother, Martha Nicholas of Cass City; siblings: Judy (Larry) Merchant of Cass City, Les (Linda) Nicholas of Caro, Danny Nicholas of Cass City, Mary (Richard) Tate of Cass City, Kenneth (Sally) Nicholas of Bad Axe, Rosey (Jim) Apley of Cass City, Terry (Melanie) Nicholas of Cass City, and Paul Nicholas of Cass City; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father in 1967.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m., today (Wednesday), at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, with the Rev. Cameron Steele of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Caro, officiating.

Interment was in the Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Memorials may be made to the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

Michael Parsons

Michael L. Parsons, 51, of Romulus, formerly of Detroit, died Friday, July 15, 2005 at home.

He was born July 24, 1953 in Highland Park, the son of Albert Sr. and Patricia (Woodruff) Parsons.

Parsons worked as an engineer in the plastics industry.

He is survived by his mother, Patricia (Arthur) O'Donohue of Cass City; his father, Albert Parsons Sr. of Canton; children: Brandon (Lacrea) Parsons of Commerce, Colo., and Shauna Parsons of Henderson, Colo.; a brother, Ronald Parsons of

Farmington Hills; a sister, Erika Parsons of Canton; step-brothers and sisters: Dennis (Linda) O'Donohue of Pharr, Texas, Susan O'Donohue of Jackson, Frank O'Donohue of Farmington Hills, Brian (Lee Ann) O'Donohue of Canton, and Lois (Kevin) MacFarland of Mt. Clemens.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Albert Parsons Jr.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 13, at Cass City United Methodist Church, with Pastor George Ward officiating.

Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Arrangements were made by Thabet Funeral Home, Cass City.

Garry Randall

Garry H. Randall, 60, of Cass City, died Saturday, July 23, 2005 in Covenant Health Care Systems-Cooper Campus, Saginaw.

He was born Dec. 26, 1944 in Cass City, the son of Homer and Beatrice (Tedford) Randall.

Randall graduated from Cass City High School. He worked for General Cable for 36 years.

Randall is survived by his mother, Beatrice S. Randall of Cass City; a sister, Janice (Edward) Neal of Fairgrove; brothers: Art (Helen) Randall of Cass City, and Ron (Pat Konke) Randall of Pigeon; and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father and infant brother, Gary Charles Randall.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m., today (Wednesday), at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with Chuck Emmert of Novesta Church of Christ officiating.

Interment was in the Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Memorials may be made to the Novesta Church of Christ.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

Clarence Spencer

Clarence Spencer, 93, of Caro, died Saturday, July 23, 2005 at Tendercare, Cass City.

He was born Nov. 9, 1911 in Selkirk, the son of the late Frank and Alverda (Tightworth) Spencer.

Spencer worked as a laborer in a foundry.

He is survived by his children: Clarence Spencer Jr. of Cass City, Richard (Phoebe) Spencer of Caro, Stanley (Ernestine) Spencer of Vassar, and Mary (Gerald) Gabler of Decker; siblings: Allan (Donna) Spencer of Kingston, Frank (Ruth) Spencer of Gifford, Earl Spencer of Saginaw, Iva Thayer of Caro, Donnalee Volker of Saginaw, and Joyce (Richard) Young of Munger; 18 grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren.

Spencer was preceded in death by his wife, Florence June 25, 1967; a son, Gordon Spencer; and 2 grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Friday, July 29, at Novesta Church of

Christ, Cass City, with Chuck Emmert officiating.

Burial will be in the Novesta Township Cemetery.

Arrangements were made by Thabet Funeral Home, Cass City.

Mary Weltin

Mary J. Weltin, 82, of Ubyly, died Sunday, July 24, 2005 in her home.

She was born Dec. 3, 1922 in Berlin, New Hampshire, the daughter of the late Joseph and Elizabeth (Drotar) Goda.

She married Aaron J. Weltin May 2, 1959 at St. Agatha Catholic Church, Gagetown. He died July 5, 1992.

Weltin attended school in Gagetown. She was employed at Burroughs in Detroit and General Cable in Cass City. She and her husband farmed for many years in the Ubyly area. She was a former member of Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church of Smith Corners and attended St. John Catholic Church of Ubyly.

She is survived by a nephew, Michael (Carol) Kubacki of Ubyly; sisters: Rose Osentoski of Cass City, and Anna Kubacki of Ubyly; sisters-in-law, Claire Grika, Joan Mahoney, Marion Weltin, Ilene Franzel, and Irene Fodo; and a brother-in-law, John T. Maurer.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her step-father, Michael Rusnak; her mother- and father-in-law, Joseph and Lylan Weltin; 4 brothers: John, Joseph, Paul and Frank Goda; 2 sisters: Margaret Walters and Elizabeth Cserynik; 5 sisters-in-law: Sylvia Goda, Caroline Goda, Helen Maurer, Lylan Messing and Marie Abraham; 11 brothers-in-law: Enoch Osentoski, Raymond Kubacki, Fritz Cserynik, Stanley Walters, Wilfred Messing, Paul Abraham, Clarence Grika, Dan Mahoney, James Weltin, Alfred Weltin and Calvin Weltin.

Funeral mass was held at 11 a.m., today (Wednesday), at St. John Catholic Church in Ubyly, with the Rev. Joseph Griffin, pastor, officiating.

Burial was in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Sleeper Public Library, Ubyly, or the Huron Medical Care Recreation Program.

Arrangements were made by Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home, Ubyly.

Mr. Farmer

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Paul Johnson, a single man, to Bank One, N.A., organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America Mortgage, dated April 6, 2000 and recorded May 8, 2000 in Liber 800, Page 690, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was subsequently assigned through mesne assignments to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for the registered holders of GSAMP Trust 2005-SEA1, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-SEA1, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Two Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-Seven Dollars and Sixty-Three Cents (\$102,777.63), including interest 10.99% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, August 4, 2005.

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

Parcel B - commencing at the South 1/4 corner of Section 26, Town 11 North, Range 11 East; thence South 88 degrees 54 minutes 10 seconds West, 968.00 feet along the South line of said Section 26 to the Point of Beginning; Running thence South 88 degrees 54 minutes 10 seconds West, 200.00 feet along the South line of said Section 26; thence North 00 degrees 32 minutes West, 286.58 feet; thence South 88 degrees 54 minutes 10 seconds West, 152.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 35 minutes 32 seconds West, 1038.75 feet; thence North 88 degrees 53 minutes, 56 seconds East, 356.82 feet along the South 1/8 line of said Section 26, thence South 00 degrees 34 minutes East, 1325.39 feet to the Point of Beginning. Being part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 26, Town 11 North, Range 11 East. Commonly known as 7149 Mayville Road, Marlette MI 48453.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: JUNE 30, 2005

Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for the registered holders of GSAMP Trust 2005-SEA1, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-SEA1.

Assignee of Mortgage

Attorneys: Potesitivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123

Our File No: 05-35968

7-6-5

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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 Christopher D. Bowe, a single man, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender, Mortgagee, dated January 30, 2004 and recorded on February 5, 2004 in Liber 978 on Page 133 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Four Thousand Three Hundred Sixteen and 30/100 Dollars (\$84,316.30), 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 August 11, 2005.

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

Lots 4 and 5, Except the South 12.00 feet of Lot 5, Block 1, Plat of the Village of Richville, according to the Plat thereof recorded in Liber 1, Page 54A of Plats, Tuscola County Records.

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

Dated: July 13, 2005

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
FC G (248) 593-1310
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys for Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for lender
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #059952F01

7-13-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Amy L. Pero and Kirk I. Pero, wife and husband, to Bank One N.A., mortgagee, dated December 13, 2001 and recorded January 30, 2002 in Liber 860, Page 263, Tuscola County Records. Said mortgage is now held by Credit Based Asset Servicing and Securitization LLC,

by assignment dated October 2, 2003 and recorded on July 29, 2004 in Liber 1002, Page 1007, Tuscola County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Twenty-Seven Thousand One Hundred Sixty-Eight and 16/100 Dollars (\$27,168.16), including interest at the rate of 10.60% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on July 28, 2005.

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

The South 2/3 of Lot 15, Block 26 of North's Addition to the Village (now City) of Vassar, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Liber 1, pages 21A, Tuscola County Records.

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

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

Dated: June 29, 2005
ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC
Attorneys for Credit Based Asset Servicing and Securitization LLC, As Assignee
P.O. Box 5041
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(248) 457-1000
File No. 213.0193

6-29-5

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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 Robert J. Spencer and Carolyn A. Spencer, his wife, original mortgagors, to The Homestead Mortgage Company, a Michigan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated March 15, 1995 and recorded on March 16, 1995 in Liber 671 on Page 443, and assigned by said Mortgage to NationsBanc Mortgage Corporation of New York 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 Twenty-Five Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-Three and 48/100 Dollars (\$25,753.48), including interest at 9.375% 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 August 11, 2005.

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

The West 131 1/2 feet of Lot 3, Block 1, Montague and Wilmot's Addition to the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 49, now Liber 1, Page 18-A, Tuscola County Records.

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

Dated: July 13, 2005

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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Attorneys for Bank of America, N.A., successor by merger to BA Mortgage, LLC successor in interest by merger to NationsBanc Mortgage Corporation of New York
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Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #060603F01

7-13-4

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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 Jesse Bachman, a married person, and Shelly Bachman, his wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender, Mortgagee, dated April 13, 2001 and recorded on April 18, 2001 in Liber 828 on Page 1427 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Four Thousand One Hundred Five and 78/100 Dollars (\$54,105.78), including interest at 7.375% 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 August 18, 2005.

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

Part of the Northwest quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 32, Town 13 North, Range 11 East, Novesta Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as commencing at the North quarter of said Section 32; thence along the North line of said Section 32, East 962.14 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing along said North line of Section 32, East 66.00 feet to a point 198.00 feet West of the abandoned railroad right of way; thence South 00 degrees 05 minutes 58 seconds East, parallel to the East line of said Northwest quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 32, 676.50 feet; thence West 66.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 05 minutes 58 seconds West, 676.50 feet to the point of beginning. Right of Way for Deckerville Road over the Northerly side thereof.

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

Dated: July 20, 2005

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #050828F02

7-20-4

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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 Tera Vanbeest, a single woman, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender, Mortgagee, dated October 15, 2002 and recorded on October 29, 2002 in Liber 900 on Page 408 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Three Thousand Five Hundred Ten and 70/100 Dollars (\$63,510.70), including interest at 7.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on August 25, 2005.

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

Part of the Northwest 1/4 of Northeast 1/4, Section 30, Township 11 North, Range 8 East described as: Beginning at a point on North line of said Section 30, which is South 89 degrees 11 minutes 55 seconds East, 423.75 feet from the North 1/4 Corner of said Section 30; thence continuing along said North line South 89 degrees 11 minutes 55 seconds East, 266.45 feet to the Centerline of State Highway M-15; thence along said Centerline South 30 degrees 07 minutes 30 seconds East 240.00 feet; thence South 86 degrees 41 minutes 35 seconds West 390.93 feet; thence North 0 degrees 48 minutes 05 seconds East, 234.00 feet to the Point of Beginning. Subject to the use of the Northerly 33.00 feet thereof as Hanes Road and the Easterly 50.00 feet thereof as State Highway M-15. Subject to Easements and Rights of Way of Record, Vassar Township, Tuscola County, Michigan.

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

Dated: July 27, 2005

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Timothy A. Jansen, a single man, and Valerie D. Blackner, a single woman, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender, Mortgagee, dated August 9, 2002 and recorded on August 21, 2002 in Liber 890 on Page 1066 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Three Thousand Two Hundred Eighteen and 89/100 Dollars (\$63,218.89), including interest at 6.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on August 11, 2005.

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

Commencing at a point on the Section line 330 feet East of the Northwest corner of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 8, Town 11 North, Range 9 East; thence South at right angles 208 feet; thence East 208 feet; thence North 208 feet; thence West to the point of beginning. Subject to easements, restrictions, and reservations of record, if any.

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

Dated: July 13, 2005

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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File #042836F03

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Carolyn J. Walker and Keith H. Walker, wife and husband, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender, Mortgagee, dated May 10, 2002 and recorded on July 18, 2002 in Liber 886 on Page 809 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Six Thousand One Hundred Twenty and 90/100 Dollars (\$106,120.90), including interest at 7.375% 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 August 18, 2005.

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

Part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 15, Town 11 North, Range 7 East, described as beginning at a point on the South line of said Northwest 1/4 which is East along said South line 2482.67 feet from the West 1/4 corner of said Section 15; thence continuing East, along said South line, 175.00 feet to the East line of said Northwest 1/4; thence North along said East line, 276.00 feet; thence West parallel with said South line, 175.00 feet; thence South parallel with said East line, 276.00 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: July 20, 2005

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by William Johnson, a married man, original mortgagor, to Icon Financial Group, Inc., Mortgagee, dated May 25, 1999 and recorded on June 2, 1999 in Liber 773 on Page 196, and assigned by mesne assignments to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, a New Jersey 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 One Hundred Thirty-Nine Thousand Six Hundred Forty-Six and 68/100 Dollars (\$139,646.68), including interest at 7.375% 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 August 4, 2005.

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

The Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 7, Town 11 North, Range 9 East.

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

Dated: July 6, 2005

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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Attorneys For Chase Home Finance LLC successor by merger to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, a New Jersey Corporation
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #059245F01

7-6-4

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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 Robert Nelson, a single man, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc., as nominee for lender, Mortgagee, dated November 5, 2003 and recorded on December 4, 2003 in Liber 967 on Page 676 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Three Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-Three and 38/100 Dollars (\$103,263.38), including interest at 5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on August 25, 2005.

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

Lot 17, Shay Lake Heights Subdivision No. 1, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Pages 35-36.

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

Dated: July 27, 2005

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
FC X (248) 593-1302
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys for Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc., as nominee for lender
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #062049F01

7-27-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Kenneth E. Vandorn and Patricia L. Vandorn, his wife, to Homeowners Loan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated December 15, 2001 and recorded January 26, 2002 in Liber 859 Page 806, Tuscola County Records. Said mortgage is now held by CitFinancial Mortgage Company, Inc. by assignment submitted to and recorded by the Tuscola County Register of Deeds. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Fifty Thousand Five Hundred Ninety-Nine and 86/100 Dollars (\$50,599.86), including interest at the rate of 11.99% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on August 25, 2005.

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

Commencing 72 Rods West of the Southeast corner of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 34, Town 14 North, Range 8 East, Village of Akron, County of Tuscola, and state of Michigan, and running thence North 12 1/2 rods, thence West 6 rods and 7 feet, thence South 12 1/2 rods, thence East 6 rods and 7 feet to the place of beginning, also commencing 71 rods and 7 feet West and 12 rods and 12 feet North of the Southeast corner of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 34, Town 14 North, Range 8 East, and running thence West 106 feet, thence North 78 1/2 feet, thence East 106 feet thence South 78 1/2 feet to the place of beginning.

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

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

Dated: July 20, 2005

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File No. 201.2427

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Todd M. Szagash and Teresa R. Szagash, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender, Mortgagee, dated March 13, 2003 and recorded on April 9, 2003 in Liber 925

on Page 24 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Forty-Six Thousand Forty-Seven and 37/100 Dollars (\$146,047.37), 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 August 18, 2005.

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

Commencing at the Northwest corner of Section 6, Town 11 North, Range 8 East; thence East 300 feet; thence South 550 feet; thence West 300 feet; thence North 550 feet to the place of beginning. EXCEPT therefrom a piece or parcel of land 33 feet wide on the inside or Southeast side of a curve of 450 feet radius, beginning 450 feet South of the Northwest corner of Section 6 and ending 450 feet East of said Northwest corner of Section 6, and all land on the outside or Northwest side of said curve in the Northwest corner of said section in Vassar Township, ALSO EXCEPT commencing on the East line of said Lot 5 at a point 172.01 feet North 00 degrees 13 minutes 00 seconds West, from the Southeast corner of Lot 5; thence South 87 degrees 57 minutes 00 seconds West, 262.16 feet to a point on the West line of said lot, said West line being the arc of a curve having a radius of 417.00 feet; thence Northeasterly on the arc of said curve to the right, 437.14 feet to the Northeast corner of Lot 5, said arc being subtended by a chord bearing North 38 degrees 40 minutes 08 seconds East, 417.40 feet; said Northeast corner; thence South 00 degrees 13 minutes

Legal Notices

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Walter C. Kaliz and Debra J. Kaliz, husband and wife, to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, mortgagee, dated May 17, 2002 and recorded June 12, 2002 in Liber 881, Page 405, Tuscola County Records. Said mortgage is now held by Citibank, N.A. as trustee by assignment submitted to and recorded by the Tuscola County Register of Deeds. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Fifty-Five Thousand Five and 64/100 Dollars (\$55,005.64), including interest at the rate of 8.50% 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 of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on August 25 2005.

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

The North half of the East Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 33, Town 12 North, Range 9 East being the same property covered by E.M.H. Development Corporation, a Michigan Corporation to Jerry Stallard and Virginia B. Stallard by deed dated September 24, 1980 and of record in Deed Book 508 at Page 1048, Tuscola, Michigan.

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: July 27, 2005

ORLANDO ASSOCIATES PC
Attorneys for Citibank, N.A. as trustee,
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 457-1000
File No. 209.3157

7-27-5

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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 Romain, an unmarried man, original mortgagor, to Amresco Residential Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated April 26, 1999 and recorded on April 27, 1999 in Liber 769 on Page 1100, and assigned by said Mortgage to Countrywide Home Loans, Inc. 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 Fifty-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty and 95/100 Dollars (\$53,880.95), including interest at 8.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on August 18, 2005.

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

Lot 7, Block 1 of Street's Addition to the Village of Caro, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 17 A of Tuscola County Records.

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

Dated: July 20, 2005

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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Attorneys for Countrywide Home Loans, Inc.
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #032731F03

7-20-4

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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 Stephen P. Brinkman and Denise M. Brinkman, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Icon Financial Group, Inc., Mortgagee, dated March 21, 2003 and recorded on March 31, 2003 in Liber 922 on Page 1417, and assigned by mesne assignments to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for lender as assignee by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy Thousand Four Hundred Thirty-Five and 48/100 Dollars (\$70,435.48), including interest at 5.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on August 25, 2005.

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

Part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 10, Township 12 North, Range 10 East, described as: Beginning at the Southeast Corner of said Section 10; thence Westerly along the South Line of said Section 200 feet; thence North Parallel with the East line of said Section 600 feet; thence Easterly Parallel with said South Section Line 200 Feet to said East Section line; thence South 600 feet along said East line to the Place of Beginning. Subject to the use of the South 33 Feet for Riley Road and Plain Road respectively. And further subject to rights of way for the Keene-Stewart Branch Drain over and across the Easterly side of the land described herein.

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

Dated: July 27, 2005

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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GARAGE SALE - Travel trailer, air conditioner, futon, microwave, household miscellaneous. 5317 S. Elkton Rd. Thursday, July 28, 2-7 p.m.; July 29-30, 8-6 p.m. 14-7-27-1

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MULTI-FAMILY garage sale - July 28-30, 9-5 p.m. 6151 Muntz Rd., Cass City (3 miles north of light in town, 2/3 mile west). Boys', girls', men's and women's clothes, home decor items, furniture, left handed golf clubs, lots of Little Tykes toys, 40CC 4-wheeler, 3 pt. 1-bottom plow, Ford Explorer sport hard tonneau cover and lots more. 14-7-27-1

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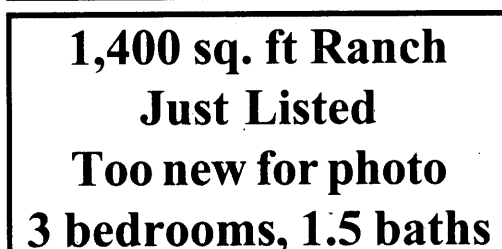
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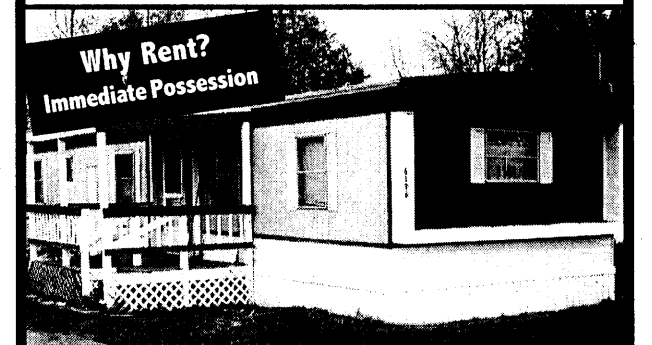
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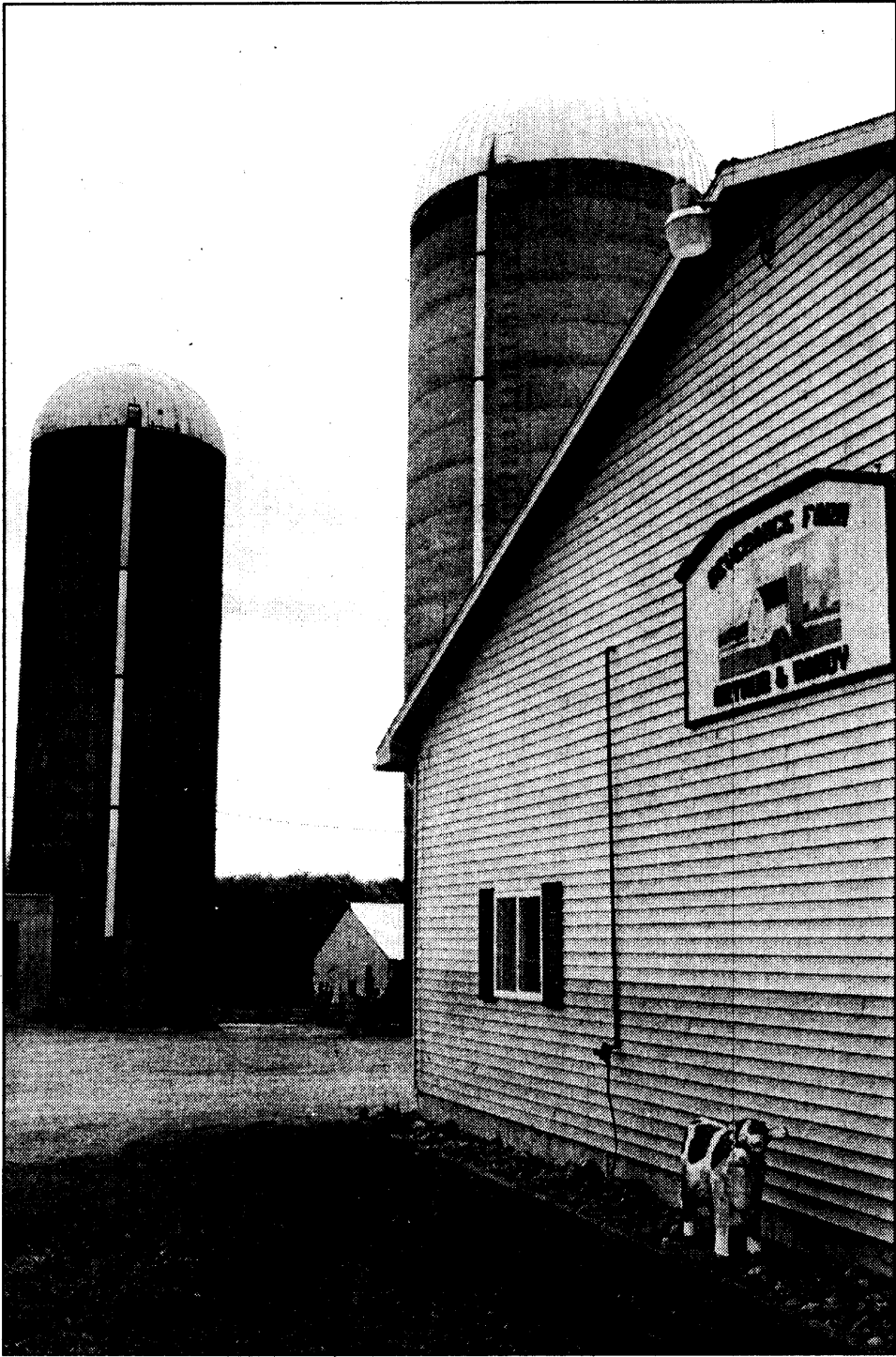


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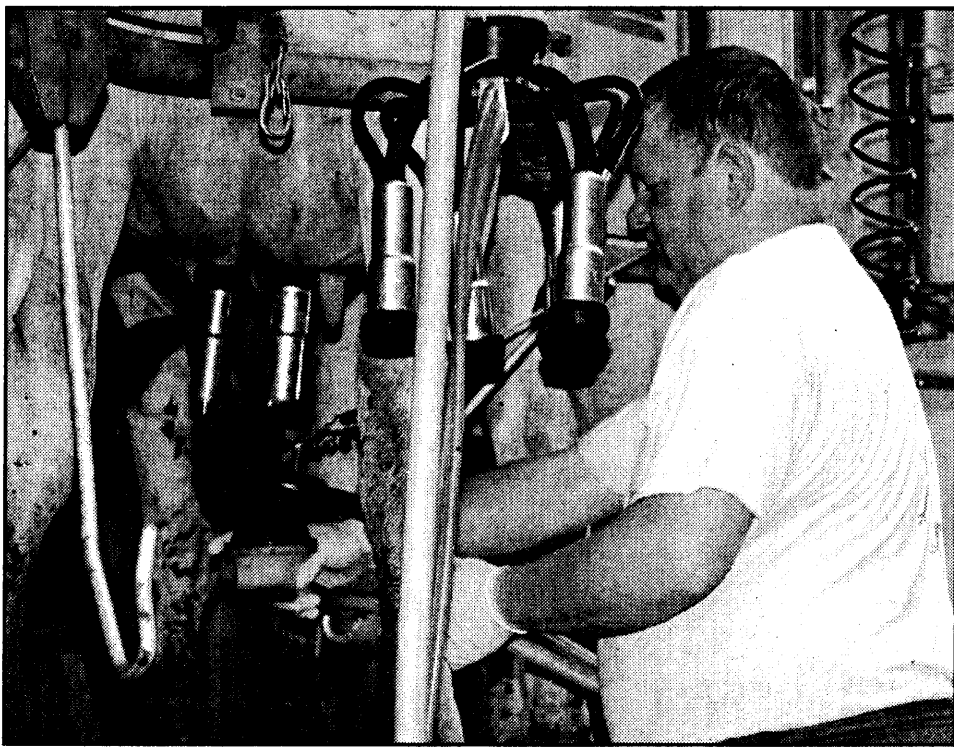


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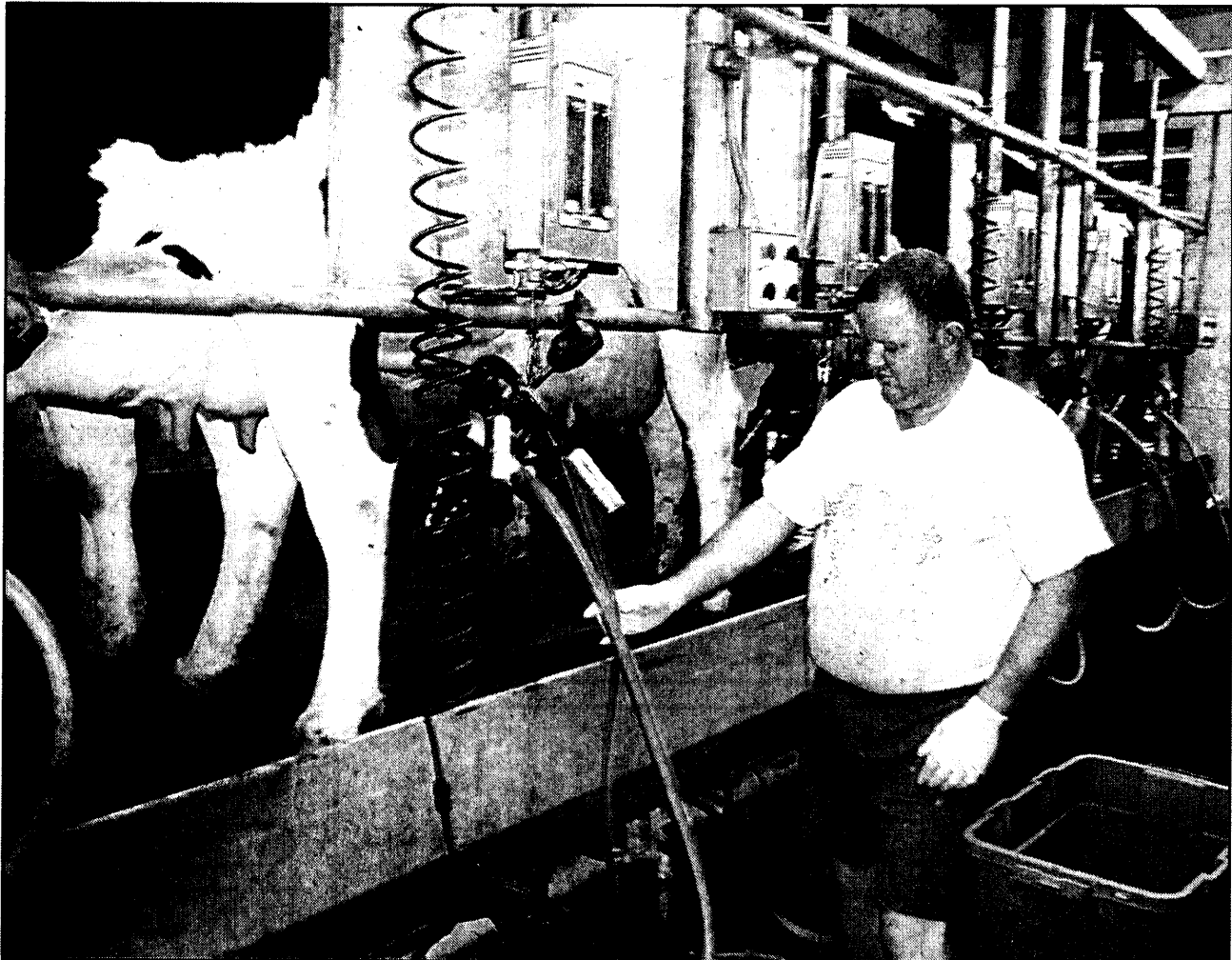
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ROBINSON tackles another afternoon milking shift at Severance's Evergreen Township farm Friday.



GARY ROBINSON has worked full-time at the Severance Dairy Farm for the past 17 years. He puts in 2-hour shifts twice a day milking. He typically takes off a couple shifts weekly, but is at the Sanilac County farm 7 days a week.

Allen could be charged in Huron

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"Mrs. Allen simply (wanted) Mr. Allen to leave the home for the night and not be arrested," he added. "Based upon established procedure, Mr. Allen was taken into custody and transported to the Huron County Jail.

Huron County District Court ordered Allen's release Thursday afternoon after he posted a \$250 cash bond. A formal arraignment date is to be scheduled.

"This morning I will begin the formal, legal procedure of contacting the Michigan

Attorney General for the appointment of a special prosecutor to review the entire

matter to determine if formal charges will be filed," Gaertner said. "This will be done even though Mrs. Allen does not wish to press charges."

Even though a determination of guilt has not been made in court, Gaertner said he has suspended Allen from his duties as an assistant prosecutor pending the outcome of the review by the special prosecutor.

"He will continue in his capacity as county corporation counsel," added Gaertner, who said he will take no further action until a decision has been made regarding formal charges. "At that point I will make a decision as to his employment status with my office."

Moore going strong

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and if they sang, I played for them," she noted.

Moore, who currently has 20 students, indicated she has continued to offer lessons over the years because the things that drew her to teaching in the first place - a love of music and an interest in working with young people - are still very satisfying.

"You just have to love it. You have to like kids and you have to make it so they enjoy it," she said.

"It's relaxing - it really is. I really enjoy working with the students, and when they have Academic Track, well, they have to have certain songs, and I help them pick it out, and so we work a lot on that," added Moore, who made it clear she has no plans to retire anytime soon.

"I'll probably always be doing this."

Severance: dependable help vital on farm

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other stuff," he said. "I've never been one to sleep a lot anyway."

Robinson was familiar with dairy operations long before he started working part-time for Severance.

"When I was young, we used to go up to my grandpa's house in the summer time and help him. I just always enjoyed being around cows," he said.

Robinson worked at his grandfather's farm, located west of Ubly, for about 4 years. "I stayed there until he sold the cows," he said, adding accepting Severance's offer of employment wasn't a difficult decision, in spite of the responsibility involved.

"It's dedication. You have to be here 7 days a week," said Robinson, who typically takes off one or two milking shifts a week. "When he (Severance) wants to go away on vacation, he doesn't

hesitate. He can depend on me."

Severance considers himself lucky to have Robinson on the payroll.

"When he started, my brother Tim was here also, and he (Robinson) started milking weekends so we could have some weekends off," he recalled. "Then Tim left, and we offered him full time and he's been here ever since."

"For the most part, for 17 years, you know he's going to be here every day," Severance said, adding Robinson milked 3 times a day for a while last year. "Then we went back to twice a day and I asked him when he wanted to milk. The first of the year we switched to 1 a.m. and 1 p.m., and in all that time I've had to do that morning milking only one time."

"It's extraordinary in dairy, or anything else, to find someone who is that dependable."

Robinson's years with the farm make him a valuable asset because he's so familiar with the operation, Severance continued. Rain or shine, he hits the ground running every day.

"It's very unusual. I think it's unusual for any farm to have somebody there that long," he said. "People start milking and then they decide they want their own farm, or they want to do something different, or they don't like the hours. That's the nature

of the business.

"Without Gary," Severance added, "I'd probably have to hire 2 guys to cover all the weekends, and it would be tough to hire 2 part-timers - they just don't do that anymore."

For now, Severance won't have to worry about that, because Robinson is very content with his job, his hours and his boss.

"As long as he stays with it, I'll probably be here," Robinson said.

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A surprising group of about a dozen spectators was at the meeting, but none participated in either the decision reached or any other concerns about the school.

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Sewer grant approved

State Rep. Tom Meyer and Sen. Jim Barcia recently announced the Michigan Economic Development Corporation has approved a \$600,000 grant to upgrade the sewer system for the Village of Millington.

The funds will be used to place a 24-inch clay liner in a village lagoon. While the village was making upgrades to its 2 sewer lagoon cells, it was discovered that one lagoon no longer had a suitable clay liner.

"The new liner will help keep local residents healthy and safeguard our environment from possible ground contamination," said Meyer, R-Bad Axe. "I commend village officials for working hard to take care of a potential problem. The upgrade will improve efficiency and

fortify the lagoon for years to come."

"This grant will help avert a serious environmental crisis and dramatically reduce the financial burden on Millington residents," said Barcia, (D-Bay City). "I am pleased that we were able to work with the MEDC to secure this important investment in Millington's future."

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality has currently quarantined the lagoon cell. Lagoon capacity is now at 45 percent and if the cell is not relined, the village will have to dump their inflow more often and with limited treatment into Millington Creek.

Grant funding comes from the Community Development Block Grant program. The local contribution is \$550,000.

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