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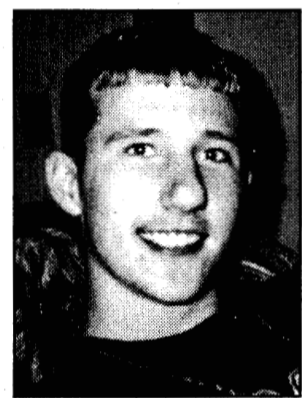
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Fatal crash claims Cass City teenager

Police say speed and alcohol contributed to a fatal crash that claimed the life of a former Cass City High School student and injured another Cass City man last week.

Troopers from the Michigan State Police post in Caro said the single vehicle accident occurred last Wednesday at about 7:25 p.m. on Richie Road, south of Bay City-Forestville Road in Elkland Township.

The victim was identified as Andrew Timothy Brown, 18, of Cass City.



Andrew Brown

According to investigators, Brown was traveling at a high rate of speed when his vehicle left the roadway and rolled over several times. He was ejected and was killed. His 21-year-old passenger, Walter Springborn III, Cass City, was transported to Hills and Dales General Hospital, where he was treated for minor injuries and then released.

A seatbelt was not used, according to troopers, who were assisted at the scene by Gagetown police.

OBITUARY

Brown was born Feb. 28, 1987, in Prescott, Ariz., to Timothy R. and Cheryl D. (Bastian) Brown.

He worked with his father, painting and remodeling, and had recently begun working for Huron Castings in Pigeon. Brown completed his GED certification last year. He previously attended Cass City High School. While at-

tending Cass City Middle School, Brown played football, baseball and basketball.

Brown is survived by his parents, Tim and Cheryl Brown of Cass City; a brother, John Brown, at home; grandparents, Ron and Joan Brown of Fenton and William Bastian of Anaheim, Calif.; a great-grandmother, Kathryn Hansen of Gardena, Calif.; a girlfriend, Andrea Butler of Cass City; uncles, Thomas (Linda

Brown of Ann Arbor, William Bastian III of Oceanside, Calif.; aunts, Debra (Ronald) Jensen of Blair, Neb., and Kathy (Larry) Schultz of Milton, Wis.; and cousins, Lydia Brown, Ronald Jensen, David Jensen, Katie Schultz and Rachel Schultz.

He was preceded in death by his grandmother, Shirley Bastian, and great-grandfather, Cliff Brown.

Funeral services were held

Sunday, May 29 at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with Pastor Gary Butterfield of the Lamotte Missionary Church officiating.

Interment was in Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Memorials may be made to the family discretionary fund.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

O-G taps Compton for superintendent's position

The Owen-Gage School District has a new superintendent following a special meeting of the Owen-Gage Board of Education Thursday night.

superintendent, Compton served 10 years as a principal in the Freeland School District.

More recently, Compton left education to go into pri-

Compton will fill a new position in the district following the school board's decision to eliminate the principal's position and combine that with the superintendent's roles.

"He will be the sole administrator, which even for a small school of 210 kids is going to be a big job," Gleeson said. "(But) I'm confident. He certainly has all of the credentials and ability to do the job."

School board President Jeff Leinweber agreed. "He brought more to the table" than the other candidates, he said. "He seemed to have all the answers I wanted to hear. He's a very likable person, just a real down-to-earth guy."

Leinweber indicated he is also confident that the superintendent/K-12 principal position will prove successful at Owen-Gage.

"It'll work out," he said. "Bob did it, and actually Dan had done it before we consolidated the 2 schools."

Gleeson and the board began the search for a new, permanent superintendent early this year.

The district drew 26 applicants in all and pared those down to 6 for personal interviews. The other candidates

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The board unanimously voted to offer the job to Dana Compton of Boyne City, who has 25 years of experience in education, most of that time in administration.

"He was a Morenci School superintendent for 9 years, and then he was also the superintendent at Boyne City Schools for 3 years," said Don Gleeson, a former long-time Thumb school administrator who contracted with Owen-Gage School officials to conduct the superintendent search.

Gleeson is very familiar with Owen-Gage, having served as interim superintendent there after former Supt. Dan McKenzie resigned. Gleeson also assisted with the transition when the board hired current interim Supt. Bob Peterson.

In addition to his years as a

vate business with his father-in-law. However, Gleeson said Compton has a strong desire to now return to education.

"He has a broad-based background. That's what Owen-Gage needs," Gleeson said.

The board's decision to hire Compton is subject to several factors, including a successful site visit by some board members to the Boyne City Schools, Compton's acceptance of an offered salary of \$80,000 annually and successful contract negotiations, and a background check.

The board is offering Compton a one-year contract. "Actually he offered that," Gleeson noted. "He's wanted to get back into education, and he's very confident in his abilities and everything else."



RON LOMASNEY, commander of VFW Post 3644, Cass City, places a wreath at the base of a monument honoring the unknown dead during Monday's Memorial Day ceremony at Elkland Township Cemetery.

County mourns soldier

Memorial Day observances over the weekend took on a profound sense of loss for area residents that knew Unionville's Charles "Chuck" Drier, who just days earlier made the ultimate sacrifice in Baghdad, Iraq.

The 28-year-old U.S. Army sergeant died instantly when he was driving a Humvee that traveled over an explosive device.

Funeral services will be held Monday, June 6, at 11 a.m. at Kranz Funeral Home in Cass City, with a U.S. Army chaplain from Fort Knox, K.Y., and the Rev. Clifford Randall of St. Peter Lutheran Church,

Unionville, officiating. Military honors will be under the direction of the U.S. Army, Fort Knox.

A full obituary is published elsewhere in this edition of the Chronicle.

Drier joined the Army in 2001 and served with the 3rd Infantry Division.

A 1995 graduate of Unionville-Sebewaing Area High School, he was a standout in football, serving as co-captain of the Patriots' squad in his senior year.

He was also a talented artist, according to his mother, Mary Drier, who remembers her son as a courageous soldier who was fiercely protec-

tive of his men.

"He was the one who was taking all the double and triple duty, and all the dangerous (assignments)" said Drier, a veteran print journalist who has written for a number of newspapers in the Thumb area and beyond. She has been on staff at the Tuscola County Advertiser for the past 10 years.

"His group was the one that fired the first shots that started the war and took Baghdad in 23 days," she said, noting her son signed up for 4 years of duty in the Army and was supposed to be discharged in February, "but they extended his tour

and sent him back for another 18 months to 2 years."

Drier didn't complain about returning to battle. "He wanted to keep his men safe. He knew his unit was going to be back there and he wanted to be with them," his mother said.

"He didn't want to be the one to tell a mother that she had lost a son."

Drier recalls asking her son if he had thought about his own mother. "He just looked at me and said, 'I know you could handle it, mom'."

"That's just the man he was," Drier added. "It would

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RANDY SEVERANCE is continuing a dairy farm tradition started by his great-grandfather, Charles, in the early 1900s. Technology has drastically changed the family business over the years, but family ties have remained constant, with his father and uncle continuing to crop farm together.

Severance continuing family's long dairy farming tradition

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Editor's note: This is the first in a series of agriculture 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 farmers. 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 first installment, Lifelong Sanilac County dairy farmer Randy Severance talks about his operation, including some of the history behind the many years his family has enjoyed success running a small dairy farm in the Thumb.

Randy Severance might have chosen to end a family dairy farming tradition dat-

ing back to his great-grandfather a couple years ago.

Instead, circumstances prompted the lifelong Evergreen Township resident to continue that tradition as head of his own family corporation, with both his father and uncle still involved in the operation.

Severance's own start in the business came naturally, growing up on the farm owned and operated by his grandfather, Lloyd, father, Arthur, and uncle, Leslie.

He graduated from Michigan State University in 1985 and was a member of the last class to complete MSU's Dairy Science Program (the name was subsequently changed to Animal Science Program).

Three years earlier, the family had formed a farming partnership involving Arthur and his sons, Randy, Dean and Tim. Dean left shortly after Severance's graduation

in 1985 and Tim left the operation in 1987 - both to pursue careers in other fields.

"Last year I bought dad out as far as dairy, so we formed a corporation with (my wife) Deb and dad and myself," Severance said. "Now, dad does all the crops and I do just dairy, and buy my feed from him."

Severance's professional future nearly followed a very different course, however.

"About 2 years ago, it was time for dad to slow down a little bit. We put the farm up for sale with the idea that we would sell it only if the price was right. We weren't looking to get rid of the farm," he recalled.

The family reached a verbal agreement with a buyer, who 11 days later backed out of the sale.

"So, looking at it and looking at all the options, I realized that, yeah, this is what I wanted to do," Severance

said.

Both Severance's father and uncle are involved in the operation. They farm crops together. Leslie raises heifers, or young female cows, for the operation. Severance explained the young cows are raised for 2 years, then returned to the farm about 30 days before they calf and are ready to produce milk.

Once a cow gives birth after a gestation period of just under 9 months, he continued, there's a "lactation curve" of sorts, with the cow's production rising and then falling in time. The goal is to have each cow reproduce annually to maintain adequate production. Cows are ready to breed again 50 days after giving birth.

"We've had cows produce milk here for 3 years (at a time), but that's not what you want," he said.

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Holbrook Area News

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Visitors of Mrs. Curtis Cleland and Susan Voss were Mr. and Mrs. Andre Voss and son of Elkton, Mrs. Gerald Wills and Reva Silver and Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Roe.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Depcinski attended the graduation at Ubyly High School for their grandson, Gary Laming, Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Ray Depcinski attended the Over 50 Club meeting at Oswald Hall in Bad Axe on Tuesday. After the rosary was said, a potluck dinner was served. After the dinner, Euchre was played and prizes given.

Stella Leszczynski and Mrs. Evans Gibbard, Eugene Otulakowski, and Stanley Otulakowski attended the funeral of an aunt, Regina Gorecki, Thursday at 11 o'clock at Warren.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark O'Henley of Chicago spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Tom O'Henley.

Claude Mestack, Ron Wolschlager, Jack Kennedy, and Allen Farrelly met at McDonalds in Bad Axe Friday morning.

Visitors at the home of Mrs. Curtis Cleland last week were Midge Clemens, Jean Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Doerr and Savana of Cass City, Arlene Reiss and Kevin

Calton of Deckerville, Lana Puterbaugh, Mrs. Hiram Keyser, Chuck Darr, Keith Brown, and Judy Horton.

Allen Farrelly visited Eleanor Koski at the Caro Lighthouse Rehab Center Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski attended the 25th wedding anniversary party for Mr. and Mrs. Bob Osentoski at their home in Bad Axe on Saturday. Others from a distance were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Myers of Gladwin, Rand and Mary Smith of Lucas, Ohio, Nancy Carpenter and family from Caro, and other relatives and friends for the afternoon and for supper.

Don Rackoff, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel, Michelle Smigielski, Doris Western and Allen Farrelly were among a group who attended the K of C fish fry in Bad Axe Friday.

Those who visited Thelma Jackson last week were Dick Jackson, Mrs. Jim B. Sweeney, Kay Sweeney, Mrs. Ray Depcinski, Mrs. Martin Sweeney and Brian, Mrs. Gerald Wills, Mrs. Harold Ballagh and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson.

Allen Farrelly spent the weekend at the home of June Rutz in Sterling Heights.

Mrs. Ray Depcinski and Mrs. Allen Depcinski worked at the St. John's Hall in Ubyly for the graduation breakfast from Ubyly High School on Sunday morning.



Roy and Clara Peters

Peters mark 65th anniversary

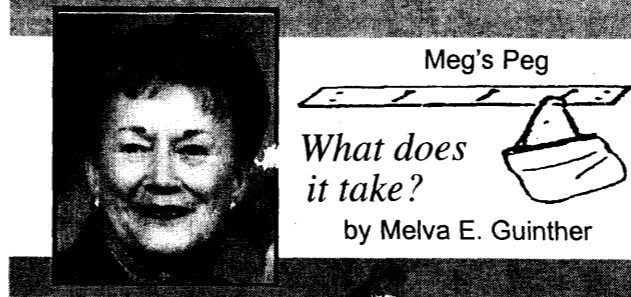
Roy and Clara (Hund) Peters are celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary. The couple was married June 1, 1940 by Father Dudek at St. Ignatius Catholic Church Freiburg, the same church they were baptized in.

After their marriage they moved to Detroit to be near Roy's factory job, residing there for 2 years. Roy and Clara have since resided at the same residence on Cumber Rd., Ubyly. For the past 63 years, Roy has worked as a carpenter and farmer, and Clara has been a homemaker.

Together, they lived on the family farm and raised 4

daughters and 7 sons: Jane (Richard) Osentoski of Kawkawlin, Emilie (Jim) Heleski of Ubyly, Luci (Martin) Kubacki of Ubyly, Aleta (Rob) Matteson of Utica, William (Marlene) Peters of Lake Orion, James (Marilyn) Peters of Snover, Alan (Patty) Peters of Deford, Patrick Peters of Ubyly, Brian (Pam) Peters of Cass City, Kenneth (Patty) Peters of Ubyly, and Daniel Peters (deceased in 1958). The couple has 25 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

A family celebration in their honor was held at the Franklin Inn, Bad Axe.



Meg's Peg
What does it take?
by Melva E. Guinther

I receive lots of material via email. Many of the messages evoke a laugh or are inspirational day brighteners. Some are filed away for future reference and some are instantly deleted.

One story that came last week caught my attention and I thought readers might appreciate it as well.

It told about a successful young executive who was driving through a residential area in his new Jaguar, feeling pretty good about himself and life in general.

All of a sudden a brick smashed into the Jag's door. The driver was understandably furious. He slammed on the brakes and backed up to the spot where the brick came from.

He jumped out of the car, grabbed the kid standing there, and shoved him against a parked car.

"Who are you and what the heck do you think you're doing? That's a brand new car and that brick you threw is going to cost a lot of money! Why did you do it?"

The young boy covered and stammered apologetically. "Please, mister, I'm sorry but I didn't know what else to do. I threw the brick because no one would stop."

With tears running down his face and dripping off his chin, he pointed to a spot just around a parked car. "It's my brother," he said. "He rolled off the curb and fell out of his wheelchair and I can't lift him."

Now sobbing, the boy asked the executive, "Would you please help me get him back into his wheelchair? He's hurt and he's too heavy for me."

The driver tried to swallow the lump in his throat as he lifted the handicapped boy back into the wheelchair. Then he took out a linen handkerchief and dabbed at the fresh scrapes and cuts.

When he was sure everything would be okay, he watched the grateful lad push his wheelchair-bound brother down the sidewalk toward their home.

It was a long, slow walk back to the Jaguar.

The damage to the car was very noticeable, but the driver never bothered to repair the dented side door.

He decided to keep the dent there to remind him not to go through life so fast that someone had to throw a brick at him to get his attention.

Makes you think, doesn't it?

Most of us don't have expensive cars, but how often do the Jaguars of our self-interest and comfort insulate us from the needs of those around us?

What will it take to make us slow down enough to notice? I'm reminded of these lines from a poem by Eva Rose York:

O God, forgive that I have seen
The beauty only, have not been
Awake to sorrow such as this;
That I have drunk the cup of bliss,
Remembering not that those there be
Who drink the dregs of misery.

I hope it doesn't take a brick.

Reading program slated

Join us this summer for silly stories, jokes, games, and humor of all kinds during the Summer Reading Program at Rawson Memorial Library. The 2005 Summer Reading Program, "Laugh It Up At Your Library" is open to young people preschool age through young adult with programs, story hours, movies and more. All who register may read books to earn tokens to spend at the Rawson Comedy Shop.

A variety of programs will be offered for all ages. Movie Mondays are June 13, 20, 27, and July 11, 18 and 25 at 1:30 p.m. A list of the movies to be shown will be available at the library.

Children age 3 and up are invited to come to Silly Story Times for stories, songs and crafts on Thursdays, June 16 and 23 and July 14 and 21 at 1:30 p.m.

A special program for all ages is set for 1:30 p.m., Thursday, June 30. Come laugh it up at the library with Polka-T-Clown.

The Summer Reading Program picnic is slated for noon on Thursday, July 28 at the Cass City Park. Join us for food, games, prizes and lots of fun.

Registration for the Summer Reading Program begins Monday, June 6 at 9 a.m. For more information, call or stop by the library or visit the website at www.rawson.lib.mi.us. The library welcomes children of all abilities. All programs are free of charge.



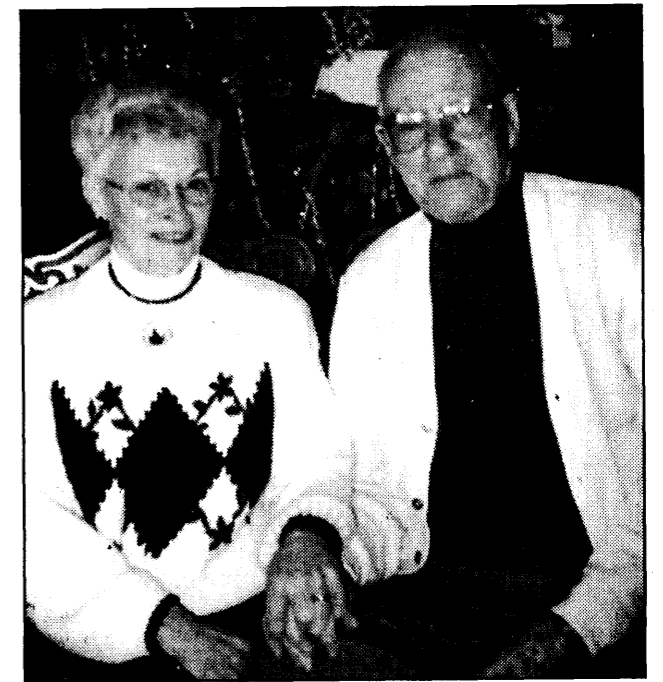
Molli & Scott Hartel
Then & Now

Scott and Molli Hartel

Hartels mark their anniversary

Scott M. Hartel wed the former Molli Bea Butler May 31, 1975 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. The couple's children are Rachel (Chad) Perkins of

Sparta and Brandon (Erin) Hartel of Grand Rapids. They have 2 grandsons, Douglas Hartel Perkins and Scott Brandon Perkins.



Chester and Bessie Muntz

Area pair wed 65 years ago

Chester and Bessie (Craig) Muntz will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary May 25.

Chester and Bessie were married May 25, 1940 at Bessie's parents' home in Elkton with the Rev. Allured officiating.

The couple have 2 daughters: Connie (Jerry) Vandemark of Deford, and Judy Knoph of Gladwin; 4 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Because of illness, they will celebrate with family at a later date.

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The ship is docked at the Missionary church, which is located at 4449 Koepfgen Rd., one mile west of Cass City on M-81 and one-quarter mile south on Koepfgen.

Children ages 4 to the sixth grade are invited to attend. More information is available by contacting Deb Ross at 872-2318, or the church office at 872-2729.

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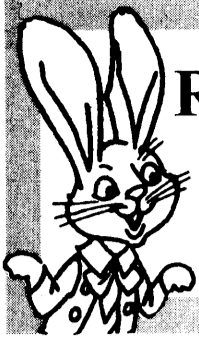
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Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Austyn Liebeskind, 8, received an unusual present on his birthday May 24, his mother Denise Liebeskind reported.

On that date a persistent mother robin was successful in producing 4 baby birds. Persistent is the right word. Denise reported that the birds were born on the side burner of her grill.

She built a nest that we tore down 4 times before we gave up and let nature take its course, she recalled with a laugh.



The Detroit newspapers have been full of the failing fight to save the historic Madison-Lenox Hotel. It was of particular interest to one pioneer Cass City resident, Ruth Esau, who informed me that the hotel had a Cass City connection.

The Chronicle ran ads for the hotel, she explained, and the publisher of the Chronicle, H. F. Lenzner, his wife and family stayed there when visiting Detroit. That happened a long time ago, as Lenzner sold the paper in 1951.

Each year the Detroit Free Press publishes the name of the top scholar-athlete in each of Michigan's high schools as selected by school officials.

The honorees were published in a special section of the Thursday, May 26 issue. Included were these students from area schools.

Cass City-Andrew Schinnerer, son of Lloyd and Laura Schinnerer.

Kingston-Brittini Hill, daughter of Tim and Lilsa Hill. Owendale-Gagetown-Katie Swiastyn, daughter of Walt and Kaye Swiastyn.

Uby-Jaclyn Rivard, daughter of Larry and Pamela Rivard.

Twelve veterans, residents at Tendercare, were honored as part of a Memorial Day gathering highlighted by the presentation of an award and a special serving of ice cream and cake. Each veteran was presented a certificate with their name and branch of service.

Annual biker bash set to return this weekend

Members of the American Bikers Aiming Toward Education (ABATE), Region 7, are gearing up to host one of the largest gatherings of motorcycle enthusiasts in the Thumb this weekend.

The group's Evergreen Park Benefit is slated for Friday, Saturday and Sunday at Evergreen Park, located off of M-53 in Sanilac County's Evergreen Township.

Friday night will feature live music in the pavilion provided by Flipside. Saturday's activities will include a poker run, bike show, bike games, 50/50 raffles and a fashion show. Saturday will also offer visitors live music in the evening, provided by the Adam Allen Band. There will also be vendors with bike parts, clothes, jewelry, tattoos, food and ice.

Participants must be at least 18 years old to enter the park. Anyone 18 to 21 years old will be required to be an ABATE member. The general public (ages 21 and older) is welcome.

Admission is \$15 per person for the weekend. Due to limited parking, there will be a \$5 parking charge outside of the camping area. Parking within the camping area is \$10 for cars/trucks and \$30 for motor homes, campers and trailers.

Pets, fireworks, 4-wheelers and other ORVs will not be allowed in the park.

ABATE first organized the annual park benefit in the early 1990s.

"In 1993, the members of ABATE, Region 7, committed to keep Evergreen Park open. Over the course of the past 12 years, ABATE has not only helped save the park from closure, but has also helped fund many upgrades," said Butch Brown, Region 7 coordinator.

Evergreen Park has since been transformed into a modern camping facility with full hook-ups and a bathroom.

"You do not need to be a

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biker to join the fun," Brown said of the upcoming benefit. "Many neighbors of Evergreen Park stop out for the day or just to say 'thanks' for saving their park."

ABATE Region 7 is involved in a number of other events throughout the year, including Toys for Tots, Born to Be Wild Days in Elkton, and Harley Drags in Ubyly.

The group has been instrumental in providing motorcycle awareness programs during driver's training

courses in high schools in Huron, Sanilac and Tuscola counties.

ABATE is a non-profit organization that promotes motorcycle safety, education and legislative issues.

More information is available by contacting Brown at (989) 673-4743. Area residents are also welcome to attend one of the group's meetings, which are held on the first Sunday of every month at 4 p.m. at Charlie's Pub in Argyle.

The Haire Net Stemming research pointless exercise



Trying to stem stem-cell research is like trying to keep water from flowing downhill. It just won't be done. It can be restrained by artificial means, often creating a huge lake that buries whatever was there before it was smothered by water.

The lake that may bury scientists in the United States are the decisions of President Bush to limit use of stem cells and the lack of adequate funding on a national level.

Meanwhile, across the globe, unanticipated advances in cell research have exceeded even the most optimistic forecasts.

The latest to announce a breakthrough are scientists from South Korea. According to an Associated Press story, they have cloned a human embryo. Using the new technology and snippets of skin, the Koreans have created the first embryonic stem cells that genetically match injured or sick patients. The procedure is a far easier and faster way to grow human stem cells than thought possible.

This is not cloning to make babies, but to create test-tube embryos to supply stem cells that genetically match a particular patient and not be rejected by the immune system.

This advance will have major impact, according to scientists, in that the argument that it won't work in humans will not be tenable.

It would be great if the advance in stem cell therapy would advance as rapidly as the Korean breakthrough, but that's probably wishful thinking.

Experts say that the immediate benefit is that it will allow scientists to watch the very earliest origins of diseases.

Any disease cures with stem cells are years away. The United States has a proud history of being a leader in technology-driven advancements, but it will be hard to maintain in this new revolutionary medical advancement without support from our government.

It would be hard to find an adult who has not been affected by diseases such as cancer and Alzheimer's or spinal cord injuries, even if they are fortunate enough never to have personally been stricken.

The need is great, so stem cell therapy will happen, but it could happen sooner if the weight of the United States were pushing it forward instead of limiting funding and holding it back.



The back forty

by Roger Pond

This must be a good year for birds. All kinds of birds: Hummingbirds, bluebirds, little, brown birds and big birds with green beaks and funny heads.

You can see I'm quite an expert on birds. Through years of practice I have learned to identify nearly any bird that shows up.

My wife will see a bird in the yard and say, "Oh, come look! What kind of bird is this?"

I glance out the window, and tell her, "That's a whiffle bird. You can hear its wings when it flies. They go 'whiffle, whiffle, whiffle.'" I'm sure Connie finds my ornithological knowledge intimidating, but she still asks once in awhile. This year is different, though. We have so many birds, even I can't identify them all.

I think it's because of the bluebird houses we've placed around the premises. Nearly all the houses are inhabited by wrens, but we call them bluebird houses just the same.

The only quarters not occupied is the Amish birdhouse Connie bought several years ago. "Why won't the bluebirds use my Amish birdhouse?" she asks.

"Because there aren't any Amish birds in this part of the country," I tell her. "They've all become Mennonites."

The real reason nobody uses the little Amish house is that it hangs from its top and swings in the wind. Any bird living there would be sick in a matter of hours, like a little cuckoo that sticks his head out and barfs in the yard.

Whoever makes birdhouses that hang from their tops should be required to clean them once a day. A bird can't live in a place like that!

We have other bird attractors besides houses, things like hummingbird feeders and birdbaths. We lived here for 20 years without a birdbath and you'd be surprised how dirty those little creatures were becoming. It took months to teach some of them to use the bath.

My favorite attractor is the hummingbird feeder. I enjoy watching those little birds buzzing around, so full of energy.

I've also read that hummingbird feeders can develop a fungus in the sugar water. If feeders aren't kept clean this fungus can be transferred to the hummingbird's tongue with disastrous results.

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Per General Law Village Act, (MCL 62.13), any vacancy occurring in the office of trustee shall be filled by appointment by the council, and the appointee shall hold office until the next regular village election.

Therefore, the Village of Cass City will be accepting letters of intent from village residents interested in serving as a member of the Village Council.

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Ten (10) days Notice of the Hearing shall be made to the persons to whom real property within three hundred (300) feet of the premises in question is assessed, and to occupants of dwellings within three hundred (300) feet.

Those persons wishing to comment may appear at the Public Hearing, or if unable to attend, may make written comments, directed to the Office of the Village Clerk, 6506 Main Street, P.O. Box 123, Cass City, Michigan 48726-0123.

Cass City Chronicle June 1, 2005

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Letters to the editor

Dad of teen recalls memories of his son

Andrew Brown, our beloved son, known literally by hundreds of people in Cass City, was a young man with a charismatic personality, filled with life and hope and happy plans for the future.

His final poem to his girlfriend expressed his wishes to marry her. That was a major change in his plans as he had said he would NEVER get married!! He even told one of his friends, Jake, the exact way in which he planned to propose.

Andrew's remains will be buried in the Cass City cemetery, first row next to the road so all his friends can be reminded of him as they pass by and hopefully be encouraged to do so soberly, at posted speed limits and belted in.

In the last year my son and I worked together on 3 house remodeling projects. The fact that we actually were together started out as a miracle due to the previous 3 or so years of extremely strained relations - at best.

Andrew decided that alcohol and drugs were going to be "friends" during those times. After 4 months in a rehab center, and being strongly encouraged to leave his former acquaintances, he came back much improved.

That lasted 8 months until intensive probation was again imposed. I am so glad

he was not permitted to drive until age 18 as we spent the majority of his final year on this earth driving back and forth to Saginaw and Bay City to work together. I challenged him to tackle rooms to remodel all on his own, and when he completed them he was so proud of a job that was very well done.

During our initial travel times Andrew would bring his CD player and go into his own world, conversations were limited until I motioned for him to put his CDs in my van's CD player. His eyes got big, due to intense surprise - and I am so glad that we were able to listen and discuss his rap. Andrew has around 30 of his own songs that he wrote and recorded.

Andrew was born in Prescott, Ariz. and during his early years he would travel with me several times on short-term mission trips to Mexico. We would bring donated items and he would dig through his toys, and generously donate them to needy children. He would sing, dance, march, ride goats, and have a blast with everybody in sight.

In Arizona, at age 9, he killed a rattlesnake with his bb gun, chopped off its head with a shovel and buried it, skinned it and threw the carcass in the metal

dumpster...in 100 degree heat, it really got rank. He had a pet tarantula, a crawfish he called "Pinchy" and a bunch of kittens/cats he really loved. He enjoyed hiking/hunting with the cats, as they followed us to chew on jackrabbits or gophers we would "ice" as we stealthfully patrolled the desert with our mighty .22 rifle.

Most Cass City friends of Andrew's did not know he used to enjoy preaching about Jesus while standing at the foot of his bed with an open Bible - he would really get carried away and lose himself in the moment.

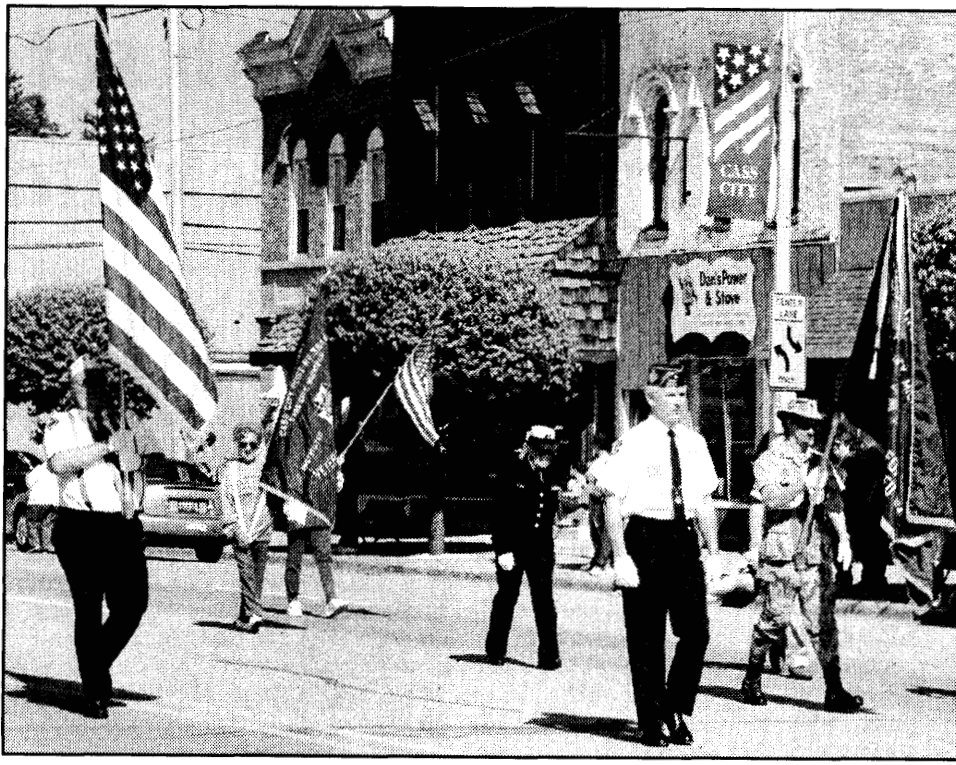
One tape I sent to my dad years ago has these lines in it: "Keep your ears peeled" and "You must accept Jesus as your personal Savior and Lord!" Said with all the vim and vigor a 7 year old could muster. He would speak in languages he had not learned - that is an experience only available to truly born-again believers - (see Mark 16:verse 17).

My wife and I had to identify Andrew's body Wednesday evening around 10:45 p.m. because he had no ID with him at the time of his accident. That was such a tremendously traumatic experience. I returned home, prayed in the spirit until around sunrise, and had very little peace about Andrew's eternal destiny - even knowing his spiritual background. A series of events and recent memories have unfolded since, including stories from his girlfriend, and his final handwritten poem to her - all of which have added up to great internal peace. Of course, tears of intense sadness are a daily occurrence.

On Thursday morning, Mrs. McKnight (mother of James McKnight), stopped in to tell my wife and I a tremendous story. By the way, Andrew and James attended an Acquire the Fire Christian conference for teens in 1999 in Detroit.

She told of a lady and a gentleman she knows who had witnessed the accident from over on Dodge Road and got there before the dust even settled. Andrew was already dead - his body ejected 50 feet from his Cadillac he loved so much and sometimes polished 5x/day, but also ejected from the car was a large ceramic cross (8" or so tall) Andrea's mom, Darla, had given him to bring to me so when I go shopping perhaps I could find some ceramic tile to match to it for their bathroom remodel project. The cross landed just above my son's head!

Andrew, your mother and I love you.



MEMBERS OF Cass City's VFW post led the Memorial Day parade, which followed the traditional route along Main Street east to the cemetery. (Related photo, page one)

Business series offered

The 2005 Small Business Series will be offered to area business and potential business owners over the next few weeks.

The series is annually sponsored by the Tuscola County Economic Development Corporation-Small Business and Technology Development Center and Davenport University.

All classes will be held in Room 114 at Davenport University in Caro and will run from 6 to 9 p.m.

This year's topics, dates and guest speakers are:

*Accounting Needs in Small Business, Tuesday, June 21. Gary Anderson, CPA, of Anderson, Tuckey, Bernhardt and Doran, Caro and Cass City, will focus on

Vassar man killed in accident

A Vassar area man died Monday morning when he was struck by a pickup truck while walking across M-46

to get his newspaper, according to Tuscola County Sheriff's deputies.

The victim was identified as Waldemar Keinath, 74.

"The driver of the pickup truck with a small trailer observed the victim crossing in front of him. The victim hesitated, then continued walking southbound across the highway," said Tuscola County Undersheriff Jim Jashinske. "The driver swerved in an attempt to avoid contact, but struck the victim and went off the roadway."

Jashinske said there were no injuries to the driver, Anthony Leo Jr., 70, of Saint Clair Shores, or his passengers.

The victim was airlifted to Hurley Medical Center in Flint. Deputies were later notified that he had died. Jashinske said an autopsy was scheduled in Genesee County.

The crash remains under investigation by deputies.



Bulldog Beat

by Mary McKee

It seems like only yesterday that I was preparing my first article for the Bulldog Beat, and sadly we have reached the time where this will be my last article.

Since this is my final time writing, I will just say that writing these articles every week has been one of the most difficult, but gratifying, experiences of my life. This has made me work harder than anything I have ever done. What I will take away from this will help me in my future at college and wherever I go from there.

I have to thank Tom at the Cass City Chronicle for giving me this chance and being understanding and flexible when I might not have had my article in on time. I also want to thank the previous Bulldog Beat writer, Laura Enderle, for believing in me and having the faith that I would do a good job at this.

Lastly, I want to thank the loyal readers of my column. You have no idea how much it meant to me to have people I know and complete strangers come up to me and compliment me and my writing. It helped me immensely. I thought it would be fitting to write my last article about the last event taking place in my high school career. That event would be my graduation.

Graduation took place on May 26 in the high school gym. The procession was performed by the school band. With the music playing, the hoop carriers made their way out carrying beautiful flower-covered hoops for the graduates to walk under. After all the hoop carriers were in place, the band started playing "Pomp and Circumstance," while the Class of 2005 made their way out.

When everyone was seated, the audience was formally welcomed by Senior Class President Aaron Faist. Next up was the presentation of valedictorian and salutatorian by Mr. Peterson. He first introduced Katie Swiasty, who made her valedictorian speech. After Katie's speech was finished, Mr. Peterson introduced me to give the salutatorian speech. After the valedictory and salutatory addresses were given, Mr. Peterson delivered the commencement address.

Following Mr. Peterson's speech, an instrumental presentation was given by the Owen-Gage Band performing the song, "Don't Let the Sun Go Down On Me." Next up was perhaps the most popular part of graduation. It was the slide show presentation. Put together by Mrs. Schuette and Ms. Sutton, the slide show displays all the happenings that occurred during the seniors' four years of high school. The slide show chronicled the seniors' childhood, elementary, jr. high, and high school years.

After the slide show, it was time for the presentation of the Class of 2005 and announcement of scholarships and the presentation of diplomas. Every member of the senior class was announced as well as their future plans and the scholarships and awards they may have received. Then the diplomas were given out by the school board members. When all the diplomas were received, it was time to officially present the Class of 2005!!! As all the seniors threw their hats in the air, the band played the school song. The graduates walked out to a recessional played by the band.

That concludes the graduation ceremony for the Owen-Gage Class of 2005. It also concludes my edition of the Bulldog Beat. I have enjoyed writing my articles for the last several months and I hope the Bulldog Beat continues next year.

To end, I will leave you with our class motto, "Life is a mirror, give the world your best, and the best will reflect back."

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Pot growers put out of business

Thumb Narcotics Unit (TNU) officials announced Friday that they have put a small marijuana growing operation out of business in Lapeer County's Columbiaville Township.

TNU officers conducted an investigation into the alleged operation inside a townhouse commonly referred to as "The Mansion" and made contact with the suspects. TNU secured permission from the lone female resident to enter an apartment, where

they located the indoor growing operation.

Officers seized 48 marijuana plants, which varied in height, along with a small quantity of processed marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

There are 2 suspects, but their names are not being released pending review by the Lapeer County Prosecutor's Office. Officers said only that the suspects are an 18-year-old male and 18-year-old female living together as boyfriend and girlfriend.

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Barrett, Diegel top Kingston graduates in '05

Seniors Crystal Barrett and Kayla Diegel recently led the Kingston High School Class of 2005 during the annual commencement ceremony.



Crystal Barrett



Kayla Diegel

Barrett, daughter of Cal and Lori Barrett, earned valedictorian honors with a grade point average of 3.99, while Diegel, daughter of Rich and Sherry Diegel, was named salutatorian with a grade point average of 3.9.

During her high school career, Barrett was active in her school's chapter of the National Honor Society. She served as secretary of the senior class.

Her future plans include studying nursing at Saginaw Valley State University. She will take with her the SVSU Presidential and University scholarships along with the Michigan Merit Award, Michigan Competitive Scholarship and the Kingston Athletic Boosters Scholarship.

Diegel was also active in the National Honor Society, serving as president of the Kingston chapter. She was vice-president of the Student Council.

She plans to attend Grand Valley State University to study occupational therapy. Her grant awards include the Michigan Merit Award, Kingston Community Loan Fund Scholarship and the Kingston Academic Booster Scholarship.

Also graduating with honors at Kingston were: Brittini Hill, Allison Walkiewicz, Megan Melton, Melissa Haarz, Patricia Larsen, Eric VanAllen, Jeanna Byers, Jennifer Nelson, Chad Jobson, Crystal Troop, Kimberly Trzemzalski, Leann Daniels, Jessica Brzezinski, Brittany Clinesmith and Robby Linton.

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J. Hoyt receives scholarship

Jessup W. Hoyt will be a freshman at Northwood this fall and is a recipient of the Freedom Scholarship for the 2005-2006 academic year. The Freedom Scholarship is \$7,500 per year with renewal options yearly if criteria is met.

The Freedom Scholarship is awarded to a student who has exhibited academic excellence during their high school years.

Hoyt will graduate from Cass City High School this spring and will work toward a business degree from Northwood University. He is the son of Janet Hoyt of Snover.



CASS CITY HIGH School senior Marcel Helland was recently honored for his outstanding musicianship as well as his dedication and commitment to band. Director of Bands Doug Burtch presented him with the coveted John Philip Sousa and Louis Armstrong Jazz awards.

At Hills and Dales

Hoard joins rehab staff

Hills and Dales General Hospital officials recently welcomed Kristin Hoard to the Center for Rehabilitation (formerly known as Michigan Athletic and Rehabilitation Center) in Caro.

Hoard earned her bachelor's degree in health science and her master's degree in physical therapy from the University of Michigan-Flint. She has also continued her education in vestibular rehabilitation and aquatic therapy techniques. She most recently worked at Covenant Rehabilitation in Frankenmuth.

An area of particular interest to her has been the field of women's health, which includes the evaluation and treatment of pelvic floor dysfunction. Symptoms include bowel and bladder incontinence, dyspareunia, pain in the pelvis, groin, back, hip or lower abdomen, and/or tightness and weakness of the pelvic floor muscles.

Women's health also focuses on the evaluation and treatment of women who are experiencing prenatal pain. Typically, women with pelvic floor dysfunction and prenatal pain are greatly underserved because they either believe that no treatment is available to help

them or they are too embarrassed to discuss their symptoms with a health care provider.

Hoard has received specialized training in this area and has been treating women's health patients for the past 3 years.

She is originally from Bad Axe and currently resides in Millington with her husband and one-year-old son.

Area residents can call (989) 673-4999 to learn more about the special field of women's health, or to set up an appointment with Hoard or one of the other physical or occupational therapists at the Hills and Dales General Hospital Center for Rehabilitation in Caro.

Down Memory Lane

By Harmony Doerr



5 YEARS AGO

The Thumb's best track and field performers gathered Tuesday night at Stamats Field in Caro for the running of the 28th annual Meet of Champions. And when the night was finished, Cass City senior Jaime Fluegge proved to be the best of the best as she was voted the top female athlete of the meet. Fluegge earned the prestigious honor by winning the 100-meter dash and placing 2nd in the 200-meter dash. In addition, she anchored the Hawks' winning 400- and 800-meter relay teams.

The Cass City Red Hawks ended the regular season softball schedule with a flourish last week, winning doubleheaders with Akron-Fairgrove and Brown City. The Hawks took the opener against A-F behind the 7-hit pitching of Deidre Deering, 7-3. Cass City staged one of its best hitting games of the season against Brown City in the opener. The Hawks ripped the offerings of Parr for 14 safeties on the way to a 12-2 decision in a game mercied after 5 1/3 innings.

Owen-Gage improved its North Central Thumb League softball mark to 9-3 Wednesday with a pair of wins over visiting Carsonville-Port Sanilac. The Bulldogs exploded for 15 runs in the opener and then used extra innings to emerge with a nail-biting 8-6 triumph in game 2.

10 YEARS AGO

The Michigan Jobs Commission is testing a voucher system for the dislocated workers program. The Thumb Area Employment and Training Consortium, a Michigan Works! agency based in Marlette, has been awarded \$147,000 for this pilot project. "This grant is to test the validity of allowing individuals to use vouchers to select the type of retraining best suited for them," said Doug Rothwell, Chief Executive Officer of the Jobs Commission.

By 2010, a full 40 percent of sealife consumed by humans is expected to come from "fish farms." In 1993, only a total of 22 percent of the fish and seafood con-

sumed worldwide came from aquaculture sources. The aquaculture industry has been growing steadily over the past few years, and analysts said because of increasing world population and declining fish numbers, the industry will need to keep up its 9 percent growth rate to meet the demand.

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25 YEARS AGO

Norb Seeley brought in a couple of Chronicle statements issued to J.A. Caldwell in 1912. One was a bill for 150 calendars for \$19.68. The other was for advertising that included a 52-inch ad for \$4.68. Advertising probably costs 20 times that today, while circulation is four times or more greater. Just for fun I checked the ad in question. It was to sell stoves, no price listed. The same issue had ads for men's suits for \$10 and new shoes for men and women at prices listed from \$1.00 to \$3.75. Children's new shoes started at 20 cents a pair and sold at up to \$2.50 a pair. (From Rabbit Tracks)

CHIN UP - Laugh a little every day, it is the direct road to the best there is in life.

For the fifth straight year, Owendale-Gagetown High School has won the North Central D League all-sports trophy. The Bulldog teams, highlighted by the first place football, volleyball, softball and boys' track teams, compiled a total of 54 points, 14 ahead of second place North Huron. Announcement of the honor was made by high school principal and athletic director James Barr at the annual spring athletic banquet last Wednesday in the Gagetown gym.

35 YEARS AGO

Jerry Toner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Toner, made the first hole in one ever recorded at Rolling Hills Golf Course. He was competing in a tournament last Wednesday. The ace came on the 222-yard fourth hole.

Arnold Karr of Gagetown received one of four Moorman Manufacturing Company scholarships for

freshman in the Michigan State University College of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

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T/Sgt. Gene A. Parsons has been awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal. His citation reads: "Technical Sergeant Gene A. Parsons distinguished himself by meritorious service as a Flight Engineer and Crew Control Duty Non-Commissioned Officer, 50th Military Airlift Squadron, Hickam AFB, Hawaii, from 31 October 1967 to 8 December 1969. During this period, Sergeant Parsons' outstanding professional skill, knowledge and leadership were factors which contributed to the outstanding safety record of over 375,000 accident-free flying hours of this squadron. The distinctive accomplishments of Sergeant Parsons reflect credit upon himself and the United States Air Force."

Tourism group set to meet

The Thumb Area Tourism Group (previously known as the Huron Tourism Group) will be holding its monthly June meeting Thursday, June 9. The group will gather at 6 p.m. informally for an "on-your-own" dinner at the Franklin Inn, Bad Axe, and follow with its meeting at 7 p.m. The public is invited to join at either juncture.

This month's topics will include the group's committee structure, a proposed Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) with a guest speaker from the Michigan Association of CVBs, the Thumb Area Tourism Council serving the Greater Thumb Area with information from Chuck Frost, and a progress/status report on the Heritage Water Trail by Judy Valentine.

More information on the Huron Tourism Group is available from the MSU Extension office, 99 W. Soper Road, Suite B, Bad Axe (989) 269-9949.

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To register your son or daughter or your child's babysitter, call Huron Medical Center's Health Management Department at (989) 269-2883.

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Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Pray/Bible Study & Youth Group 7:00 p.m.
Pastor - Chuck Carr
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Cass City Church of Christ
6743 E. Main St., Cass City, MI 48726
Contacts 872-2367 or 872-3136
Worship Service Sunday 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Bible Study Sunday 10:00 a.m. & Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

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

Cass City Missionary Church
4449 Koepfgen Rd., Cass City, MI 48726
989-872-2729
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
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.
Pastor - Robert Sweeney

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

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

First Baptist Church
6420 Houghton St., Cass City, MI 48726
989-872-3155
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
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CASS CITY'S Erin Witkovsky (19) and Jercia Fenningsdorf advance the ball during a recent battle with Sandusky. The lady Red Hawks fell, 1-0.

Alumni game planned

Kingston High School graduates are invited to take part in the first Kingston-Mayville Football Game planned for Friday, July 22, at 8 p.m. during the annual Mayville Sunflower Festival.

All Kingston graduates are eligible to play in the full, pad; tackle football game.

There will be a meeting Wednesday, June 15, in the Kingston High School weight room to go over rules and regulations. The cost is \$25, which will cover all equipment and jersey rental fees.

Anyone interested in playing is asked to contact Scott Boyd at (989) 683-2901 or Coach Mike Rea at 683-2284. All proceeds from the event will go to the football programs at both schools.

Tourney slated in Cass City

Teams are needed for the Men's Class "D" and "E" Fast Pitch Tournament to be held July 2 and 3 in Cass City as part of the July 4th Festival.

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Blood drive scheduled

Area residents are encouraged to take part in a blood

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An on-again, off-again spring that at times has felt like summer has resulted in see-saw attendance at blood drives statewide, foreshadowing the possibility of an early summer shortage of several blood types, according to officials with the American Red Cross.

During the month of May, the Great Lakes Region of the American Red Cross has already been very low on Type O and Type B bloods, fluctuating between a half-day and a day-and-a-half supply of each. The Red Cross rates blood supply in terms of use. A 3-day supply is considered a safe level for Michigan.

"Blood shortages at any time of year can have serious consequences," said Shawn Sura, interim director of donor recruiting. "We're hopeful that the current situation is simply an oddness like the recent weather - and that people will understand the importance of giving

blood, rain or shine."

Sura said the Red Cross is taking steps to build a strong, more diverse pool of volunteer donors, and to offset shortages before they start.

"We're uniting to collect more blood to ensure it's there for hospital patients," Sura added. "If you've never donated blood before, or if you haven't in a while, this is a time you can make a tremendous difference and help save lives.

Blood donors must be at least 17 years of age, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good general health.

Picnic planned for snow club

The newly-formed Thumbs Up Snow Club will host a picnic in Wilson Park, Deckerville, in conjunction with its next regular meeting, at 6 p.m. Thursday, June 2.

Organizers ask everyone to bring a dish to pass and their own burgers/hot dogs to throw on the grill. Charcoal will be provided.

Anyone interested in establishing snowmobile trails in the Thumb is welcome to attend and learn more. Additional information is available by e-mailing the group at snowthumbs@voyager.net.



AWARD WINNER. Cass City's Millennium Industries was honored with Delphi's 2005 Pin-nacle Award. The program recognizes suppliers for outstanding quality performance or quality improvements. Accepting the award is plant manager Ken Murphy (left) from Delphi representative Joe Mansour. Inset, Ed Stoutenburg, Millennium shift leader, and Murphy display the award during Friday's award ceremony.



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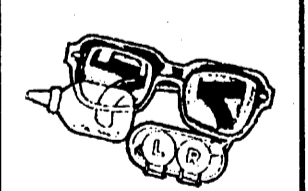
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BULLDOG MARY McKee is all concentration at the plate during Tuesday's pre-district match-up in Ubly.

CLASSIC BATTLE

Bulldogs lose heartbreaker in pre-district play in Ubly

The marquee match-up of the Division 4 softball district teams in Ubly lived up to its billing Tuesday afternoon.

Host Ubly and Owen-Gage battled for 9 innings before the Bearcats advanced into Friday's semi finals to meet North Huron with a hard fought 1-0 victory.

"Our girls played their hearts out. It's too bad how it turned out, but we were there till the end with a shot

to win," coach Cory Fritz commented.

The game was a classic pitching duel between two of the area's finest in Bearcat Kim Lackowski and Bulldog Kayla Zaleski.

Zaleski made her final outing in a Bulldog uniform one to remember. She fanned 8 of the Bearcats' first 9 hitters en route to 19 strikeouts and allowed just 2 hits while surrendering no walks.

Lackowski was equally ef-

fective for the winners.

Ashley Messing accounted for the game's only marker as she singled with one out to get things started in the 9th frame.

For the Bulldogs, Barbie Littlepage and Katie Swiastyn each recorded singles to lead Owen-Gage at the plate.

"I'm proud of how each of them played," Fritz said.

Excellent play leads to Red Hawk victory over Harbor Beach

The Cass City Red Hawk softball team combined excellent hitting, excellent pitching and excellent defense and it added up to excellent results for Hawk fans. The girls took charge early and posted a solid 7-1 victory over Harbor Beach in the pre-district tournament Tuesday at Bad Axe.

Cass City moved in front and never looked back. In the opening inning the Hawks scored a pair of runs and continued to add to the lead, moving ahead 5-0 at the end of four innings.

Courtney Rabideau pitched a neat 3-hitter, striking out 16. Connie Tenbusch was charged with the loss, giving up 9 hits.

Pacing the Hawk attack were Renee Czekai, Gail Hartwick and Jenni Brinkman, each with 2 hits. Courtney Rabideau, leading off, was on base the first 3 times she was at bat and scored 3 runs.

The Hawks will meet the Lakers Friday at about 1 p.m. in the division 3 tournament at Bad Axe. The winner will then face the winner of the USA-Bad Axe game at 3 p.m.

REGULAR SEASON

Lakers next

Hawks rally for win over Pirates in pre-district play

It was a squeaker but the Cass City Red Hawk baseball team came from behind to tie the score and then defeat Harbor Beach in the last inning Tuesday in the pre-district in Bad Axe. The score was 6-5.

The Hawks chalked up the winning run without benefit of a hit. The score was tied

The Cass City Red Hawk softball team ended the regular season by splitting the last 4 games of the regular season last week.

Thursday the Hawks entertained the Sandusky Redskins, winning the opener, 7-0, behind the 3-hit pitching of Courtney Rabideau.

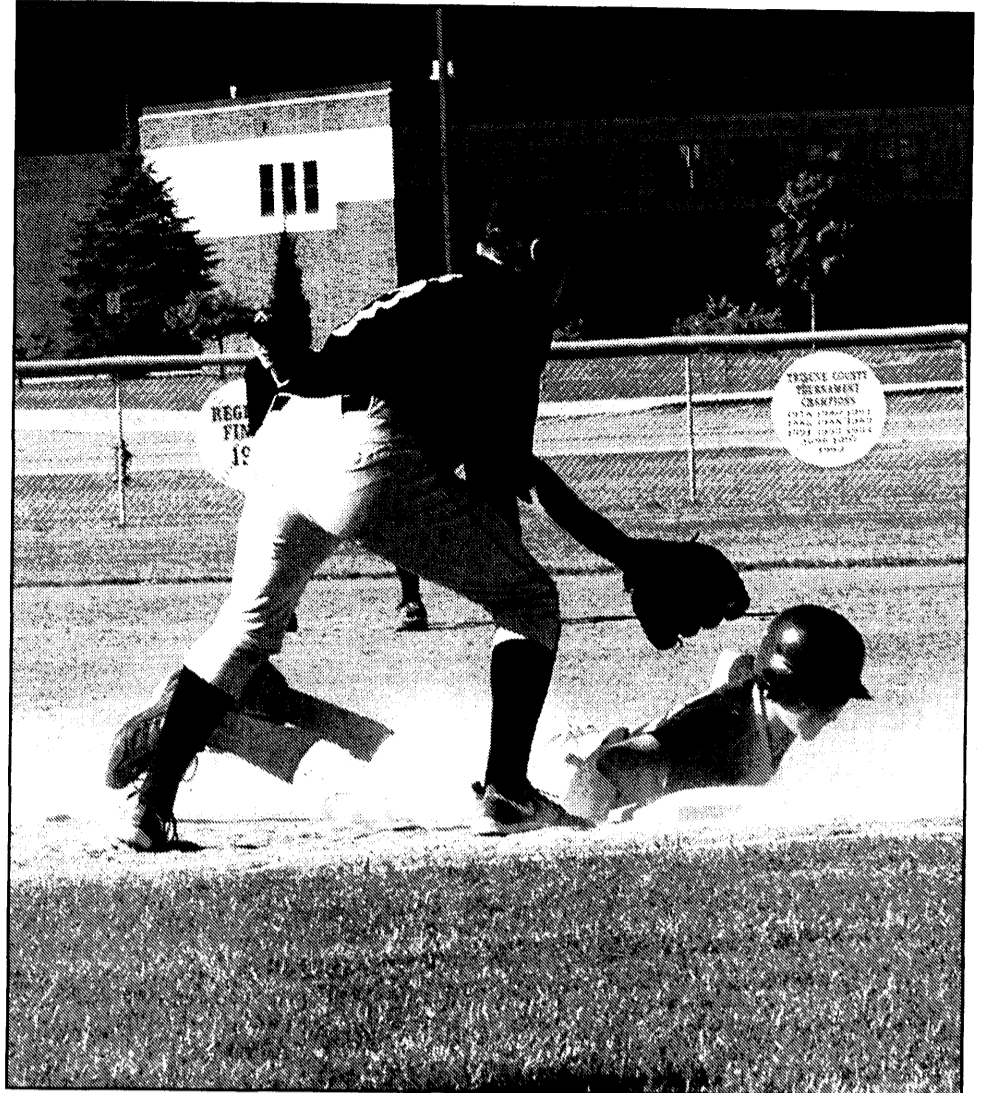
Courtney Rabideau helped her own cause with 3 hits and drove in a pair of runs. Also helping with 2 hits each were Brandi Talaski, Renee Czekai, Ashley Rabideau and Luann Laming. Tonya Paape had all 3 Redskin hits.

Sandusky bounced back with an 8-2 victory in the nightcap. Alison Demott pitched the win. Paape was again the leading sticker for Sandusky with 2 hits and 3 RBIs.

Czekai, Ashley Hendrick and Jenni Brinkman each rapped 2 hits for the Hawks.

The Hawks split with Bay City All Saints Tuesday. Courtney Rabideau did double duty for Cass City. She lost a well-pitched game, 2-0, and then won a 4-3 decision over fourth ranked, in division 4, Cougars.

The Hawks ended the regular season with a 28-9 overall record and a 7-5 mark in the Greater Thumb West.



BACK IN TIME

BRAD HARTEL beat the pick-off at first base, but was nailed in a close play when he attempted to steal second. The Hawks defeated Harbor Beach, 6-5, in a game decided in the last inning.

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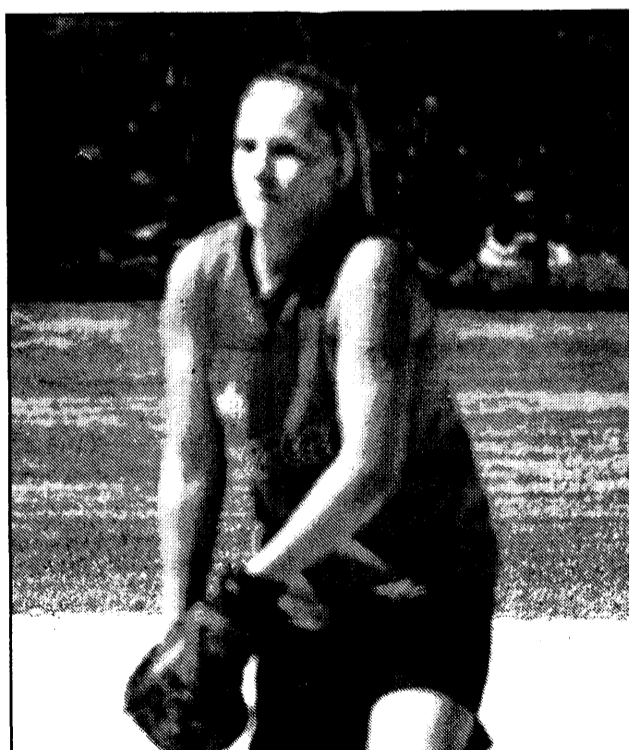
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COMING UP ACES. Ubly's Kim Lackowski (top) and Bulldog Kayla Zaleski each turned in stellar pitching outings Tuesday in pre-district play.



Obituaries

Charles Drier

Sgt. Charles "Chuck" Allen Drier, 28, of Caro, was killed in action Tuesday, May 24, 2005 in Baghdad, Iraq.

He was born May 15, 1977 in Caro.

Drier graduated from Unionville-Sebewaing Area High School in 1995. He worked for a few years for the Capri Restaurant in Caro and worked for Thomas Roofing in Cass City before joining the Army in 2001. He was part of the opening attack on Baghdad that started the war in 2003.

Drier is survived by his mother, Mary (Mark Hill) Drier of Unionville; his father, Michael (Sabrina) Drier of Unionville; a daughter, Bailie Lockhart of Caro; a brother, Jason (Raquel Torrez) Drier of Caro; his girlfriend, Amanda Altnauer of Savannah, Ga.; an aunt, Lynn (Gary) Dillon of Cass City; an uncle, Joseph (Sara) Brandmair of Caro; his daughter's mother, Amanda Lockhart of Caro; and many cousins.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents: Helen and Courtland Drier, and Frances and Leo Brandmair.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Monday, June 6, at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with the U.S. Army Chaplain from Fort Knox, Ky. and the Rev. Clifford Randall of St. Peter Lutheran Church of Unionville officiating.

Military honors will be under the direction of the U.S. Army, Fort Knox, Ky.

Interment will be in the Ellington Township Cemetery, Caro.

Memorials may be made to the Charles Drier Memorial Fund.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

Shirley DuRussell

Shirley Ann DuRussell, 59, of Caro, died Saturday, May 28, 2005 at Covenant Cooper Health Care, Saginaw.

She was born Oct. 4, 1945 in Marlette, the daughter of the late Russell and Theresa (Yoe) Giddings.

She married Edward DuRussell July 23, 1966 in Ellington Township.

DuRussell worked for Fisher Convalescent Home, Mayville, as a nurses' aide. She was a past president of

the Caro Elks, member of the Caro Assembly of God, a Sunday school teacher and Missionette leader.

She is survived by her husband, Edward; a son, Keven (Carolyn) DuRussell of Caro; 8 grandchildren; 10 step and adopted grandchildren; siblings: Don (Thelma) Giddings, Russell Giddings and Ken (Sandy) Giddings, all of Millington, Larry (Alvina) Giddings of Caro, and Barb (Tim) Moore of Mt. Morris.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Johnny Giddings.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Thursday, June 2, at Caro Assembly of God, with Pastor Arnold Burger officiating.

Burial will be in the East Dayton Cemetery, Wells Township.

Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund.

Arrangements were made by Thabet Funeral Home, Cass City.

Timothy Karr

Timothy Karr, 52, of Alma, died Tuesday, May 24, 2005 at his home.

He was born Aug. 22, 1952 in Bad Axe, the son of Rodney and Delores (Sowden) Karr.

He married Evelyn Roth March 25, 1978 at the First Presbyterian Church, Alma.

Karr graduated from Cass City High School in 1970 and from Central Michigan University with a degree in teaching and athletic training. Karr taught school in Alma and was the school's athletic trainer. He worked for Gratiot County Ambulance Service and Mobile Medical Response as a paramedic and emergency medical technician for 25 years.

TEC meet scheduled

The 68th annual meeting of the Thumb Electric Cooperative will be held Saturday, June 11, at the Cass City Park.

The business meeting will begin at 10:30 a.m., which includes the election of 3 directors. Each member (or spouse with a completed proxy) who registers to vote prior to 11:15 a.m. will receive a \$10 credit on their next electric bill. One credit per membership.

Entertainment for the entire family is offered. There will be pony rides, a clown, face painting and bucket rides. Lunch will be served at noon with former Miss Michigan "Barbara Jean" providing entertainment featuring comedy, ventriloquism and music at 1 p.m.

The meeting is open to members of Thumb Electric Cooperative and their immediate family. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m., with chair seating under a big tent capable of seating 1,000 people.

TEC members are encouraged to arrive early and register for more than \$1,000 in door prizes. Also, ask for details about free TEC water heaters and operating cost in addition to other services offered.

Karr recently took a teaching position with Alma Public Schools as their health and physical education teacher. He was active with Boy Scout Troop 610, being a past Scoutmaster and was currently the District Advancement Chairman for the White Birch District. He taught paramedic and EMT training courses with Mobile Medical Response, Mid-Michigan Community College and the America Red Cross.

Karr is survived by his wife, Evelyn; 2 sons: David and Michael Karr, both of Alma; a daughter, Sarah Karr of Alma; 2 brothers: Roger (Carol Ann) Karr of Midland, and Myron (Robyn) Karr of Hillman; nephews and niece: Scott Karr, Kimberly Karr Stewart, Jay Karr and Brandon Karr; aunts and uncle: Myrtle (Dean) Rabideau, Betsy Sowden, and Clifford (Glenna) Sowden; and a grandmother, Jenny Kappen.

Funeral services were held Friday, May 27, at the First Presbyterian Church, Alma. Memorials may be made to the Alma High School Athletic Program, Boy Scout Troop 610, the American Cancer Society, Gratiot Area Hospice, or the American Red Cross.

Arrangements were made by Lux-Moody-Wolfel Funeral Home.

of the Michigan State Fox Hunting Club.

Lowe is survived by his wife, Wenola; children: Ed (Nancy) Lowe of Snover, Ken (Mari) Lowe of Cass City, Alan Lowe of Snover, Sharon (Marc) Fruhner of East Pointe, Gary (Tammy) Lowe of Snover, and Sally (William) Pergande of Cass City; 14 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren; siblings: Keith (Mary Ann) Lowe of Deford, Gerald (Arlene) Lowe of Deford, Dean (Anna) Lowe of Saginaw, Elaine (Russell) Hillaker of Cass City, Georgene (Clare) Brown of Ubyly, Dale Lowe of Snover, and Linda (Elwyn) Helwig of Cass City; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Orwood Lowe.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, May 31, 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 American Heart Association.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

Hazel Sageman

Hazel L. Sageman, 90, of Hudson, Fla., died Wednesday, May 11, 2005 in the Maricre Hospice Center in New Port Richey, Fla.

She was born in Cass City, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Roblin of Greenleaf Township.

Sageman moved to Florida from Bad Axe in 1978. She was a homemaker and a life member of the Eastern Star and was a Presbyterian.

Sageman is survived by Shirley S. Carter of Fairfax, Va.; Charlotte J. Stearns of Hickory Creek, Texas; 3 grandchildren; and 4 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by Bill Funeral Home, Hudson, Fla.

Robert Lowe

Robert George Lowe, 72, of Snover, died Saturday, May 28, 2005 at Hills and Dales General Hospital, Cass City.

He was born Dec. 17, 1932 at home in Argyle Township, the son of James Hudson and Norma (McAllister) Lowe.

He married Wenola M. Helwig May 19, 1956 in Cass City.

Lowe worked about 10 years for Active in Marlette, about 20 years plastering for Frank Chippi, and was a dairy farmer his entire working life. He was a former member of the Ubyly Fox Hunters Club and a member

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PLEASE BE NOTIFIED that the Greenleaf Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, the 23rd day of June, 2005 at the Greenleaf Township Hall located on Gilbert Road, approximately two miles north of Cass City Road.

The purpose of this public hearing will be to consider a proposed new zoning ordinance for the Township of Greenleaf. Copies of the proposed Ordinance can be reviewed by contacting the Township Clerk at 7381 N. Germania Road, Ubyly, Michigan 48475.

All interested persons are encouraged to attend this public hearing. Any comments or questions on the proposed ordinance can be presented at the public hearing or may be submitted in writing to the Township Clerk prior to the hearing.

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Raymond J. Colford and Joyce L. Colford, his wife to Stone Castle Home Loans, a California Corporation Mortgagee, dated April 24, 2000 and recorded May 3, 2000 in Liber 800, Page 194, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was subsequently assigned to Bank One National Association as Trustee, through mesne assignments recorded on May 6, 2005 on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Five Thousand Five Hundred Twenty-Two Dollars and Thirty-Two Cents (\$45,522.32), including interest 10.625% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, June 9, 2005.

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

The Southeastly 78 feet of Lot 6, Block 4 of William E. Sherman's Addition to the Village of Caro, as set forth in Liber 11 of Deeds, Page 491 of Tuscola County Records.

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

Dated: MAY 3, 2005
Bank One, National Association as Trustee, Assignee of Mortgagee

Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd., Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 05-32853

5-11-4

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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 Donald Mathews and Lauren Mathews, as tenants by entirety, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to H&R Block Mortgage Corporation, a Massachusetts Corporation, Mortgagee, dated November 19, 2004 and recorded on December 1, 2004 in Liber 1019 on Page 227 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. as Trustee for ABCF Asset Backed Certificates, Series 2005-HE1 as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand One Hundred Two and 58/100 Dollars (\$125,102.58), including interest at 6.6% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on June 30, 2005.

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

Part of the Southeast quarter of Section 30, Town 12 North, Range 7 East, described as beginning at a point on the East line of said Section 30 which is South 736.16 feet from the East quarter corner of Section 30, thence continuing South 56.00 feet, thence North 89 degrees 36 minutes 00 seconds West, 167.5 feet; thence North 03 degrees 57 minutes 30 seconds, 56.11 feet, thence South 89 degrees 36 minutes 00 seconds East, 163.58 feet to the point of beginning. This parcel has been described in the past as the South 50 feet of Lot 2 and the North 6 feet of Lot 3 of the unrecorded plat of Leubkert Addition to the Village of Richville.

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

Dated: June 1, 2005
FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC G (248) 593-1310

Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. as Trustee for ABCF Asset Backed Certificates, Series 2005-HE1 30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200 Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822 File #056850F01

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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 SUSAN A. PRICE, A SINGLE WOMAN, to GMAC MORTGAGE CORPORATION OF PA, N/K/A GMAC MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Mortgagee, dated January 17, 1996 and recorded on January 24, 1996 in Liber 685 on Page 114, TUSCOLA County Records, Michigan, and modified by loan modification agreement dated October 31, 1996 and recorded November 14, 1996 in Liber 701, Page 155, and modified by loan modification agreement dated November 27, 1996 and recorded February 13, 1997 in Liber 704, Page 1394,

TUSCOLA County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SEVENTY-ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY-SIX AND 74/100 DOLLARS (\$71,526.74), including interest at 8.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance of the Courthouse Building in the Village of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on June 16, 2005.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF MILLINGTON, TUSCOLA County, Michigan, and are described as:

Part of the Southeast quarter of Section 18, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, Millington Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as beginning at a point on the East section line that is North 1760 feet from the Southeast corner of said Section 18; thence continuing North 200 feet; thence North 89 degrees 32 minutes 30 seconds West 300 feet; thence South 200 feet; thence South 89 degrees 32 minutes 30 seconds East 300 feet to the point of beginning.

TAX ID # 017-018-000-2850-00

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

Dated: May 12, 2005
GMAC MORTGAGE CORPORATION OF PA, N/K/A GMAC MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Mortgagee

PETER M. SCHNEIDERMAN & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 23100 Providence Drive, Suite 450 Southfield, Michigan 48075

5-18-4

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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 Anthony Rolando and Elizabeth Mashike, as Joint Tenants, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated October 23, 2002 and recorded on October 29, 2002 in Liber 900 on Page 400 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Five Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-Nine and 57/100 Dollars (\$95,969.57), including interest at 6.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on June 23, 2005.

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

Commencing 3198.00 Feet, North 89 Degrees 21 Minutes 12 Seconds West, from the East 1/4 corner of Section 23, Township 11 North, Range 7 East, Tuscola Township, Tuscola County, Michigan and North 00 Degrees 28 Minutes 48 Seconds East, 183.00 Feet to the Point of Beginning of this Description; thence continuing North 00 Degrees 28 Minutes 48 Seconds East, along an existing fence line, 150.00 Feet; thence North 89 Degrees 31 Minutes 12 Seconds West, 224.50; thence South 00 Degrees 28 Minutes 48 Seconds West, 150.00 Feet; thence South 89 Degrees 31 Minutes 12 Seconds East, 224.50 Feet to the Point of Beginning; reserving a perpetual easement appurtenant across the East 30 Feet of the above described premises for purposes of ingress and egress; and granting a perpetual easement appurtenant across the East 30 Feet of the following described parcel for purposes of ingress and egress: Commencing on the East and West 1/4 Line of Section 23, Town 11 North, Range 7 East, Tuscola Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, 3198.00 Feet, North 89 Degrees 31 Minutes 12 Seconds West, from the East 1/4 Corner of said Section; thence continuing North 89 Degrees 31 Minutes 12 Seconds West, on Said 1/4 Line 224.50 Feet; thence North 00 Degrees 28 Minutes 48 Seconds East, perpendicular to said 1/4 line, 183.00 Feet; thence South 89 Degrees 31 Minutes 12 Seconds East, 224.50 Feet; thence South 00 Degrees 28 Minutes 48 Seconds West, 183.00 Feet to the Point of Beginning. Subject to highway use of the South 33 Feet 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: May 11, 2005
FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC H (248) 593-1300

Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For JPMorgan Chase Bank as Trustee 30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200 Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822 File #047170F03

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Daniel M. Moneman, a single man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated March 14, 2003 and recorded April 16, 2003 in Liber 926, Page 605, Tuscola County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Seventy-Four Thousand Five Hundred Fifty-Nine and 71/100 Dollars (\$74,559.71) including interest at the rate of 6.00% 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 June 23, 2005.

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

Commencing at the Southwest corner of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4

amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Robert Taylor, an unmarried man, original mortgagor, to CMS Mortgage Group, Inc., Mortgagee, dated November 23, 2004 and recorded on December 7, 2004 in Liber 1020 on Page 32 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Chase Home Finance, LLC s/b/m to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Five Thousand Six Hundred Ninety-One and 48/100 Dollars (\$95,691.48), including interest at 6% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on June 23, 2005.

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

Lot 7, Block 2 of the Plat of Newberry (Now Kingston) according to the Plat recorded in Liber 24 of Deeds, Page 304-305, 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: May 25, 2005
FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC S (248) 593-1304

Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Chase Home Finance, LLC s/b/m to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation 30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200 Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822 File #055777F01

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by John Perkins, a single man, original mortgagor, to Franklin Mortgage Funding, Mortgagee, dated March 11, 2002 and recorded on March 14, 2002 in Liber 869 on Page 1357, and assigned by said Mortgagee to JPMorgan Chase Bank as Trustee 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 Eighty-One Thousand Seven Hundred Four and 73/100 Dollars (\$81,704.73), including interest at 11.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on June 9, 2005.

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

Beginning at the Southwest corner of Lot 7, of Foster Dam Subdivision, according to the plat recorded in Liber 2, of Plats, Page 32; thence South 108.5 feet; thence East 192 feet; thence North 108.5 feet; thence West 192 feet to the point of beginning, being part of the Northwest quarter of Section 20, Town 12 North, Range 10 East.

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: May 11, 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 #055997F01

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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 Michelle R. Burch, a single woman, original mortgagor, to NBD Bank, Mortgagee, dated July 9, 1999 and recorded on July 28, 1999 in Liber 777 on Page 1430 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-One and 17/100 Dollars (\$12,571.17), including interest at 7.74% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, at 10:00 a.m. on June 16, 2005.

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

Commencing at a point 21 rods North of the Southeast corner of Section 33, Town 14 North, Range 8 East; thence West 11 rods; thence North 6 1/2 rods; thence East 11 rods; thence North 6 1/2 rods to the point of beginning. Right of way for single road over the Easterly side thereof.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on June 16, 2005.

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

The North 1/2 of a parcel of land described as: Beginning at the East 1/4 corner of Section 15, Township 10 North, Range 9 East; thence along the East line of said Section 15, South 02 degrees 00 minutes 54 seconds East 424.00 feet; thence South 87 degrees 46 minutes 03 seconds West 1318.05 feet to the West line of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of said section; thence along said line North 02 degrees 04 minutes 28 seconds West 424.00 feet to the East-West 1/4 line of said section; thence along said East-West 1/4 line North 87 degrees 46 minutes 03 seconds East 1318.00 feet to the East 1/4 corner of said Section 15 and the point of beginning, Tuscola County Records.

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

Dated: May 18, 2005
FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC F (248) 593-1313

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 #035431F04

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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 Steven W. Rungrunthan and Lana G. Rungrunthan, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for lender, Mortgagee, dated March 27, 2003 and recorded on April 11, 2003 in Liber 925 on Page 712 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy-Five and 74/100 Dollars (\$87,975.74), 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 of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on June 9, 2005.

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

Commencing at the Southeast corner of Section 2, Town 13 North, Range 9 East, thence West along Section line 450.00 feet; thence North 123.50 feet parallel to East Section line; thence East 273.00 feet parallel to South Section line; thence Northeastly 100.00 feet to a point on a line which is 200.00 feet North of and parallel to the South Section line; thence East parallel to South Section line to the East Section line; thence South 200.00 feet to the Point of Beginning. Right of Way for Remington Road over the Easterly side and Akron Road over the Southerly side thereof.

Also described as: Part of the Southeast quarter of Section 2, Township 13 North, Range 9 East, Almer Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, Beginning at the Southeast corner of said Section 2; thence West 450.00 feet along the South line of said Section; thence North, at right angles to said South Section line, 123.50 feet; thence East, parallel with said Section line, 273.00 feet; thence North 44 degrees 49 minutes 38 seconds East 106.48 feet; thence North 89 degrees 26 minutes 43 seconds East, perpendicular to the East line of said Section 2, 100.00 feet to said East line; thence South 00 degrees 33 minutes 17 seconds East 200.00 feet along said East Section line to the Place of Beginning. Right of Way for Remington Road over the Easterly side and Akron Road over the Southerly 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: June 1, 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 #055997F01

6-1-4

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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 Michelle R. Burch, a single woman, original mortgagor, to NBD Bank, Mortgagee, dated July 9, 1999 and recorded on July 28, 1999 in Liber 777 on Page 1430 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-One and 17/100 Dollars (\$12,571.17), including interest at 7.74% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on June 16, 2005.

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

Commencing at a point 21 rods North of the Southeast corner of Section 33, Town 14 North, Range 8 East; thence West 11 rods; thence North 6 1/2 rods; thence East 11 rods; thence North 6 1/2 rods to the point of beginning. Right of way for single road over the Easterly 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: May 18, 2005
FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC G (248) 593-1310

Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For JPMorgan Chase Bank successor by merger with Bank One, N.A. f/k/a NBD Bank 30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200 Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822 File #049240F02

5-18-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Ronald R. Gibson, Jr., a single man, original mortgagor, to Flagstar Bank FSB, Mortgagee, dated December 1, 2000 and recorded on December 4, 2000 in Liber 816 on Page 820, and assigned by said Mortgagee 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 Eleven Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-Nine and 95/100 Dollars (\$111,969.95), including interest at 8.5% 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 of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on June 16, 2005.

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

DATED: May 25, 2005
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Michael J. Nofs, a single man, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender, Mortgagee, dated March 18, 2002 and recorded on March 20, 2002 in Liber 870 on Page 683 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-Four Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-Two and 90/100 Dollars (\$34,762.90), 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 of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on June 30, 2005.

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

Lots 41 and 75 and Gore in rear of Moore Drain, Block 12 of the plat of the Village (now City) of Vassar, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of Deeds, Page 143, and Liber 2 of Deeds, Page 93, Tuscola County Records.

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mortgage, and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage premises, or some part of them, at public venue, immediately inside the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Tuscola is held) at 10:00 a.m. on June 30, 2005.

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

Township of Fremont, Tuscola County, State of Michigan, described as follows: The East 6 acres of the Southwest quarter of Section 7, Town 11 North, Range 9 East. Commonly known as: 2900 O'Brien, Mayville, Michigan 48744.

Tax Parcel No.: 011-007-000-2400-00

The redemption period shall be one (1) year from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of the sale.

Dated: May 31, 2005

OXFORD BANK MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC
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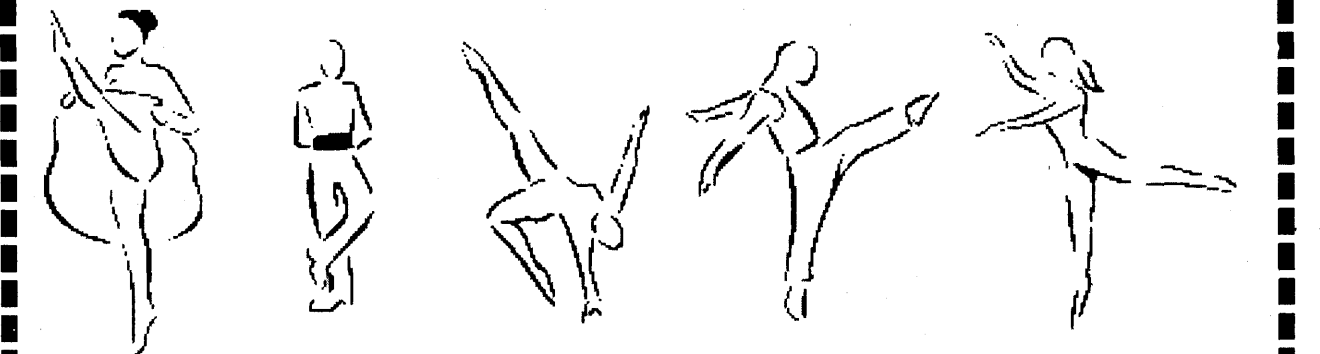
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Severance continuing family tradition

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"Right now we're at almost 70 pounds (of milk) per cow per day and we milk twice per day," noted Severance, who employs one full-time worker, Gary Robinson, who has been with the farm for 17 years.

"We're shipping about

5,500 pounds a day. That's about 165,000 pounds a month."

Severance markets the milk produced by his herd of just over 100 Holsteins through the Michigan Milk Producers Association, a cooperative of dairy producers in the Midwest. The milk is sold

in units of one hundred pounds, referred to as hundredweight (cwt).

"Right now we're getting about \$15 per hundredweight," he said, adding the farmer's cut for a gallon of milk - retailed at a price of anywhere from \$2 to \$3 — is roughly \$1.35 per gallon.

A year ago, he pointed out, prices hit \$20 per hundredweight. "That's the highest we ever got, but that also drives the price of everything up," Severance said, referring to retail prices. "If we could get \$14 to \$15 a gallon, we can make a living on that. You won't get rich, but

you can raise a family and run a farm."

And that job has become easier thanks to technology. For example, today a computer program calculates the feed mix for Severance's herd - a mix of high moisture corn, hay, silage and vitamins and minerals. The cows are fed amounts based on their weight and milk production.

Another example - Severance now occasionally sells milk on the futures market to guarantee a price, something he couldn't do 5 years ago. Last week he sold 100,000 pounds of his August production at a fixed price of \$14 per hundredweight.

It's a tradition the Severances have continued for many years, starting with Charles Severance back in 1901. Charles' son, Lloyd continued the tradition and later formed a partnership with Randy's father and uncle, Arthur and Leslie.

"So I'm the fourth generation," said Severance, who has 2 sons himself, Sean, 18, who just graduated from Cass City High School and plans to study accounting at Saginaw Valley State University, and Brad, 16, who will

be a junior at Cass City next fall.

Neither son has expressed an interest in making farming a career, although both help out on the farm.

"Unless there's a grandson that shows an interest, I'll probably be the last Severance farming," Severance said, adding he doesn't plan to farm until he can no longer handle the work physically. "I don't plan to be an old farmer."

For now, however, he looks to have many good years ahead of him, doing what he has enjoyed all of his life in a career that he says offers many advantages.

"The independence, for one thing - you're the boss. The challenge, I guess," Severance said. "Good decision or bad, you have to live with it, and they're not all good."

County mourns soldier

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have killed him, literally, for one of his men to get hurt. That's something he could never, ever live with.

"He was so gentle and caring. He always had the nicest smile, no matter what was going on."

Some of Drier's most cherished memories stem from her son's leave over the holidays. The pair along with

Drier's other son, Jason, and some of Chuck's friends traveled north for a snowboarding getaway. They welcomed the start of 2005 on top of Boyne Mountain.

Drier said she and her sons have always been close. "Most kids don't want to spend time with their parents. We enjoy spending time together," she said. "He (Chuck) was not only my

son, he was my best friend. Both of my sons are like that."

Drier recalled Chuck going out of his way to share time with her during the holidays.

"It's like he knew something was going to happen. He wanted to spend every moment with us," Drier said. "It was the best Christmas I ever remember having."

MEMORIAL DAY

The memories of Drier and all other servicemen and women who have served their country and paid the ultimate price were honored throughout the Thumb Monday.

In the Cass City area, dozens gathered at Elkland Township Cemetery following the annual Memorial Day parade through town.

The Rev. Chuck Carr, pastor of the Calvary Bible Fellowship Church, Cass City, asked those gathered to consider the purpose behind Memorial Day.

"It's so easy to take for granted that the freedom we enjoy day to day was purchased at such a great price," he said, adding that price becomes even more clear when someone you know is killed in war. "In memorial, we remember real people."

"Memorial Day is also a day for counting the cost," added Carr, who noted that 10 men died every day, 365 days a year, for 10 years during the Vietnam War. Another 50,000 died in Korea, he said, and the human toll was 114,000 in World War I and some 400,000 during World War II.

"The cost of our freedom was, and is, immeasurably high," Carr said.

He also called the holiday a day of thanksgiving. "We are thankful for the sacrifices that were paid so we can stand here today," Carr said. "Let us take a renewed commitment to liberty" and to our country from this place.

3 injured in car accident

Three people suffered minor injuries in a traffic crash Monday afternoon in Huron County's Bingham Township.

Troopers from the Michigan State Police post in Bad reported the accident occurred at 4:40 p.m. on Atwater Road near Verona Road.

Trooper Dan Thompson stated that Susan Schmidt, 57, of Ubyly, was driving westbound on Atwater Road

when an eastbound driver, Leslye Garrett, 57, of Minden City, attempted to make a left turn onto the northbound lane of Verona Road. The vehicle's collided.

"Schmidt and her 7-year-old granddaughter, who was a passenger in Schmidt's vehicle, received minor injuries," Thompson reported. "Garrett, the sole occupant in her vehicle, also received

minor injuries. All 3 people were transported to Huron Medical Center by the Bingham Ambulance."

Also assisting at the scene were Trooper Jeff Heronemus and the Bingham Township Fire Department.

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Calendar of Events

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

Thursday, June 2

Friends of the Library, 1:30 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library.

Friday, June 3

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

Monday, June 6

Novesta Township Board meeting, 7:30 p.m. Registration for Summer Reading Program begins at 9 a.m., Rawson Memorial Library.

Tuesday, June 7

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

Wednesday, June 8

Roast beef dinner with all the trimmings, noon, Cass City United Methodist Church, 5100 N. Cemetery Rd. For take-outs, call 872-4604 and pick up between 11 a.m. and noon or after 12:30 p.m.

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