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**VETERAN CASS City Police Chief Gene Wilson (left) enjoys a light moment with his deputy police chief, Craig Haynes, in the office at the Cass City Municipal Building last week. Wilson, who was hired as chief in 1970, is retiring from the department.**

## Calling it quits

### Veteran chief retiring after 35-year career

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Gene Wilson walked into the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department in the early 1960s looking for a job, although he hadn't had a day of training in law enforcement.

He walked out a deputy. A few years later, Wilson took over as only the fourth chief of Cass City's police department.

He's since handled his share of vandalism complaints, petty thefts, break-ins, domestic violence calls and minor car crashes, but has never had to deal with a murder or fatal traffic accident within the village limits.

More than 30 years after being named chief, the Cass City native recently handed in his badge and service weapon, with plans to enjoy a well-deserved retirement and look back on a career during which he honed the art of balancing duty with the on-going challenge of living and working along side those he knows in a small town.

It hasn't been easy. Wilson recalled ticketing a member of the village council years ago, and even making an arrest involving the family member of another. There's been no escaping those sorts of uncomfortable situations, but Wilson also developed a reputation for restraint on the job.

"I think one of the unique things is we live here. We have to enforce the law and we have to live with our friends and neighbors.

"I think it can be more difficult (being a police officer in a small community) because you occasionally have to arrest or ticket a personal friend or acquaintance," Wilson recalled. "But in a small town you have a tendency to give out more warnings than tickets.

"My philosophy is, you can

give more warnings because if they don't heed it, they'll be around next week, next month."

#### A NEW CAREER

Wilson's start in law enforcement took place a few years after graduating from Cass City High School in 1957.

"Back in '62 I had gotten married and needed a job other than farming with my father," recalled Wilson, whose acquaintance with then-Tuscola County Sheriff William "Bill" Tomlinson, led to his hiring as a deputy in 1962.

"I was looking for a job and he knew it. I just walked in, they handed me a badge and sat me down. Three days into it I was the jailer and dispatcher," he said.

His starting pay was about \$4,800 a year. "At the time, we worked 6 days a week, 10 hours a day for that \$4,800, (but) for a kid just off the farm, it looked good."

Four years later, Wilson left the department and took a job as a security guard at Dow Corning. He'd had enough after 4 years, however, and he found himself meeting with Cass City Village President Bert Althaver. Wilson was hired as police chief in the spring of 1970, earning a starting salary of \$9,000.

At the time, the local department owned no guns - the officers carried their own personal firearms. So, Wilson set out to purchase 3.38 caliber Smith and Wesson revolvers at \$83 each. Those have since been replaced by 9mm Sig Sauer handguns.

"There were 3 of us full-time, and we had one part-time officer at that time," said Wilson, whose department today consists of 4 full-time officers, including him, along with 8 part-time officers. "Our office was in the village park (currently used

as the DPW office), and my office was about one-third the size of this one.

"When I started we had a patrol of 20 hours a day. We had one patrol car. We had one radar and we had one manual typewriter. We had no portable radios," Wilson said. "Cass City was about the only car in the corner of Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac counties most of the time, and a lot of times at night we were the only one."

Ironically, more than 3 decades later, the same is often true today due to cutbacks implemented by the Michigan State Police and county sheriff's department.

#### CHANGES

But Wilson has seen many changes in law enforcement. "Probably the record keeping, the advent of computers - needless to say, I was one of the last ones to get involved with that," he joked. "And better training and better qualified people. Even now, when we have a part-time kid, he's come out of an academy."

"It has progressed in the sense of training, paperwork - a whole lot more paperwork - the sophistication with the computers in the cars, but it's still a small town."

Cass City's 3 patrol units today are equipped with computers that enable an officer to immediately check a driver's record along with any possible warrants for their arrest. "Also we can get the name of the owner of any vehicles in seconds, before you actually get out of the car," Wilson noted.

Over the years, Wilson has seen many part-time officers come and go in his department.

Many have gone on to other jobs in law enforcement, including 3 that now work for the city of Midland Police Department, one of them a captain. Another is a detec-

tive lieutenant in Gaylord, one works with the Grand Rapids Police Department, and another now patrols in East Pointe.

Wilson recalled one officer who was killed on the job in the Lansing area when he was struck by a car while responding to a traffic crash.

#### HIGHLIGHTS

Wilson counts a presidential visit among the highlights of his career. The visit took place in the 1970s when then-President Richard M. Nixon toured the Thumb.

"There was quite a bit of preparation for that 20 minutes, even for a little village like Cass City," Wilson said.

Wilson's scariest moment also came in the 1970s, just west of the village. He had responded to an accident involving a school bus and a car on M-81, just west of Koepfgen Road. There was a blizzard at the time, and a passing motorist struck Wilson along with Cas Bartnik, who had arrived with a wrecker.

Wilson was lucky, escaping with only bruises, while Bartnik was hospitalized. The driver fled the scene.

#### TIME TO RETIRE

Wilson had been thinking about retirement for some time, in part because of his health - he has undergone 2 knee replacements and a hip replacement in recent years. The timing just seemed right after his wife, Donna, recently received an offer to transfer from her job at Delphi in Saginaw to a General Motors plant in St. Louis, Mo.

"Over the years, I've really enjoyed working with the people of Cass City. I'm going to miss the job," Wilson said. "I'm sure, down the road, I'll miss it after I have

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## O-G battling red ink in spending plan

It's budget time for area school officials, and the Owen-Gage Board of Education tackled both amended and proposed spending plans for 2004-05 and 2005-06 during a special meeting Monday night.

The good news is that a projected deficit of more than \$191,000 in 2004-05 was smaller than expected, about \$74,000.

The bad news is school officials are looking at a projected deficit of nearly \$287,000 in the coming year, which would leave the district with a paltry \$142,498 fund balance by June 30, 2006.

The school board amended its 2004-05 budget, which ended with revenue of just more than \$2 million, compared to a projected \$1.88 million a year ago. Expen-

ditures totaled \$2.081 million, compared to the projected \$2.072 last June.

The district ended the fiscal year with a fund balance of \$429,451.

Interim school Supt. Bob Peterson cautioned board members regarding comparing the amended budget with the proposed 2005-06 spending plan, largely because of significant changes in accounting procedures. He lauded Liz Roemer for her work on the budget and implementing the new procedures required of all schools.

"It was pretty, not only time consuming, but nerve wracking," Peterson said. "It was a massive job, and she'll be happy next year when she doesn't have to do all of that. But the transition was pretty hairy."

Peterson presented the pro-

posed 2005-06 budget, saying expenditures are estimated at \$2.072 million, compared to anticipated revenues of \$1.785 million.

Peterson noted the figures are at best estimates because school officials won't have a handle on how much state funding the district will receive until the next enrollment count in the fall. State officials provide a certain amount of funding - in Owen-Gage's case, \$6,904 per student - based on a blended total of 2 student counts conducted each year by schools throughout Michigan.

"We built this (budget) using 205 students" as a projected enrollment. "We'd like to think that 205 students is conservative," said Peterson, who added a trend of falling enrollment contin-

ues to hurt Owen-Gage financially.

"That's about a \$126,000 drop in revenue right there that we have to experience."

There is pending state legislation that would increase the per-pupil funding level by \$175, but Peterson said there's no way of knowing if that will happen or if the state will take those dollars from other school funding areas.

Overall, Peterson told the board, the district is facing a decrease in revenue of nearly \$222,000. "That's a pretty big chunk of change for a district of this size, and you don't have many means of going out and finding money."

The funding loss is expected to be offset to some

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## Former resident pens book

Sally Samczyk still marvels when she looks back on what she describes as a very troubled youth.

A former Cass City resident, Samczyk, 36, was involved in drugs, became pregnant as a teen, and spent time in detention centers, a mental institution and, eventually, prison, and all before age 16.

"I just totally got out of control and ended up going to homes - foster homes, shelter homes, a girls' home, detention center, drug rehab," said Samczyk, who today is happily married and lives with her 4 children, daughter-in-law and a grandson in Sandusky.

Samczyk tells her story in her first-ever book, entitled "Not My Mother's Fault",

which is being published by a Maryland company called Publish America.

"It goes to print today (Monday), and it will be available on the web shortly," she said, "and it will be in bookstores Aug. 22."

"It's about a young girl that gets out of control and gets into drugs and alcohol after her father leaves," explained Samczyk, who was just 7 years old when her father walked out. "This is a story about me. It's a true story."

Samczyk said her real troubles began after her family moved from Cass City to the Sandusky area. She was 12 at the time. "I was on the streets more than I was anywhere else," she recalled. "I lived on the streets. I'd sleep wherever I could sleep, and

I ran away."

Samczyk said she also began spending time with an older crowd and experimented with drugs. Her experiences include hitchhiking to Texas with a boyfriend.

By age 15, Samczyk was pregnant. She recalled her boyfriend - the child's father - and a friend of his broke her out of a detention center and, in the process, committed serious crimes, including assault. All 3 were charged. "I did over 3 years in prison. I didn't come out until I was 19," she said. "Prison life actually turned me around. I feel, personally, that it saved my life."

Today, Samczyk also credits her survival to a mother who never gave up. "I called

it 'Not My Mother's Fault' because people blamed her, and I take sole responsibility for my actions," she said.

"In the book it shows how



**Sally Samczyk**

she tried to help me, and I just rebelled. She tried talking to me, and wherever I

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## Revenue sharing increases

A total of 19 municipalities in Huron and Tuscola counties would receive an increase in their state revenue sharing dollars under a spending plan approved by the Michigan House recently.

State Rep. Tom Meyer, R-Bad Axe, last week reported that the Tuscola County townships of Almer, Columbia, Denmark, Elkland, Fairgrove, Fremont, Gilford, Indianfields and Millington would all receive funding hikes of from 1.5 percent to 3.9 percent. No community in the county would see its funding decrease.

In Huron County, the townships of Bingham, Caseville, Dwight, Gore, Hume, Huron, Lake, Port Austin, Rubicon and Sheridan will also receive increases in state revenue sharing, ranging from .2 percent to 3.9 percent. Like Tuscola, no Huron County communities would see a decrease under the House plan.

Meyer, a longtime proponent of revenue sharing, helped work on the budget and voted in favor of the plan when it recently reached the House.

"Our local communities rely on revenue sharing dol-

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## Happy birthday!

**STATE REPRESENTATIVE Tom Meyer presented a certificate honoring Cass City Rotary's 75th year of service. Receiving the award was Val Hartel, retiring president, and Ken Micklash, president for the coming Rotary year. (Related photo, story, page 12)**



## Holbrook Area News

Mrs. Thelma Jackson  
Phone 989-269-6994



Ten members of the Extended Homemakers and 2 guests met at the home of Penny Guigar on Thursday for their meeting and lunch. Katie Vogel was the guest speaker and talked about her trip to England. The next meeting will be held at the Schneeberger cottage.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski and Mr. and Mrs. Allen Depcinski attended the golden wedding anniversary party for Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Booms at the Minden City K of C Hall on Saturday evening.

Allen Farrelly visited Don Rackoff, Henry Leppeck, and Charlie Chad at the Huron County Health Center in Bad Axe on Wednesday.

On June 12, Aleta Wills' family joined her to celebrate her 87th birthday at Courtney Manor in Bad Axe. Those in attendance were her daughters Helen and Ray Waggoner of Vassar and Joan and Tom Lipan of Sand Point and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren including Randy and Kelly Hartwick of Vassar, Scott and Becky MacDonald and their children Michelle, Allison and Kristen of Bad Axe, Greg Gelsey and children Quinn and Alexa, Burt Grifka of Millington, Amy and Marvin Osentoski and their son Jesse from Bad Axe, Julie and Rick Helewski, Chad Troy, Kalyn and Kelly

Kincaid and family. Aleta received a bouquet of flowers from great-grandchildren Don, Abby and Josh who are out of state.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski and Mr. and Mrs. Allen Depcinski were among a group who attended a graduation party for Gary Laming at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Laming and family on Saturday afternoon.

Leola Britt visited Mrs. Earl Schenk at Courtney Manor in Bad Axe.

Mrs. Gerald Wills and Mrs. Harold Ballagh visited Mrs. Curtis Cleland Wednesday.

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

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

Claude Mestack, Ron Wolschlag, Jack Kennedy, Allen Farrelly and Bernard Morley met at McDonalds in Bad Axe Thursday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson, Mrs. Allen Anthes, Mrs. Ray Depcinski, Mrs. Harold Ballagh and Mrs. Martin Sweeney visited Thelma Jackson last week.

Al Peruski of Parisville, Claude Mestack, Bernard Morley, Jack Kennedy and Allen Farrelly met at McDonalds in Bad Axe Wednesday morning.



Elmer and Janet Francis

## Couple marking 50th anniversary

Janet Wright, daughter of Fred and Rachel Wright of Cass City, and Elmer Francis, son of Ray and Susie Francis of Kingston, were married June 25, 1955 at the First Presbyterian Church, Cass City.

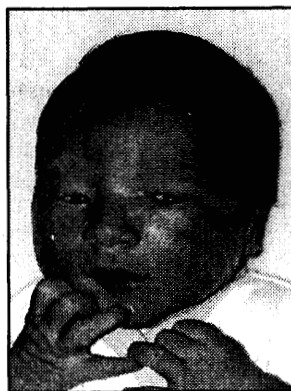
The couple's children are Debra (Juan) Medrano of

San Antonio, Texas, Donna (Richard) Hartwick, William (Linda) Francis, Fred (Deborah) Francis, and Denise (David) Janssen, all of Cass City. They have 11 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

There will be an open house hosted by their children and families at the Cass City United Methodist Church June 25 from 2 to 4 p.m. The couple will renew their vows at 2 p.m.

All are invited to attend. The couple requests no gifts, please.

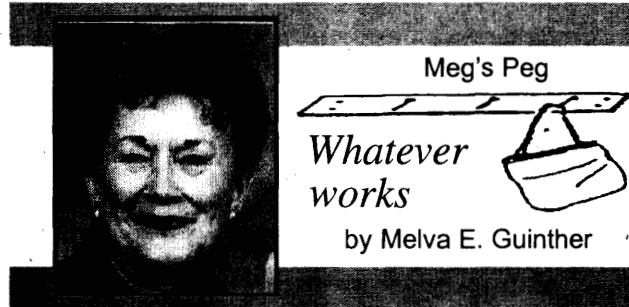
## It's a boy!



Nathan Alan Prosowski

Alan and Carrie Prosowski of Auburn Hills announce the birth of their son, Nathan Alan. Nathan was born May 13, 2005 at 11:19 p.m. at Mid-Michigan Medical Center. He weighed 8 pounds, 3 ounces and was 21 1/2 inches long.

Nathan's grandparents are Alan and Terry Prosowski of Cass City and Terry and Georgene Kolb of Kawkawlin. Great-grandparents are Anita Prosowski of Caro and William and Lillian Kolb of Bentley.



Meg's Peg  
Whatever works  
by Melva E. Guinther

I don't know which is more frustrating, a car or a computer. Both are wonderful inventions, and life is much easier with than without them - as long as they're working properly.

But when either goes awry and you don't have the slightest idea how to fix it, it can drive a person crazy. Unfortunately, we've had trouble with both lately.

When I wasn't able to get online with the computer, I called our service provider, who suggested a number of possible solutions. Unplug it and plug it back in, log off and back on again, etc. Nothing seemed to work.

Then a nice guy came to the house and moved the mysterious little box that somehow keeps us connected. It had been in the same location since we got it, but when he moved it to the other end of the desk, our trouble was over - at least for now.

The car is an even greater mystery.

When it was time to pick my husband up from therapy in Caro the other day, our trusty Buick wouldn't start.

It was extremely hot and humid with intermittent thunderstorms, and I'd forgotten my cell phone.

I tried all the tricks we'd learned when we had a similar problem. I rubbed the key on my shirt, turned on the lights, then the radio before turning the key. Nothing worked.

Eventually, though, it decided to kick in. So I didn't turn the engine off again until we got home. Parked safely in the garage, I turned it back on a couple times. No problem. Later that evening, it refused to start. Same deal the next morning. So I called for service.

That's an experience in itself. Once when I had a flat tire,

I called the nearest service station and had them fix it, then called my motoring club for reimbursement. They scolded me for not calling them first and using an "approved" towing service.

So the next time I had a problem, I called the 800 number and waited. They ended up sending a guy from Lapeer to haul the disabled car 3 blocks. Go figure!

This time he came from Sandusky.

You can guess what happened. The people at the service station had no trouble at all starting the car, couldn't find a thing wrong with it. They kept it overnight and tried again the next morning. No problem.

So I walked down to pick it up and guess what! It wouldn't start!

I was grateful it happened there. The service station guy explained the security setup, another mystery. It

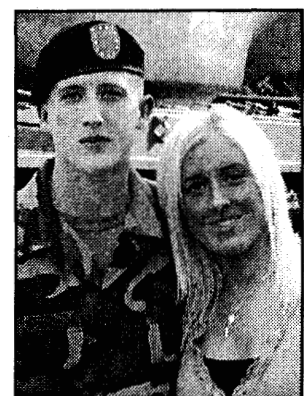
seems my ignition key had gone "bad" and the security system, not recognizing it, shut down.

Then it was necessary to wait for it to reset. At least that's how I understood it.

So I walked home again and waited for his phone call saying it was working. When I went back the second time for my temperamental vehicle, he told me that he had locked and unlocked the car door prior to inserting the key and starting it.

So if you should see me sitting in my car, rubbing a key, turning the lights and radio on and off, locking and unlocking the doors - or doing a dance on the hood - don't be surprised. I'm just trying to start the darn thing.

## Engaged



Morgan Ware and Nathan Fisher

Penny Hagen and Greg Ware announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather Anne, to Joshua Michael Galloway, son of Joel and Linda Galloway of Decker.

The couple will be both graduates of Cass City High School.

Nathan is currently in Korea serving his country in the U.S. Army. Morgan is currently employed at Crowley Chiropractic as a massage therapist.

They are to be wed July 30, 2005. They are unsure where they will be stationed when Nathan is finished with his tour of duty in Korea in late March.

## Church slates VBS

The First Baptist Church, 6420 Houghton St., Cass City, will host a Vacation Bible School featuring stories, crafts, games, puppets, snacks and prizes. Bring your friends (through sixth grade) each day, June 27 through July 1, from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

For more information, call (989) 872-3155.



Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Galloway

## Summers and Galloway wed

Birney and Lorraine Summers of Cass City announce the marriage of their daughter, Heather Anne, to Joshua Michael Galloway, son of Joel and Linda Galloway of Decker.

The couple was married Saturday, June 11, 2005. The Rev. Gerald Meyer of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City, officiated the ceremony at the home of the bride's parents.

Heather is a graduate of Kalamazoo Christian High School and was attending Delta College. Joshua is a graduate of Cass City High School and is currently employed at Millennium Industries, Cass City.

The newlyweds reside in Cass City.

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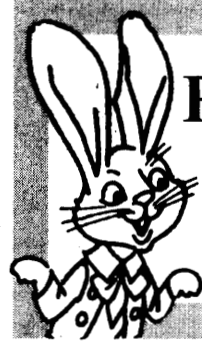
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## Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

It wasn't the visiting dignitaries, the new Rotary Club officers, or the graybeard members that were part of the program that brought down the house Thursday at the club's 75th anniversary. It was the Cass City High School Jazz Ensemble under the direction of Doug Burtch.

The group received a standing ovation. It wasn't too long ago that Cass City had trouble getting the band to perform at the July 4 Festival.

Remember that the ensemble performed during vacation time.

If you meet them on the street be sure to show appreciation for their efforts, not only for last Thursday, but also throughout the year.

These are the members that performed: Galen Kuebli, Donna Bushong, Marcel Helland, Bob Windsor, Krysta Boyce, Kari Spencer, Evan Bushong, Kristen Curtis, Alex Hiatt, Ashlee Spencer, Alex Walsh, Chelsea McCallum, Whitney Kirn, Isaiah Battel, Derrick Mallory, Sam Howard, J. T. Ketterer and Micah Little.

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What a difference a winning season makes. In past years there were ordinarily less than 50 students out for football at Cass City. And that included the entire program.

Recently 43 players, on just the junior varsity and varsity levels, spent the week at a football camp at Olivet College.

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Winning usually also translates into individual awards. Such was the case for the Cass City softball team, who had Brandi Talaski, Renee Czekai, Courtney Rabideau and Jenni Brinkman named to the first team all district squad.

## Residents of Ellington Township Friends and Neighbors of Bill and Cora Parrott

Please attend the public hearing of the Ellington Township Zoning Board meeting, to be held on June 29, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. at the Ellington Township Hall, to join Bill and Cora Parrott, 3121 N. Dodge Rd., Cass City, MI, in opposing the request to open a salvage operation next door to their home and business. Bill Parrott, 80 years of age, has resided on this farm since 1929. If you cannot attend, please make your voice known to Fred Bardwell, Township Clerk, (989) 673-3253. Your concern in this effort will be sincerely appreciated.

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## Sanilac deputies: beware of scam artists in area

Sanilac County Sheriff's Department investigators are warning area residents to beware of a consumer scam involving home repairs.

The department is currently investigating a complaint in which an elderly resident was coerced into have a spray paint-type application applied to an asphalt-shingled roof, according to Detective Sgt. Jim Johnson.

"One incident took place on Tuesday, June 14, around 4 p.m. ...in northern Sanilac County's Wheatland Township," Johnson said. "The senior victim felt the obligation to pay for a job that was done without her approval" or knowing the cost.

"The shoddy and non-needed work was done in less than an hour to a larger house roof, and cash payment was demanded - more than

\$1,500 was paid," Johnson said. "The suspects did not provide receipts or any business name."

One victim described the suspects as 2 young men in their late 50s or 60s, possibly Italian or Hispanic, according to Johnson, who said the third was a younger man, possibly the son of one of the older adults.

"They were thought to be driving a newer gray or silver pickup, unknown plates. In the box of the truck was a large spray tank and hose along with a ladder," he said.

Investigators believe that the seasonal group of "Gypsy" scammers are in the area, attempting to take advantage of trusting older citizens.

"We are requesting any reports or sightings be reported to the nearest police agencies in your area," Johnson said.

"Residents are encouraged not to agree to any work or payments until the business is verified and prices are checked. No one should be allowed to just show up and do work if you did not contact them for those services."

## Driver ordered to serve jail time

The man who pleaded no contest to charges in connection with the traffic deaths of a Bay City girl and her mother last fall was sentenced to a year in the Tuscola County Jail last week.

Gordon L. Brown, 19, Mayville, appeared in Tuscola County Circuit Court, where he was also sentenced to 60 months probation and ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$7,680.

Brown entered the no contest pleas to counts of negligent homicide last April.

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

Tuscola County Sheriff's Department investigators said Chinault was north-

bound on M-15 at about 10 p.m. when Brown, who was driving eastbound, disregarded a stop sign at Brown Road and struck the Chinault vehicle broadside on the driver's side.

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

## The Haire Net We are in the catbird seat



I suppose if I lived in Detroit, or any other big city in Michigan, I would be enthralled with a change suggested by election officials recently. In case you missed it, the story that appeared in the Detroit Free Press written by Robert Tanner outlines a new way to hold elections.

Instead of requiring a voting location in each township, city or precinct, a few large voting centers would be established and anyone in the county could vote there regardless of where they lived.

What's more, the vote would be conducted over a period of several weeks instead of one day. The registration process was not reviewed in the story, but probably could be revamped to

accommodate a new system.

Like any new system, changes could bring problems. One that jumps immediately to mind is keeping the results secret for several weeks until the voting is officially over.

Rumors are sure to fly and it's likely most of them would prove to be false, but true or not they may affect the final outcome.

My vote would be to leave the system as it is. But, then, I live in Cass City where if you waited 15 minutes to get to the polls it's an exceptionally busy election. Most times, as we all know, walk in, fill out a voting slip, dash into the voting booth and a few moments later the job is done.

A cold, impersonal machine would replace service on the local level. It's likely that clerk Norma Wallace knows at least 3 out of 4 absentee voters and she makes an effort over what is required to see that the correct procedure is followed and every vote counts.

All in all, we are in the catbird seat at voting time. Now if I lived in one of the metro areas I'm almost certain that I would welcome a new system. Anything eliminating standing in line for an hour or more would be enthusiastically welcomed.

If the inevitable polls indicate a solid majority favor a new system we probably will get one.

Either way it won't require a super-human effort to vote if you live in Cass City or the Thumb.

## Firemen request painting

A pair of recent Cass City High School graduates are in the process of designing a painting for the Elkland Township Fire Hall.

The Elkland Township Board, during its June monthly meeting last week, gave the department permission to have art students Jessie Tuckey and Bryan Hill create the artwork for the fire department's apparatus room.

The students will present a sketch of the painting to the board next month for approval, according to township Clerk Norma Wallace, who said the department will pay all of the expenses.

In other business, the board:

\*Learned that officials in Sanilac County's Evergreen Township are withdrawing 5 sections from their standby fire protection contract with the local fire department, which will continue to provide standby service for 10 sections of the township.

\*Set this year's board of review meeting for Tuesday, July 19, beginning at 9 a.m.

\*Approved a one-day beer/wine license for the Cass City Lions Club at Rolling Hills Golf Course for a date in August.

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## The back forty

by Roger Pond

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I always get a kick out of animal rights advocates. They are so busy attributing human traits to animals one can never be sure if they are serious or not.

A good example is a lawsuit filed by People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) against California's "Happy Cows" slogan. PETA claimed the Happy Cows advertising campaign was deceptive because it didn't show how California's cows are housed.

Give me a break. How can anyone tell if a cow is happy or not? Even when they grin, you can't see their teeth.

A cow can't laugh, either. If she does, milk comes out of her nose.

PETA's case wound up in the California Supreme Court, where the court ruled the California Milk Advisory Board (Happy Cows sponsor) could not be sued because it's a government entity.

A research project at the University of Nevada at Reno raises similar issues for animal rightsists. An Associated Press story says scientists at the University of Nevada at Reno are injecting human brain cells into mice and sheep, hoping to learn how the human brain develops and about degenerative brain diseases, such as Parkinson's.

The story says scientists have been injecting human cells into lab animals for a long time, but these have been less controversial additions, such as liver cells or blood cells. Brain cells are another matter.

Critics worry that animals with human brain cells might start to think like people, raising all sorts of ethical issues. (Such as whether they're happy or not.)

The news report states the Nevada scientists say their sheep seem unaffected by the human brain cells. The

project's lead scientist comments, "We haven't seen them act as anything but sheep."

Scientists seem to agree the size and shape of the mouse brain would likely prevent human brain cells from creating any traits of humanity. Just in case, a law professor who chairs the ethics committee at Stanford suggests mice injected with human brain cells "should be monitored closely and immediately killed if they display humanlike behavior."

That's what happens when you get the lawyers involved. They plan to define humanlike behavior in a mouse and argue the death penalty at the same time.

How do they plan to identify humanlike behavior in mice and sheep? We've all seen sheeplike behavior in humans, but humanlike behavior in sheep? Who knows what that looks like?

Do they spend a lot of time on their cell phones? Do they send jokes via email?

The same goes for mice, I think. What's a mouse to do that would suggest humanlike behavior?

Does the mouse want wine with its cheese? Does he start setting traps for the other mice? Does the mouse go out and buy himself a cat?

That would be grounds for abandoning the experiment, it seems to me.

## Methodist women planning activities

The United Methodist Women met June 6 for dinner at 6 p.m., with 24 members present.

Connie Schwaderer and Shirley Wisenbach are the co-chairpersons for Group One, which prepared and served the dinner.

President Sherry Seeley reported the Tendercare Birthday Party will be held June 15. Pauline Hulbert and Esther Guinther volunteered to help.

The strawberry social will be held at the park on July 1.

Connie Schwaderer will organize this event.

Shirley Wagg announced the Garden Walk will be July 9, from 1 to 5 p.m. The cost is \$8. The gardens on view are the Campbell Elementary School, St. Pancratius Church, St. Ball, Suzie Chappel, Gerry Hutchinson, Lynn Sorenson and the Zimmerman family.

Joan Merchant presented the memorial service in remembrance of Alice Smithson, Evelyn Tuckey and Etta Auten.

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#### 5-Day Local Forecast

	<b>Wednesday</b> Mostly Sunny High: 74 Low: 53
	<b>Thursday</b> Partly Cloudy High: 81 Low: 63
	<b>Friday</b> Partly Cloudy High: 90 Low: 66
	<b>Saturday</b> Partly Cloudy High: 86 Low: 60
	<b>Sunday</b> Partly Cloudy High: 82 Low: 59

#### In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see mostly sunny skies with a high temperature of 74°, humidity of 76% and an overnight low of 53°. The record high temperature for today is 93° set in 1988. Thursday, skies will be partly cloudy with a high temperature of 81°, humidity of 66% and an overnight low of 63°.

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip
Monday	73	64	75/53	0.00"
Tuesday	88	66	75/53	0.00"
Wednesday	68	55	75/53	0.00"
Thursday	64	50	76/53	0.00"
Friday	63	52	76/54	0.00"
Saturday	64	48	76/54	0.00"
Sunday	72	45	76/54	0.00"

#### Upcoming Moon Phases

Last 6/28	New 7/6	First 7/14	Full 7/21

#### Sunrise/Sunset Times

Sunrise today	5:51 a.m.
Sunset tonight	9:18 p.m.

#### Last Week's Local Almanac

Precipitation	0.00"
Normal precipitation	0.70"
Departure from normal	-0.70"
Average temperature	62.3°
Average normal temperature	64.5°
Departure from normal	-2.2°

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# Several appear in circuit court

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

- Andrew J. Breitenbach, 22, Flint, pleaded guilty to possession of marijuana and driving while his license was suspended or revoked Feb.

15, 2004, in Vassar. A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case and bond was continued at \$1,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

- Leo G. Zarko, 21, Vassar, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under

the influence of liquor, third offense, May 15 in Vassar, and to being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convictions).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$8,500.

- Amy Jo Gray, 29, Gagetown, was sentenced to 60 months probation and 90 days in the county jail, with work release, for her plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Oct. 13 in Caro.

She was also ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$1,360.

- Rodney R. Gurd, 21, Lapeer, was sentenced to 30 days in jail for his pleas of guilty to driving without insurance, violating drivers license restrictions and unlawful use of a registration plate March 25 in Millington Township.

Gurd received a one-year delayed sentence for his plea of guilty to possession of marijuana. He was ordered to pay \$1,450 in costs and fines.

- Kristoffer R. Bedell, 22, Mayville, stood mute to charges of delivery/manufacture of a narcotic/cocaine (less than 50 grams), 2 counts of conspiracy, possession of methamphetamine/Ecstasy, delivery/manufacture of marijuana, possession of a narcotic/cocaine (less than 25 grams), 4 counts of possession of a controlled substance, 4 counts of possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony, and failure to present a firearm to a law enforcement officer for a safety inspection May 4 in Fremont Township.

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

- Bruno E. Mooney, 49, Fostoria, pleaded guilty to manufacturing marijuana Oct. 18 in Watertown Township.

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

- Paul A. McKee, 40, Cass City, received a one-year delayed sentence for his plea of guilty to making a false report of a felony (larceny in a

building) Feb. 8 in Elkland Township.

He was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$2,740.

- Ryan J. Jensen, 25, Millington, was sentenced to 30 days in jail for his plea of guilty to possession of marijuana June 29 in Millington.

He received a one-year delayed sentence for his plea of guilty to manufacturing marijuana.

Jensen was ordered to pay \$985 in costs and fines.

- David J. Rojas III, 34, Mayville, was sentenced to 30 days in jail and 36 months probation for his jury conviction on charges of assault with a dangerous weapon and possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony Oct. 8 in Dayton Township.

He was also ordered to pay fines and costs totaling \$930.

- Lawrence S. Lesowyk, 55, Vassar, was ordered to complete 50 hours of community service for his pleas of guilty to receiving and concealing stolen property valued at \$200 to \$1,000, and receiving and concealing stolen property valued at less than \$200 Jan. 24, 2003, in Juniata Township.

He was also ordered to pay \$1,225 in costs and fines.

- Maciej Czyzowski, 25, Chicago, Ill., stood mute to 2 counts of assaulting a police officer, operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, furnishing false identification to a police officer, failure to stop after a collision, driving without a license, driving without insurance, and unlawful use of a license plate May 6 in Arbella Township, and to being an habitual offender (2 prior felony convictions).

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

- George A. Smith, 23, Vassar, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, and possession of marijuana May 21 in Vassar.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$100,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

- William D. Bailey, 44, Clinton Township, stood mute to charges of failure to pay child support from Feb. 28, 2002, through April 25, 2005, in Caro, and to being an habitual offender (2 prior felony convictions).

A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled, bond was continued at \$25,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be set.

- Donald G. Dinsmore, 61, Twining, pleaded guilty to altering/forging a registration plate tab Oct. 30 in Vassar.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$1,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department.

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# Letters to the editor

## Am I missing something?

Editor

Am I missing something here? While making the decision to go home after a night of pool, coffee and Piston's basketball, from my usual hangout, I allegedly made an "improper U turn" in a "business district."

Needless to say, I traveled about two blocks before all the flashing lights came on, and I eased my car over to the curb. I'm glad I wasn't in a "no parking zone." I found out the hard way on that one year ago by the same weekend cop! I disputed the U-turn maneuver, but since it was going to be "cause for a debate" I backed off. I'd much rather solve the issue this way.

My biggest problem with this whole scenario, is, it's about 1 a.m. in the morning, there are no longer any visible signs concerning the charge in question, and I didn't drive in a reckless manner, or endanger anyone's life in the process.

You could have shot a cannon down Main Street for goodness sake, but I guess even a weekend cop can get bored with their job, or so it appeared to me. I've lived here my entire life, and I know for a fact why the parking meters and "no U turn" signs became history! One word, "Discrimination!" I'm not going to mention any names, of course, but most of the complaints by citizens that warranted eliminating those signs and meters were because of several business people, who were getting away with what a little ole' country boy could not. My!

Getting back to my main objective for writing this article, and to the cop of concern, "Doesn't it just tick you off knowing I had my seat belt hooked, and no defective equipment, and by the way, most cops would, while you're at their mercy at that hour of the morning and especially knowing the establishment from whence they came, would ask about how much they've had to drink! I kinda feel left out, the question never came to mind.

Question: If one were to

find no speed limit signs in the Village of Cass City tomorrow, and a cop were to pull you over for speeding, I wonder how he would go about issuing a ticket! There are "no visible signs."

I hope I'm getting my point across, because I've been driving way too long with no moving violations or accidents on my account. In closing, and it's just a suggestion, but if any of you cops, and especially this weekend, would like to do something constructive, there are all kinds of speeding tickets to be had every day. They still have those signs. I have witnessed too many times people driving 10 to 15 mph over the speed limit. I can't remember the last time anyone got a speeding ticket in Cass City. Read the Sanilac News and the Huron Daily Tribune, and you'll see speeding tickets. There's money to be made, you'd have a field day in Cass City, but maybe therein lies the problem.

It wouldn't allow you very many popcorn and coffee breaks, now would it? You might have to be out there earning your pay!

Next time the flashing lights are pointed my way, try to think of a legitimate reason for pulling me off the highway to the curb. I've had about all the cheap excuses I need for all the times I've been stopped, and yet I haven't been able to contribute to your general fund!

Oh, yeah, I forgot, the parking ticket! Darn! There goes my perfect driving record! As the professional comedian Bill Engvall would say, "Here's your sign!"

But I haven't found one yet. Oh yes, there's one left on Garfield, the old Walbro parking lot, by the road.

I won't close like Donaldson does with God bless Cass City, I'd rather it be more like "God help Cass City!" Lord knows we could use the help!

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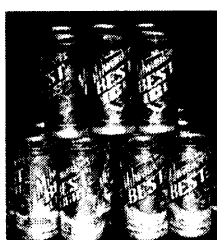


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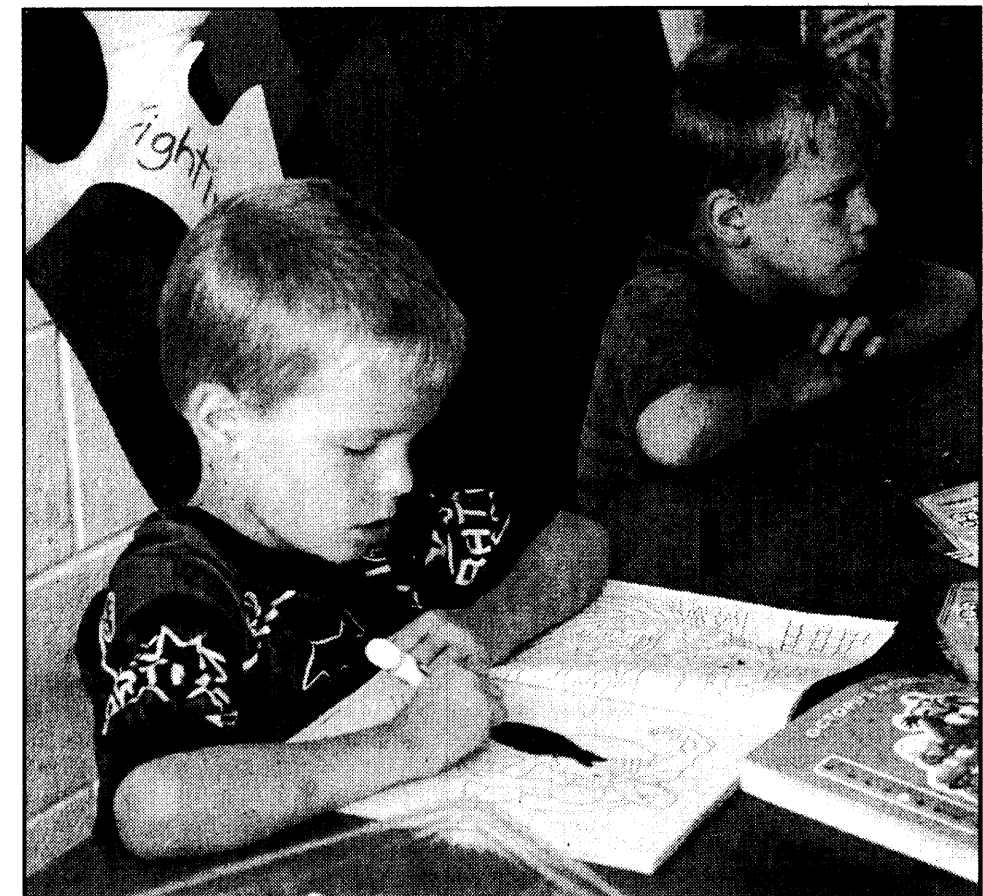
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TWINS BRAD (right) and Brent Baker, 6, were among several children who recently participated in a coloring contest during a morning with Cass City's Arts and Crafts staff.



## TEC reports on another good year during annual meet

An estimated 1,000 people attended the 68th annual meeting of the Thumb Electric Cooperative, held recently at Cass City Recreation Park.

Louis Wenzlaff, president of the TEC Board of Directors, open the meeting, which was highlighted by the election of 3 directors, and a host of entertainment offered as part of the cooperative's Member Appreciation Day/Annual Meeting.

Reelected to 3-year terms were Beth McDonald from Huron County, Allan Shaw from Sanilac County and Martin Damm from Tuscola County.

In action taken after the annual meeting, the board re-elected Wenzlaff president, Karl DeSimpelare vice president, McDonald secretary and Leonard Briolat treasurer.

In other business, TEC General Manager Michael Krause presented the 2004 financial statement, which showed operating revenues of \$11,995,125 and expenses totaling \$11,332,958, resulting in an operating margin of more than \$662,000.

The Ubyl-based cooperative also earned \$208,321 in interest on short-term investments, rental income, subsidiary income, and patronage capital from other cooperative organizations. Total margins for 2004 were \$870,488.

The 2004 members' patronage capital accounts were allocated over 7 cents on each dollar paid by TEC members, according to Krause, who noted the 2004 general patronage retirement appeared as a credit on electric bills received in May this year.

"The cooperative maintained a strong financial position despite slow sales growth in kilowatt hours due to cool summer weather and the economic recession," Krause reported.

"Three major storms over the last 24 months, with a total impact of over \$1.5 million, and slower sales growth have prompted the cooperative to request a 3.8-percent rate increase from the Michigan Public Service Commission. If approved, this will be TEC's first rate increase since October 2001."

Krause also reported that more than 5,100 cooperative members, or 42 percent, are participating in TEC's managed hot water heating and dual fueled space conditioning programs.

"TEC's free electric water heater program continues to flourish, with nearly 3,200 high efficiency water heaters being placed in members' homes and businesses."

Krause said members were told that, without new base load power plants using coal or nuclear fuel, the cooperative will not be able to offer the reliable low cost electricity customers have become accustomed to.

"Long-term supply needs cannot focus on natural gas as a supply source," he said. "Renewables such as wind and methane are starting to become more viable in certain locations around the nation, but they are not the answer to meeting long-term rapid growth. TEC is continuing to look at viable power supply options to determine its future electrical supply, including wind energy that may be available locally."

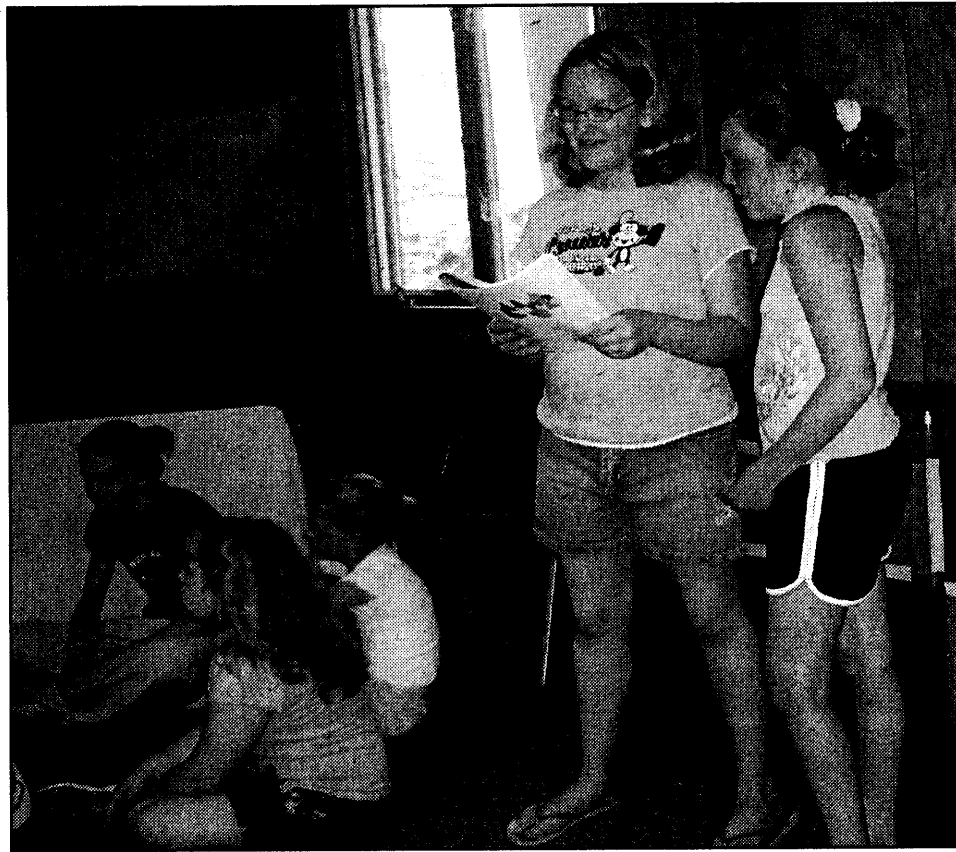
Also during the annual meeting, Wenzlaff discussed a number of highlights during the past year.

In 2004, he reported, TEC employees and contractors designed and constructed more than \$2.1 million in new utility plant, bringing TEC's total investment in the 3-county service area to more than \$56 million. The cooperative serves more than 12,000 member accounts.

Since patronage capital retirement began, Wenzlaff said, TEC has refunded more than \$3.8 million to its members.

Looking ahead, Wenzlaff said the major project for 2005-06 will involve a complete rebuild of 20 miles of transmission line between TEC's Ubyl Station and Urban Station, which is located about 6 miles northwest of Sandusky.

"Completion of this project will improve the service reliability to both Huron and Sanilac counties," he added. "The rebuild of this 20 miles of line, which was originally built in 1937, is estimated to cost approximately \$3 million."



**A TOTAL OF 56 area children recently took part in Vacation Bible School at St. Pancratius Catholic Church in Cass City. Helping out with the children, ages 2 to 12, were several junior volunteers, including (above) Chelsea Green and Lauren Zdrojewski.**

### At sugar festival

## Gremel crowned queen

The 2005 Michigan Sugar Queen is 19-year-old Stephanie Gremel of Bay Port.

Crowned at the Michigan Sugar Festival in Sebewaing June 17, Gremel has a busy year ahead of her. She will represent the sugarbeet industry as she visits with public officials, food industry leaders and the general public. Her schedule includes many official appearances during the year, often riding on the Pioneer Sugar float in

over 20 parades throughout Michigan.

The daughter of Steve and Patti Gremel of Bay Port, Gremel is currently pursuing her degree at Saginaw Valley State University.

First runner-up, Jamie Brandenburg of Sebewaing, and second runner-up, Katie Licht of Pigeon, will serve on the queen's court. In this capacity, they will accompany Gremel in many parades and other personal appearances. Brandenburg, 19, is the

daughter of James and Sally Brandenburg. She currently attends Delta College and will transfer to Michigan State University to complete her degree in agricultural communications.

Licht, 19, is the daughter of Jim and Sue Licht. She attends Michigan State University's Lyman Briggs School of Science. She is pursuing a degree in molecular biology and genetics and psychology.

Barry Brown, vice president of sales at Michigan Sugar Company, was a judge for the Queen Scholarship Committee. Brown said, "We had a very diverse group this year to choose from. All 14 candidates were well qualified, making it a difficult decision."

Michigan Sugar Company solely sponsors the Michigan Sugar Queen competition. As the sponsor, the company and grower-owners provide the queen with a \$2,000 scholarship for use at the university of her choice. The first and second runners-up will each be awarded a \$1,000 scholarship.

## Caro pair among police recruits

The halls and classrooms of the Michigan State Police (MSP) Training Academy will once again be filled with men and women hoping to become MSP motor carrier officers when 25 new recruits report to the 15th Motor Carrier Recruit School on Sunday.

The recruits include Gregory M. Dombrowski and Jason C. Newcomb, both of Caro.

During the 20-week school, recruits will receive training in criminal law, commercial vehicle safety, patrol tactics, problem solving, interpersonal relations, communication skills, physical fitness and first aid. They will also receive firearms, defensive tactics and precision driving instruction.

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The 15th Motor Carrier Recruit School consists of seven recruits with prior military service, three with prior law enforcement experience and 10 college graduates. The recruits will graduate Nov. 4.

## Down Memory Lane

By Harmony Doerr



### 5 YEARS AGO

George Goodchild will be leaving his position as superintendent of Kingston Schools July 1, but he said he would remember the close-knit district he's leaving behind. He will take over as Whittemore-Prescott's new school chief after spending 5 years in Kingston.

Del and Doris Rawson thought they were being taken to a routine board meeting of the Rawson Foundation last summer when the group set off for a restaurant in Port Austin. The foundation's board of directors has a lot of dinner meetings, Del said. This one was different, though, because, in honor of the foundation's 40th anniversary, the other board members and their wives presented the Rawsons with an embossed leather book containing pictures, notes and biographical information on Rawson Memorial Scholarship winners over the years. The wives spent hours tracking down winners and putting together the book, Rawson said.

The Cass City Lions Club recently awarded \$1,000 scholarships to Cass City seniors Brad Roche, Jason Damm, Scott Moore, Cari O'Hara, Christina Kababik, Emily Bennett, Lindsay Mills, Erin Kappen, Katie Wood, Amber Dunn and Alyssa Glaspie. The scholarships are mostly funded by the club's Henry and Rena Leach McRae trust.

### 10 YEARS AGO

Citing a conflict of interest, lifelong Cass City resident Roy Tuckey last week resigned his seat on the Elkland Township Board after more than 10 years of service. In a letter to the board, Tuckey stated he felt he could no longer serve on the board following the filing of a lawsuit against the township by Triple T Farms, a partnership in which he is a member. The suit, filed in Tuscola County Circuit Court, asks the court to reverse a Feb. 28 township Zoning Board of Appeals decision denying Triple T Farms' request for a special land-use permit to operate an

asphalt processing plant just west of Cass City.

After more than 3 decades of service in the community, Tom Proctor and his wife, Elaine, recently retired with plans to remain active in the community but also enjoy more time with their son and daughter and 4 grandchildren. The Proctors recently sold Old Wood Drugs to Book Mart Inc., operated by Jonathan and Cheryl Shores of Caro. Looking back, Proctor marvels at the number of changes he's seen since purchasing the pharmacy from Warren Wood back in 1962. "The pharmacy was a third of the size it is now. There was a barbershop in the building, and there was a wide hallway going upstairs. The old fire hall, library and boy scout rooms were behind."

Scott Ducolon came a long way to have his semi-truck washed by Cass City cheerleaders raising money to attend camp at Ortonville. Ducolon paid the girls \$20 for the job and helped with the washing after he arrived from El Paso, Texas. The truck was spick-and-span when he wheeled his way to a graduation party for his cousin, Cass City grad Wilma Mayer. The cheerleaders netted \$195 from the project.

### 25 YEARS AGO

HALF A CENTURY OF SERVICE was honored Saturday when Meredith Auten received a 50-year award from District Governor John Broadfoot. Auten was one of the original 15 founders of the Cass City Rotary and one of only two still surviving. The other 50-year-member, Fred Pinney was unable to attend.

Jeff Priesskorn, Cass City, was eliminated in the third round of the Michigan Amateur Golf Tournament last week. If you are not a golfer you don't know just how great that is. The tournament features the finest players in the state. Perhaps 150 (I'm guessing) start and play 36 holes. The top 64 qualify for match play. Match play means you must win more holes of an 18-hole match to advance. One defeat and out.

Getting into the third round means that only 16 of the state's best amateurs were left when Jeff bowed out. (From Rabbit Tracks)

SILVER SALUTE - Jean Clarke recently received her state Silver Salute certificate for excellence in community leadership from Doris Wetters, assistant director of Extension for Family Living Education Programs of the Michigan State University Cooperative Extension Service.

### 35 YEARS AGO

I've said this before and probably will say it again. Behind everything that helps the community progress is a good deal of unheralded and, for the most part, unappreciated, volunteer unpaid labor. This summer's bargain days in Cass City are an example. It was made possible because Keith McConkey trudged up and down Main Street collecting money for prizes and promotion. (From Rabbit Tracks)

Mrs. Dorothy Jenkins of Millington, formerly of Cass City, won third place in a statewide student cosmetology contest held in Lansing. She won similar honors at the school she is attending and was one of 23 stylists entered in the state finals. Contestants were judged on adaptability, execution and originality.

Mrs. Jenkins is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Crawford of Deford.

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**MEMBERS of the Dubay family recently gathered for a 4-generation photo. Pictured are Diana Dubay with grandson Christopher Lee Dubay Jr., her father, Richard Rick Sr., and her son, Christopher Dubay.**

## Cass City Village Council PUBLIC NOTICE

The Cass City Village Council will be holding a Public Hearing at the Municipal Building, 6506 Main Street, Cass City, Michigan,

**Monday, June 27, 2005 at 7:15 P.M.**

**To review changes to the Village of Cass City ordinance in regards to defining a mural.**

The Public is invited to attend.

**Nanette S. Walsh  
Clerk/Treasurer**

## Cass City Area Church Directory

### Calvary Bible Fellowship

4446 Ale St., Cass City, MI 48726  
989-872-4088  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Prayer/Bible Study & Youth Group 7:00 p.m.  
Pastor - Chuck Carr  
Transportation available

### 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.  
Sunday Evening Service 6:30 p.m.  
Prayer Meeting & Bible Study,  
Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.  
AWANA 6:45 p.m. Wednesdays  
Pastor: Eric Holmgren  
Youth Pastor: Bryan Heller  
Website: www.fbccc.us

### First Presbyterian Church

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6505 Church St., Cass City, MI 48726  
872-5400  
Sunday School - Sept.-May 10:45 a.m.  
Worship Service 10:45 a.m.  
Pastor: Dave Blackburn

### Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

6820 E. Main St., Cass City, MI 48726  
872-2770  
Worship Service 9:30 a.m.  
Bible Class & Sunday School 10:45 a.m.  
Pastor: Gerald Meyer

### Living Word Worship Center

(Where the Word is Life)  
6536 Houghton St., Cass City, MI 48726  
872-4637  
Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. (Family Training Hour) 7:00 p.m.  
Pastor: Keith Misary

### Novesta Church of Christ

2896 N. Cemetery Rd., Cass City, MI 48726  
872-3658 or 872-1195  
Bible School 9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service 10:45 a.m.  
Youth Group & Sunday Evening  
Services 6:00 p.m.  
Minister: Chuck Emmert  
Youth Minister: Brad Speirs  
Visit our website at: www.novestachurch.org

### Potter's House

Christian Fellowship Church  
Corner of 6th and Leach, Cass City, MI 48726  
872-5186  
Thursday Evening 7:00 p.m.  
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Pastor: F. Robert Tucker

### St. Agatha Catholic Church

4618 South St., Gagetown, MI 48735  
665-9966  
Sunday Mass 10:30 a.m.

### St. Pancratius Catholic Church

4292 S. Seeger St., Cass City, MI 48726  
872-3336  
Saturday Liturgy 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday Liturgy 9:00 a.m.  
Pastor: Father Steve Fillion

### Shabbona United Methodist Church

4455 North Decker Rd., Decker, MI 48426  
810-672-9929 (parsonage)  
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# North Central Thumb League-South diamond stars dominated by Kingston

Kingston was well represented on the North Central Thumb League - South all conference diamond teams with 6 selections landing on the softball first team and 3 on the baseball dream team.

For the lady Cardinals, pitchers Kayla Diegel and Leigha Wilmot joined catcher Brittni Hill, infielders Nicole Nicol and Allison Walkiewicz and Outfielder Courtney Clinesmith as dream team selections.

Rounding out the first team picks were: pitcher - Rebecca Sarvella, CPS; infielders - Courtney Willis, CPS, Lauren Williams and Alicia Dryer, Memphis; outfielders - Erica Christy, CPS, Liz Cummings, Dryden, Annie Hill, Memphis; player at large - Sarah Lang, Memphis.

The second team choices included: pitcher - Jilian Ryan, Memphis; Catcher - Chelsea Affer, Peck; infielders - Jodi Hammond, CPS, Emily Crowley, Dryden, Melissa Haarz, Kingston, Lauren Kowalski, Memphis, Stephanie Roles, Peck; outfielder - Jordan Alexander, CPS.

Receiving honorable mention recognition were Ashley Lubling, Dryden, Julie Solembiewski, Memphis and Lindsay Williams, Peck.

**BASEBALL**

Kingston's infielders Jeremiah Wade, Ken Pierce III and outfielder Jacob Wade were named among the conference's best players according to league coaches.

Joining the Cardinal trio as first team picks were: pitchers - Josh Arnold, CPS, James Skoryanc, Memphis; infielders - Kevin Calahan and Matt Quintano, CPS, Bobby Jock, Memphis; outfielders - Patrick Cornwell, CPS, Sean Murphy, Memphis; player at large - Adam Furgerson, Dryden.

The second team members included: pitchers - Mike Sandula, Dryden, Tony Filipek and Tristin Pennington, Kingston, Josh Long, Peck; catchers - Paul Ganley, CPS; infielders - Nathan Harneck, Kingston, Mitch Blount, Andy Bishop and Mike Gray, Memphis.

Jeff Fuller, Peck; outfielders - Eric Gangler, Dryden, Caleb Hill, Kingston, Justin Masters, Memphis; player at large - Ben Morgan, Memphis.

Peck's Brian Bartle received honorable mention accolades.

## Hawk Alumni game planned

There will be 2 new special attractions during the July 4 Festival in Cass City if plans now underway are successful.

The first is a Cass City alumni baseball game scheduled July 3 starting at 2 p.m.

The second is a home run derby to be held from 3 to 5 p.m. at Cass City Recreational Park.

Information about these 2 fun events is available by calling coach Ryan Pritchett 810-334-7003 or coach Bill Hartzell, 989-550-5947.



THE CASS CITY JUNIOR League team has enjoyed a successful 2005 season. The 13-14 year old team members included: (front l-r) Dylan Murphy, Jake Mozdzen, Trevor Phillips, Kyle Pine, Steven Rychlewski, Zach McCreedy, Matt Goniwicha (back) manager Scott Murphy, coach Rick Doerr, Zack Abell, Mason Doerr, Travis Myers, coach Craig Abell. Missing is Aaron Bader and Garret Ashbercht.



AFTER FINISHING runner-up in the regular season, the Cass City Tigers captured the 2005 Little League playoff championship. Team members are: (front l-r) Austin Deering, Justin Kerkau, Ethan Kucharczyk, Eric Perry, Justin Summers, (middle l-r) David TerBush, Austin Dunnuck, Thomas LeValley, Cody Orban, (back l-r) Robby Simpson, coach Tom Summers, manager Ron Spaulding, Alex Zaleski. Missing is coach Joe Orban.



THE 2005 CASS CITY Orioles added the Minor League playoff championship to their regular season crown. Team members are: (front l-r) Jacob Guinther, Alijah Osentoski, Chandler Cydermen, Jesse Bragg (middle l-r) Robert Haley, Nicholas Middaugh, Andy Collin, Dakota Hartel, Dustin Miller (back l-r) coach Scott Hartel, Chaz Auten, Brock Thane, coach Bill Thane.

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	Jones/Marshall	56	Maharg/Tiseo	36	Bellew/Curtis	58
	Berwick/Greenlee	55	Dillon/Tonti/Ralph	28	deBeaubien/Patrick	57
	Henn/Peters	55			Doerr/Haire	45
	Burns/Hutchinson	51			Hillaker/Murphy	45
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	Herron/Tuckey	48	Smith/Biddinger	67	Robinson/Martin	36
	Kritzman/Burns	46	LeValley/Morgan	65	Schott/Osentoski	34
			Prieskorn/Rip	65	Hool/Toner	31
Early Division			K. Bliss/T. Bliss	61		
Leeson/Davis		72				

## MOVING SALE

We have commissioned Osentoski Auction Service to sell at public auction the following personal property at the place located from Deford, MI, 1 block south and 1 block west of the Deford School.

**Sunday, June 26, 2005**  
**Commencing at 12:00 p.m.**

**Paul Richards: Seller**

**REAL ESTATE:** 2,400 sq. ft. facility. Brick church building, full basement, has possibility of 2 classrooms. Also offers bedroom, living room with large kitchen. Double size city lot. Owner has Right of First Refusal on real estate. Terms: 5% due day of closing, balance due in 30 days or when necessary paper work is ready.

**ANTIQUES:** 20 drawer coffee table - Dressers - 2 floor lamps - Tiger Oak hall tree - Griswold pans

**HOUSEHOLD:** 2003 GE gas stove - 2001 Maytag dishwasher, stainless steel - Kenmore stainless steel side by side fridge w/ice maker - Kenmore upright freezer - Roper electric dryer - Crosley heavy duty electric washing machine - 2 Wilderness rustic lamps - 4 rustic fishing shadow boxes - 4 wood shelving units - Misc. movies VHS & DVD - Imaginarium train set - 2 wood leather topped side sofa tables - 4 wood dressers - NEW Kroehler sofa & loveseat - Oak Mission style entertainment center - Howard Miller glass & mirror curio cabinet - Ping Pong table, roll away full size - Coffee tables, sofa tables, dressers - Corner shelf - "THIS SIDE UP" wood dining room table - Ass't. girls' toys - Christmas items - Other misc. household items.

**OFFICE EQUIPMENT:** Computer software "Top Producers" Real Estate program w/4 keys - Lg. metal desk w/ matching 4 drawer file cabinet - 3 computer desks - 3 rolling desk chairs - Cannon Super 63 laser copier/fax 2060P machine.

**RECREATION:** Set of Karsten Ping golf clubs w/bag - Set of Lynx golf clubs w/bag - Hunting, fishing and camping supplies.

**LAWN & GARDEN:** Wizard riding lawn mower - Set of patio furniture - 2 outdoor grills - 2 elec. radiant heaters - New chicken brooder starter kit - Fiberglass 6' step ladder - Alum. 6' step ladder.

**TOOLS:** 3 sets of commercial router wire baskets - Power Rigid K60 snake 120' cable w/ various tips - Ryobi 18V set - Circular saw, saw saw, drill, miter saw, flashlights, all in cases, hand tools, other power tools. Roll away tool box full of tools - Miter box 10" - Carpet stapler - Carpet 6" seam iron - Complete set of detailing buffer & waxer for auto.

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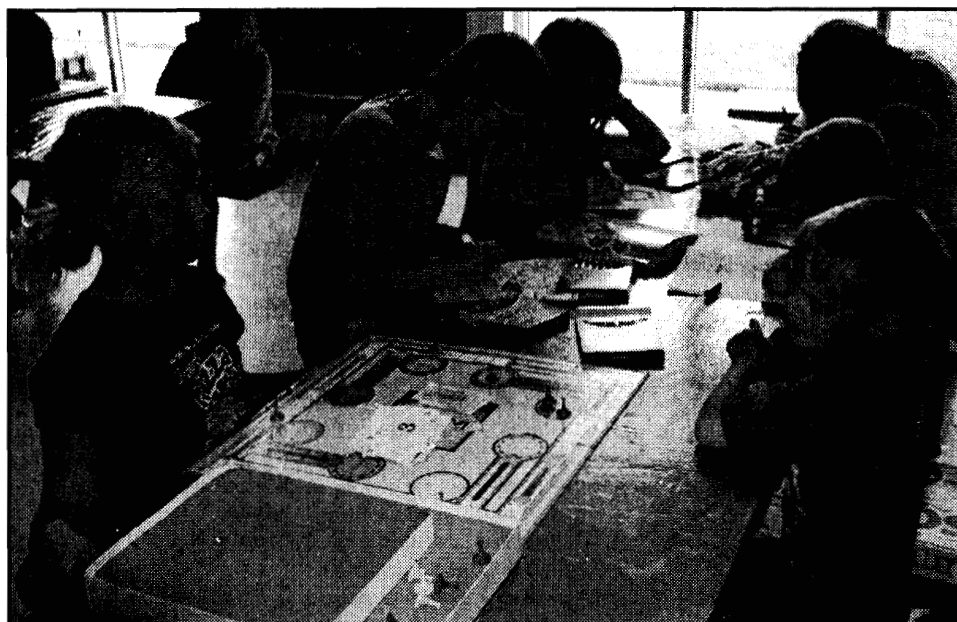
**FIVE-YEAR-OLD** Leah Crooks ponders how she'll paint her picture while seated next to Cass City Arts and Crafts staffer Erica Delamarter last week. The village recreation program draws the biggest crowds in the afternoons, with up to 2 dozen children enjoying crafts and games.

## Hillaker receives scholarship

Carrie Hillaker of Cass City has been named a recipient of a Presidential Scholarship at Grand Valley State University.

Hillaker, a recent graduate of Cass City High School, is the daughter of James and Susan Hillaker, Cass City.

To be considered for the Presidential Scholarship, a student must have a high school grade point average of at least 3.8, a minimum ACT score of 32, and attend a scholarship competition. The award is renewable for 3 additional years with a minimum 3.5 grade point average.



**ARTS AND** crafts staff member Lindsey Hendrick (left, center) colors along with the children.

# Cass City Honor Roll

Cass City Middle School announces the 6th marking period honor roll.

### Grade 5

All A's: Michael Adams, Jordan Hendrian, Carley Hendrick, Troy Kausch, Kristen Kawecki, Tessa Kus, Lindsay McMahan, Megan Parrish, Jessica Prieskorn, Jordyn Rasmussen, Logan Rowell, Rachael Rule, Shannon Stec, Heather Sweeney, Courtney Thompson, Cassandra Tomlinson, Jared Weidman and Sarah Zmierski.

B or better: Kayla Bergman, Alison Blattner, Tyler Boyne, Angela Braun, Richard Brooks, Samantha Clapper, Maria Collins, Aleksander Creason, Kelsey Dillon, Morgan Eria, Joshua Farkas, Alexis Fetterhoff, Rebecca Hacker, Kyle Hanby, Patrick Henderson, Korey Hool, Zachary Hoppe, Anthony House, Nicole Kelley, Drew King, Alyssa Lawrence, James Merchant, Macey Messing, Megan Metzger, Alexis Morrish, Ethan Nicol, Zachary Osentoski, Alexandra Pena, Kelsey Pohlod, Zachary Potrykus, Morgan Potter, Remington Rushlow, Brenda Rutkoski, Megan Schoel, Ashley Stilson, David TerBush, Hayley Thorp, Alyse Timko, Michael Tucker, Michael Wills, Ronald Wolschleger and Travis Wright.

### Grade 6

All A's: Chelsea Green, Justin Ketterer, Michael Lange, Rebecca Leslie, Anthony McArthur, Logan Mika, Michael Milligan, Austin Osentoski, McKensie Parrish, Caitlin Reed, Alexander Varney, Zachary Weiss, Dallas Woodward and Jeremy Wright.

B or better: Tommy Brinkman, Brittany Brown, Nicholas Brown, David Clemens, Kelsey Cooper, Austin Deering, Zachary Deering, Cameron Dunnuck, Lesley Eberline, Taylor

Forrest, Kendra Grady, Krista Guinther, Angela Janssen, Nicholas Karavas, Jeffery Leslie, Thomas LeValley, Elizabeth Lintner, Kylie Maggard, Aaron Magiera, Colin Mason, Dylan Miller, Eric Montreuil, Candace Myers, Mitchell O'Dell, Hayley Peters, Michael Potrykus, Cody Pringle, Mary Rivest, Kelsey Russell, Victoria Spencer, Amanda Stoll, Mariah Tabar, Robert VanAuken, Lauren Walther, Robert Wolschleger and Lauren Zdrojewski.

### Grade 7

All A's: Kevven Dorland, Jalen Ferris, Zachary Fisher, Lindsay Jamieson, Amanda Kaake, Logan Kausch, Andrew Leslie, Jennifer Manwell, Thomas Marker, Emily Martin, Erin McFadzean, Ashleigh Moore, Brittany Nicol, Elise Nicol, Steven Rychlewski, Jenna Sattelberg, Angelena Simpson, Ashleigh Stoekle, Samantha Swiderski and Megan Zawilinski.

B or better: Zachary Abell, Ashlee Arthur, Rachel Auten, Aaron Bader, Josiah Battel, Chantel Beyette, Christopher Childers, Richard Doerr, Abby Ellis, Alexandra Frederick, Keegan Hagen, Stephan Hanselman, Teriona Harper, Kyle Hodder, James Hudson, Renae Janssen, Andrew Knight, Kent LaFave, Amber LaPonsie, Paige Lester, Paul Martin, Zachary McCreedy, Tyler Nicholas, Nicole Pasanski, Tyler Perry, Dillon Peruski, Kyle Pine, LaShae Radeka, Alex Rowe, Paul Rubey, Kelsey Rudy, Rochelle Rushlow, Vanessa Scasny, Nicholas Shantz, David Steely, Stephanie Steely, Sara Venema, Brandon Weaver, Kyle Weidman, Amanda Woodruff and Jordan Yax.

### Grade 8

All A's: Krystal Alexander, Kyle Kausch, Kelli Lautner, Gregory Leslie, Brittany Loomis, Travis Mabe, Sarah Reed, Jennica Richards,

Joram Tyson, Lukas Varney and Clark Walsh.

B or better: Austin Babich, Aaron Bardwell, Deidre Bowen, Thomas Burns II, Cody Chappel, Thomas Cotton, Jessica Galvan, Bradley Hanby, Justin Hool, Carly Howard, Michael Howard, Sarah Howard, Jaymes Knight, Amanda Langenburg, Candice Marks, Elizabeth Michalski, Brooke Mika, Amanda Miller, Carl Nicol, Cassandra Parker, Rebecca Perry, Carly Rabideau, Andrew Rohlf, Steven Schotter, Chris Summersett, Krysta Timko, Tyler Tomlinson, Chantell Toner, Megan VanVliet, Ariel Veneziano and Andrea Zimmerman.

## Holidays to close offices

Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land recently announced that all branch offices and the office of the Great Seal will be closed in observance of state holidays during May, July, and September.

Residents are reminded that on:

\* Independence Day - SUPER!Centers will be closed Saturday, July 2, and all offices will be closed Monday, July 4.

\* Labor Day - SUPER!Centers will be closed Saturday, Sept. 3, and all offices will be closed Monday, Sept. 5.

The Department of State mails notices to motorists 45 days before their driver's license or license plates expire to give them ample time to renew. Licenses and plates that expire on a day when state offices are closed, such as a holiday or weekend, can be renewed the following day without penalty.

## Obituaries

### Neven Lipps

Neven Michael Lipps, 77, of Scottville, died Saturday, June 11, 2005.

He was born May 30, 1928 in Weare Township, Hart, the son of George and Barbara (Hoffman) Lipps.

He married Virginia Ohst in Muskegon June 11, 1949.

Lipps graduated from Hart High School in 1947. He became a full-time farmer in 1966, one of the first to grow asparagus in Mason County. Over the next 39 years, in addition to raising asparagus, he started and operated Lipps' Receiving Station from 1979 to 2000.

He is survived by his wife, Virginia "Gini"; a daughter, Deb (Jim) Hobbs of Cass City; sons Tim (Cathy) Lipps of Mt. Pleasant, Mark (Jeanne) Lipps, Steve (Dawn) Lipps, and Joel (Sally) Lipps, all of Scottville; 20 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren; a brother-in-law, Lowell (Sue) Tambling of Muskegon; a sister-in-law, Wanda Lipps of Hart; and many nieces, nephews and great friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers: Lawrence, Jim, Merlin, Tom, and Don Lipps; sisters: Marie Brennan, Theresa Tambling, and Shirley Mack. A celebration of life service was held Thursday, June 16 at the Mason County Reformed Church, with the Rev. Rick VanHaitma officiating.

Burial was in the Trinity Lutheran Cemetery, Manistee.

Memorials may be made to his family, to the Renucci Hospitality House of Spectrum Hospital, Grand Rapids, or the Mason County Reformed Church.

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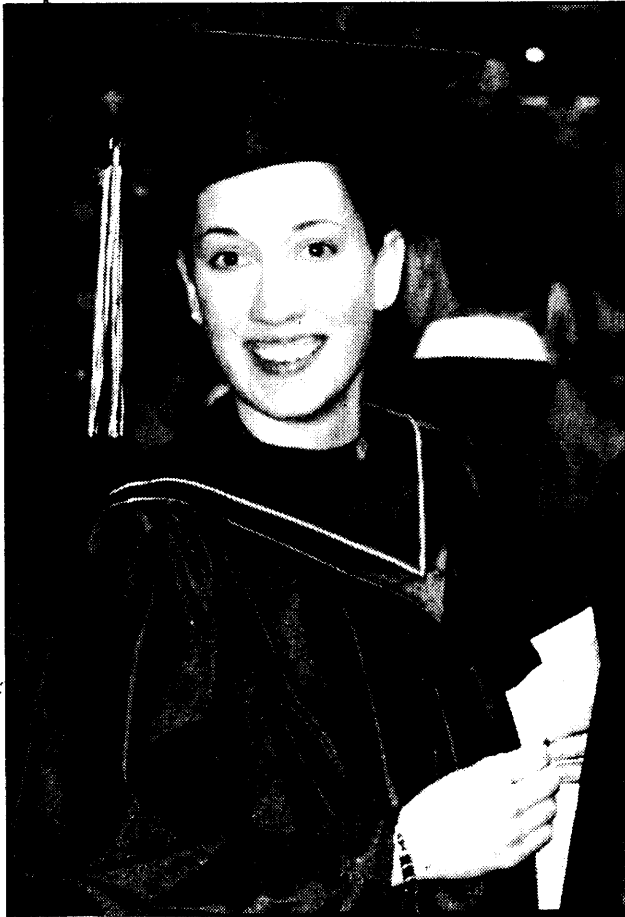
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MARIA E. (Garety) Freeman recently graduated from Baker College, Flint, with a bachelor's degree in occupational therapy. A 1998 graduate of Cass City High School, she is employed at Ingham Regional Medical Center in Lansing and resides in Flint with her husband, Josh Freeman, and their 3 children, Jordan and twins Emma and Grace. Freeman is the daughter of Raymond and Delores Garety of Cass City.

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# CREP in line for \$4 million boost from feds

Michigan's Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) has received a \$4 million cash infusion that should help the program leverage an additional \$16 million in federal funds to protect water, habitat and wildlife in three Michigan watersheds.

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality recently awarded a \$4 million grant from Clean Michigan Initiative funds to CREP partner Pheasants Forever. The money will be used to help CREP accomplish its mission of reducing sediment runoff into rivers, drains and other water bodies, protecting groundwater and surface water supplies, and improving wildlife habitat in the Saginaw Bay, River Raisin and Macatawa watersheds.

The money will grow to \$20 million due to a 4-to-1 U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) funding match, said Stephen Shine, CREP manager with the Michigan Department of Agriculture.

The grant money will help jump-start CREP, said Shine.

Enrollment in the program was temporarily suspended in mid-2002 due to a lack of state funds.

"When the agreement with USDA was signed in 2000, Michigan's goal was to encourage producer-landowners to enroll 80,000 acres in CREP conservation practices in Michigan's three priority watersheds," Shine said. "When enrollment was interrupted, there had been more than 47,500 acres enrolled. Landowner-producers were enrolling an average of 5,000 acres a month at that time. Enrollment will continue until state funding is exhausted."

Under CREP, landowner-producers agree to set aside acreage for 15 years, and they are reimbursed for establishing conservation practices such as grass filter strips, wetland restoration, field windbreaks, riparian forest buffers, sediment retention control structures and grass plantings for highly-erodible fields.

"Farmers can be reimbursed up to 140 percent, depending on the conservation practice they adopt," said Shine. "There are some signing bonuses available, too, so payments vary. But the payments are based on county soil rental rates." Farmers should keep in mind that CREP enrollment is not designed to retire whole farms, Shine noted.

"We're looking to take land currently in production that increases risk to the environment from normal farming and establish conservation in its place," he said. "The 15-year commitment serves two purposes: It puts buffers between the active agriculture and the crop inputs like pesticides and fertilizers and outputs like soil erosion, and over time increases populations of gamebirds, songbirds, insects, and aquatic life while protecting the waterways."

To be eligible, land must include a commodity cropping history for 4 out of 6 years (from 1996-2001), be located within one of the 3 watershed boundaries, and meet other requirements. For more information about CREP, visit the CREP Web site at [www.michigan.gov](http://www.michigan.gov).

## Revenue sharing increases

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lars to pay for critical services like police and fire protection," Meyer said. "The budget process is different this year because we are focusing directly on the priorities of Michigan residents, like being safe where they live and work. This budget does both without raising taxes."

House Bill 4831 was approved by the House Appropriations Committee and the full House. The budget plan does not raise taxes, increases funding for K-12 education, and protects essential services for seniors, children and those with disabilities.

The funding plan is now in the Senate for consideration.

## DTE Energy officials offer energy saving tips

Summer is on its way and with it warmer weather. DTE Energy offers the following tips to help customers save money while they're staying cool in the months ahead:

- Air conditioning
  - Set the air conditioner's thermostat at the highest comfortable setting. When leaving home for more than five hours, raise the thermostat five to 10 degrees. Raising the thermostat just a couple degrees can cut cooling costs by as much as five percent.
  - Regular maintenance is important to operating air conditioners efficiently. Check filters at least once a month. Dirty filters cause air conditioners to work harder and use more energy. Many filters can be removed, washed and dried, and reinstalled. Check the owner's manual or contact the manufacturer for more information.
  - Keep air conditioning units free of obstructions, inside and out, so air can flow freely. Outdoor units should be free of bushes, and leaf and grass debris. Indoors, move furniture and draperies to prevent blocking window units, vents and air returns.
  - Position window air conditioners on the shaded side of the house, away from direct sunlight. Window units generally are not designed to cool more than one room. Close the doors leading to uncooled parts of the house for more efficient cooling.
  - In homes with central air

conditioning, leave room doors and air registers open so the system can operate effectively.

- Fans
  - Use fans to draw cooler air inside during the night and circulate air during the day.
  - Make sure ceiling fan blades rotate clockwise in the summer months to draw cooler air up from the floor.
  - A window fan in an apartment or one-story home should be put in a window on the warmest side of the structure; in a two-story home, put it in an upstairs window. Make sure draperies are secured for better air circulation and safety.
  - Prevent heat build-up in the attic by opening attic vents and making sure any lower vents are not blocked. A cooler attic benefits the living area below. An exhaust fan or whole-house fan mounted in the attic will pull hot air out of the attic and living areas and draw cooler air in.

DTE Energy (NYSE:DTE) is a Detroit-based diversified energy company involved in the development and management of energy-related businesses and services nationwide. Its largest operating units are Detroit Edison, an electric utility serving 2.1 million customers in Southeastern Michigan, and MichCon, a natural gas utility serving 1.2 million customers in Michigan. Information about DTE Energy is available at [www.dteenergy.com](http://www.dteenergy.com).



A BRIEF BUT strong thunderstorm downed a large tree in front of this Third Street residence last week. The tree narrowly missed the house next door.

## Former resident pens book

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wanted to go (for help), she put me."

Samczyk's mother also prevented her daughter from losing the child she was carrying when she was sentenced to prison. "Actually we fought to keep him - my mother did - because they wanted me to give him up for adoption. If it weren't for my mother, I would have lost him. My mother raised Dean until I came home."

Her son, Dean, one of 4 children, is 20 years old today, has one son and is expecting another child.

Samczyk said the memories of her youth are what prompted her to write the book.

"I wrote it, to begin with, for self-healing. I didn't plan to publish it," she recalled of the 18 months she spent working on the story. "People said, why don't you get it published and help other kids."

Having successfully published that first book, Samczyk indicated she's just getting started and has plans to write 4 others focusing on topics such as prison life, drug use and being stalked. All are works of fiction, she

said, but are based on events in her life.

Samczyk said it's her hope that sharing her experiences will somehow positively influence young people.

"That (prison) is an environment no child should

have to grow up in," she added. "If I can help other kids from getting into drugs and going to prison..."

"Sometimes it's hard to believe that that happened to me. It made me the person I am today, but I want to pre-

vent other kids from going through the same thing."

Asked what advice she would give to parents facing the same challenges as her mother did, Samczyk didn't hesitate with her response: "Don't ever give up on their child."

## Owen-Gage facing deficit

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degree by the sale of the former Gagetown Elementary School. Provided the sale is completed, school officials would net \$92,659.

But that is only a one-time fix, Peterson pointed out. "When you have increased costs, which you always do, and you have flat revenues, you can't go anywhere except down hill," he said. "We're all in trouble. It's not just here."

"It's not a pretty picture to paint you, but it is a realistic picture."

In a related matter, the board approved the district's full 18-mill non-homestead tax levy, which will generate \$115,000 to \$116,000 in the new fiscal year.

The board also voted in favor of a resolution to borrow \$259,000 in anticipation of state aid payments in the coming year. The amount is the maximum the district can borrow based on a state formula, according to Peterson, who said the district took out a similar loan last year totaling \$254,000 to cover times when cash flow dips, such as when the district is waiting for tax revenue to come in.

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by David L. Losey and Goldie A. Losey, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to JTD Financial LTD, DBA Freedom Financial Mortgage, Mortgagee, dated March 14, 2003 and recorded on September 12, 2003 in Liber 953 on Page 676, and assigned by said Mortgagee to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc. as assignee by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred One Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-Five and 75/100 Dollars (\$101,765.75), 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 to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on July 7, 2005.

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

Section 12, Town 11 North, Range 7 East, commencing at the Southerly corner of out lot A, common to Lot 30 in Swanson's Acres as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 101 (now 518) Tuscola County Records; thence North 25 degrees 22 minutes East 132.90 feet along the Lot line common to said out lot A and Lot 30; thence South 64 degrees 18 minutes 45 seconds East 80 feet; thence South 25 degrees 22 minutes West 132.78 feet; thence North 64 degrees 23 minutes West 80 feet to the Point of Beginning.

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

Dated: June 8, 2005  
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Attorneys for ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc.  
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200  
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822  
File #057069F01

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Teana M. Froede-Kozlowski and David L. Kozlowski, wife and husband, original mortgagors, to Aames Home Loan, Mortgagee, dated September 5, 2002 and recorded on November 13, 2002 in Liber 902 on Page 5 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of October 1, 2002, Morgan Stanley Dean Witter Capital 1 Inc. Trust 2002-AM3 as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Fifty-Four Thousand Three Hundred Fifty-Eight and 97/100 Dollars (\$154,358.97), including interest at 8.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on July 7, 2005.

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

Commencing at the West 1/4 corner of Section 24, Town 12 North, Range 10 East, Wells Township, Tuscola County, Michigan and the point of beginning, running thence North 00 degrees 00 minutes East 513.0 feet along the West line of said Section 24, thence North 89 degrees 44 minutes 51 seconds East 425.0 feet; thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes West 513.0 feet; thence South 89 degrees 44 minutes 51 seconds West 425.0 feet along the East and West 1/4 line of said Section 24 to the point of beginning. Being a part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 24, Town 12 North, Range 10 East, Wells Township, Tuscola County, Michigan and containing 5.0 acres of land more or less.

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

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Attorneys for Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of October 1, 2002, Morgan Stanley Dean Witter Capital 1 Inc. Trust 2002-AM3  
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200  
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822  
File #057466F01

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Bridget A. Babcock, a single woman, original mortgagor, to Flagstar Bank, FSB, Mortgagee, dated November 7, 2001 and recorded on January 7, 2002 in Liber 855 on Page 539 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty-Nine and 83/100 Dollars (\$57,859.83), including interest at 6.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on July 21, 2005.

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

Lot 3, Block 28 of Village (now City) of Vassar, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 93 of Tuscola County Records.

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

Dated: June 22, 2005  
FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:  
FC W (248) 593-1312  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys for Flagstar Bank, FSB  
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200  
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822  
File #058088F01

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Daniel M. Moncan, 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

of Section 28, Town 11 North, Range 8 East; thence East, 250 feet; thence North, 125 feet; thence West, 250 feet; thence South 125 feet to the point of beginning. Being part of Tuscola Township, Tuscola County, Michigan. The real property described in this mortgage includes as an improvement to the land set forth herein a manufactured home permanently affixed to such land described as: 2001 Fairmont, Serial # MY02117965AB.

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

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

Dated: May 25, 2005  
ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC  
Attorneys for Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.,  
As Mortgagee  
P.O. Box 5041  
Troy, MI 48007-5041  
(248) 457-1000  
File No. 310.0023

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

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by DARRYL L. WEBSTER and CHARISSA M. WEBSTER, husband and wife, of 2900 O'Brien, Mayville, Michigan 48744, Mortgagee, to OXFORD BANK MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC, 60 South Washington, Oxford, Michigan 48371, Mortgagee, dated the 23rd day of December 2002 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, on the 24th day of March 2003 in Liber 922 of Tuscola County Records, on Page 244, Instrument No. 200300828234 and was assigned by said Mortgagee to NATIONAL CITY MORTGAGE CO., as assignee, by an Assignment of Mortgage dated the 23rd day of December 2002, which was recorded on the 19th day of September 2003 in Liber 995 on page 628, Instrument No. 200300837945, Tuscola County Records, and was assigned by said Assignee to Oxford Bank Mortgage Services, LLC as Mortgagee, by an Assignment dated the 8th day of April 2005 which was recorded on the 11th day of April 2005 in Liber 1034 on Page 576, Instrument No. 200500864614, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, as of the date of this notice, the sum of ONE HUNDRED FORTY-THREE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED NINETY AND 41/100 DOLLARS (\$143,290.41), including interest at the rate of SIX AND ONE QUARTER PERCENT (6.25%) 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 sale of the mortgaged 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  
Mortgagee

Michael G. Cruse  
Warner Norcross & Judd LLP  
Attorney for Mortgagee  
2000 Town Center, Suite 2700  
Southfield, MI 48075-1318  
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Sheri Pelletier, a single woman, original mortgagor, to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc., Mortgagee, dated May 28, 2002 and recorded on June 3, 2002 in Liber 879 on Page 1365 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Two Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-Five and 60/100 Dollars (\$92,575.60), including interest at 7.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on July 21, 2005.

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

Lots 2, 3 and 4 of Van Guilder's Addition to the Village of Caro, according to the plat recorded in Liber 24 of Deeds, Page 625, except commencing at the Northwest corner of Lot 2 of Van Guilder's Addition to the Village of Caro; thence East along the South line of Frank Street, 41 feet, thence South across Lots 2, 3 and 4 of said addition to the South line of said Lot 4; thence West along the South line of said Lot 4 to the Southwest corner of said Lot 4; thence North along the West line of Lots 4, 3 and 2 to the place of beginning. Also except that portion of Lots 3 and 4 of Van Guilder's Addition to the Village of Caro, lying immediately South of Lot 1 and East of the Westerly line of Lot 1, extending due South to intersect with the Southerly line of Lot 4.

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 22, 2005  
FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:  
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Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys for ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc.  
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200  
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File #058494F01

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MORTGAGE SALE-Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by RONALD LESTER, a married man, and WENDY LESTER, a married woman, husband and wife as Joint Tenants with Right of Survivorship to J. Virgil, D/B/A Lending Factory, Mortgagee, dated April 19, 2001 and recorded on April 30, 2001 in Liber 830, on Page 11, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said mortgagee to PROVIDENT CONSUMER FINANCIAL SERVICES, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of FIFTY NINE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FORTY THREE AND 54/100 DOLLARS (\$59,643.54), 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, front entrance of the Courthouse Building in the Village of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 o'clock a.m., on July 14, 2005.

Said Premises are situated in Village of Gagetown, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lots(s) 1, Block 2, Toohy's Addition to the Village of Gagetown, part of Southwest 1/4 of Southeast 1/4 of Section 1, Town 14 North, Range 10 East, being

Township of Elmwood, Tuscola County, Michigan, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 54.

Tax ID No. 037-500-162-0100-00

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: June 8, 2005  
PROVIDENT CONSUMER FINANCIAL SERVICES,  
Mortgagee

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

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Leah K. Soldan, a single woman, original mortgagor, to Argent Mortgage Company, LLC, Mortgagee, dated October 21, 2004 and recorded on February 3, 2005 in Liber 1026 on Page 260 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to CitiFinancial Mortgage Company, Inc. as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Six Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-Seven and 93/100 Dollars (\$56,897.93), including interest at 8.2% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on July 21, 2005.

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

Lot 13 of Wiley and McPhail's Addition to the Village of Cass City, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 6, now being 7A. 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: June 22, 2005  
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Attorneys for CitiFinancial Mortgage Company, Inc.  
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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on July 21, 2005.

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

Part of the East 60 rods of the South 86 2/3 rods of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 18, Township 10 North, Range 8 East, described as: Beginning at a point on the East Section line that is North 0 degrees 08 minutes 45 seconds West 349.00 feet from the Southeast corner of said Section 18; thence continuing North 0 degrees 00 minutes 45 seconds West, 235.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 40 minutes 35 seconds West, 481.50 feet; thence South 0 degrees 08 minutes 45 seconds East, 120.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 40 minutes 35 seconds East, 200.00 feet; thence South 0 degrees 08 minutes 45 seconds East, 115.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 40 minutes 35 seconds East, 281.50 feet to the point of beginning.

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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 to 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.

The redemption period shall be 1 month from the date of such sale, unless an affidavit of occupancy or intent to occupy is recorded in accordance with MCLA 600.3241(d) and given to the mortgagee, in which case the redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale.

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LARS (\$113,087.49), including interest at 5.75% 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, front entrance of the Courthouse Building in the Village of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 a.m. on July 21, 2005.

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

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Dated June 16, 2005

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# Cass City Rotary Club marks 75 years

The Cass City Rotary Club installed new club officers and celebrated 75 years of service in Cass City Thursday night at Northwood Meadows.

State Representative Tom Meyer presented retiring

president Val Hartel with a certificate of appreciation for the achievements of the club, locally and nationally.

Hartel outlined the activities of the club during the year, calling attention to the payment in support of Northwood Meadows, the

Christmas program for needy children and the 3 scholarships presented to Cass City High School seniors.

Hartel then turned the gavel over to new president Ken Micklash who introduced the officers for 1905-06.

They are: Hartel, vice-president; Michelle Hill, treasurer; Barb Karr, vocational services; Rev. George Ward, international service; Dave Oehring, president-elect; Brenda Gleason, secretary; Mary Cunningham, club services; Dave Milligan, community service, and Lambert Althaver, sergeant at arms.

Guests also heard brief remarks by Dalton Coe, district governor. Donna Bushong, a student at Cass City, lauded the Rotary Leadership Camp that she attended this summer and thanked the club for sponsoring the program.

Mary Cunningham presented a brief history of the club and Althaver was the master of ceremonies.

Nine members of the club with 25 years or more of service recalled humorous incidents experienced over the years.



**MIKE SINES**, left, holds the plaque that he received as a Paul Harris Fellow indicating that he or his supporters have contributed \$1,000 to the Rotary Foundation used to promote student exchanges. The club's aim is to have each member qualify for the award and there are over 30 persons who have already qualified. The award was presented Thursday by Lambert Althaver at the 75th anniversary banquet at Northwood Meadows.

## Calendar of Events

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

### Thursday, June 23

Seniors' Lunch, noon, Shabbona United Methodist Church. Story Time, 1:30 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library.

### Friday, June 24

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

### Monday, June 27

Cass City Village Council meeting, 7 p.m., municipal building.

Cass City School Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Hills & Dales General Hospital Auxiliary meeting, 11:30 a.m., Charmont.

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

Children's Movie, "Finding Nemo," 1:30 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library.

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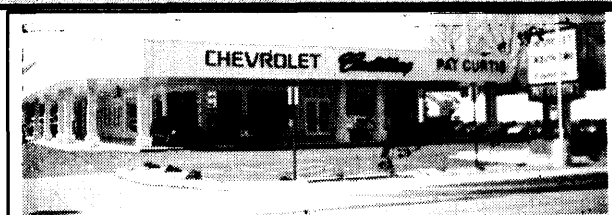
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"He was always willing to talk things out and listen to people. Sometimes that's necessary in a small town,"

added Kern, who said his department could always depend on Wilson for assistance when needed.

"No matter what we asked Gene to do, he would help us, and that's always been important to us."

"We go back a long ways. He's been a good friend, and

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