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BRANDON ROCKWELL, 13, (left), son of Susie and Scott Rockwell of Cass City, and Robby Simpson, 12, son of Lori and Bob Simpson, also of Cass City, enjoy some skateboarding in town during their Easter break.

Educator, legislator, treasurer dies

A Kingston area man who served as a state legislator and later earned the title as longest serving Michigan State treasurer has died.

Allison Green, 93, died Saturday, March 26, 2005, at Northwood Meadows in Cass City.

Green was born Oct. 28, 1911, in Caro, to James and Evelyn (Kitey) Green. He married Marjorie C. Denhoff Dec. 26, 1934, in Ohio. She died Nov. 7, 1994.

Green graduated from Jeffrey rural school near Kingston, Caro High School and Central Michigan University.

He was a member of the Kingston United Methodist Church, the original Tuscola County Board of Education and the board of directors of Kingston State Bank. He also served for 15 years in public education in the Thumb area as a teacher, principal and superintendent.

In 1950 Green was elected to the House of Representatives from Tuscola County and served 14 years, 8 as Republican Floor Leader and the last 2 years (1963-64) as Speaker of the House. In 1965 he was appointed state treasurer by then-Gov.

George Romney and served until he retired in 1978, the longest serving state treasurer in Michigan history.

Green also served many years in Michigan history. Please turn to back page.

Lions asked for help with memorial

Richard Little's quest to build a veteran's war memorial in downtown Cass City was expected to have jumped another hurdle Monday night, thanks to a local service club and a councilman who served as liaison between the 2.

Cass City Village Council members have already pledged their support for the memorial via some labor and donating the site for the memorial next to the municipal building. But the council expressed concern last month over the village handling the monies collected to pay for the memorial.

In response, Trustee Dwight Thabet approached the Cass City Lions Club regarding possibly taking over sponsorship by serving as depository for the funds.

Under a proposed agreement presented by Little, the Lions Club would open a checking account from which checks may be drawn to pay for material/construction expenses and to keep

accurate records of all expenses and future income.

The village, meanwhile, agrees to donate and prepare the site. The council also agreed to retain \$1,000 for future maintenance and the cost of adding additional names of deceased soldiers.

Also included in the agreement is the Cass City Historical Society, which will determine the names of deceased soldiers to be inscribed on the memorial, both currently and in the future, if necessary.

Thabet told the council Monday that the general membership of the Lions Club agreed to the sponsorship idea, but final action was expected Monday night by the club's board of directors.

The council approved the agreement contingent on final approval by that board.

SEARCH

In other business during the regular monthly meeting, the Please turn to back page.

VFW a no-show at council meeting

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Cass City Village officials had hoped to put to rest Monday night a longstanding dispute over a patriotic mural painted on the side of the local VFW post's annex building.

Instead, the lack of a representative from Cass City VFW Post 3644 at the village council's regular monthly meeting sparked another lengthy discussion over the controversy, with one council member again urging swift action if the veterans refuse to come to the table to discuss a resolution.

The debate erupted in June 2003 when then-village Manager Frank Sheridan and members of the VFW post clashed over the large painting, which featured the Pledge of Allegiance and an eagle wrapped in the American flag.

Sheridan said the images painted on the building amounted to a "wall sign" in the village's sign ordinance, which allows such signs provided they pertain to the use of the building and meet certain size restrictions.

At the time, Sheridan said the post was repeatedly asked to apply for a sign permit, but VFW members refused, saying the painting is a mural, not a sign. VFW members later also refused to apply for a zoning variance.

Council members last month discussed resolving the issue by inviting representatives of the VFW post to Monday night's meeting.

Interim village Manager Darcy Long told the council Monday that he approached the veterans with an invitation, but they indicated a desire to meet privately instead.

"They don't really want to do it in the light of the media - a public forum," Long said. Trustee Dwight Thabet recommended that the council refer the sign ordinance to the village's planning commission to consider revisions to make the ordinance less vague "so we can put this issue behind us."

Trustee Don Richards, however, strongly disagreed.

"I have some real concerns that this is side stepping (the issue)," Richards said, adding he's glad to hear that representatives of the VFW post are interested in talking to the

village, but he doesn't think holding those discussions in private is proper.

"This issue must be resolved, and soon - and I think it can be done other than legally - but it should be done publicly," Richards said.

Planning commission member Dick Wallace, who was in attendance Monday, indicated that putting the issue back in the hands of the planning commission would be side stepping the issue.

Wallace said the dispute is "silly" and has gone on far too long. "And one of the reasons this is silly is, the VFW won't even come here and talk about it. What's going on?" he said. "We just asked them to comply with the ordinance and they won't do it. It's very upsetting."

"You're just throwing things back at the planning commission and it upsets me," Wallace added. "C'mon, village, do your job."

Richards indicated he agrees, saying the mural controversy is not about interpretation of the ordinance, but rather the VFW post's refusal to comply with the village ordinance by securing the

proper permits.

"It's not content that we're talking about. It's procedure. My concern is that due process has not been honored," said Richards, who noted the village's legal counsel has already stated the mural is in violation of the ordinance.

An emotional Richards said the village represents the very "republic" referred to in the Pledge of Allegiance painted on the VFW post's annex building, and yet village officials have been criticized for attempting to get the veterans to follow the rules set forth by local government. "We believe in the pledge as much as anybody else," he added.

A handful of veterans in the audience voiced support for Richard's position and the village's stand on the issue.

Village President Bert Althaver said possibly amending the sign ordinance and resolving the mural/wall sign issue are completely separate issues and will be addressed separately.

The council agreed to refer the sign ordinance to the planning commission with the Please turn to back page.

Trail - Mate

Anthes and Anthes perfect portable feeder for hunters, wildlife watchers

They say necessity is the mother of invention, but for a Gagetown area man, convenience and ease have proven to be the mother of an invention he hopes will spread like wildfire among hunters and outdoors enthusiasts.

Aaron Anthes and his cousin, Justin Anthes, have spent the past several months perfecting what they've labeled the "Trail-Mate, The Original Portable Gamefeeder."

"This one here is the first portable game feeder - it has wheels on it," Aaron Anthes commented Friday. "We've got patent pending status on this."

The invention consists of a 72-inch frame composed of sturdy, 11-gauge steel that supports a 200-pound capacity plastic barrel, which holds corn or any other game feed. Anthes pointed out that a built-in safety brake winch is part of what sets his game feeder apart from the standard, stationary feeder mounted on a steel frame tripod.

"The barrel is raised and lowered by the winch," Justin Anthes explained, adding the barrel on a stationary feeder, which stands about 6 feet in height, is difficult to fill because the owner must stand on a ladder or a vehicle to fill the barrel. With this unit, he said, there's no need to risk an injury while trying to climb a ladder carrying a 50-pound bag of feed.

Another key characteristic of the Trail-Mate, he noted, is the fact that it's portable, featuring 14-inch puncture proof wheels. "That's what makes this one more unique," he added.

The Trail-Mate can be

equipped with handles to manually transport the feeder. "We've also got it made so you can tow it with your ATV," Anthes said.

Aside from corn or protein pellets for deer, the feeder can be used for a variety of wildlife, from turkey to fish. "You wheel this up to your deck and it will spread fish food," he said. "It's the versatility that makes it so nice."

The Trail-Mate can be purchased with an 8-cycle feeding timer that spreads food at regular intervals utilizing a 6-volt battery powered mechanism.

Justin Anthes said the game feeder, which weighs about 110 pounds, can be assembled in under a half-hour. Filling the barrel is quick, easy and convenient because the barrel lowers to ground level, he added, and with the 200-pound feed capacity, one barrel-load will last for 15 days.

Aaron Anthes said his own experiences with game feeders is what sparked his desire to create a more user-friendly model.

"I'm getting older and I thought of an easier way for one person to feed," he said. "When I just got started with this, I wasn't looking to go into business. I was just doing it for myself."

"I've been working on this since a year ago February," noted Anthes, who is employed as a contractor with Detroit Edison. He recalled his boss gave him a feeding timer, "so I started to design something where I could transport a game feeder without assistance."

"This is our second prototype. The first one I made wasn't portable," Anthes continued, adding his

cousin's expertise in manufacturing and fabrication - he works as a mold maker at a Thumb area tool and die business - enabled the pair to produce a more streamlined model of the Trail-Mate.

"It's more manufacturer friendly now," said Justin Anthes, "and we already have a manufacturer."

The pair have also enjoyed plenty of attention from potential customers, having already received 70 hits on their website, www.woodlotinnovations.com.

"I have a connection in Texas already who's going to be a distributor for us," Justin Anthes said.

The inventors are awaiting the first shipment of 20 Trail-Mates, which should be arriving this week. They will retail for \$495 to \$560, depending on the options selected by the customer.

"We're just starting to get going and it's really in the off-season right now," said Aaron Anthes, who expects business to pick up as the hunting season nears. With tougher restrictions on baiting in Michigan - hunters are limited to 2 gallons of feed per day - "a lot of guys are going to like this," he said.

The unit should also be attractive to those who simply enjoy setting up a game feeder to watch wildlife, he added.

"It's just the ease of operation that's going to make it sell, and the safety of it. It's a nice little compact unit," Anthes said. "We've got many hours into refining and making sure it's as safe as we could possibly make it."

"Hopefully it will be profitable for us to sell these things. I guess only time and marketing will tell."



AARON ANTHERS (right) and his cousin, Justin Anthes, display the Trail-Mate, a unique, portable game feeder they've worked together to invent over the past several months.

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as
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Sunday morning.
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Holbrook Area News

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Mrs. Allen Depcinski was a Thursday lunch guest of Mr. And Mrs. Bernard Holdwick at Harbor Beach and later visited Mr. and Mrs. David Stein at Ruth before going to see quilts that were on display at different stores in Harbor Beach.

Jack Kennedy, Tom Talaski, Tom Bismack and Allen Farrelly met at McDonald's in Bad Axe Thursday morning.

Teachers' program offered

Saginaw Valley State University, in partnership with the Huron, Lapeer, Sanilac and Tuscola intermediate school districts, are offering a unique Master of Education program for educators in the Thumb area.

Recognizing the increased emphasis on joint decision-making, and the importance of teacher leadership in school districts across the country, officials have labeled the new program "Teacher as Leader".

In an effort to provide Thumb area educators with quality educational experiences in a convenient manner, the program will be delivered via video conference to all 5 of the partner ISDs each semester. Students will have the opportunity to select the center that is most accessible for them to attend.

More information is available by contacting Janet Miller at (586) 749-0067. To schedule an advising appointment, contact Susan Jurkiewicz at the Sanilac ISD, (810) 648-4700 (ext. 261); Judy Maddox at the Tuscola ISD, (989) 673-2144 (ext. 417); or Shirley Miller at the Huron ISD, (989) 269-6406.

NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF THE ELECTORS OF CASS CITY SCHOOLS, TUSCOLA, HURON AND SANILAC COUNTIES, MICHIGAN

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Please Take Notice that the regular school election of the school district will be held on Tuesday, May 3, 2005.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT the following proposition(s) will be submitted to the vote of the electors at the regular school election.

BONDING PROPOSAL

Shall Cass City Public Schools, Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac Counties, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Eleven Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$11,500,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefore, for the purpose of:

erecting additions to Campbell Elementary School and erecting, furnishing and equipping a performing arts center for Cass City High School; partially remodeling, furnishing and refurbishing, equipping and re-equipping school facilities; acquiring, installing and equipping technology for school facilities; improving the running track; and developing and improving sites?

The following is for informational purposes only:

The estimated millage that will be levied for the proposed bonds in 2005 is 1.69 mills (\$1.69 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation). The maximum number of years the bonds may be outstanding, exclusive of any refunding, will not exceed fifteen (15) years. The estimated simple average annual millage anticipated to be required to retire this bond debt is 4.02 mills (\$4.02 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation).

(Pursuant to State law, expenditure of bond proceeds must be audited, and the proceeds cannot be used for repair or maintenance costs, teacher, administrator or employee salaries, or other operating expenses.)

THE LAST DAY ON WHICH PERSONS MAY REGISTER IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE REGULAR SCHOOL ELECTION CALLED TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2005, IS MONDAY, APRIL 4, 2005. PERSONS REGISTERING AFTER 5 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING ON MONDAY, APRIL 4, 2005, ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE REGULAR SCHOOL ELECTION.

To register, visit any Secretary of State branch office or your county, city or township clerk's office. Persons planning to register with the respective county, city or township clerks must ascertain the days and hours on which the clerks' offices are open for registration.

This Notice is given on behalf of the board of education.

Margie White-Cormier
Tuscola County Clerk

Revive '05 on tap in Cass City

A former professional basketball player turned full-time ministry leader will headline "Revive '05", a special series of meetings sponsored by the Cass City Missionary Church.

The series is scheduled for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 8-10, in the Cass City High School gym.

Friday's meeting will begin at 7 p.m., with youth activities to follow. There will be a 10 a.m. children's service Saturday, followed by a 7 p.m. service, again followed by youth activities. Sunday will feature a family service starting at 10 a.m.

The programs will be lead by Evangelist Bay Forrest of Kingdom Building Ministries and will feature KC (Keith Conner) and the Glowworms.

After 3 years of playing basketball in the NBA, a back injury forced Forrest into an early retirement. He turned to full-time ministry, first spending 7 years as a youth pastor and retreat speaker, then taking his family to Kenya, East Africa, to serve with Africa Inland Mission for 5 years.

Forrest began his speaking ministry with Kingdom Building Ministries in the mid-1990s and today speaks across the country at various functions to Christians and non-Christians alike. His ministry focus is on teens, college students, young adults and adults.

All area residents and churches are invited to attend the meetings. More information is available by calling the Cass City Missionary Church at (989) 872-2729.

Gardening classes set in Huron

The Huron County Master Gardener Program is currently taking registrations for classes to be held on Wednesdays beginning April 20 and ending June 29.

These non-credit classes

will be held from 6:30 to 10 p.m. at the MSU Extension office conference room at 99 W. Soper Rd., Suite B, Bad Axe.

Each week of the course will cover a different topic

and will be presented by an expert in that field. The scheduled topics include orientation, plant science, soil science, integrated pest management, houseplants, vegetable gardening, woody ornamentals, home pests, fruit trees, flower gardening, small fruits and law care.

Master Gardeners help to foster an appreciation and interest in environmental improvement.

Class size is limited to the first 15 individuals registered. To register, or for more information, call the Huron County Master Gardener Program at (989) 269-9949.



Traditionally, more people show up for an Easter Sunday church service than any other throughout the year. We hope that they got more out of it than proofreading the bulletin.

But for those who specialize in that sort of thing, here are a few bloopers that made it into print:

Sermon outline: I. Delineate your fear; II. Disown your fear; III. Displace your fear.

Next Friday we will be serving hot gods for lunch.

Nov. 11: An evening of bowling at Lincoln Country Club.

Women's Luncheon: Each member is to bring a sandwich. Polly Phillips will bring the medication.

Karen's beautiful rendition "It Is Well With My Solo."

Congratulations to Tim and Ronda on the birth of their daughter Oct. 12 through 17. If you choose to leave during the postlude, please do so quietly.

We are grateful for the help of those who cleaned up the grounds around the church building and the rector.

Hymn: "I Love Thee My Lord."

Sign-up sheet for anyone wishing to be baptized on the table in the foyer.

Newsletters are not being sent to absentees because of their weight.

Helpers are needed! Please sign up on the information sheet.

The Advent Retreat will be held in the lower level of St. Mary's Cathedral.

As soon as the weather clears up, the men will have

a goof outing.

Fifth Sindy is Lent.

Thank you, dead friends. Diana and Don request your presents at their wedding.

Lent is a period for preparing for Holy Weed and Easter.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget all His benefits.

For the Word of God is quick and powerful, piercing even to the dividing of soup and spirit.

Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to men. Definition: Persons who are shut-in during bath weather.

Bring one dozen coolies wrapped for Christmas. The lovers in the exhaust fan are not working.

Volunteers are needed to spit up food. Head deacon and dead deaconess.

We pray that people will jumble themselves.

Then there was the college drama group that presented a play in which one character was to stand over a trap door and announce, "I descend into hell!"

A stagehand then pulled a rope springing the trap door and the actor would drop from view.

At the last minute, the actor became ill and another, who was quite overweight, replaced him.

When he said his dramatic line and began the plunge, he got hopelessly stuck. No amount of tugging on the rope could make him descend.

Thereupon, a student in the balcony jumped up and yelled, "Hallelujah! Hell is full!"

Antique hunt set May 10

The destination for Rawson Memorial Library's Great Antique Hunt V on May 10 is Howell, MI. The cost is \$30 for the day-long trip which will include a visit to a 70-dealer antique mall, a visit to an outlet mall, lunch, a short guided tour of historic Howell, free time in the quaint downtown area and perhaps a surprise or 2. There are only 56 seats available, so get your ticket beginning April 1. (Absolutely no early sales and all sales are final.)

If you can't join us for the group trip, consider buying a ticket for a drawing for a Personally Escorted Tour (PET)...date of your choice! The winner of the PET will pick the date they wish to visit the Outlet Antique Mall. First prize also includes a \$50 gift certificate to the antique mall, round-trip transportation and lunch. The second prize winner will receive a \$25 gift certificate to the Cass City Antique Mall. Tickets for the PET drawing are available now. For more information about the trip or drawings, contact the library at 872-2856.

FFA to host annual pig sale

The Sanilac FFA Chapter is sponsoring its annual Final Drive Show Pig Sale, which is scheduled for Wednesday, April 13, at the Sanilac Career Center.

Viewing of the animals starts at 6 p.m., with the sale beginning at 7 p.m.

The Sanilac FFA Chapter is a non-profit organization of high school students interested in pursuing careers in an agricultural field. The proceeds from this fundraiser will enable the students to attend various leadership contests, conferences and workshops.

More information is available by contacting Robert Sollman at (810) 648-4700 (ext. 238).

Calendar of Events

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

Friday, April 1

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

Monday, April 4

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

Tuesday, April 5

AYSO Board meeting, 7 p.m., Charmont. Aftercare Program for Grief Counseling, 6:30 p.m., VFW Annex Building, 4530 Veterans Dr., Cass City. Everyone is invited to attend. Sponsored by Thabet Funeral Home, Inc.

Young Adults (5th grade & up) Come Join the Fun at Rawson Memorial Library April 9, 6-8 p.m.

For "You Can't Do that at the Library!"

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Bring a friend and spend a few hours doing things you normally "Can't do at the library!"

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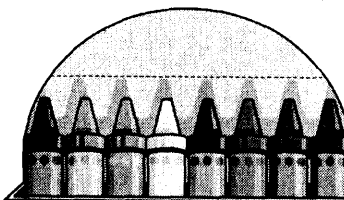
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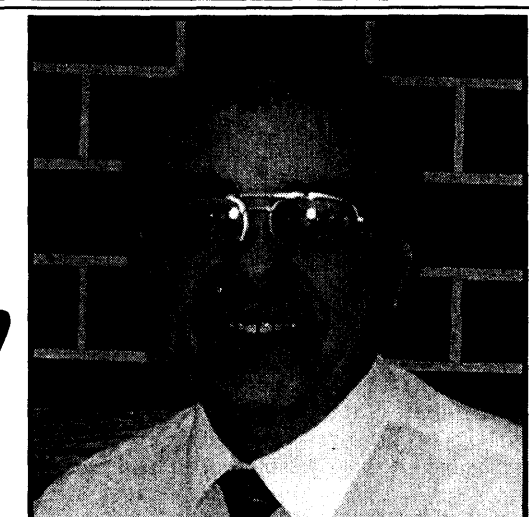
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AFTERCARE PROGRAM FOR GRIEF COUNSELING

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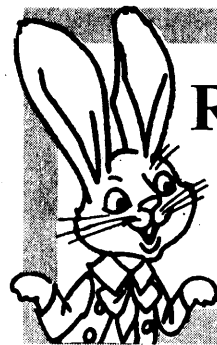
Next meeting April 5th

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Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Three members of this year's basketball team were guests of Cass City Rotary last week. Brad Langenburg and Justin Glaza are juniors and Andrew Schinnerer is a senior. Jeff Hartel, who brought the athletes to the meeting, said that all the boys are good students as well as members of fall, winter and spring sports.

Hopes are high that the Red Hawks will successfully defend their Greater Thumb West baseball title. The juniors are also looking ahead to next year in the battle for titles in football and basketball. Schinnerer has scored big in the educational derby, as he has been accepted at the University of Michigan.

I take it all back. A couple of weeks ago I suggested that what Michigan State needed was to have first team class C all state Jordan Bitzer from Unionville-Sebewaing shoot clutch free throws for the Spartans.

It was clutch free throw shooting by MSU, especially by Allen Anderson, that pushed State into the final four Sunday.

The price for recreation is going up, way up, before you spend a penny at your vacation designation. Clarke Haire drives a three-quarter ton truck and the trip to Boyne City, ONE WAY, cost \$37 for fuel.

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Cass City Public Schools

PROGRESS IN EDUCATION

from the desk of Ken Micklash, Superintendent

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Some questions regarding finance and cost associated with the proposed renovation and expansion project have been asked. Here are a couple of questions and answers related to that topic.

QUESTION - What will the new millage rate be and what would it have been projected to be in 2005 if this proposal was never in consideration?

ANSWER - In December of 2004 the millage rate for the middle school debt was 4.20. If the expansion and renovation project is approved, the new rate is scheduled to be 5.46 mills, this represents an increase of 1.26 mills. If this project was not being considered the millage rate for December 2005 was projected to decrease .43 mills. So, without this issue, the millage rate would be 3.77. The difference between the new rate of 5.46 and 3.77 is 1.69 mills.

QUESTION - So what will the proposal actually cost me?

ANSWER - If your home/property value in 2004 was \$80,000, you paid \$168.00 in taxes for the Cass City Schools debt service. If the renovation and expansion project is approved the new rate will increase 1.26 mills and your added tax cost will be \$50.40 on a home valued at \$80,000. Your total tax payment would be \$168.00 + \$50.40 or \$218.40 for the year.

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

Preschool Expo on tap

The third annual Preschool Expo will be held Saturday, April 23, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Sanilac Career Center, 175 E. Aitken Rd., Peck.

Families with children ages 0-6 are invited to come to this event to learn about the various resources available for young children in Sanilac County. The expo is sponsored by Success by 6, a coalition of local educators with a mission "to support transition efforts of early childhood education through collaboration, communication and team work."

The event will highlight early childhood literacy/education issues, health/nutrition information, showcase preschools in the county and promote safety issues. A Scholastic Book Fair will feature inexpensive children's books for sale. The first 65 children will receive a \$2 coupon towards their purchase at the book fair.

There will be 2 sessions for families.

Beginning at 10 a.m., Gail Innis, MSU Extension, will present: Get Your Child READY for School: ABCs at Home with Me Family Literacy Tool Kit. Participants will learn about this outstanding transition kit that is available to families that participate in the Great Parents, Great Start home visiting

Scholarship goes to E. Hoyt

Elizabeth J. Hoyt of Cass City has been named to the dean's list at Northwood University, Midland, for the winter term.

Hoyt, a sophomore at Northwood, is the daughter of Russ Carmichael and Janet Hoyt.

To be named to the dean's list, a student must earn a minimum 3.25 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

program.

"ABCs at Home with Me" is a special kit made just for preschoolers. The items provided will help children get ready to read and write before they start school. Some items in the kit include: a children's book with activities, scissors, yarn, paper, envelopes, glue, tissue paper, ruler, crayons, pencils and markers. Children and their caregivers will participate in hands-on activities from this kit. Several kits will be given away to families that participate in this session.

The second session will be the keynote presentation. Starting at 11 a.m. Rhonda Gowler Greene, Michigan author, will present: Enjoying Reading with Preschoolers. Greene, author

of Barnyard Song (the 2004 Michigan Reads winner) and other popular picture books, will use slides, puppets, shapes and musical instruments to share a glimpse into an author's life and 4 of her books. This will be a fun, interactive program for all ages. There will be a book signing to follow. Each family will receive a free copy of the book, "Barnyard Song," that can be signed by the author.

Door prizes, such as books, educational toys and other items related to young children, will be given away throughout the event. Children can listen to stories, do art projects and have their face painted. Children can also receive free vision, hearing and dental screenings.

The Haire Net

Now that is service



If all of its potential customers were like me, Microsoft would not be the bell-cow of the electronic age. In fact, it wouldn't be in business. I'm completely shocked by these electronic marvels. Shocked, but ignorant.

My latest frustration is the telephone system. Not only cell phones that I'll tell you about later.

This one concerns a regular antique phone. You know the kind, just know the number and dial it. My beef happens to be with MCI, but easily could have been with any phone company.

For 2 years now I've been attempting to get the address changed slightly. It includes the Chronicle's box number along with my home address. The post office does its job too well. When the box number is in the address the bill goes to the Chronicle instead of to my home. I called MCI last week to ask them to please delete the box number and was assured that it would be done. I explained that I received 2 MCI bills, one for the cottage and the other for my home.

It's at best an even money

bet that the address change will be on both bills. I would bet a bob or 2 that it may be changed on one, but not the other.

Cell phones that are now mini-computers have very limited benefit for me. I don't know how to use them other than making a simple call once in a while. I don't use it as a camera, store phone numbers on it, or do any of the other tricky operations that are duck soup for anyone over 6 years old and younger than 65.

Despite these many advantages, there is something to be said for the phone system of yesteryear. Now yesteryear doesn't mean 3 decades ago. Try to go back between 4 and 5 decades to learn about personal phone service.

That's when the Chronicle's number was 13 and you didn't tap it out on a keypad. Simply ring "central", tell her (it was almost invariably a woman) the number you wanted and she did the rest. Often it wasn't even necessary to know the number. Simply say whom you wanted to talk with and she made the connection. (Or explained that the person wasn't home and try again after supper.) Believe me, I'm not making this up.

I'll admit that rural phone service wasn't the greatest, especially on multi-party lines. You called the home you wanted by making a certain number of rings, some long, some short.

On party lines, a private conversation was impossible. Listening in on party lines was an avocation for many.

It wasn't very polite, but it certainly kept everyone up to date on the lives and affairs of everyone in the area.

And if you happened to miss listening in on the party, you could just give central a ring and she was usually happy to bring you up to date.

Now that's service.



The back forty

by Roger Pond

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Many folks who grew up on a farm can remember the arrival of baby chickens. This happened in March at our place and it's hard to say who was more excited: Mother, the kids, or the chickens.

The brooder house was cleaned and disinfected, a bale of peat was scattered for bedding, and the brooder lights were all checked. Everything had to be just right for the health and safety of the chicks.

The peeps arrived by mail in most cases and the little fuzz balls were removed from the box and carefully placed under the brooder. This was the most dangerous part of the operation, especially if Mother had helpers.

An old cartoon by Bob Artley reminds me of the many hazards toddlers posed for baby chickens. Artley's cartoon shows Mother carefully removing chicks from the box and instructing the older children on how to handle them. At the same time a two-year-old is reaching into another box and lifting a chick out by its head.

The baby of the family was always the most interested and certainly the most dangerous for baby chickens. Mothers learned quickly that you don't just give a chick to a toddler without taking some precautions.

A toddler could drop a chick, of course, but that isn't likely. Quite the contrary. The little ones are so fond of baby chicks they squeeze them like a tube of toothpaste (with nearly the same result sometimes).

I still remember handing my little brother, Merlin, a chick when he was about two years old. You should have seen his eyes light up! The chick's eyes got pretty big, too, but we got it away from him just in time.

Excitement is contagious, and Mother was surely excited by the time we got all of those chicks out of the boxes. That's one of the problems with kids: They always want to help with things they aren't ready for. Then when they get big enough to do something, they are no longer interested.

The days when every farm

had a flock of chickens are long gone. Folks just don't have time for that kind of thing anymore.

That's too bad, I think. Feeding the chickens was one of the few things smaller kids could do to learn some responsibility. Even a kid who couldn't be trusted with the eggs could help feed the chickens.

My wife and I took a trip to Europe some years ago, and noticed all of the farms in countries such as Switzerland had a few chickens running around. The tour guide said chickens that are allowed to run loose are called

"happy chickens" in Switzerland. They bring a higher price at the grocery.

I guess we could compare that to "free range" chickens in the U.S. It seems the more exercise they get, the more they are worth.

All of our chickens were free range when I was a kid, and most of them were fair game, too. Anyone who wanted to learn how to lasso calves generally practiced on the chickens first.

If exercise had anything to do with price, some of those chickens would have been worth a fortune.

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No more than 15 nor less than 5 days notice of appeal shall be made to the person to whom real property is assessed within 300 feet of the boundary of the property in question and to occupants of all structures within 300 feet.

Those persons wishing to comment may appear at this public hearing.

David Hoard
Novesta Township Zoning Administrator

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5-Day Local Forecast

Wednesday
Isolated T-storms
High: 60 Low: 40
Thursday
Scattered T-storms
High: 54 Low: 33
Friday
Mostly Cloudy
High: 43 Low: 28
Saturday
Mostly Cloudy
High: 45 Low: 30
Sunday
Partly Cloudy
High: 48 Low: 34

In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see partly cloudy skies with a 30% chance of showers and thunderstorms, high temperature of 60°, humidity of 63% and an overnight low of 40°. The record high temperature for today is 76° set in 1986. Thursday, skies will be mostly cloudy with a 40% chance of showers and thunderstorms, high temperature of 54°.

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip
Sunday	34	30	41/24	0.00"
Monday	37	25	41/24	0.00"
Tuesday	37	21	41/24	0.00"
Wednesday	39	25	42/25	0.00"
Thursday	41	30	42/25	0.00"
Friday	36	19	43/25	0.00"
Saturday	41	16	43/26	0.00"

Upcoming Moon Phases

Last New First Full
4/1 4/8 4/16 4/24

Sunrise/Sunset Times

Sunrise today 6:17 a.m.
Sunset tonight 6:58 p.m.

Last Week's Local Almanac

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Sunday	34	30	41/24	0.00"	Normal precipitation 0.56"
Monday	37	25	41/24	0.00"	Departure from normal -0.56"
Tuesday	37	21	41/24	0.00"	Average temperature 30.8°
Wednesday	39	25	42/25	0.00"	Average normal temperature 33.1°
Thursday	41	30	42/25	0.00"	Departure from normal -2.3°
Friday	36	19	43/25	0.00"	
Saturday	41	16	43/26	0.00"	

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Red Hawk Talks

by Leah Sherman

The foundation of Cass City Public Schools is in one very important building. The Early Childhood Education Center (ECEC) houses Cass City's Michigan School Readiness Program, the Young 5's program, and the 2 kindergarten classes. Students between the ages of four and six begin their educational careers here.

The kindergarten and young 5's classes are available to all students entering grade school. The Michigan School Readiness Program is an "at risk" program for four year olds preparing to enter grade school.

An "at risk" program is designed to help students who may need some extra encouragement and preparation for grade school. The Michigan School Readiness Program is state funded; however, if a student does not qualify as an at risk student, but still wants to be enrolled in the program, a tuition fee is required.

I was interested in this program right away. Perhaps it is because I enjoy imagining myself as a young child again, but getting the information for this article was a lot of fun!

A normal day for a student in the Michigan School Readiness Program begins with an hour of free choice time. During this time, the students have the opportunity to choose an activity to do. There are different stations throughout the classroom, called centers. Some of the centers include art, building blocks, play dough, writing activities and activities that encourage the development of fine motor skills. Even in the writing center the students are encouraged to have fun with learning. They don't write with a boring

pencil and paper. Instead, they use their fingers to write in shaving cream or sand.

After free choice time, the students move to an activity called teaming. Teaming combines all of the students in ECEC. This is a time for the students to participate in various activities, ranging from stories to scavenger hunts.

Following recess, it is time for a snack and a story. Finally, the students move to an activity called teaming. Teaming combines all of the students in ECEC. This is a time for the students to participate in various activities, ranging from stories to scavenger hunts.

The school schedule for the Michigan School Readiness Program varies from the Cass City School's calendar. The students are in school for a half day, Monday through Thursday. Also, the school year for this program begins in September and runs through May.

Head teacher, Susan Stoutenburg has been a teacher in this program for six years. Mrs. Stoutenburg admits that her job can be very challenging. "Four year olds always have a lot of energy and it can be hard to keep up with them," she says. However, after talking with Mrs. Stoutenburg, it became very clear that she truly enjoys her job. She explains, "It's very rewarding. I get to see a lot of light bulbs go on. It's fun to see a student learn something new. Also, the appreciation from the students is always obvious."

With the presence of such an excellent program at the foundation of Cass City's school systems, it's no wonder why our school has been the home of so many successful students!



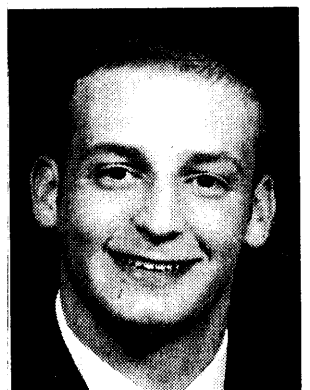
JUSTIN ANTHERS demonstrates how the Trail-Mate can be transported by one person using a grip handle. Customers can also purchase an optional hitch that enables the game feeder to be transported with an ATV. (See story, page one.)

Ubly H.S. Class of 2005

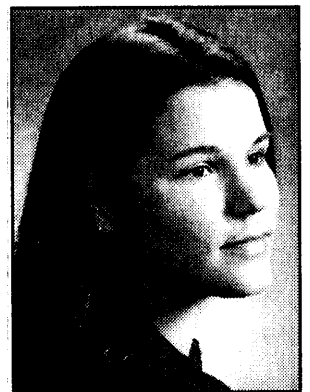
Maurer, Stomack top grads

Ubly Community School officials recently announced their top graduates in the Class of 2005.

The valedictorian is Andrew Maurer, who will graduate with a grade point average of 3.98. He is the son of Terrance and Sheryl Maurer of Ubly. Kayla Stomack is the salutatorian and will graduate with a grade point average of 3.87. She is the daughter of Wayne and Kay Stomack of Minden City.



Andrew Maurer



Kayla Stomack

Maurer has earned several academic awards at Ubly, including honors in pre-calculus, chemistry, economics/government, American history, algebra, English, advanced biology, geometry, computers and Spanish. He earned "Co-Student of the Month" recognition twice as well as the academic award in each year of high school. Nominated for the Wendy's High School Heisman Award, Maurer has also earned the MEAP Merit Award.

Maurer participated in football for 4 years and earned his letter during both of his years on varsity. He received the All-Conference Scholar Athlete Award during his junior and senior years and earned Second Team All-Conference honors at the guard position his senior year.

Maurer has also been active in the concert, pep and marching bands, and he was the recipient of the Chandra Koglin Outstanding Freshman Award.

He has belonged to many clubs and organizations at the high school, including Na-

tional Honor Society, currently serving as president. He served as class vice president during his junior and senior years, was a member of the prom committee, and has participated in Quiz Bowl, earning MVP honors as a sophomore.

Maurer has also been active in FFA for 6 years, serving as a voting delegate at the state convention and volunteering his time for Care and Share and Project Rural Education Day. He served as chapter treasurer and sentinel. His FFA awards have included the Greenhand Degree, Chapter Degree, Chapter Star Farmer and State Outstanding Junior Award. As a freshman, he competed in the Creed Speaking Competition and finished in first place at the district and regional levels, and fourth place at the state level.

Maurer is a member of the Most Holy Trinity of Smith's Corners, where he has served as an altar server for 9 years. His future plans include attending Lawrence Technological University, where he would like to major in mechanical engineering.

Stomack has also earned several academic awards, including honors in English, business services and technology, and American History.

She has earned honor roll standing numerous times and has been active with several organizations, including Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA), serving as Region 6 parliamentarian and earning a state silver medal as a sophomore, and serving as vice president in her junior year. She has also been active as a member of Teens Against Tobacco Use (TATU).

She has been active in Quiz Bowl and earned "Student of the Month" honors. Stomack, a Wendy's High School Heisman nominee, has also participated in athletics, including volleyball and track and field, earning varsity letters in track along with Athlete of the Week and All-Conference Scholar Athlete honors.

Her other interests have included marching, jazz and pep band, and orchestra. She has participated in a number of district festivals and solo and ensemble events.

Stomack has been involved in FFA, serving as secretary in her junior year and chapter president her senior year. She attended Project Rural Education Day, the STEP Conference, state and national conventions, MFB Conference, and an MSU Dairy Judging Clinic. She earned her Forage Crop Production Proficiency, partici-

pated in the Michigan FFA State Band, and earned the Outstanding Junior FFA Agricultural Award, Chapter Star Greenhand and Outstanding Service Award.

She earned fourth place in showmanship for her Swine at the Huron County Fair, participated with the FFA Parliamentary Procedure Team that won a gold rating at districts, and was named a top 5 finalist in Agricultural Research.

Stomack, who has a part-time job feeding 100 calves on the Messiner Dairy Farm, has been accepted into Michigan State University's Pre-Veterinary Program. After finishing the 4-year program, she plans to apply to the College of Veterinary Medicine and specialize in large animal care.

HONORS GRADS

Other Ubly seniors graduating with honors are:

High Honors - Shawn Depcinski, son of Charles and Theresa Depcinski; Gina Pionk, daughter of Herbert and Marilyn Pionk; Adam Hill, son of Marvin and Lois Hill; Jason Oberski, son of Mark and Theresa Oberski; Cristan Parker, son of Joanne Parker and Robert Parker; Clinton Maurer, son of Gloria Maurer and Richard Maurer; Kristin Klawon,

daughter of Mark and Donna Klawon; and Jaclyn Rivard, daughter of Lawrence and Pamela Rivard.

Honors - Jessica Kawecki, daughter of Jeffrey and Brenda Kawecki; Samuel Mignoni, son of Monica Mignoni and Samuel Mignoni; Cherish Mausolf, daughter of Debbie Mausolf and the late Kevin Mausolf; Gary Laming, son of Dale and Elaine Laming; Evan Klee, son of Ernie Klee and the late Cathy Klee; Nicole Rumpitz, daughter of Gary and Kathy Rumpitz; Paul Longuski, son of Edward and Carmen Longuski; Keri Klawon, daughter of Mark and Donna Klawon; Paige Kulish, daughter of Donald and Carol Kulish; Meghan Kubacki, daughter of Douglas and Margaret Kubacki; Lisa Rutkowski, daughter of Albert and Geraldine Rutkowski; Russell Marks, son of Russell and Deborah Marks; Brandon Roth, son of Joseph and Carol Roth; Matthew Essenmacher, son of Marcus and Holly Essenmacher; Brooke Coenen, daughter of Annette Coenen and Scott Coenen; Eric Link, son of Ralph and Jo Ann Link; Ashley Messing, daughter of Gregory and Shelly Messing; and Derek Glaza, son of Allan and Kim Glaza.



Bulldog Beat

by Mary McKee

It was a busy week for students at Owen-Gage. The first happening was student council elections and the second was the Winter Sports Banquet. For student council elections, three new members would be picked to help out the future student council president, taking care of events going on in and around the school. On the other hand, the Winter Sports Banquet congratulates and recognizes athletes that participated in sports throughout the winter months.

The process of student council elections started way before the actual election took place. To be a candidate for a position, you have to have people sign a petition that will allow you to run. After getting the petition signed, you are considered a candidate and have to write a little speech introducing yourself and making known your talents and abilities. You also have to state why you would be the best person to be a student council officer.

Everything then comes together on the day of elections. This year, the candidate for student council secretary was Barbie Littlepage. Running for treasurer was Nathan Rogers-the current student council treasurer, and Jaclyn Hendrick. The students vying for the vice president's spot was Stanley Krug, Heather Collon, and Amber Pillsbury. Other student council officers are important, but choosing vice president is of extra importance because that person will eventually be the president of student council.

To begin elections, the candidates had to make their speech that they prepared. They were then put on the spot when they were faced with situations that might occur while they are on student council. By doing that, it helps show their problem-solving skill and ability to handle stress. Then ballots are given to everyone in the school to pick who they think

deserves to win. The winners are as follows: treasurer is Nathan Rogers, secretary is Barbie Littlepage, and vice president is Amber Pillsbury.

The next event that was on the agenda was the Winter Sports Banquet. This is an annual event where athletes, parents, and coaches come together to celebrate sports and give awards. The banquet started out as it usually did, with the pot luck dinner.

After that was finished, the Athletic Director and Junior High Basketball Coach Nathan Haag got up and presented awards to the 7th and 8th grade basketball teams. He also acknowledged how important it is for parents and fans to come to games and support the teams.

Up next was the junior high cheerleading coach Natasha Sprague, and after her was the junior high volleyball coaches Liz Robinson and Kathy Champagne.

Following the junior high sports was the presentation of the junior varsity and varsity volleyball awards. Karen Gaeth handed out the JV awards, while Ashley Adams gave out the varsity awards.

After the volleyball awards, Natasha Sprague was up again, this time with the varsity cheerleaders. Then came the basketball awards, with Cory Fritz presenting the JV awards, and Coach Arnie Howard presenting varsity awards.

I always liked the sports banquet because it gives credit to athletes and coaches alike. People take time out to recognize athletes of all sports, no matter if they had a winning or losing record. The hard work and dedication they put into the sports is what is important, and the same goes for student council elections.

Listening to elections, it is easy to see who really wants to win and who are willing to work hard, and those people are the ones who win. These are the dedicated people of the school.

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Students named to honor roll

Cass City Middle School announces the 4th marking period honor roll.

Woodward*, Jeremy Wright and Lauren Zdrojewski.

Grade 5

Michael Adams, Nicholas Adkins, Kayla Bergman, Alison Blattner, Tyler Boyne, Angela Braun*, Trevor Brown, Maria Collins*, Elizabeth DeLuyck, Joshua Farkas, Alexis Fetterhoff, Rebecca Hacker*, Kyle Hanby, Patrick Henderson*, Carley Hendrick, Jordan Hendrian*, Korey Hool, Zachary Hoppe, Anthony House, Alexa Kamrad*, Nicholas Kappen, Troy Kausch, Kristen Kaweck, Nicole Kelley, Jennifer Kelly, Drew King, Tessa Kus, Alyssa Lawrence*, Trenton Loomis, Lindsey McMahan, James Merchant, Macey Messing*, Kyle Middaugh, Josie Moore, Alexis Morrish, Derek Mozden, Ethan Nicol*, Taylor Nye, Megan Parrish*, Alexandra Pena, Kelsey Pohlod, Zachary Potrykus, Morgan Potter, Jessica Prieskorn*, Jordyn Rasmussen*, Logan Rowell*, Rachael Rule, Remington Rushlow, Megan School, Alexandria Smith*, Shannon Stec*, Heather Sweeney*, David TerBush, Cortney Thompson*, Hayley Thorp*, Alyse Timko, Cassandra Tomlinson, Jared Weidman, Michael Wills, Ronald Wolschleger, Travis Wright, Alexander Zaleski and Sarah Zmierski*

Grade 6

Brittany AsherLynch, Tommy Brinkman, Jeffrey Crandall, Jeremy Decent, Austin Deering, Zachary Deering, Cameron Dunnuck, Lesley Eberline, Taylor Forrest, Lindsay German, Chelsea Grady, Chelsea Green*, Krista Guinther*, Brenda Haley, Marion Henderson, Angela Janssen, Nicholas Karavas*, Justin Ketterer, Michael Lange, Channing Langenburg, Ashlee LePage, Jeffery Leslie, Rebecca Leslie, Thomas LeValley, Elizabeth Lintner, Aaron Magiera, Anthony McArthur*, Logan Mika, Michael Milligan*, Brandon Montgomery, Eric Montreuil, Candace Myers, Kathleen Nizzola, Mitchell Odell, Austin Osentoski*, Cherokee Parks, McKensie Parrish*, Hayley Peters, Caitlin Reed*, Andrea Retan, Mary Rivest, Kelsey Russell, Victoria Spencer, Brandon Stine, Amanda Stoll, Mariah Tabar, Robert VanAuken*, Alexander Varney*, Amber Warju, Bradley Whittaker, Robert Wolschleger, Dallas

*Denotes all A's

Grade 7

Zachary Abell, Rachel Auten*, Steffin Bader, Josiah Battel, Christopher Childers, Logan Delduca*, Richard Doerr, Kevven Dorland*, Marc Douglas*, Abby Ellis, Halena Farkas, Teriona Harper, Kyle Hodder, James Hudson, Lindsay Jamieson, Renae Janssen, Amanda Kaake*, Logan Kausch*, Kent LaFave, Amber LaPonsie, Andrew Leslie*, Paige Lester, Jennifer Manwell*, Thomas Marker*, Emily Martin*, Erin McFadzean, Ashleigh Moore*, Brittany Nicol*, Elise Nicol*, Justin Parsons, Nicole Pasanski, Tyler Perry, Kyle Pine, LaShae Radeka, Eric Reif, Aaron Robles, Alex Rowe, Paul Rubey, Kelsey Rudy, Rochelle Rushlow*, Steven Rychlewski, Jenna Sattelberg*, Vanessa Scasny, Nicholas Shantz, Andrew Shurter, Angela Simpson*, David Steely, Stephanie Steely*, Ashleigh Stoeckle, Samantha Swiderski*, Sara Venema, Brandon Weaver, Kyle Weidman, Amanda Woodruff and Megan Zawilinski*.

Grade 8

Krystal Alexander*, Samantha Auten, Austin Babich, Aaron Bardwell*, Deidre Bowen*, Bryan Burk, Thomas Burns II*, Thomas Cotton, Chelsea Depner, Ean Elliott, Cassidy Frank, Matthew Hallwood, Bradley Hanby, Justin Hool, Carly Howard*, Sarah Howard*, Chelsea Israelson, Alexandra Kappen*, Kyle Kausch*, Jaymes Knight, Amanda Langenburg, Kelli Lautner*, Gregory Leslie*, Brittany Loomis*, Erica Louks, Travis Mabe, Abby McCallum, Roger McKee Jr., Elizabeth Michalski*, Brooke Mika, Cole Miller, Travis Mozden, Carl Nicol, Joseph Packard, Chelsea Paladi, Cassandra Parker, Rebecca Perry, Kimberly Proctor, Carly Rabideau*, Sarah Reed*, Jennica Richards*, Andrew Rohlf, Kayla Sanders, Victoria Scasny*, Heather Simpson, Chris Summersett, Jennie Thorp, Krysta Timko, Tyler Tomlinson, Joram Tyson, Taryn Vatter, Megan VanVliet*, Lukas Varney*, Ariel Veneziano*, Timothy Vincent, Clark Walsh and Andrea Zimmerman.



PINNEY FOUNDATION representatives Dave Milligan and Annette Pinney (center) present a check for \$37,500 to Rose Putnam, president of the Friends of the Octagon Barn. The money was used to support purchase of the 26.5-acre site of the Thumb Octagon Barn and Purdy farmhouse.

Pinney donations recognized

Back in 1998, the Pinney Foundation in Cass City came forward and approved a donation of \$4,000 to support the Friends of the Thumb Octagon Barn.

The "friends" were still a relatively new organization at the time, struggling with a number of issues related to saving the historical 8-sided barn near Gagetown.

"This donation played a vital role in our efforts," said Rose Putnam, president of the Friends of the Thumb Octagon Barn. "We were striving to stabilize all the buildings on the site and were in desperate need of funds. With these funds we were able to begin restoration of the barn roof."

More recently, in late 2004, the Pinney Foundation came through again, making a generous donation of \$37,500 to support the purchase of the 26.5-acre site of the octagon barn and Purdy farmhouse.

"The grant was an integral part of the fundraising efforts," Putnam said. "We will

now be able to move forward in saving this important historical site and adding benefit to the overall project.

"A one-room schoolhouse will be moved to the site in 2005 to further our educa-

tional mission," she added. "A new building is in the planning stages which will house the many wonderful donations of agricultural related items for display and demonstration."

Science camps planned

During June and August 2005, the Sanilac ISD will offer elementary science summer camps for children currently in grades kindergarten through eighth grade.

The students will participate in many hands-on activities in the ISD's 33-acre nature area at the Sanilac Career Center campus. Students will learn about trees, rocketry, pond life, insects,

archeology and many other science topics.

Each week will be geared for specific age levels with interesting activities that will send the campers home excited about what they learned.

To learn more about the various camps, please contact Vicki Duley at vduley@sanilac.k12.mi.us, or call (810) 648-4700 (ext. 205).

Down Memory Lane

By Harmony Doerr



5 YEARS AGO

The Ugly Community Schools Chapter of Business Professionals of America (BPA) has earned a reputation for its tireless volunteer work in the community in recent years. Three Ugly students walked away with top honors in their respective competitions at the state conference, held March 17-19' and have earned the right to compete at a national competition to be held in Minneapolis at the end of April. Senior Candi Gliniecki, daughter of Gary and Donna Gliniecki, placed first in Document Formatting; junior Bobbie Sierzputowski, daughter of Robert and Annette Sierzputowski, placed first in Extemporaneous Verbal I; and junior Nathan Prill, son of Alex and Theresa Prill, placed third in Extemporaneous Verbal II.

Cass City is being targeted for some big time publicity. Librarian Barb Hutchinson was contacted last week by the New York Times. The august newspaper was to send a photographer in connection with the Barn Again! program. Saturday's exhibition and Octagon Barn tours were to be photographed for a feature entitled, "Museums on Main Street." It reminds me a little of the days in the 1950s when Cass City, as "Christmas Town", was a mecca for newspapers all over Michigan, including the 3 Detroit papers. The publicity then was much more intense, but as far as I know, never attracted a reporter from the Times. (From Rabbit Tracks)

Secretary of State Candice S. Miller recently announced that the Michigan Historical Commission recently certified 37 farms as centennial farms, including one farm in Tuscola County. The newly designated centennial farm in Tuscola County is owned by Frederick John Gallagher and is located at 5284 Koefgen Rd., Cass City. The farm has been in the family since 1893. Today, its 200 acres produce corn, beans, wheat and soybeans.

10 YEARS AGO

If pitching is 90 percent of

a baseball team's strength, the Cass City Red Hawks should be able to better last year's 18-16 (7-5 in the Thumb C National League) record. Coach Doug Hall, starting his 8th year at the helm, says that pitching will be the strength of this year's team. Jason Morgan, who was named to the first team all-league and district teams last year, is one of the moundsmen. He will also play in the infield. Kevin Storm, also an all-league performer, will pitch and play the infield.

The good news for Cass City High School's softball team is the club has 2 solid pitchers returning. The bad news is the team lost 9 seniors by graduation. Despite the loss, veteran mentor Dave Hoard feels his club will be a solid outfit, capable of defeating any team in the league, although he says Bay City All Saints and Marlette should be considered favorites for the Thumb C National title.

Unless you are competing for the best-lawn-in-the-neighborhood award, lawn experts say you don't have to annihilate every single weed in your yard. Up to 10 or 20 percent of your lawn can have weeds without ruining the turf.

25 YEARS AGO

Curtis Cleland likes to fiddle around and he has a string missing. Nothing wrong with that. The Holbrook resident, 64, has been playing a fiddle since age 12. He still owns his first violin. His newest violin, which he made himself, only has three strings. He read an article in a magazine devoted to stringed instruments about the "Scottish pocket fiddle" and decided to build one. The article mentioned the instrument had only three strings, but didn't say why. There was no illustration, so Cleland had to guess at what it looked like. "I didn't know what I was doing, just using up my scrap," he said. The result of a couple of weeks of off and on effort was a small violin, with the top and bottom made from plywood.

TOO MUCH WORK - Some people find it easier to

believe a lie than to take the time to find out the truth.

35 YEARS AGO

Art Randall, Cass City, was appointed Elkland Township Treasurer at a special meeting of the township board Monday. He will fill the unexpired term of Mac O'Dell who resigned to accept a position as county equalization director. Randall, an employee at Cass City State Bank, will serve at least until the fall election.

Tuesday, April 14, Paul Smarks will be honored on his retirement at 65 as director of athletics at Warren Fitzgerald High School. He was the founder and first president of the Michigan High School Coaching Association and is president of the National High School Coaching Association. Smarks is one of several distinguished coaches to serve in Cass City. The Paul Smarks Trophy, awarded to the outstanding athlete-scholar annually at Cass City High School, is named for him. Other coaches to achieve fame after leaving the community are James Lewis, vice-president at University of Michigan, and Bill Kelley, who recently retired as head football coach at Central Michigan. (From Rabbit Tracks)

Tourism group set to meet

The Huron County Tourism Group will host a dinner meeting Tuesday, April 19, at the Franklin Inn, Bad Axe.

Dinner will be on your own at 6 p.m., followed by the meeting at 7 p.m. Some of the topics of discussion will be website links, package deals, circle tours, the Water Heritage Trail, and opportunities for business promotions. The group is also working at locating sites to place brochures both in and out of Huron County.

To find out more about the group's activities, contact Huron County MSU Extension at (989) 269-9949.

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 Pray/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 Koefgen 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
Barrier Free
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 Misany

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
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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. 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)
989-872-8094 (church)
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Obituaries

Wilma Ashmore

Wilma L. Ashmore, 79, of Cass City, died Friday, March 25, 2005, at St. Mary's Medical Center, Saginaw.

She was born April 23, 1925, in Colfax Township to Roland and Ann (Quinn) Hartsell.

She married David "Charles" Ashmore Jan. 25, 1942, in Elkton. He died Jan. 13, 2001.

Ashmore retired from Walbro Corp. on her 65th birthday after 27 years of service. She attended Cass City United Methodist Church and was a member of the Senior Citizens of Gagetown. When she was younger, she drove hot rod cars a Owendale Speedway.

She is survived by her children, the Rev. David (Andrea) Ashmore of Colorado Springs, Colo., Judy (Tommy) Elliott of Limestone, Tenn., Roger (Mary) Ashmore of Bay City, Henry Ashmore of Bay City, Dale (Clara) Ashmore of Colorado Springs, Colo., Sharon Grant of Saginaw, and Karen Mayer of Cass City; 19 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren; brothers, William (Thelma) Hartsell of Detroit and Leonard (Donna) Hartsell of Owosso; sisters, Elda Straty of Prunessville and Anna Mae (Joseph) Owens of Bridgeport; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her infant daughter, Connie; a son-in-law, David Grant; brothers, Leland, Orville and Roland Hartsell; and a sister, Euleta McComb.

Visitation will be Tuesday, March 29, from 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m., and from 10 to 11 a.m. today (Wednesday) at the Cass City United Methodist Church.

Funeral services are scheduled for today (Wednesday) at the Cass City United Methodist Church, with the Rev. George Ward officiating.

Interment will be in Grant Township Cemetery, Gagetown.

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

Family and friends may share memories, prayers and stories with the family at www.kranzfurneralhome.com.

David Kitchin

David F. Kitchin, Sr., 79, of Port Huron, died Tuesday, March 22, 2005 at Port Huron Hospital following a short illness.

He was born Oct. 2, 1925 in Port Huron, the son of Jason and Laura Kitchin.

He married Merle E. McComb July 18, 1950 in Buena Park, Calif.

Kitchin served with the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean War. He owned and operated Kitchin Oil Co. and the Wurzel Flea Market. Kitchin was a land developer. He was a member of Charles Hammond Post #38 American Legion and Port Huron Lodge #343 B.P.O.E.

Kitchin is survived by his

wife, Merle; 3 children: Sharon J. Lambert of St. Petersburg, Fla., David F. (Lou Ann) Kitchin, Jr. of North Street, and Merlene M. (Bruce) Lindke of Marysville; 5 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren; a sister, Emma (Ernest) Bullock of Decker; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son-in-law, Jerry Lambert; 2 brothers, Clarence Kitchin and Robert Cole; and 2 sisters: Donna Profit and Betty Nuremburg.

Funeral services were held Friday, March 25, at Smith Family Funeral Home, Port Huron, with Pastor J. Randall Withenshaw of Ross Bible Church officiating.

Burial was in the Kinney Cemetery.

Military honors were under the direction of the St. Clair County Allied Veterans Council.

Memorials may be made to the Ross Bible Church Missionary Fund or the charity of the donor's choice.

Arrangements were made by Smith Family Funeral Home, Port Huron.

Gary Long

Gary Long, 37, died March

20, 2005.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret; a daughter, Renee; a son, Gary; parents, Duane and Jean Long of Decker; siblings, Danay Westerby, Tina, Michael and Scott; one grandchild; grandparents, Marvin and Pat Touzeau; parents-in-law Judith Henrikowski and Edward (Jody) Henrikowski; a sister-in-law, Yvonne Henrikowski; and several nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles.

Funeral services were held March 24 at the John N. Santeiu and Son Funeral Home, Garden City.

Charles Peasley

Charles "Bud" Clair Peasley, 84, of Deford, died Monday, March 21, 2005 at St. Mary's Medical Center, Saginaw.

He was born Oct. 6, 1920 in Detroit, the son of Claud and Mary (Wilcox) Peasley.

He married Ruth Marie Zapfe June 9, 1944 in Manton.

Peasley farmed with his dad and worked at Farm Produce Co-op Elevator. He owned the Sinclair gas station with Earney Seelye. Later, he worked at Cass City High

School as a janitor and a bus driver. Peasley retired from the Caro Regional Center. He served in the Army Air Force. He was a member of the Novesta Church of Christ, and a lifetime member of the Masonic Tyler Lodge #317.

Peasley is survived by his wife, Marie; children: Charles (Ruth Ann) Peasley of Cass City, Arlene (Ivan) Paladi of Deford, and Claud Ray (Donella) Peasley of Deford; 11 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; 2 sisters: Claudine (Neil) Hicks and Marjorie (Robert) Kitchin; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Leslie; and a sister, Lucy.

Funeral services were held Friday, March 25, at Novesta Church of Christ, Cass City, with Chuck Emmert officiating.

Interment was in the Novesta Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Military honors were under the direction of the Cass City VFW Post #3644.

Memorials may be made to the Novesta Church of Christ.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

Thumb Area Michigan Works! gets attention

Tenacity and persistence have paid off for Thumb Area workforce development leaders once again.

The State of Michigan has authorized acceptance of the Thumb Area Michigan Works!'s new welfare-to-work program. Called "Growing to Work ENTERPRISE," the pilot approach to public-assistance-to-work-reform was launched Tuesday.

The Thumb Area Michigan Works! Agency, in full partnership with the Huron, Lapeer, Sanilac and Tuscola county departments of Human Services, brought this innovative idea to the state departments of Labor and Economic Growth and Human Services.

"The model presented to us clearly focuses on the goals and principles that we have endorsed as we pursue a new approach to our welfare-to-work efforts in Michigan," said Department of Labor and Economic Growth Director David C. Hollister.

The program is designed to more effectively and efficiently use funds for public assistance, reduce dependency on state assistance and improve living conditions of those in need. To do this, Growing to Work participants are empowered with opportunities to personally select activities that will help them grow to work.

"Growing to Work is a progressive, programmatic transition from the current WORK FIRST design," said Mary Pichla, executive director of the Thumb Area

Michigan Works!

"The new approach will more effectively flex with national, state and local economic conditions. The WORK FIRST program works in a healthy and robust economy. But in a slower economy, like the one we are experiencing right now, those in need of public assistance too often experience a 'last in and first out' phenomenon with regard to employment opportunities."

The Growing to Work ENTERPRISE program is a self-empowering approach, allowing clients to be directly involved in determining and selecting their own training needs. Department of Human Services staff will make participant referrals to Thumb Area Michigan Works! Upon acceptance into the program, a joint evaluation of the participant's basic needs occurs between the clients, DHS and TAMW! Private placement agencies will also be employed to help "rank" the employment capacity of each client. The independent, pre-employment assessment offered by these agencies will help clients in their Growing to Work ENTERPRISE planning.

ENTERPRISE opportunities available to increase a participant's job-getting potential include assistance or training in the following areas:

- * Personal Road Blocks (daycare, money management, transportation, etc.)
- * Basic Credentials (GED,

literacy, special licensing, etc.)

* Workability Development (resume preparation, interviewing, higher education, etc.)

* Education Plus (unpaid work experience, occupational skills training, etc.)

* Employment (part-time, full-time, etc.)

The program has a built-in accountability factor, requiring participants to maintain weekly logs to demonstrate compliance of a 40-hour-a-week minimum commitment.

Time to register cycles

Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land reminds residents that as they give their motorcycles spring tune-ups, they should also make sure their registrations are renewed by March 31.

"We've made it easier for motorcyclists to remember to renew their tabs," Land said. "Putting motorcycle and vehicle registrations on the same renewal cycle makes more sense, saves time and limits transactions with the department."

To assist with the transition, fees will be prorated for this first renewal cycle based on the number of months from April 1 to the owner's birthday.

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Group hopes to provide more snowmobiling opportunities

While recent spring weather has many area residents dusting off their barbecue or gardening tools, some snowmobiling enthusiasts still have snow very much on their minds.

The group hopes to provide more snowmobile riding opportunities in the Thumb.

"We are looking for snowmobilers who are tired of only being able to ride up north and in the U.P.," said organizer Brian Vanderpoel.

The group hopes to formally organize during a meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 6, starting at 7 p.m. at the West Park Motor Inn in Sandusky.

Anyone interested in getting involved can also contact the group on-line at Snowthumbs@voyager.net.

Organizers of the new club hope to attract members from throughout the Thumb, including Cass City.

"It sounds pretty cool," Jeff Leinweber, local business owner and avid snowmobiler from Owendale, said of the plan to develop more trails in the area.

At the same time, Leinweber said, access isn't the only issue that often prompts him and his wife, Deb, and a host of family members to travel north to use their snow machines.

"Basically, the way I think about it, the lack of snow (here) is a limitation, but this is why I usually don't ride around here. But we use the lake around here if we get good ice," he said.

"Years ago we used to ride the trails around Cass City on the state land, but some people abused it, so the state closed them off, so you can't get on the state land anymore," Leinweber added.

"In Tuscola County you can't even ride on the road right of way, or you have to be on private land. Up here (in Huron County) we can ride on the right of ways." Cass City resident and busi-

ness owner Joe Howard agreed that lack of snow and access are the same reasons he also travels a couple hours north to enjoy snowmobiling.

"It would be fantastic if they could get something established down there," he said.

Another Cass City resident, Jon Zdrojewski, said the lack of access in the Thumb isn't a major problem for him because he uses his snowmobile primarily to travel to his favorite ice fishing spots.

On the other hand, he added, "I probably would ride it more if they had some" trails in the Thumb.



PROFESSIONAL BOWLER Brian Waliczek (with ball) addressed Charmont Lanes' Youth Bowling League Tuesday afternoon. Waliczek, who is married to former Cass City graduate Jill Wright, will compete this week in the 2005 PBA World Championship Pro-Am in Taylor, Michigan.

O-G sets hoop date

The Owen-Gage High School Boys Basketball alumni Game will be held Sunday, April 3, starting at 7 p.m.

Anyone interested in playing is asked to contact Cory Fritz at (989) 678-4125 or the high school office at (989) 678-4141. Players may also sign up the night of the game until 6 p.m.

Admission is free. Donations will be welcome at the door.



CHAD FITZPATRICK, owner of Thumb Motorsports in Cass City, feels only a lack of snow should hamper a snowmobile trail system in the Thumb area.

Whitetails Unlimited Banquet slated

Whitetails Unlimited (WTU) is sponsoring the Sanilac County Chapter of Whitetails Unlimited Banquet, which is slated for Saturday, April 9, at Woodland Hills Golf Club in Sandusky.

The event will feature a buffet dinner, auction, door prizes, sporting equipment, limited edition wildlife and outdoor art, and WTU collectibles.

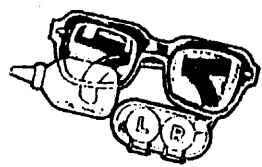
The social hour will begin

at 5:30 p.m., with dinner following at 7 p.m. Tickets must be purchased by April 4 and are available by contacting Rick Mazzei at (810) 648-5939, or WTU National Headquarters at 1-800-274-5471. They may also be purchased on-line at whitetailsunlimited.com (choose events and then banquets and your state).

Baseball sign up extended

Officials for the Cass City Minor and Little Leagues have extended the deadline to register in the youth summer baseball programs.

Any boys, age 5-16, interested in participating are asked to contact Nathan Fritz at 872-4836 by April 1st.



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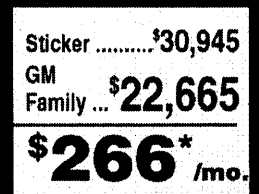
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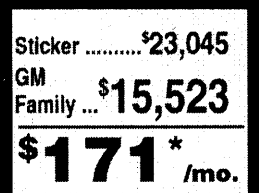
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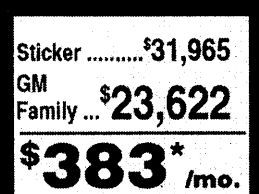
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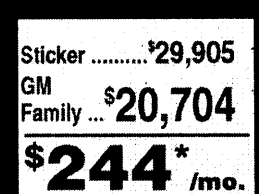
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GM Family ...\$16,286
\$254*/mo.



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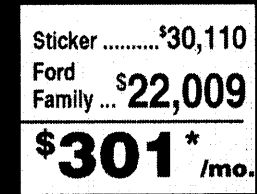
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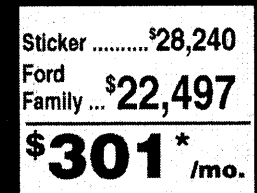
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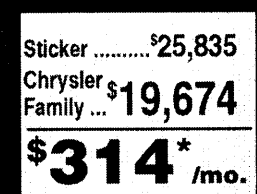
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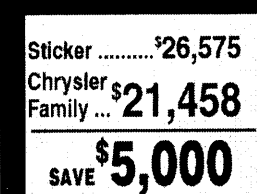
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Letters to the editor

Invest in the future for students, community

Our children are the most valuable resource we have and as adults we need to do all we can to support and encourage them to be successful in their educational process.

The proposed bond issue for school renovation and expansion coming up May 3 of this year is a means whereby we can do this to benefit all students.

Studies have shown that students who participate in extracurricular activities, whether it is the arts, academic or sports, perform better in their core (required) academic classes. Participation in these activities requires that students maintain a passing grade or they are not allowed to participate. Students who may be borderline academically will put forth a greater effort to get the required grade so they can continue to participate, and this may keep these students in school.

If a student gets discouraged, has no motivation to stay in school, drops out, their chances of becoming dependant on society to provide for them will be greater and cost us more tax dollars in the long term. I would rather see my tax dollars used to provide facilities to keep these kids involved, in school, graduate, and become productive citizens.

Our community will benefit with these facilities as well. We have community choir concerts with our Tom Thumb Singers, and churches have combined concerts 2 to 3 times a year.

The performing arts center

could be used for our local dance recitals so those performing and attending don't have to travel miles for practice and the dance recital. There are many other possibilities for community uses for this type of facility.

When people are looking at a community to relocate in, they take a serious look at the educational facilities and programs the school provides, both academic and extracurricular.

When I worked at Hills and Dales General Hospital, medical people coming to work at the hospital took a serious look at what our schools offered and provided in making their decision to relocate here. I'm sure the local factories have had the same from employees coming to work for them needing to relocate.

Schools of Choice allows parents and students the decision on what school they want to attend and this will make ours more attractive to them.

The Michigan High School Athletic Association is currently in the process of probably changing seasons for some sporting activities, requiring more of a demand on gym practice and game times. There is currently a lawsuit in Michigan courts to change the sports seasons to coincide with the other 48 states as it relates to scholarship money for some students. The expansion of the Campbell gym to make it regulation size will help eliminate some of the early morning and late night practice sessions.

The elementary and high school would get some additional classrooms, which are needed. The Early Childhood students would have an enclosed walkway to provide additional security for them when they go from one

building to the other for programs and protect them from the elements of the weather.

We are senior citizens who have 7 grandchildren who attend Cass City Public Schools. We want the best educational opportunities for

all kids, not just ours. We have 2 grandchildren in Reese Puffer School District (north of Muskegon) and I would hope the voters over there would be supportive of providing the best educational opportunities for them.

The increase in tax money on your property with the passage of this bond would on the average be the price of a can of pop or coffee a week for each household. If you receive the Michigan Homestead Property Tax

Credit on form MI1040Cr you will see little or no net tax increase with the passage of this millage (you can check this out with the person who does your Michigan taxes or, if you do your own taxes, do a sample).

I would encourage you to invest in the future for all our students and the community by voting YES on May 3.

Sincerely,
Beverly Auten
Cass City

Performing arts center - only money?

After many discussions, letters, articles from the administration in the local press, talks with concerned citizens of this community, and input from performing arts center managers from Zeeland and Frankenmuth, I can only surmise the real purpose behind the construction for the arts center. It's only money.

If we break down the advertised advantages of the arts center it's really obvious, as published, that the only negative is money. This seems to be something discounted by proponents of this issue. A sincere effort to display the extreme need of a larger facility is the recent March concert and proves to the audience just how crowded the auditorium could become. This display showed besides the talents of the kids, a total disregard for the students, the parents and the elderly who endured hours waiting for their children to perform and require the youngest to stay for the total program on a school night is insensitive, irresponsible, dangerous and contrary to past practice.

In addressing the rational of the advertised pros, there needs to be a realistic look at what is being said:

1. Is it for the students? (Space, acoustics, storage, practice and performance.)

The current senior band consists of 80 members. Storage is needed for uniforms, equipment, music and incidentals. Next year's freshmen will increase the band to potentially reach 100. In the past there have been both junior and senior bands, as in other schools in this district.

Wouldn't smaller groups benefit the education of music and ability rather than sandwich them all into one group? Some general house-keeping can take care of music storage and perhaps our vocational department could create a storage building exclusively for the band. The implication that best band students come from schools with large auditori-

ums is totally erroneous as evidenced by how well students are doing in the buildings they have.

2. Would it help the business community?

Most performances would be between the hours of 7 to 10 p.m. where the majority of the businesses downtown are closed. The advertised restaurants and motels in town are outnumbered by the banks, pharmacy and video stores. We would be helping outlying areas more than our own for out of town guests.

3. Would it draw students from other districts in?

Since Lakers, Caseville, USA, Caro and Frankenmuth already have auditoriums, this is a far reach, even for potential outside new arrivals of families. This would be especially a factor, given the new tax base they would also be committed to. Would you move from a beachfront location to come to Cass City because we are centrally located, or for a performing arts center? Our central location could also mean we are an equestrian away from everything.

4. Would it provide an arena second to none as compared to the other districts?

This phrase sounds very

boastful and unflattering to the districts around us, especially since they have been so accommodating to us without taunting us for not having similar facilities.

Cass City professes itself to be the pacesetter of the Thumb, but boasting or creating unrealistic, impractical, creative solutions is not very becoming to the great community of Cass City and the quality people who live here. Creating a building, with a 16-year financial commitment, seldom used and not properly maintained is not futuristic; it's impractical and irresponsible. It's only money.

5. Would it be advantageous to bring in outside entertainment, cultural activity?

After speaking to center managers at Zeeland, Frankenmuth, Dow and Hart, many things have become clear. Maintenance of some of the best facilities mentioned fund their daily maintenance and running expenses by renting out to local churches by annual contract. Without this, even their shows couldn't cover the upkeep. Design, seating capacity, square footage, binocular vision of purpose and uses and disregard of proposing realistic maintenance and upkeep costs is not pacesetting it's poor planning and dangerous.

There are many safety features that need regular maintenance even if the building sits dormant. Most all of the arts centers spoken with have an activities director who specifically seeks, books and makes arrangements for programs to make certain the building is utilized to its fullest. One also needs to be aware that even if we booked a Branson show, over 90% of the proceeds go for the entertainers; Ticket Master to advertise and sell the show, hired ushers or attendants for safety and to control the crowd. The balance of the proceeds would go for custodial services and maintenance of the plush seating. Again, the statements of students and adults, as published, are right, it's only money.

Lastly in April 2003 at the monthly school board meeting regarding the proposed athletic training/fitness cen-

ter, I spoke both for the need to have qualified trained weight instructors and custodial help to sanitize the equipment to reduce the chances of student injuries and infections.

This was dismissed as unimportant and too costly. We were told that the coaches would handle the training and the students would clean

up after themselves.

In the February 27 2005 edition of Sports Illustrated, there is an article on MRSA. This is a strain of antibiotic-resistant staphylococcus which once confined to hospitals and is now striking athletes at an alarming rate, having dire consequences.

If this is happening in high level training rooms of professional athletes, how well

are our students doing? Our custodial staff realizes the potential problems and has been contributing time to clean the building.

We can't afford to pay them, or thank them, yet we can spend \$7.5 million to build another building that will not "need" any additional manpower. Is it only money or will the custodial staff volunteer to clean and

maintain this building, free of charge as well? When is the last time we thanked a custodian? It's only money. Don't subscribe to SI, no problem, ask your doctor about MRSA or call me, I will make you a copy. Protect your children, this infection is a killer. (Demand answers).

Homer Bailey

Read Bill of Rights, stand by it

look it up.

The village manager is bound by the Constitution, both federal and state, and so are all other governmental officials and employees, and if during the course of their employment they violate someone's rights, then they become lawbreakers themselves.

Another Michigan compiled law states that they cannot commit a legal act in an illegal manner and if 2 or more do it, it is a conspiracy. That would be Michigan Compiled Law #750.157(a) for those of you who are interested.

Our governmental officials cannot pick and choose which laws they feel like complying with, either. They are not above the law, so I have to agree with Mr. Donaldson's statement, "In this country nobody is above the law."

While I'm on the subject of law, I would like to make all of you aware that an ordinance by itself carries no weight of law, but must be accompanied by an enabling statute or law to be valid, and you should know policy is not law, it is only policy and only carries weight of law for those persons who belong to the agency that created that policy.

As far as Mr. Donaldson's suggestion to Mr. Papovich that he might feel more at home in Iraq because Mr. Papovich suggests in his letter that we should question some so-called laws and ordinances, I would remind Mr. Donaldson that under Saddam's regime, Saddam had laws with people whose job was enforcement. Does Mr. Donaldson suggest Saddam's rules and laws and policies should not have been questioned? What would he do if he had to live there? I don't want our people to have to live under rule of an oppressive government. This is the land of the free and home of the brave. Some rules and laws should not exist.

As for Mr. Donaldson's comment, "Remember council sets policy", I say go back in my letter and read about that subject.

As for those 2 new ordinances Novesta Township Board recently adopted, I must declare them absolutely unconstitutional, and so should all of you Novesta Township citizens reading this.

Always remember, the Constitution for the United States of America and the Bill of Rights (the first 10 amendments) is the supreme law of the land and is there to protect us, "We the People", from an over-zealous and overly oppressive government.

Please read it (especially the Bill of Rights) and please stand for it with all your heart. It's for you.

Robert J. Dickson,
Cass City

What has this society come to?

Dear Mr. Haire,

What has society come to? The story of these 2 girls the past 2 weeks makes me very angry!

I don't need to know every detail or action taken about their torment to feel bad for them and their families. Who am I to judge? When will we as PARENTS and a SOCIETY decide that the world has enough turmoil without our children adding to it or being in the midst of it?

Has every forgotten that when we get out of bed, we all put our pants on the same way, one leg at a time? Sure, some have a "better" quality pair than others, but does that define who we are, by what we wear? To some, yes, to others, no.

We all choose a small town instead of a big city to raise our children, for various reasons of our own, but in some ways, small town living has negative effects of its own. Think about the mentality of some - it's who you know to get a job. Does a child hang out with other children of the same "stature" as defined by none other than the parents, is your house on the right hill or drive, what do you drive, are you judged by fact or fiction, rumor or truth, etc.?

When as adults did our minds stop maturing mentally? Are all those things really important to our children? NO, unless WE as their parents teach them that.

I believe and was raised to believe that God created us all EQUAL and it doesn't matter what title or letters go after a name. We are still EQUAL. NO ONE IS PERFECT! Why should these 2 families have to tolerate this type of ABUSE from our society?

We all as parents, citizens of the community, and as a SOCIETY need to take a stand TOGETHER and say to ourselves and our children, "We are not going to stand for this here in our town, homes, schools, churches, etc.

Do we all live different lives and lifestyles? Yes, that's what makes us each UNIQUE individuals. We

have to learn and teach our children it's okay to agree and disagree, that no one way is the best or the only way.

Have we all forgotten what it was like when we were growing up? The peer pressure, wanting to fit in with the right "crowd", not having the right clothes or shoes, wanting to play in a sport but weren't "good enough", etc.?

We all as parents want the best for our children and, yes, they will experience peer pressure, teasing, etc., but at the same time, there HAS to be a line drawn and NOT crossed. We can't continue to say kids will be kids, boys will be boys, or well, we survived it, why can't they? Kids and society today are far more cruel than when we ourselves were growing up, and we must do our best as parents to not allow the cruelty to continue.

We all have a "past", good or bad, but I can speak only for myself in saying, we must learn from it, not dwell on it, be judged for it, and move forward for it is exactly that, "a past". I just hope, too, that in time, these children and all children who have been tormented in any way can get help, move forward, learn something about themselves from their negative experience, not dwell on it, and remember it'll be a part of their "past".

If we as a SOCIETY choose to just overlook these truly sad stories from these 2 families, what message does that send? Are we all too busy with our own lives to care about this issue until it's one of our children?

My son is only 7 at this time, and to think that this could be him or he could be the one bullying, just makes me sick to my stomach, and I know in our home, neither would be tolerated.

Let's all be real, come together, and support these families in their fight, for one day, too, this could be your child.

Sincerely,
Denise Liebeskind
Cass City

17 cents a gallon out of line

Dear John,

Last Thursday I was going to Saginaw on business. I noticed that I needed gas. Gasoline in Cass City was \$2.25 a gallon. When I got to Saginaw it was \$2.08 a gallon. Through the years I have probably bought 85% of my gas in town and don't mind paying a few cents more here. 17 cents a gallon is out of line.

Gerald Prieskorn.

Regarding potholes in state

Dear Editor,

Regarding potholes on state highways. Before John Engler took office, Michigan was always in the top ten for highway conditions. When he left office, Michigan was ranked 44th of the 48 states. My information comes from a retired state highway supervisor.

Robert Guza,
Gagetown

Cass City AYSO



Still time to sign up

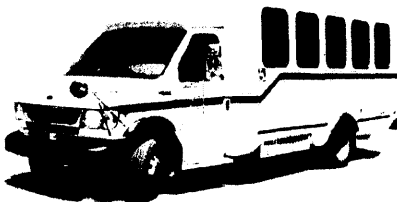
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Caroline A. Stratton, a single person, original mortgagor, to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc., Mortgagee, dated December 11, 2001 and recorded on January 28, 2002 in Liber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

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

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

The West 400 Feet of the East 500 Feet of the South 200 Feet of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 30, Township 11 North, Range 8 East, Tuscola County Records.

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

Dated: March 30, 2005

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
FC S (248) 593-1301
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc.
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #022034F04

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Dennis A. Girdauckas and Rebecca L. Girdauckas, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated June 19, 2002 and recorded on June 27, 2002 in Liber 883 on Page 490 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty Thousand Four Hundred Twenty-Eight and 87/100 Dollars (\$30,428.87), including interest at 9.625% per annum.

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

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

Lot 10, Block "K" of L.L. Hitchcock's Second Addition to the Village of Cass City, Tuscola County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of plats, page 55, now Liber 1, Page 5-A, Tuscola County Records.

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

Dated: March 23, 2005

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #051393F01
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by RICHARD K. SPRAGUE AND NANCY M. SPRAGUE, HUSBAND AND WIFE, to NOVITY CREDIT UNION, now known as HOMETOWN COMMUNITY CREDIT UNION, Mortgagee, dated August 19, 2002 and recorded on September 9, 2002 in Liber 892 on Page 1426, TUSCOLA County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty-Four and 27/100 Dollars (\$48,954.27), including interest at 7% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front Entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Michigan, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., on Thursday, April 28, 2005.

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

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

THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 24, TOWN 12 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST, DESCRIBED AS: BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 24, WHICH IS N88 DEG 21' 50" W, 250.00 FEET FROM THE NORTH 1/4 CORNER OF SAID SECTION 24; THENCE CONTINUING ALONG SAID NORTH LINE, N88 DEG 21' 50" W, 130.00 FEET; THENCE AT RIGHT ANGLES TO SAID NORTH LINE, S01 DEG 38' 10" W, 220.00 FEET; THENCE S88 DEG 21' 50" E, 150.00 FEET; THENCE N01 DEG 38' 10" E, 220.00 FEET TO THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 24 AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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

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

Dated: March 11, 2005

Novi Community Credit Union
n/k/a Hometown Community Credit Union
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Mortgagee

Charles R. Haroon (P-31949)
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3-23-5

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

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

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

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

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

Dated: March 30, 2005

ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC
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File No. 199.1967

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jesse Bachman, a married person, and Shelly Bachman, his wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated April 13, 2001 and recorded on April 18, 2001 in Liber 828 on Page 1427 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Two Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy-Seven and 54/100 Dollars (\$52,877.54), 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 A.M., on April 21, 2005.

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

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

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

Dated: March 23, 2005

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Attorneys For Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
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3-23-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Bruce B. Simmons and Margaret R. Simmons, his wife, as Tenants by the Entireties, original mortgagors, to Union Federal Bank of Indianapolis, Mortgagee, dated August 8, 2003 and recorded on October 10, 2003 in Liber 958 on Page 1423 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to JPMorgan Chase Bank as trustee for Certificate holders of Bear Stearns asset backed securities incorporated as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Nine Thousand Five Hundred Sixty-Four and 27/100 Dollars (\$69,564.27), including interest at 6.875% per annum.

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

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

Commencing at the South 1/4 corner of Section 29, Town 13 North, Range 8 East; thence South 90 Degrees 00 Minutes, West 633.25 feet along the South Line of Section 29 to the Point of Beginning; running thence South 90 Degrees 00 Minutes West 228.0 feet along South line of Section 29; thence North 0 Degrees 00 Minutes East 205.0 feet; thence North 90 Degrees, 00 Minutes East 229.94 Feet; thence South 0 Degrees 32 Minutes 30 Seconds West 205.0 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: March 9, 2005

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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File #048651F01

3-9-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Bradley Wescott, a married man, and Victoria Wescott, his wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated August 14, 2003 and recorded on August 25, 2003 in Liber 950 on Page 736 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Five Thousand Six Hundred One and 83/100 Dollars (\$105,601.83), including interest at 7.5% per annum.

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

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

Arbelia Township, Tuscola County, State of Michigan, Section 20, Township 10 North, Range 7 East; commencing at a point 250 feet North of Southeast corner of North 3/4 of East 1/2 of Southeast 1/4; thence North 130 feet, West 298 feet, South 130 feet, East 298 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: March 30, 2005

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Willie W. Randall, unmarried, original mortgagor, to Cresleigh Financial Services, LLC, Mortgagee, dated January 8, 2002 and recorded on February 6, 2002 in Liber 862 on Page 1115, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Bankers Trust Company, as Trustee as assignee by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Nine Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-Two and 63/100 Dollars (\$59,362.63), including interest at 9.553% 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 A.M., on April 7, 2005.

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

Lot 1, Spee's Cat Lake Subdivision, Section 7, Town 11 North, Range 10 East, Township of Dayton, Tuscola County, Michigan as recorded in Liber 2, Page 10, Tuscola County Records.

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

Dated: March 9, 2005

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
FC H (248) 593-1300
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Attorneys For Bankers Trust Company, as Trustee
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #036773F05

3-9-4

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dated: March 15, 2005

Conesco Finance Servicing Corp.
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Mortgagee

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3-23-5

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Ruth M. Elwart, a single person, original mortgagor, to Bank One N.A., Mortgagee, dated November 6, 2003 and recorded on January 13, 2004 in Liber 973 on Page 453 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Two Thousand Five Hundred Six and 85/100 Dollars (\$42,506.85), 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 A.M., on April 14, 2005.

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

Premises is situated in the Township of Fremont, Village of Mayville, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan to-wit: Section 36, Town 11 North, Range 9 East, Lots 5 and 6 North half of Lot 6, Beechwood Annex, Village of Mayville, as recorded in North half of Lot 8, Block 6, Beechwood Annex, Village of Mayville as recorded in Liber 1, Page 31, as recorded in Tuscola County Records.

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

Dated: March 16, 2005

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
FC G (248) 593-1310
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., successor by merger with Bank One N.A.
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Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #049923F01

3-16-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by ROBERT SPARKS, JR., A SINGLE MAN, to REPUBLIC BANK, Mortgagee, dated April 16, 2002 and recorded on May 2, 2002 in Liber 876 on Page 760, TUSCOLA County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said mortgage to GMAC MORTGAGE CORPORATION, TUSCOLA County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of FORTY-EIGHT THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED NINETY-NINE AND 05/100 DOLLARS (\$48,299.05), including interest at 7.0% 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 April 21, 2005.

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

SITUATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF ARBELA, TUSCOLA COUNTY, MICHIGAN, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A POINT WHICH IS N 89 DEG 16' E, 701.9 FEET FROM THE SW CORNER OF SECTION 31, TOWN 10 N, RANGE 7 E; THENCE N 00 DEG 10' 30" W, 250 FEET; THENCE N 89 DEG 16' E, 400.00 FEET; THENCE S 00 DEG 10' 30" E, 250 FEET; THENCE S 89 DEG 17' W, 100.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

PARCEL ID # 79-003-031-400-1700

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: March 11, 2005

GMAC MORTGAGE CORPORATION
Mortgagee

PETER M. SCHNEIDERMAN & ASSOCIATES, P.C.
23100 Providence Drive, Suite 450
Southfield, Michigan 48075
3-23-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by NANCY C. MILLIS, A MARRIED WOMAN, to ICON FINANCIAL GROUP, INC., Mortgagee, dated July 24, 2001 and recorded on July 25, 2001 in Liber 839 on Page 140, TUSCOLA County Records, Michigan, and assigned by mesne assignments to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. (MERS), TUSCOLA County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of EIGHTY-THREE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED THIRTY-FOUR AND 06/100 DOLLARS (\$88,934.06), including interest at 7.625% per annum.

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

Said premises are situated in VILLAGE OF CARO/TOWNSHIP OF INDIANFIELDS, TUSCOLA County, Michigan, and are described as:

LOT 6, BLOCK 1 OF THE PLAT OF A.P. COOPER'S ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE OF CARO, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT RECORDED IN LIBER 1 OF PLATS, PAGE 11, NOW BEING PAGE 13A, EXCEPT THE EAST 8 FEET THEREOF.

TAX ID NO. 79-034-500-221-0600-00

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: February 21, 2005

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. (MERS)
Mortgagee

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

3-9-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by JO ELLEN O'CONNOR, A SINGLE WOMAN, to GMAC MORTGAGE CORPORATION OF PA, n/k/a GMAC MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Mortgagee, dated March 4, 1996 and recorded on March 8, 1996 in Liber 686 on Page 1500, TUSCOLA County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of FORTY-EIGHT THOUSAND NINE AND 89/100 DOLLARS (\$48,009.89),



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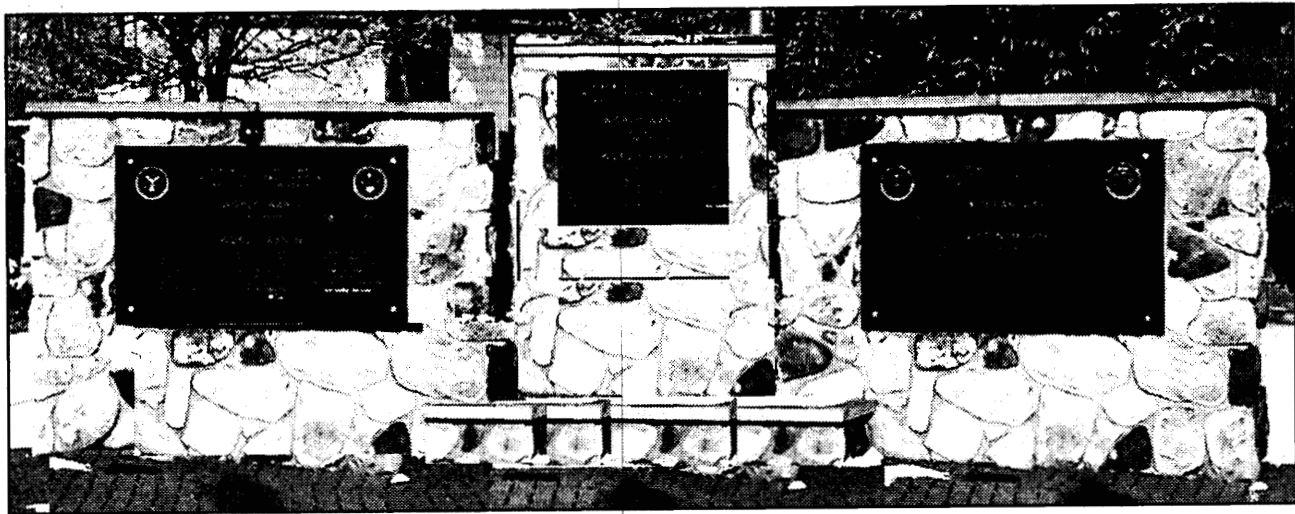
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THE PATRIOTIC and controversial mural painted on the side of the local VFW post's annex building was again the topic of a lengthy Cass City Village Council discussion Monday night.



THE CASS CITY Lions Club has been asked to take over sponsorship of the veteran's memorial spearheaded by local resident Richard Little. The village and Cass City Historical Society are also partners in the project.

Lions Club asked to sponsor vets memorial

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council heard an update on the search for a permanent village manager.

Green

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years as a member of the board of directors of the Environmental Research Institute of Michigan at Ann Arbor - his last term ending in February 1994. In their retirement years, the Greens did some traveling and were active in their church and many community activities.

Green is survived by his children, Joan (John) Chapin of Caro, James (Jill) Green of Kingston, Thomas (Lori) Green of Howell, Margie (Darwin) Costello of Okemos, and Robert (Marilyn) Green of Cass City; 19 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; a sister, Bess (Max) Patrick of Marlette; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Twila Bigelow.

Visitation was scheduled for Tuesday, March 29, from 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. at Kranz Funeral Home, Kingston, and from noon to 1 p.m. today (Wednesday) at Kingston United Methodist Church.

Funeral services will be today (Wednesday) at 1 p.m. at the Kingston United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Terry Butters officiating. Family and friends may share memories, prayers and stories with the family at www.kranzfuneralhome.com.

Interment will be in Kingston Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Kingston High School Scholarship Fund, Kingston United Methodist Church or United Hospice of Marlette.

The village has contracted with the Michigan Municipal League (MML) to conduct the search, and MML official Bill Richards indicated the process is going well, with personal interviews expected to get underway next month.

Richards said he has received 18 applications for the job, and that 5 of those candidates appear to meet the village's minimum requirements and at least some of the preferred qualifications based on education and experience.

Among the candidates is interim Cass City Village Manager Darcy Long.

Council members, who indicated they would like to interview 5 finalists, said they had heard that one, possibly 2, of the current finalists may be tapped for jobs in other municipalities. If that happens, Richards said, other applicants can be moved up to the finalist level, again based on their experience.

Richards outlined the process for background and reference checks along with the interview process itself, and he agreed to take an active role in questioning the candidates. He and the council agreed to schedule interviews for Saturday, April 16.

The interviews will be conducted during an open meeting as required by law, and the council indicated the public will have an opportunity to participate by offering written questions that will be reviewed by Richards to ensure they don't violate rules related to questions that may not be asked of a potential candidate.

STREET WORK

Turning to other matters, the council awarded a contract for street repaving this summer.

The contract went to Albrecht Sand and Gravel of Snover, which submitted the low bid of \$61,533.

The work will include repaving Chestnut Boulevard, from Seeger to Hemlock; Hemlock Street, from Spruce to Beechwood; Leach Street, from Garfield to Seventh; West Street, from Garfield to Seventh; North Alley, from Seeger to Oak; South Alley, from Maple to Sherman; and South Alley, from Oak to Maple.

Also submitting bids were Pyramid Paving Co., Essexville (\$65,940.40) and Saginaw Asphalt, Saginaw (\$66,681.50).

Also Monday, the council: •Scheduled a public hearing during the next regular meeting, Monday, April 25, at 7 p.m., to consider a tax abatement request submitted by Walbro Engine Management Corporation.

Long explained that he and Tuscola County Economic Development Corporation Executive Director Jim

McLoskey recently met with Walbro officials, who plan to invest about \$1.7 million in their Cass City operation over a 3-year period, eventually creating 7 to 12 new jobs.

•Approved spending an estimated \$12,200 to put an end to chronic drainage problems that continue to damage the minor/Little League diamonds near the arts and craft building.

The work will involve installation of 470 feet of storm sewer along with a catch basin and manhole frame and grates. The village also plans to install a water line for drinking fountains at the ball diamonds at an estimated cost of just over \$1,000.

•Approved spending \$1,109 to help pay for new flooring in the restrooms at the Cass City Lions Pavilion. Hendrian's Floor Covering, Cass City, is donating the floor tile for one of the bathrooms. Hendrian's is also donating the labor along with the Lions Club.

Voter registration deadline near

The deadline to register to vote in the Tuesday, May 3, school elections is fast approaching.

Residents planning to cast ballots in their respective school districts must register by 5 p.m. Monday, April 4.

The election of school board candidates will be a quiet one in Cass City — although voters will decide the fate of a multi-million dollar bond proposal — but other area districts will host races when voters go to the polls.

Seeking 4-year terms in Cass City are incumbents

Michelle Biddinger, who currently serves as board vice president, and Treasurer Danny Haag.

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

Estimates indicate the performing arts center will cost \$7.5 million. The remaining money would fund a host of projects, including roof work at the high school, Campbell Elementary School and the former Deford Elementary School (now the Alternative Center for Education), boiler replacement at the high school, and a conversion from steam heat to water heat in the Campbell building.

Should voters approve the issue, the tax would be implemented as an extension of the current middle school debt, which is scheduled to be retired in 2008. The proposed bond issue would extend that to the year 2020.

Residents' tax bills for the middle school debt last year reflected a levy of 4.2 mills. The proposed bond issue would increase that levy by 1.26 mills.

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In other area school districts:

•Three candidates - all newcomers - are vying for a pair of 4-year terms in the Owen-Gage School District.

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

Incumbent Trustee Tom Mellendorf and veteran board Treasurer Walt Swiastyn are not seeking re-election.

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

•Voters in the Uby Community School District will choose from among 5 candidates running for 2 school board seats.

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

VFW

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some recommended changes suggested by the village's attorney.

As for the mural debate, council members also agreed to strongly urge a representative or representatives to attend the council's regular monthly meeting in late April to discuss the matter in an open forum.

Should they refuse to attend, Richards urged that the council take definitive action to settle the issue once and for all.

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