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**THIS YEAR'S CELEBRATING Tuscola's Stars winners were honored during a breakfast Thursday morning at the Tuscola Technology Center. They are (from left) Millington Lions Club President Todd Ostrander and Ambassador Bob Meinecke; James and Linda Will of Will's Greenhouse, Mayville; Tom Montgomery of Cass City; and Dan Hittler, also of Cass City.**

## Tuscola Stars

### County honors 4 for contributions to community

The Cass City community and surrounding areas were well represented among the nominees for this year's Celebrating Tuscola's Stars awards program.

In all, nearly 30 nominees were honored during the annual awards program, held Thursday morning at the Tuscola Technology Center in Caro.

The nominees, all recognized for making Tuscola County a better place to live through their dedication and actions, were up for 4 top awards in all: Individual Community Service, Business Community Service, Group Community Service, and the Above and Beyond Award.

Named as the 2006 winners were: Individual - Dan Hittler of Cass City. "Dan has been a Cass City resident and volunteer for more than 19 years," said Gene Pierce, who along with Susan Andrus serves as co-chair of the Stars Planning Team.

"Dan is the chairperson of the Hills and Dales Hospital Executive Committee. For more than 40 years he has participated in the Boy Scouts of

America with numerous responsibilities. In his spare time, he is active at the St. Pancratius Catholic Church with the Knights of Columbus," Pierce said.

Above and Beyond - Tom Montgomery of Cass City. "It is Tom's endless passion for gathering, editing and printing of news that merits him special recognition," Pierce said of Montgomery, who has worked as a reporter/editor of the Cass City Chronicle for more than 19 years.

"Tom takes every opportunity to enlighten the citizens of Tuscola County about the numerous activities that affect our lives. Tom is a true promoter of Tuscola County."

Group - Millington Lions Club. "Chartered in 1965, the Millington Lions Club has participated in numerous projects to make Millington a terrific place," Pierce said. "They have been involved in projects such as supporting leader dog activities, drug awareness programs, built the playground equipment at Millington elementary school, and assisted with

scholarships."

Business - Wills Greenhouse. "Wills Greenhouse donates flowers for the barrels decorating the Mayville Main Street and surrounding area. Jim Will has also assisted the Mayville Lions Club with the annual 'after trick-or-treat hot dog roast'," Pierce said.

Also nominated for awards this year were:

Individual - Jamie Kus, School Improvement and Bully Prevention committees volunteer at Cass City Middle School; Heather Shaft, who helped to initiate the Lunch Buddies and Character Counts programs at Kingston Elementary School; Calvin Richardson, Thumb Area Center for the Arts and Big Brothers-Big Sisters volunteer; area resident Merry Steely, who has dedicated many hours to educating citizens about issues involving fetal alcohol syndrome disorders; Millington area volunteers Art and Louella Saeger; Caro area vol-

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### To blow up courthouse

## Cass City man charged with making threats

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

David J. Domine may have felt like he wasn't getting a fair shake from the criminal justice system, but prosecutors say the 40-year-old Cass City man went too far when he threatened to blow up the Tuscola County Courthouse.

Police arrested Domine, who lived in the village but later moved to an address at 1331 Englehart Rd., during a traffic stop Friday as he drove to a child custody hearing in Tuscola County Probate/Family Court Judge W. Wallace Kent's courtroom in Caro.

He was subsequently lodged in the Tuscola County Jail and charged with making a threat of terrorism, a felony punishable by up to 20 years in prison.

Domine remains in custody in lieu of posting a \$250,000 cash bond. His next scheduled court appearance is a preliminary examination in district court, slated for 9 a.m. Friday.

Domine's arrest came in the wake of reports that he had threatened to blow up the courthouse, and that he had been conducting some form of surveillance on Kent's activities as well as those of a Tuscola County Department of Human Services (DHS) worker.

Both were involved in a case involving the possible termination of Domine's parental rights to his 6-month-old son.

Kent informed the sheriff's department Friday that Domine was scheduled to appear in his courtroom on a child custody matter later that day and that "he had made threats to blow up the courthouse," according to Under-sheriff Jim Jashinske.

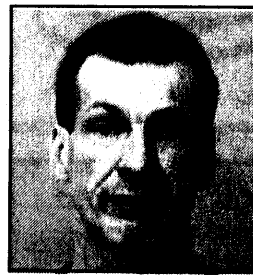
"As a precaution, Judge Kent requested courthouse security be activated for the hearing scheduled at 1:30 p.m.," he said.

Jashinske said an informant also provided information that Domine may have been stalking Kent as well as the DHS caseworker who was overseeing the child involved with

the custody issue.

"Judge Kent noted that he and the DHS worker had suspicious situations occur a short time ago, but thought they were isolated incidents. At this time they both feel that the suspicious situations may be connected," Jashinske said.

"Once we had the information regarding the statements, and there was also information regarding surveillance being done on the judge and also the DHS worker, that's when I authorized the warrant for his



David Domine

Domine's arrest, said Tuscola County Prosecutor Mark Reene, who noted Domine allegedly made the threats in mid- to late March.

Reene said Domine has a lengthy prior criminal record, including cases involving assaultive-type crimes.

Representatives of the Cass City Police Department, Michigan State Police post in Caro, Vassar Police K-9 Unit, Caro Police Department, sheriff's department and the prosecutor's office met Friday and decided it would be best to locate Domine before he arrived at the courthouse, Jashinske said.

"We received information that Domine was in Cass City. Sgt. Roger Zelmer of the Cass City Police Department located the subject west-bound out of the village and followed Domine until the traffic stop that was made on Cass City Road," he said. "Upon arrival of sheriff's deputies, MSP K-9 (bomb dog) and Vassar Police K-9, Domine was taken into custody without incident. The bomb dogs checked his vehicle with negative results."

Deputies are continuing their investigation.

Sanilac County prosecutors, meanwhile, hope to convict Domine of first-degree child abuse, alleging he fractured the skull of his son in December in Sanilac County's Greenleaf Township.

## Drug task force: '05 successful year

Sanilac County Drug Task Force officers seized drugs with a combined retail value of more than \$1.6 million in 2005 and arrested a total of 101 suspects, including 85 on felony drug charges.

Even so, task force Director William Gray says it's clear the drug unit is continuing to see a decline in major narcotics trafficking in Sanilac County.

"Our 3-phase drug suppression program of education-counseling-enforcement seems to be paying dividends in reduced levels of drug trafficking activity we are experiencing within our county," Gray said last week when he released the drug unit's annual report.

"Although we can make no claim that drug activity has been eliminated, the level of drug activity has certainly been reduced from levels experienced in the mid-to-late 1990s."

The task force was established in 1987 and has been able to maintain a staffing level that includes 5 full-time drug law enforcement investigators.

"Our investigators continued to be successful in 2005 in tracking back to drug distribution points in Detroit, Ypsilanti, Caro, Port Huron, St. Clair County and Arizona where substantial amounts of narcotics were seized and the distributors arrested, charged and convicted before their drugs could be marketed in Sanilac County," Gray pointed out. "During the last 13 years, 864 people have been arrested and charged on primary drug-related charges, 863 of those were convicted and (there was) only one acquittal due to evidence being suppressed - that's a 99.88-percent successful prosecution rate."

During 2005, Gray said, drug task force investigators continued to open and investigate a relatively high number of drug trafficking criminal complaints.

"However, these investigations showed fewer instances of the drug activity rising to felony distribution levels, which is reflected in the reduced number of search warrants executed, reduced number of forfeiture actions filed, and reduced number of

persons charged with felony drug violations.

"In 2005, there were 13 incidents of more than one-quarter pound of marijuana being seized from a drug trafficking individual, but more than half of these incidents (7) occurred outside of Sanilac County or as the drugs were being transported into Sanilac County," Gray noted. "Similarly, the amounts of powder drugs seized were substantially reduced in 2005, with 56 grams of cocaine seized in 17 incidents. But most importantly, 75 percent of this cocaine was seized in just 3 of those incidents as it was being transported into Sanilac County, but before it was able to get into the hands of our local users."

Among the statistics Gray cited in 2005 were 217 criminal investigations opened (the third highest number over the past 13 years), 92 undercover drug buys (the fourth highest number during the same period), and 22 searches of residences.

Officers made 46 primary drug arrests and 55 secondary/assist arrests on warrants. The primary arrest number marked a 32-percent reduction below the average of 68 persons arrested and charged annually for drug-related crimes, Gray noted.

Task force officers also seized a combined 353 marijuana plants with a street value of \$1.58 million, 169 ounces of processed marijuana valued at \$47,320, 56 grams of cocaine with a retail value of \$8,400, 4 tabs of Ecstasy valued at \$140, and 7 prescription drug pills valued at \$70.

The drug unit did not seize any heroin. "This represents a substantial reversal of the 'spike' of 9 heroin seizure incidents seen during 2004," Gray said. "Heroin has never been readily available for purchase in Sanilac County, and even during the incidents of 2004, every case reflected personal use amounts...being purchased in the city of Detroit."

The unit also did not encounter methamphetamine in 2005, "although we did investigate several cases of

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## Burtch trial slated to start April 25

The first of 2 criminal sexual conduct trials involving Cass City High School Band Director Doug Burtch is scheduled to get underway Tuesday, April 25, at 9:30 a.m. in Sanilac County Circuit Court.

Court officials said 2 to 3 days have been set aside for the jury trial. Burtch faces 2 counts of third degree and 2 counts of fourth degree criminal sexual conduct. The 28-year-old Cass City man is accused of having a sexual relationship with a former choir student, then 17, at his former residence in Sandusky between December 2003 and May 2004.

He was formally arraigned on the charges in February. Burtch also faces 8 counts of criminal sexual conduct in Tuscola County Circuit Court allegedly involving another former Cass City student.

He was bound over to circuit court on 2 counts of third degree and 6 counts of fourth degree criminal sexual conduct following his preliminary examination in Tuscola County District Court in February.

In the Tuscola County case, a 17-year-old former student has accused Burtch of inviting her to a carnival fundraiser at the high school in the fall of 2004, then inviting her to his Cass City home where, she claims, the 2 of them engaged in sexual activity.

Third degree criminal sexual conduct is a felony punishable by up to 15 years in prison. Fourth degree criminal sexual conduct is a misdemeanor that carries a maximum 2 years imprisonment.

In both cases, Burtch was charged under a Michigan law that makes it illegal for a teacher to have sexual contact with a student younger than the age of 18 who attends the school where the teacher is employed. If convicted, Burtch would lose his teaching certificate in addition to any sentence handed down by a court.

Burtch has been suspended with pay from all of his teaching duties in the school district since last July.



### Helping make a wish come true...

**CASS CITY Middle School Student Council members (from left) McKensie Parrish, Elise Nicol, Brittany Nicol and Emily Martin hold a "check" for more than \$1,000 raised by students during a Winterfest competition in which students collected cash and coins for a worthy cause. The money will be donated to the Make-A-Wish Foundation.**

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## Holbrook Area News

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Fourteen members of The Over 50 Club met at Oswald Hall Tuesday. Rosary was said. After the meeting, a potluck dinner was served and cards were played. Angelina Burkhart won the high prize. The low prizes were won by Josephine and Stanley Wolschlag. The next meeting will be May 9 at the same place.

Mrs. Gerald Wills was a Monday afternoon guest and Renee Puterbaugh was a Saturday guest of Mrs. Curtis Cleland.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel and Doris Western attended the fish fry at the Cass City Knights of Columbus Hall Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom O'Henley, Mrs. Allen Depcinski and Lisa Laming came home Sunday evening after spending the weekend in Chicago, where they visited Mr. and Mrs. Mark O'Henley and attended a quilt show. Allen Farrelly came home Saturday after spending a few days with June Rutz and family of Sterling Heights.

Jack Kennedy, Jim Lewis, Rick Stuart, Bernard Morley, Ron Wolschlag and Allen Farrelly met at McDonald's in Bad Axe Monday and Wednesday mornings.

Those who visited Thelma Jackson last week were Wayne Knechtel of Elkton, Mrs. Ray Depcinski, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson, Adrianna Jackson and son Keegan, Mr. and Mrs. John Pechette, Kevin Sweeney and Mrs. Gerald Wills.

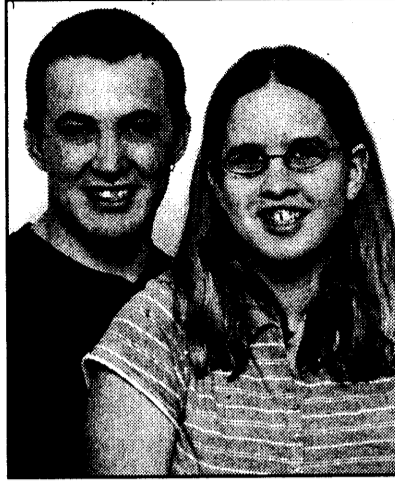
Allen Farrelly visited Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel Monday afternoon.

Family members gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rumpitz Sunday afternoon to help Clarence celebrate his 93rd birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel had dinner Tuesday at the Cass City stockyards.

Members of The Traveling Breakfast Club met at the Coffee Cup Plus. They will meet at the Peppermill next week.

## Engaged



**Kelley Burk and John Trost**

Alfred and Susan Burk of Ubyly announce the engagement of their daughter, Kelley Burk, to John Trost, son of Henry and Barb Trost of Pigeon.

Kelley is a 2005 graduate of Cass City High School, and John is a 2000 graduate of Lakers High School. They are both employed at Wal-Mart in Bad Axe.

The couple is planning an Oct. 21, 2006 wedding.

## Cass City Honor Roll recently announced

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

### Grade 9

All A's: Aaron Bardwell, Bryan Burk, Robert Hartman Jr., Kyle Kausch, Gregory Leslie, Travis Mabe, Sarah Reed, Cora Remsing, Jennica Richards, Lukas Varney, and Clark Walsh.

B or better: Samantha Auten, Austin Babich, Deidre Bowen, Thomas Burns II, Thomas Cotton, Chelsea Depner, Leigha Drohn, Ean Elliott, Cassidy Frank, Michael Howard, Sarah Howard, Chelsea Israelson, Alexandra Kappen, Amanda Langenburg, Whitney Laurie, Kelli Lautner, Brittany Loomis, Candice Marks, Abby McCallum, Elizabeth Michalski, Carl Nicol, Cassandra Parker, Carly Rabideau, Andrew Rohlfis, Christopher Summersett, Krysta Timko, Tyler Tomlinson, Chantell Toner, Joram Tyson, Megan VanVliet, and Ariel Veneziano.

### Grade 10

All A's: David Acker, Isaiah Battel, Ethan Damm, Danielle Delamarter, Madeline Dooley, Trey Helwig, Kristie Karr, Thomas Parrish, David Potrykus, and Derek Weidman.

B or better: Rodney Abasso, Meleah Auten, Shane Brandmair, Ryan Brown, Evan Bushong, Anna Deel, Ashley Deel, Andrew Deering, Robert Erla, Stephanie Healy, Scarlett Helland, Lindsay Helton, Travis Hoffman, Darrin Howard, Lauren Hudson, Ashley Hutchinson, Devin Jamieson, Brittany Karavas, Adam Kranz, Benjamin MacGown, Shane McFarland, Lacey Morrish, Alyssa Nicol, Alicia Osentoski, Joseph Rule, Nicholas Smith, Caitlin Sorenson, Jeffrey Sparks, Ashlee Spencer, Marissa Summersett, Christopher Zawilinski, and Jennifer Zmierski.

### Grade 11

All A's: Ryan Biddinger, Dennis Bowen, Jessica Lange, Andrew Martin, Laura McComas, Jessica O'Brien, Jessica Pratt, Courtney Rabideau, Allyn Richards, Ryan Ross, Nicholas Sattelberg, Beth Spencer, Philip Strong, and Rebecca Sweeney.

B or better: Alyssa Cryderman, Jill Dillon, Courtney Hacker, Jennifer Hacker, Kati Hill, Stephanie Jamieson, Ryan King, Meredith Kim, Lysa Knight, Anthony Langlois, Cameron Lautner, Tyler Mabe, Sara Meeker, Brandon Miller, Megan Odell, Katelyn Pine, Emily Schinnerer, Bradley Sevrance, Preston Stec, Kyle Swanson, Brent Weaver, Adam Wentworth, Nicholas Woodruff, and Samantha Wright.

### Grade 12

All A's: Eric Bullock, Donna Bushong, Libby Doerr, Aimee Hennessey, Nicole Heronemus, Matthew Koepf, Katherine McIntosh, Philip Nahernak, Tara Powell, Ashley Puterbaugh, Chad Sparks, Lindsey Speirs, Jeffrey Stoutenburg, and Jenna Timko.

B or better: Brett Babich, Nicholas Bader, Dustin Bitzer, Jennifer Brinkman, Sarah Childs, Christopher Clifton, Stacy Crandall, Danielle Dickson, Jerica Fenningsdorf, Nicole Froede, Logan Gaymer, Justin Glaza, Justin Grice, Ashley Hendrick, Bradley Langenburg, Sarah Langmaid, Anne Lewis, Dean Little, Jill Lowe, Kevin Martin, Gavin Mills, Stephanie Nizzola, Alex Papp, Ivan Peruski, Benjamin Pettit, Heidi Pomeroy, Rebecca Putnam, Jarod Stoutenburg, Brandi Talaski, Kalen Trischler, Christina Valdez, Adrienne Warju, Amber Weiss, and Jeffrey Willis.



## Meg's Peg

Something smells

by Melva E. Guinther

There's just no end to the fascinating things available on Ebay. You could spend the whole day just "window shopping." (What would you expect from a person who can be entertained reading the dictionary?)

What a selection! You can bid on anything from "Christian guitar picks" to a 5000 sq. ft. house with 5 bedrooms, 4 1/2 baths, indoor pool and 2 greenhouses in Colorado.

The other day while looking through the "wall decor" section, I found a group of 4 8x10 art prints of aroma therapy. No kidding! They were pictures of jars of aroma therapy oil and a sprig of whatever it is that produces the aroma.

Is looking at the picture supposed to have the same effect as the real thing?

I never got into aroma therapy, although I like scented candles, especially vanilla. Primarily we use them to cover up or eliminate a less pleasant odor.

The therapy is a big thing and probably has benefits. Maybe I just don't appreciate scents like I should.

All those lemon and orange scented soaps and cleaning products are wasted on me. Vanilla scented Pledge was nice, but apparently it wasn't very popular, because they don't seem to be making it any more.

My Ebay wandering uncovered Aroma Dietary Management Patches intended to reduce one's craving for chocolate and other high calorie foods. Now if I thought that would work, I might use it. Love that chocolate!

Aroma Energy Patches supposedly supply that boost that we so often need. There are also Stop Smoking,

Sleep Ease, and Stress Less aroma therapies.

A few others were best left alone - Hardware and Locker Room Aromas, for example.

On another occasion buzzing through Ebay, I discovered both kiwi and marshmallow cologne. Does anybody really want to smell like a kiwi or a marshmallow?

Well, maybe. By the time I wash with my avocado/melon soap and apply my vanilla hand lotion (which were gifts) my hands smell good enough to eat.

This whole subject reminded me of a story my mother used to tell about a little girl who received a ticking wristwatch and some perfume for her birthday. Very pleased with her gifts but not wanting to come right out and mention them, she announced at her birthday dinner, "If anybody hears anything or smells anything, it's me!"

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One word of caution to fellow Ebay shoppers concerning Paypal, the most popular and safest payment method for transactions. I was phished last week. Fortunately, I didn't bite.

An email with the Paypal logo and sounding very official said I needed to click on a website and answer a few questions regarding my account in order to continue using Paypal. Being suspicious, I forwarded the email to Paypal and was told that it was indeed a fraud. Somebody was trying to get my account information.

Technology is wonderful, but if you're not alert, you could lose your identity.

## Owen-Gage Honor Roll

Owen-Gage Schools announce the 3rd marking period honor roll.

Kelsey Quick\*, Ashley Rockefeller\*, Christine Schmidt\*, Carin Seibel\*, and Erin Seibel.

### Grade 3

Sidney Bencheck, Andrea McCreedy\*, Rachel Mroz\*, Adam Retford\* and Joseph Littlepage.

### Grade 4

Benjamin Good\* and Richelle Scharf.

### Grade 5

Andrew Fahmer\*, Jeremy Jamieson, Tiffany Jamieson\*, Megan Lester, Courtney McCreedy, Chelsea Miller, Justin Miller, Miranda Radabaugh, Eric Rievert and Sarah Volk.

### Grade 6

Hunter Champagne, Jacob Fuller, Christin Harris, Erica Mroz, Amanda Muntz, Lacie Prich and Carli Warack.

### Grade 7

Holly Errer, Christy Fields, Lauren Mandich, Megan McLaren, Dylan Powell and Clyde Rhodes.

### Grade 8

Amanda Franzel, Devin Prich,

### Grade 9

Derek Bucholtz, Stacie Dorsch, Drew Howard, Alisha Kovach, Cole Mroz and Katie Rhodes\*.

### Grade 10

Kevin Bucholtz, Branden Edler, Bethany Kovach, Courtney Lester, James Lyman, April Nowaczyk, Britany Parks, Josh Starks, Joshua Volk\* and Matthew Volk.

### Grade 11

Grant Champagne, Heather Collon, Andy Dronsella, Mindy Errer\*, Rose Faupel, Randy Foskett, Kendra Guilds, Josh McLaren\*, Amber Pillsbury\*, Rebecca Schmidt\* and Jason Seibel.

### Grade 12

Racheal Biebel, Michelle Brown\*, Whitney Brown, Tiffany Glaza, Barbie Littlepage, Trace Lopez, Nicole Nowaczyk, Cassie Plowman and Nathan Rogers.

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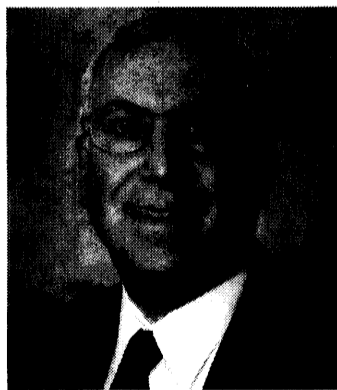
Popcorn pops because water is stored in a small circle of soft starch in each kernel. As the kernel is heated, the water heats, the droplet of moisture turns to steam and the steam builds up pressure until the kernel finally explodes to many times its original volume.

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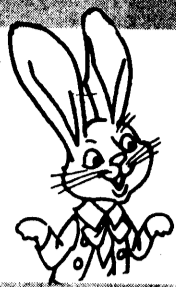
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## Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Thursday was one of those days that we wait patiently all winter to enjoy. It was sunny and the temperature climbed to at least 65 degrees. Adding to the delight was that this gorgeous spring day followed a day of rain and you could almost see and feel the grass growing and the trees start to bud out.

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There's no use trying to figure Mother Nature out, I told myself as I gazed out the front window. On Oak Street about in the middle of the block between Main and Sherman Streets there is a tree, evidently still alive.

This tree is tilted so much that it looks almost like a bow and its branches now intermingle with an adjacent tree.

In one of the storms of early spring a 200-foot-tall tree in my yard was blown down. It looked healthy before its demise and when it fell it was split down the middle, half falling to the north and half to the south.

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A peculiar tree is not the only thing noticed as I idled away time while waiting to bolt out of the office and enjoy the beautiful day. Strolling down the street (almost to the bow tree) was a person wearing shorts.

Need I add that it was a young woman? Thursday's weather was warm and perhaps comfortable for her, but it was too cold for shorts for me and for a lot of folks much younger than I am.

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It was a win-win proposition. The Rotary Club received a donation of a quart of pure maple syrup. It was auctioned by the club and I bought it at what I figured was a bargain price-\$10.

The color was on the dark side and is probably not as valued as lighter syrup, but it certainly passed the Haire test. I stuck a little on my finger, yum, good.

## Deputies probe fraud

Huron County Sheriff's deputies are investigating a number of complaints of fraudulent activity targeting county residents.

Sheriff Kent Tibbits said his department has received a string of complaints.

"Central dispatch has received several phone calls from citizens who had just received phone calls from a woman who is requesting their checking account numbers to verify on the Internet," Tibbits said. "So far, all the citizens have not given away any information and have hung up on the caller."

"In another incident just outside the

city of Bad Axe, a woman posing as a Davenport University student is soliciting for funds to install televisions inside the school," Tibbits said. "Detectives have checked with Davenport University administration, (which) has denied any fundraising programs taking place."

Tibbits warns residents not to share their personal and financial information with people they don't know.

"Also, when someone solicits for money, be suspicious unless they can produce enough credentials to satisfy you that they are legitimate," he added.

## Save energy with ease

The Human Development Commission (HDC) will host a "Saving Energy with Ease" training program at 10 a.m., Saturday, April 29, at the HDC Dining Center, 429 Montague Ave., Caro.

The free 2-hour class is offered on a first-come, first-served basis. This offering is limited to one participant per household, and there are no income restrictions.

Those who attend will receive an energy saving kit which contains a

caulk gun and tube of clear caulk; 3 compact fluorescent light bulbs; plastic window kit for up to 5 windows; foam inserts for 8 electrical outlets and 4 switches; spray foam; bathroom faucet aerator; kitchen faucet aerator; hot water temperature gauge; door weather stripping (2 17-foot rolls); a refrigerator coil cleaning brush; and a programmable thermostat.

Availability is limited. Call Rikki Torrez (HDC) at (989) 672-1754 to reserve a seat.

## The Haire Net

Racial bias  
nothing new



The headline in the Detroit Free Press was huge, covering 2 columns and extending to a depth of 4 inches. "Undercover buyers turn up bias in house hunt", it blared. The story received a prominent position on the front page of the "local" section.

It detailed a report issued by the National Fair Housing Alliance that claimed that three out of four undercover testers in metro Detroit were steered towards certain communities because of their skin color.

That the bias exists is certainly not news, the undercover work merely confirms what most residents already knew. The news is that it was confirmed by the tests by the Alliance. The testers worked in pairs, one white and the other a minority. Both presented adequate financial information confirming that they were financially capable.

The report says that 87 percent were steered on the basis of their race. White testers were told that schools in the interracial neighborhoods were bad and minority testers were told that the same schools were good. Race bias was alive and very well in Wyandotte over a half century ago where I spent nearly 3 years working

at the Wyandotte Tribune. It was my first job after graduating and the first time that I came face to face with discrimination, if you discount the time spent in the Air Corps in Texas.

Anyway, the river that marked Wyandotte's north boundary was an invisible moat that kept African Americans out. In Ecorse and River Rouge, the next suburbs to the north, minorities were welcomed and settled there in increasing numbers. In Wyandotte the boast was that there was not a single minority homeowner.

I can't say that the situation that prevailed in 1949 is the same today. I can verify that 3 years ago I strolled down Biddle Street and did not see an African American in any of the stores.

Incidentally, in the northern downriver suburbs and in Detroit Wyandotte's Biddle Street is Jefferson Street. I often thought that Wyandotte's main drag symbolized the community's culture of standing apart from its neighbors.

Note that I didn't say better, just apart, and judging by the Alliance report, not about to change.



## The back forty

by Roger Pond

Boy, am I glad that's over. We finally got all of our taxes paid. I don't mind local taxes so much, but the federal taxes are surely a pain.

I try to be as honest as possible with my tax records, though. If I find a mistake in my taxes, I correct it as soon as possible.

And I don't claim my dog as a dependent, as some folks reportedly do.

One year I under-reported employee wages by \$200 and wound up owing an additional \$1.94 in federal unemployment tax. When I found the error, I promptly sent the I.R.S. a check for \$1.94.

I wonder what it costs the government to process a check for \$1.94? They probably thought I was fooling with them.

A friend once told me about an old codger who did these things on a regular basis — just to irritate the tax collectors.

This fellow (we'll call him Willard) had a little plot of land on the edge of the desert, and his annual tax assessment was only 18 cents.

The property had no buildings when Willard bought it, and you couldn't grow anything on it; so 18 cents was probably about right.

Over the years Willard built himself a house out of some wood he found lying around. Then, he built a shop and began piling up scrap iron, just in case he might ever find a use for it.

I should stop and explain, those were the days when a man could build his own house without a bunch of permits — and get away with it. If the house fell on him, everyone just chalked it up to education.

So the tax assessor might not have known Willard had improvements on his property. Or if the assessor knew, he may not have cared.

The neighbors said it would take a pretty good stretch to call Willard's buildings improvements, anyway. So the assessment remained the same: Each spring Willard would get a bill for property taxes in the outrageous amount of 18 cents.

The old rascal always paid his taxes right on time, but he never sent the county 18 cents. He would always send a quarter.

That way the treasurer's office had to buy a 12-cent stamp to refund his overpayment of seven cents. The county received 18 cents, but it cost them 12 cents to collect it. They actually only got 6 cents out of the deal!

It was all part of the Sagebrush Rebellion with Willard's point of view. He never could understand what the county was doing with all that money, anyway.

I thought about Willard when I sent that check for \$1.94 to the IRS. I can't say that transaction made me feel any better, but I'll bet it didn't exactly make their day, either.

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## Red Hawk Talks

by Donna Bushong

Easter has come and gone, and even though it's another year before the bunny comes hopping around again, it doesn't mean we have to lose sight of what Easter is all about.

Mrs. Dorland's second graders helped me to explain what Easter is all about and some of the traditions that go along with it.

The most common symbols of Easter are eggs and bunnies. One of the things Easter is about, according to Megan Badgley, is dyeing Easter eggs and then eating them. Erin Hartsell, Chandler Cryderman, and Katrina Bearinger all agree that decorating eggs is a very big part of Easter.

After coloring the eggs, the eggs are hidden and it's time for the Easter egg hunt. Aaron Vincent, Alicia Crouch, Sam Kolacz, Theresa Gee, Kaitlyn Gilmore, Victoria Mathewson, Rebecca Hilliker, Ilana Blattner, Chandler Cryderman all agree that an Easter egg hunt is a very important

Easter tradition. Robert Helton's hunt was especially fruitful last year, mainly because he got to hide all of the eggs.

Easter is special to children because for many it is a smaller version of Christmas. There are new clothes, a lot of candy and, in some cases, presents brought by the Easter bunny. Candy is a favorite Easter tradition for Bryan Pinkoski, Megan Badgley, Katrina Bearinger, Erin Hartsell, Ilana Blattner, Rebecca Hilliker, Victoria Matherson, Kaitlyn Gilmore, Theresa Gee, Sam Kolacz, and Alicia Crouch. Chandler Cryderman was even lucky enough to get a bike for Easter.

Easter is also like Christmas because families get together to celebrate. Whether it's the whole family or just grandma and grandpa, sharing holidays with family is very special. The families of Chandler Cryderman, Robert Helton, Alicia Crouch, Mari Ziets, Theresa Gee, Kaitlyn Gilmore, Katrina Bearinger, and Bryan Pinkoski all like to celebrate the special day together.

Even though many materialistic traditions have been formed over the years, it is important not to lose sight of why we celebrate Easter in the first place. Sam Kolacz, Theresa Gee, Katrina Bearinger, and De'Jza Robles all remind us that we celebrate Easter because it is on this day that Jesus rose from the dead after dying on the cross for our sins.

Now that the holiday is over it's back to school and back to work for the long haul before summer vacation. The days will fly by as we finish up the year and get ready for some fun in the sun.

## Sheep helping to fight weed, insect pests

Farmers and ranchers are finding that sheep grazing can fight weed and insect pests in agronomic crops. For example, Montana wheat producers found that sheep grazing in harvested grain stubble suppress over-wintering wheat stem sawfly larvae by 67 percent, better than tillage and burning. At the same time, the sheep reduce weeds and fertilize the soil without compaction.

# Several appear in circuit court

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

•Robert A. Smith, 59, Cass City, was found guilty of resisting and obstructing a police officer Nov. 9 in Grant Township following a one-day jury trial. The jury found him innocent on charges of assault with a dangerous weapon and possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case and bond was continued at \$30,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Jesse Vansipe, 19, Marlette, was sentenced to 90 days in the county jail (84 days deferred), with work release, for his pleas of guilty to unlawfully driving away an automobile, larceny in a building, larceny of property valued at \$200 to \$1,000, and conspiracy to commit larceny of property valued at \$200 to \$1,000 Aug. 25 in Watertown Township.

He was also ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$1,210.

•Michael C. Terry, 17, Vassar, stood mute to charges of assault with a dangerous weapon and aggravated assault March 10-11 in Vassar.

A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled and bond was continued at \$10,000.

•Eve Deleon, 34, Bay City, also known as Wendy L. Wagner, stood mute to charges of receiving and concealing a stolen firearm and possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony July 31-Aug. 1 in Caro; being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convictions); and absconding or forfeiting bond Feb. 28 in Caro.

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

•Alexander D. Castanon, 17, Akron, was ordered to serve 90 days in jail (45 days deferred) and 36 months probation for his plea of guilty to assaulting a police officer Dec. 9 in Akron.

He was also ordered to pay \$2,320 in costs and fines.

•Dean F. Revez, 46, Richville, pleaded guilty to failure to pay child support from Sept. 1, 2003 to April 1, 2005, and to being an habitual offender (2 prior felony convictions).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$500 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be set.

•Matthew J. Slater, 40, Traverse City, pleaded guilty to failure to pay child support from Nov. 20, 2003, to May 10, 2004, and from Dec. 26, 2005, to March 17, 2006.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$6,500. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Joshua E. Crittenden, 29, Kingston, was sentenced to 24 months probation for his plea of guilty to maintaining a drug house June 13 in Koylton Township.

He was also ordered to complete 20 days of community service and pay costs and fines totaling \$2,280.

•David J. Diener Jr., 20, Vassar, was sentenced to 36 months probation and 180 days in jail (90 days deferred), with work release, for his plea of guilty to breaking and entering a building with intent to commit larceny Oct. 30 in Fairgrove Township.

He was also ordered to pay \$1,220 in costs and fines.

•Tamela R. Steiner, 41, Akron, received a one-year delayed sentence of her pleas of guilty to 2 counts of assaulting a police officer Dec. 9 in Akron.

She was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$500.

•Bobby L. Herman, 22, Caro, was sentenced to 18 months to 7 years and 6 months in prison for his convictions on charges of larceny from a vehicle, malicious destruction of property totaling \$200 to \$1,000, and larceny of property valued at \$200 to \$1,000 July 11 in Caro, and to being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction); and to absconding or forfeiting bond Aug. 8.

He was also ordered to pay \$345 in costs and fines plus restitution of \$557.39.

•Jamshid B. Zahraie, 54, Caro, was sentenced to one year probation and 90 days in jail (45 days deferred), with work release, for his plea of guilty to a tobacco tax violation (selling cigarettes with the required state sales tax sticker) Nov. 12 in Caro.

He was also ordered to pay fines and costs totaling \$2,350.

•Ryan P. Woodruff, 20, Caro, pleaded guilty to killing/torturing a dog and disposing of a dead animal carcass in a river/creek Jan. 7 in Akron Township.

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

•Matthew J. Griffin, 24, Vassar, pleaded no contest to 2 counts of second degree criminal sexual conduct involving personal injury to the victim and one count of aggravated stalking last March and April in Vassar.

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

•Jason A. Sanback, 28, Caro, pleaded guilty to assault with a dangerous weapon May 30 in Caro, and to being an habitual offender (2 prior felony convictions).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$4,500. Sentencing is to be scheduled.



TUSCOLA STARS Planning Team Co-Chair Susan Andrus presents Dan Hittler of Cass City with his "Stars" award in the Individual Category.

(See story, page one)

## Calendar of Events

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

### Wednesday, April 19

"Forensic Night," 5 p.m., Cass City High School Cafeteria. Open to the public.

### Thursday, April 20

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

Sanilac County Democratic Party meeting, 7 p.m., Liberty Lanes, 100 Kingston St., Sandusky. For additional information, call (810) 648-3462.

Multiple Sclerosis and Fibromyalgia Support Group meeting, 7 p.m., Northwood Meadows, 6086 Beechwood Dr., Cass City. For more information, call Deb at (989) 872-2121 (ext. 216).

### Saturday, April 22

"You Can't Do That at the Library, vol. III," 6 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library. Call to register, 872-2856.

### Monday, April 24

Alcoholics Anonymous, "Monday at a Time," 8 p.m., Parkside Cafe, 2031 Main St., Ubyly. For additional information, call Angela R. at (989) 658-2319.

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

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

Tuscola County Right to Life Organization meeting, 6:30 p.m., Caro Library.

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

### Wednesday, April 26

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

Ravenous Readers, noon, Rawson Memorial Library.

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## Cass City set to host aid classes

The American Red Cross East Shoreline Chapter is offering first aid classes in Cass City in the coming weeks.

Area residents can learn lifesaving skills for all ages. The classes teach participants how to recognize and care for breathing and cardiac emergencies in adults, children and infants, as well as how to use an AED (automatic external defibrillator), a portable electronic device that diagnoses and treats cardiac arrest by re-establishing an effective heart rhythm.

Participants can also learn basic care for injuries and sudden illness until advanced medical personnel can arrive. Also covered are other emergency situations, basic disease transmission precautions, and care for bleeding and wounds.

An 8-hour standard first aid class with AED training, including infant and child CPR, will be offered at Northwood Meadows, Cass City, April 22 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; May 30-June 1 from 6 to 10 p.m.; and June 24 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Also offered is a 4-hour adult, infant and child CPR review with AED training. This course, which requires participants to have a current Adult CPR/AED and Infant and Child CPR Certificate, will also be held at Northwood Meadows and is slated for May 9 from 6 to 10 p.m. and June 6 from 6 to 10 p.m.

More information, including class fees, is available by calling (989) 892-1541, or by e-mailing jportsch@ameritech.net.

## Dean's list

Jake L. Wilder of Cass City was named to the dean's list at the University of Northwestern Ohio, Lima, Ohio, following the February session for the College of Technologies.

To be named to the dean's list, a student must earn a minimum 3.5 grade point average.

**Cass City Village Council PUBLIC NOTICE**

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

**Monday, April 24, 2006 at 7:00 P.M.**

Regarding the proposed Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application for Sidewalk Improvements in the Village of Cass City. The estimated cost of the project is \$90,000. The Village of Cass City is applying for a CDBG grant of \$45,000. At least 51% of the beneficiaries of the proposed project would be low to moderate income persons.

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Maybe it's the flavor of morels. Maybe it's the fact that wild morels are available for such a short time each spring.

Maybe it's the thrill of the hunt and the joy of that aha! moment when you spot the first mushroom and realize they're all around you.

Whatever it is that lures morel mushroom hunters into the woods, they'll drive for miles to brave blackberry tangles and poison ivy, slither down and clamber up the sides of ravines, and tramp through wet woods and dry in search of these elusive fungi.

Emerging from the woods, these successful hunter-gatherers with paper sacks and baskets loaded with morels are often vague about exactly where they discovered their edible treasure. With an "out there" sort of wave, and maybe a mumble about aspen or old elms or the remains of an old fire, they sprint to their vehicles to get their precious and perishable wild crop home.

Cass City's Chuck Emmert knows

the thrill of the hunt, having earned a reputation for bringing home an ample load of morels when the picking is good.

May is considered morel month in Michigan, but Emmert says he has enjoyed success in mid- to late-April on many occasions.

"I think it should be okay (now), but I'm striking out. I think it's just early," he commented last week. "You need a nice warm rain, warm nights - the ground temperature's got to be just right. I think you almost have to have that 70-degree day to get things started."

The good news, according to Michigan State University Extension official Leslie Johnson, is that morels aren't as choosy as some mushrooms about where they grow.

"They may turn up in your backyard or in the woods on the family farm or in the sand dunes of the Lake Michigan shoreline," she said. "The tradition of heading for the north woods is strong, however, where wet feet and

aching muscles are part of the price to be paid during the quest for the spongy fungi.

"Because emergence is related to moisture and temperature, morels tend to appear first on south-facing slopes in southern Michigan," Johnson noted. "The season moves north from there at a rate of about 100 miles per week, if conditions are right; just enough rain, not too much; and warm - not chilly, not hot - temperatures."

Emmert said he looks for rich, dark, loamy soil, "although I've also found them on a sand bank. The crazy thing is, you don't know where they're going to show up," he added.

Emmert's favorite morel locations are both on private and public land. There is plenty of public access, he says, and the Thumb is among the state's premier morel mushroom locations.

Emmert said some basic knowledge about morels, the right tools and a little persistence are the only requirements for success in harvesting morels.

"I think an important tool in collecting them is a good, aerated bag, like an onion sack or an orange sack," he said, adding it isn't difficult to identify morels.

True morels have pitted caps rather than ridges or folds or wrinkles, and, Emmert explained, the morel cap is attached to the hollow stem at its base. "There's a false morel where the bottom is open and the stem doesn't connect at the cap," he said.

When he returns home, Emmert washes his morels thoroughly and soaks them in salt water to fully clean them and to get rid of any bugs that might be hiding inside. After that, he places them in a bowl with damp paper towels underneath and over the top. "You can keep them for 3 or 4 weeks if you really take care of them," he noted.

As for preparing them, Emmert prefers to fry sliced morels in butter and then use them on hamburgers or in other dishes, such as eggs.

"Morels have a mushroom taste, but it's a taste all its own," he said. "It's distinctly different."

*Editor's note: Area residents interested in learning more about picking morels can obtain a couple of MSE Extension bulletins entitled "May is Morel Month in Michigan" and "Don't Pick Poison!" Both area available from local MSU Extension offices or can be ordered on-line at: www.emdc.msu.edu.*

## Down Memory Lane

By Harmony Doerr



### 5 YEARS AGO

Bobbie Sierzputowski beams with confidence when she talks about her future - finishing her senior year at Ubyly High School, then off to the pre-med program at Michigan State University and, ultimately, starting a career as a radiologist. But first the 18-year-old has a national title to defend. Sierzputowski is gearing up for a trip to Anaheim, Calif., where she will compete in the National Business Professionals of America (BPA) Leadership Conference May 9-13. She is defending champion in the Extemporaneous Verbal competition, having nailed the title in her first-ever national appearance last spring.

The Cass City Zoning Board of Appeals will meet Thursday to consider a request that would allow an auto repair business to remain in the village's downtown business district. The owner of M-n-M Auto Repair, which opened last fall in the rear portion of Huron Business Products has requested a variance which, if approved, would allow the business to operate in a B-1 zoning district, according to Village Manager Jane Downing. Downing, who also serves as the village's zoning administrator, has recommended that the appeals board reject the request. She said village officials are trying to work with the business, however, auto repair is not a permitted use in a B-1 district.

Cass City Middle School KLINK students Andrew Peruski, Ivan Peruski, Alex Hiatt and Evan Bushong recently traveled to the Detroit area to compete in a robotics competition against the top 20 teams in the KLINK program. The team of Peruski and Peruski finished first, while Hiatt and Bushong grabbed 3rd place honors. Their instructor is Kevin Green.

### 10 YEARS AGO

Clare Brown has a lot to smile about when he looks back on his long tenure in township government. He boasts a near perfect meeting attendance record and never once lost a bid for re-election in 27 years. But then, he was never challenged for his job as Greenleaf Township clerk. "In fact, I had to go out and campaign a little bit to get someone to take my place," Brown joked last week during an interview at the Cumber Road farm he shares with his wife, Georgene. Brown's interest in finding someone to run for the office of clerk this year was sparked by a decision to retire from township government. "I turned 65 a year ago, and I have a sister in Arizona, a brother in California and a lot of nieces and nephews we'd like to visit," he commented. "We've really never taken a vacation of any length."

If only I had known, I could have saved a half-day determining when the nickname Red Hawks was adopted by Cass City High School and I would have had it right. All it would have taken was a call to Chuck Auten, who spends his summers in Boyne City. He's a Cass City native, a graduate of Cass City High School, and ran the Ford Agency here. Here's the lowdown on this piece of trivia. Under the direction of Jack London, a former coach, the Cass City Varsity Club was formed in 1944 and Auten was its president. At the coach's suggestion that the team should have a nickname, the club voted to adopt Red Hawks, the name familiar to most Cass Cityans today. (From Rabbit Tracks)

Sanilac 4-Hers did well at the fifth annual Thumb Jackpot Steer Show, held over the weekend in Armada.

Ninety-nine youth from 6 counties gathered to compete in 18 classes. Sanilac County's Stephanie Moore won first and third place division champion honors with her 2 cross-bred steers. She also took home Reserve Grand Champion Steer honors. Stephanie's sister, Jenna Moore, placed fifth in Class 3 with her cross-bred steer, "Kevin." Both girls are the daughters of Colleen and Bob Moore, and the granddaughters of Dale and Audrey Leslie of Decker.

### 25 YEARS AGO

Get the knives, forks and spoons, plates and glasses ready. After a lengthy delay, the Thumb Area Commission on Aging (TACA) hot lunch program for senior citizens will begin at the First Presbyterian Church in Cass City Monday. Meals will then be served Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Serving time will be at noon. The program is open to all persons 60 and older and their spouses, even if under 60, regardless of income. Persons are not required to pay for the meals, but there is a suggested donation of 75 cents per meal.

Monday the temperature hovered around 25 degrees. A year ago Monday, according to Bill Kritzman, the temperature was 84 degrees. Take heart. The forecast is for warmer weather this weekend. Last year two days after the thermometer registered that very fine weather, it snowed. Ah! Michigan in the spring. (From Rabbit Tracks)

Freshman Greg Bliss of Cass City set a new school record in the two-mile run at Caro last Wednesday with a time of 9:54.38 but the Tigers showed that they were ready to defend their Thumb B Association title by defeating the Hawks, 89-69. Bliss and Vince Pratt of Caro battled the

entire distance with never more than five yards apart. The Hawks won just six of the 16 events, but victories in two of the three relays kept the score close.

### 35 YEARS AGO

A new machine installed at Hills and Dales General Hospital is being hailed by doctors for significantly upgrading the quality of service to patients with heart ailments. The machine is an electrocardiograph (EKG) that is hooked to an IBM series 1800 computer at Interstate Computer Systems in Kalamazoo. It's like having an intensive care unit right here in our hospital. Dr. H. T. Donahue reports. The machine has two outstanding characteristics that make it invaluable to the doctors and the patients: speed and accuracy.

Most of the start-up problems in the new Cole Carbide building, 3 miles east of Cass City on M-81, have been ironed out and the plant is busy turning out carbide tools for the industry. Manager Scott Kelly reported that the new building more than doubles the floor space for the company in Cass City. In addition, the company has purchased 230 acres to allow for future expansion when it becomes necessary. The plant in Cass City is one of three operated by the company. The home office is in Warren and is the largest of the three.

The Cass City JV baseball team opened its season Monday, with a 13-8 win at Caro. Mike Frederick pitched a strong game, allowing seven hits while striking out eight. Cass City's hitting was led by Scott Guinther, Gene Hopper, Chester Sieradzki and John Hacker with two hits each while Frederick added one.

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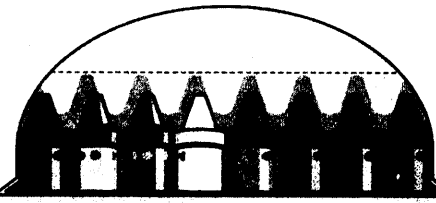
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## Obituaries

### Nancy Angle

Nancy Jane Angle, 67, of Deford, died after a long illness Saturday, April 15, 2006 in her home. She was born Oct. 23, 1938 in Detroit, the daughter of Elmer and Avis (Muszall) Green.

She married Marshall George Angle, Sr. April 6, 1963.

Angle worked for Kroger grocery store in Lapeer as a clerk/cashier for 27 years. She was a Cub Scout den mother for 9 years. Angle raised Shand Sheep Dogs for 10 years. She was a member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and was chairman of the Altar Society.

Angle is survived by her husband, Marshall; children: Marshall Angle, Jr. of Deford, Robert (Cynthia) Angle, Sr. of Gageton, Jay Angle of Sandusky, Betsy Huggins of Oolawa, Tenn., Jody Leach of Bay City, and Alan (Tamara) Angle of Madison, Wis.; 13 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; a sister, Barbara Ann Fairbanks of Oolawa, Tenn.; a brother, William (Helen) Green of Fenton; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m., Tuesday, April 18, at Good Shepherd

Lutheran Church, Cass City, with the Rev. Gerald Meyer officiating.

Interment was in the Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Memorials may be made to the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Altar Society or the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

### William Bliss, Sr.

William-James Bliss, 84, of Cass City, died Saturday, April 15, 2006 in Tuscola County Medical Care Facility, Caro.

He was born April 9, 1922 in Gageton, the son of John and Pearl (Freeman) Bliss.

He married Marjorie J. Tyo Oct. 30, 1943 at St. Agatha Catholic Church, Gageton. She died January 15, 2000.

Bliss farmed for 21 years with his dad in Gageton. He operated Bliss Bulk Milk Hauling, Inc. for 36 years. He was a member and usher of St. Pancratius Catholic Church and a member of the Knights of Columbus Council #8892.

He is survived by his children: William J. (Kathy) Bliss, Jr. of Portage,

Robert (Beryl) Bliss of Cass City, Barbara (Gerald) Generous of Caro, David (Penny) Bliss of West Branch, Paul (LaDonna) Bliss of Cass City, and Charles (Tamara) Bliss of Cass City; 18 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law: Mildred Bliss and Jeanne Tyo, both of Florida; and a brother-in-law: Jim (Chris) Tyo of Prudenville.

He was preceded in death by twin grandsons, Preston and Patrick Bliss; a great-grandson, Dylan Bliss; a sister, Vernita (Eugene) Comment; and brothers: Patrick (Martha) Bliss and Frank Bliss.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m., Wednesday, April 19, at St. Pancratius Catholic Church, Cass City, with the Rev. Paul Bala of St. John Chrysostom Catholic Church, Forestville, officiating.

Interment was in Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Memorials may be made to the Cass City Little League or Bay Shore Camp.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

### Stanley Kloc

Stanley Joseph Kloc, 86, of Cass City, died after a long illness Wednesday, April 12, 2006 in his home.

He was born Sept. 25, 1919 at home in Deford, the son of George and Tillie (Chlopecka) Kloc.

He married Nurse Louise Bourke Oct. 2, 1943 in St. Mary's Cathedral, Natchez, Miss. She died November 5, 1995.

Kloc served in the U.S. Army during World War II. His life work was farming. He worked for Marlette Motor Coach for 15 years. Kloc was an electronic technician and carpenter by avocation. He was a devout Catholic. His parents' family was one of the five founding families of St. Michael Catholic Church. Kloc helped to physically build the current church building, picking up and delivering every building block for the church. He was a former member of the church council, Deford School Board, American Legion and Dom Polski (the former Polish American Legion).

Kloc is survived by his children: George (Rose) Kloc of Chesapeake, Va., Mary Corrigan of Vassar, Joseph (Louann) Kloc of Leander, Texas, Floyd (Diane) Kloc of Saginaw, Robert (Lori) Kloc of Freeland, Margaret (Clair) Lapham of Mt. Pleasant, Richard Kloc of Cass City, Stanley Kloc of Oxford, Raymond (Bobbie) Kloc of Portland, Texas, and Madeleine (Raymond) Dearing of Howell; 17 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren; brothers: Walter (Virginia) Kloc of Buffalo, NY, and Frank Kloc of Deford; a sister, Victoria (John) Wolak of Kingston; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a

daughter, Kathrine J. Kloc; brothers: Eugene and John Kloc; a son-in-law, Don Corrigan; and his parents.

Funeral services were held Monday, April 17, at St. Michael Catholic Church, Wilmet, with the Rev. Joseph Schabel and Sr. Riccardina Silvestri officiating.

Interment was in the church cemetery.

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

Memorials may be made to Fr. P. Ben VanDerSchueren, Collegelaan 36, B2140 Borgerhout, Antwerp, Belgium.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

### Irene Tracy

Irene Alice O'Dell Tracy, 88, of Cass City, died after a long illness Saturday, April 15, 2006 in Tendercare Nursing Facility, Cass City.

She was born July 22, 1917 in Cass City, the daughter of Theodore and Effie (Brown) Hendrick.

She married Raymond O'Dell June 16, 1934 in Wyandotte. He died February 22, 1957. She later married Ivan Tracy Oct. 31, 1970 in Sutton Sunshine United Methodist Church. He died August 21, 1999.

Tracy worked at the Willow Run Bomber Plant, later bought by Kaiser-Frazer, during World War II for 11 years. She was listed on the Rosy the Riveter list and was the first married woman hired at the plant. Tracy was a member of Sutton Sunshine United Methodist Church since 1967, but had attended since childhood. She was a member of the United Methodist Women, Ellington Almer Farmers Club, Farm Bureau, and Ellimwood Quilters Circle.

Tracy is survived by her children: Theodore (Donna) O'Dell of Milan, Raymond (Madonna) O'Dell of Flat Rock, Duane (Katherine) O'Dell of Deford, Douglas (Kristine) O'Dell of Cass City, and Karen (James) Bolz of Milan; 15 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; step-children: Carol (Arvel) Shields of Marlette, Harriet (Ronald) Fox of Lapeer, Timothy (Sue) Tracy of Vassar, Anne Tomkins of Lapeer, and Beth (Jerry) Tkach of Lapeer; 11 step-grandchildren; 9 step great-grandchildren; sisters: Ruth Fisher of Cass City, Isabelle Whittenburg of Elsie, and Phyllis (Sherwell) Kelly of New Boston; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by brothers-in-law: Mark O'Dell, Don Whittenburg, George Fisher and Walter Finkbeiner.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m., Wednesday, April 19, at Sutton Sunshine United Methodist Church.

Interment was in the Ellington Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Sutton Sunshine United Methodist Church or the Parkinson's Foundation.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

## Huron residents can call tip-line

Huron County residents can take an active role in reporting criminal activity, thanks to a new Report-A-Crime Tip Line announced last week by Sheriff Kent Tibbits.

The new tip line is (989) 269-2861 and can be accessed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

"The phone number is a means for citizens to provide information to the police without actually speaking to a police officer," Tibbits explained.

"When a person has knowledge of a crime that has occurred or is ongoing, such as drug activity, this phone line is available to people who want to report this criminal activity and at the same time want to remain anonymous or confidential," he said. "The information left by the caller may be an important link to an already on-going investigation, or may be enough to start an investigation."

"Just because someone called in doesn't mean someone is going to be arrested, but the information will be documented and followed up on by police."

When a caller dials the number, Tibbits noted, he or she will not talk to an officer directly, but will get a recorded message asking for the caller to leave information about criminal activity.

"The caller will be given an option of leaving information only and re-

maining anonymous or confidential to the police only," he said. "The line does not have Caller I.D. and no return call will be made unless the caller wants to hear from the police."

The phone line has been set up in the Huron County Sheriff's Department's Detective's Office, and only a detective will pick up the messages. In the event that a caller wants to leave a message for another police agency or a specific officer, that information will be directed to the appropriate agency or officer.

Tibbits emphasized that the new crime tip line does not replace calling 911 in an emergency or calling a local police department, but rather is just another way for a person who is otherwise reluctant to speak to an officer directly to provide law enforcement with information about criminal activity.

"An example of information that a caller may want to leave on the Report-A-Crime Tip Line is illegal drug activity at a residence, a breaking and entering of a home or business, larceny, on-going domestic violence or child abuse, alcohol being provided to minors, or any other criminal activity," Tibbits said.

"Again, this does not replace calling 911. This is only an alternative means for the police to work closely with the community."



THE AMERICAN Association of University Women in Cass City recently awarded its annual scholarships to local women who are returning to school to further their education. This year's winners are (from left) Rita Hanby, who received a \$1,000 scholarship and plans to seek a college degree in the healthcare field; Carla Dzielinski, who received \$500 and is pursuing a degree in business administration; and Deb Montgomery, who received a \$1,000 scholarship and is working towards her degree as a registered nurse.

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### Sheriff: be a safe boater this summer

Tuscola County Sheriff Tom Kern wants area residents to stay safe on the water this summer by performing a vessel safety check now.

"While most people are aware that they need to keep their automobiles in good running order, it sometimes doesn't occur to them to check their boats before the season gets underway," Kern said.

He recommends boat owners take the following steps for vessel safety:

- Check the condition of your life jackets. Make sure that there is one properly fitting life jacket for every person on board and that they are in good condition. Check for discoloration, dry rot, and mildew; popped seams and tears in the fabric; and that the straps, buckles and zippers still work.

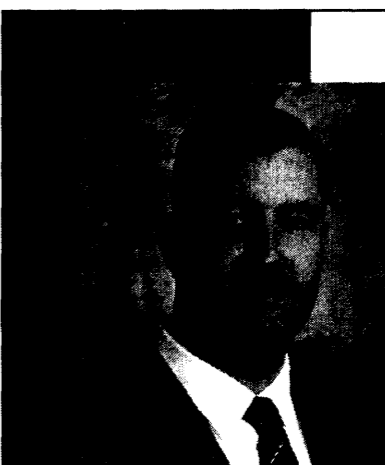
- Check your equipment to make sure it is in good working order. This includes items like your visual distress signals, sound-producing devices, navigation lights, bilge pumps, ventilation blowers and fire extinguishers.
- Check to make sure your navigation charts are on board and updated to the most current conditions.

Kern encourages boat owners have the Coast Guard perform a free vessel safety check. Vessel examiners will check the boat for mechanical safety as well as verifying the proper safety equipment is on board and offering recommendations on how to best outfit vessels to comply with federal and state laws and regulations.

"By taking the proper precautions now, you can prevent tragedy later," Kern said. "Take personal responsibility for your safety in order to enjoy a summer on the water."

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# Lady Hawks bounce back with victories over Eagles

The Cass City Red Hawks took advantage of some fine pitching in the final 2 softball games last week at Deckerville, Thursday, to bounce back from disappointing losses in the first doubleheader last week, Monday, at Freeland.

This week the Hawks will face a pair of teams from the Greater Thumb East and will be tested. Brown City was scheduled Tuesday and Thurs-

day Ubyl is on deck. All games will be at home.

Although the Falcons dominated the Hawks in both games, coach Josh Stern remained optimistic about his charges. We're young, he pointed out, and as we gain experience and iron out some of the errors we should be very competitive. In those losses to Freeland we got behind and were never able to catch up.

The Falcons jumped all over the Hawks in the first inning of each game, scoring 5 runs in each.

In the first game, that the Falcons won 10-2, a combination of Freeland hits and Cass City errors were more than enough to put the game in the loss column for the Hawks. A pair of errors in the first inning put 2 on with one out and then the next 4 players solved the slants of Courtney Rabideau for 3 singles and a triple. Freeland added 2 runs in the third and fifth innings and another in the sixth.

Cass City failed to score until the last inning when Courtney Rabideau singled and rode home on Renee Czekai's double. She was, in turn, chased home by Jenni Brinkman's double.

The Hawks picked up just 4 hits off Briggs, 3 by Renee Czekai. Freeland's Delaney led an 11-hit attack with 3 hits and 3 runs scored.

In the 5-run first in the nightcap, that started Freeland on its way to a 12-7 decision, starter Emily Schinnerer allowed hits to the first 2 batters and the Hawks followed with 4 errors. Cass City temporarily got back in the game in the top of the fourth with 3 runs to close to 5-3. Courtney Rabideau walked and rode home on Ashley Hendrick's triple and then scored on a double by Renee Czekai.

The Falcons got those runs back in their half of the inning and then put the game away with 4 more counters in the fifth. Jordan led the Falcons with 3 hits in 3 trips. Roth was the winning pitcher, giving up 10 hits. Hendrick led the Hawks with a double and triple in 4 trips. Schinnerer allowed 9 hits in the loss.

### DECKERVILLE WINS

It all came together for Cass City in the first game with the Deckerville Eagles. Courtney Rabideau had one of her finest games on the mound, limiting the Eagles to a single in the first inning in the 5-0 victory. Errors that were very costly in the Freeland games were non-existent. Walks were also non-existent and as a result Rabideau faced just 19 hitters in the 6 innings, one over the minimum.

Mariana VanNorman broke up the no-hitter with a single in the first.

Cass City counted a run in the first on a walk to Hendrick, and a double by Brinkman. Another single counter was notched in the third on an error and Ashleigh Rabideau's 2-base knock.

Hits by Brandi Talaski and Courtney Rabideau notched a run in the fourth and 3 walks and a hit added 2 more in the sixth. Talaski with 2 hits in 4 at-bats and extra base knocks by Courtney Rabideau, a triple, and doubles by Brinkman, Ashleigh Rabideau and Heather Moore led Cass City.

Cass City spotted the Deckerville Eagles 3 runs in the top of the first inning in the nightcap game of a doubleheader and then rallied to post a 9-4 decision. After that the Bearcats were able to score just once more in the 6-inning game. Ashley Hendrick started and got the win. Amanda Klaus took the loss.

The Hawks scored 2 runs in each of the first, third and fourth innings to lead 6-3 and then moved comfortably in front with 3 more in the fifth. Ashleigh Rabideau had a great game, banging out 4 hits in 4 tries and batting in 4 runs. Sara Meeker picked up 2 hits in 4 trips. Cass City racked up 12 hits and Deckerville garnered 5, including a pair by Mariana VanNorman.



## Musicians shine at festival...

THE MSBOA DISTRICT 3 Junior High School Solo and Ensemble Festival was held April 8, at Croswell Lexington Middle School, and all 18 events involving the Cass City Middle School seventh and eighth grade bands earned first or second division medals. Those who received first division medals were Nick Karavas, Tony McArthur, Logan Kausch and Andrea Retan, alto saxophone solos; Nick Karavas, Robby Simpson and Tony McArthur, alto saxophone trio; Kendra Grady, clarinet solo; Vicki Spencer and Kendra Grady, clarinet duet; Jenny Manwell, Samantha Swiderski, Emily Martin and Stephanie Steely, clarinet quartet; Chelsea Green and Sara Venema, trumpet solos; Paige Lester and Sara Venema, trumpet duet; McKensie Parrish, French horn solo; Zac Deering, tuba solo; and Zac Deering, Monica Stover, Alex McCoy, McKensie Parrish, Chelsea Green and Cameron Simpson, brass ensemble.

Second division ratings went to Michael Milligan, snare drum solo; Vicki Spencer, clarinet solo; Monica Stover, baritone solo; and Mary Rivest, bass clarinet solo.

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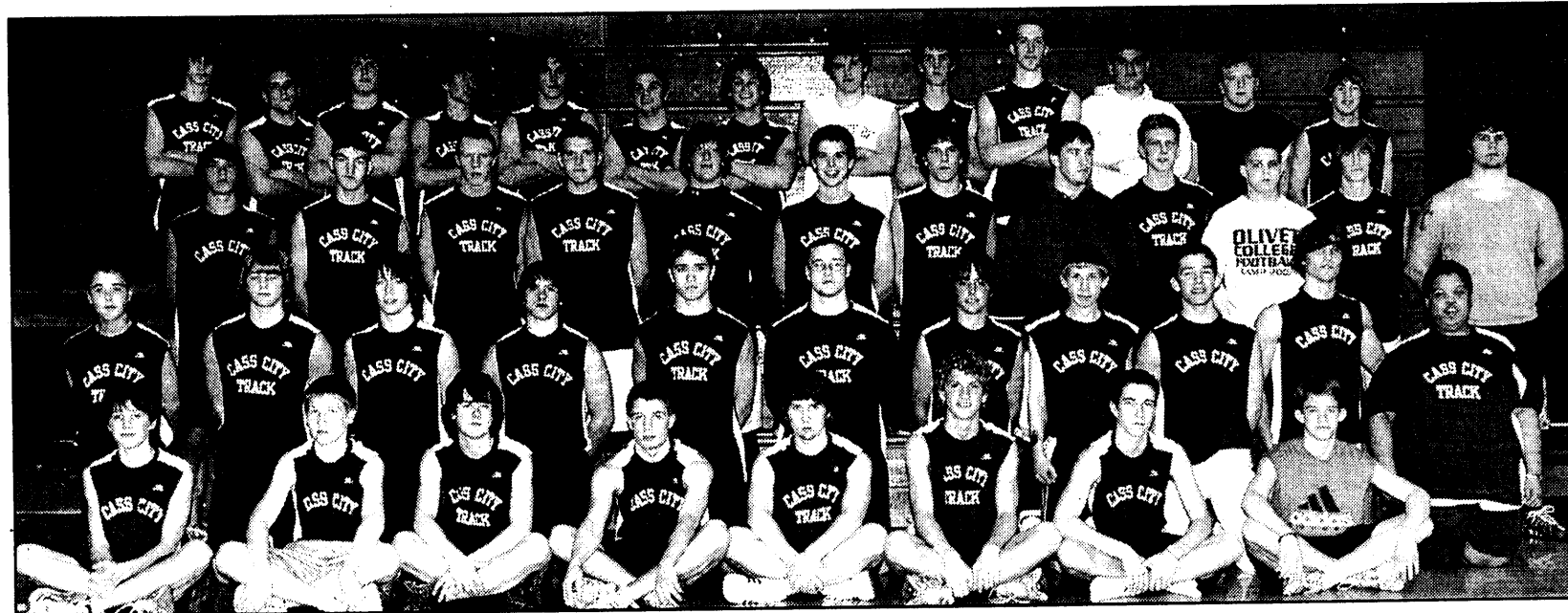
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# Cass City track team has good numbers



**THE 2006 RED HAWK Boys' Varsity Track team members are (front, l-r) Dewey Mabe, Clark Walsh, Thomas Cotton, Mitch Adkins, Cody Nye, Adam Wentworth, Mike Green, Bryan Burk; (second, l-r) Justin Hool, Nick Sattelberg, Mark Koepf, Dean Wilson, Taylor Johnson, Joe Homrocky, Michael Stevens, Kevin Goniwicha, Chris Childs, Jordon Mozdzen, J.C. Knight; (third, l-r) Kyle Reif, Gavin Mills, Dennis Bowen, Preston Stec, Brad Severance, Thomas Parrish, Tyler Tomlinson, Trevor Copeland, Andrew Rohlf, Blake Palmer, Chris Zawilinski, Cody Halasz; (back, l-r) Chris Summersett, Levi Adams, Dereck Halasz, Bradley Hartel, Kyle Sieradzki, Micah Randall, Derek Ricker, Isaiah Battel, Ryan Brown, Benjamin Pettit, Derek Suro, Alex Walsh and Lukas Varney.**

## Depth leads Hawks to strong showing at tough USA Invite

The Cass City's men's track team showcased its depth last week, Wednesday, en route to a fourth-place finish at the talent laden 16-team USA Invitational.

The top 4 teams at the invite, and their point totals, were: Reese (145), USA (107), Frankenmuth (95) and Cass City (63).

Senior Scott Meeker recorded the Red Hawks' only first-place finish on the day with a toss of 46'6" in the shot put. Also in the field events, Cass City earned a runner-up finish in the pole vault as Mark Koepf cleared 11'.

In the running events, Chris Childs placed second with a time of 2:09 in the 800-meter run for Cass City, as did Lukas Varney with his time of 4:53 in the 1,600-meter run. Cameron Lautner continued the Hawks' strong showing in the distance events, placing third in the 3,200-meter run with a time of 10:48.

The Hawks' 3,200-meter relay team turned in a time of 8:45, good for second-place honors. The relay members were Lautner, Kyle Reif, Childs and Varney.

The Ubyl Bearcats ran away with the women's field by registering 122 points. Rounding out the top 4 teams were Saginaw Valley Lutheran, 85 1/2, Bad Axe, 80, and USA, 71 1/2.

Cass City, which tallied 19 points, received a third-place showing from Jennica Richards with a time of 16.95 in the 100-meter hurdles to top the efforts of the Hawk runners, while Ashley Puterbaugh took fourth in the discus with a toss of 97'04" to pace Cass City in the field events.

The Hawks' 400-meter relay team, consisting of Becca Doerr, Richards, Leah Whittaker and Caitlin Sorenson, finished fifth with a time of 57:58.

The Hawks will remain on the road with a pair of meets this week, starting tonight (Wednesday) in Ubyl and Friday at Frankenmuth.

# TIME TO BREAK OUT THE GOLF CLUBS

### Arrowhead

No longer a secret, Arrowhead's new 18 holes has become the talk of the Thumb. Golfers get a great track at reasonable prices. What Arrowhead offers is a challenge for every level of golfer. Golfers are now coming to the Thumb to play the peninsula green and the scenic new holes cut through the trees. All this in a very friendly atmosphere at reasonable rates.

On Fridays, Arrowhead offers a golf and fish special (serving until 9 p.m.). Other specials are Monday, everyone for 1 green fees, and Wednesday, or older 2 for 1 green fees.

All year long the clubhouse is available for small weddings and class reunions. Business outings, meetings and Christmas parties are becoming specialties of Arrowhead. Dates are booking up fast, so if you want your special event handled in a special way at fair prices, give us a call. You will be pleasantly surprised.

### BIRD CREEK

Bird Creek Golf Club in Port Austin has been a favorite of players from all over the state and Eric Sump, PGA professional, has several early season offers sure to appeal to area golfers.

The first is customer appreciation day Wednesday, May 3, when customers can play golf free. The only expense is the rental of a cart for \$13 for each player and is required for 18 holes. A tee time is required and there will be no refunds or rain checks on this special day.

Golfers will have the opportunity to win a free 2006 membership. Golfers register to win each time they play during this limited time special offer. Special rates will be in effect until May 20. Nine holes with cart is \$16 each person and 18 holes with cart, \$25 each person.

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We still have leagues opening for men, women and couples. This season, starting Fridays, we have a youth golf program that will be run by Bill Kmet who is also the Marlette High School golf coach.

For all you diehard golfers out there, we have an all-day golf fare of \$11 on Mondays and Fridays, and \$16 on Tuesdays through Thursdays, weekends and holidays. For \$10 more per golfer, you can get a cart.

Besides golf, we have the Coach House Tavern, known for its friendly service and great food. We also have a banquet room for any event such as weddings, anniversaries, birthdays, etc. The tavern also has Keno and Pull Tabs. We feature entertainment on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights starting at 9 p.m.

For more information, contact the golf course at (989) 635-3009 or the tavern at (989) 635-3478.

### ROLLING HILLS

Spring golfers at Cass City's Rolling Hills Golf Course will enjoy midseason conditions at the 3,000-yard par 35 track.

The course's 4 ponds, fairways and greens are all in great shape, despite a harsh winter, and are ready to offer an exciting and challenging 9 holes. Golfers will find a newly updated range with new yard markers, flags and other improvements.

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Several of the course's most popular activities are set for another year. Topping the list is the 7th annual Kally Maharg Memorial tournament. In the tourneys \$85,000 has been raised. This year the tourney is scheduled for Saturday, July 15.

All proceeds are used to benefit the community, including the Cass City Boosters Club, local student scholarships, 8th grade Washington, D.C. trip and college scholarships for high school seniors.

Also back this season is the popular 2-for-one golf special every Friday. It's the perfect opportunity for family and friends to gather and split the cost of green fees.

A good way for the ladies to have a great time is to join the ladies' fun league (TALL). It's held Tuesday evenings, starting at 4:30 p.m.

Beginners are welcomed in the league that starts in May.

### SHERWOOD ON THE HILL

Sherwood on the Hill is a course that couples enjoy playing. Women can play the course and score well because they can reach the holes in 2 or 3 strokes.

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Sherwood is a 9-hole course with a limited number of carts, but the atmosphere is relaxing.

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## Bulldogs collect maiden wins in North Central Thumb League action

Owen-Gage picked up its first wins of the early season Thursday, swiping a twin bill from guests Dryden in the Bulldogs' opening North Central Thumb League outing.

Coach Doug Hyatt's squad, 2-7 overall, will now look to improve to 4-0 in NCTL play Monday when rival Akron-Fairgrove visits Owendale.

The Bulldogs' bats came alive against Dryden as the hosts pounded out easy wins of 17-1 and 11-1.

In the opener, Mariah Francis collected the win on the mound. Francis struck out 4, walked 2 and yielded 3 hits.

Leading 7-1 entering the fourth frame, Owen-Gage removed any comeback hopes Dryden was entertaining, with 8 tallies in the

frame.

"Our hitting is improving," Hyatt said. "And we've been taking advantage of our team speed."

Michelle Brown enjoyed a banner outing at the plate in game one, accounting for 5 RBIs on a 3-hit performance that included a home run, triple and double. April Nowaczyk slapped a pair of singles and added 4 stolen bases to the Bulldog cause.

In the nightcap, Owen-Gage broke open a 3-1 contest with 6 markers in the fifth inning.

Brown and Nowaczyk split 2 hits and 8 stolen bases to lead the Bulldog attack.

Francis went the distance to earn the win on the hill where she fanned one, issued 3-free passes and allowed 3 hits.

## Schneeberger's ATHLETE of the WEEK



SCOTT MEEKER

*Cass City senior Scott Meeker helped the Red Hawks to a 4th place finish Thursday at the 16-team USA Invitational track and field meet.*

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## Hawks continue to roll as Freeland falls during 10-7 slugfest

The Cass City Red Hawk baseball team chalked up its third win in a row last week Monday at Freeland, defeating the Falcons, 10-7.

The win guarantees that the Hawks will be undefeated when they face Brown City Tuesday at home. The scheduled game with Deckerville April 13 was cancelled.

Cass City scored twice in the first inning and never trailed, but the Falcons stayed close all the way. Cass City bounced out to a 7-1 lead with a 5-run splurge in the top of the third inning and notched a single counter in the fourth. Freeland countered with 3 runs in the third and 3 more in the fourth and it was a one-run game, 8-7, starting the fifth inning.

The Hawks ended the slugfest with 2 more runs in the sixth. Brad Langenburg (2-0) relieved starter

Brad Hartel with one out in the fourth and was credited with the win. Ben Williams started for Freeland and took the loss.

Langenburg allowed a run, struck out one and yielded 5 hits. Hartel was touched for 6 runs and 4 hits with 3 strikeouts. He helped his own cause with 2 hits in 4 trips, while scoring 2 runs and knocking in a pair.

Andrew Martin continued to produce at the plate for the Hawks. He was 2 for 3 with 3 RBIs. Cody Halasz collected a hit in 3 trips, scored twice and stole a base.

Brandon Pierce had a banner night for Freeland. He collected 3 hits in 3 attempts and batted in 3 runs. Derrick Schippert was 2 for 4 with a stolen base. Cass City committed 2 errors and Freeland, 3.

The nightcap game was called after 2 innings.

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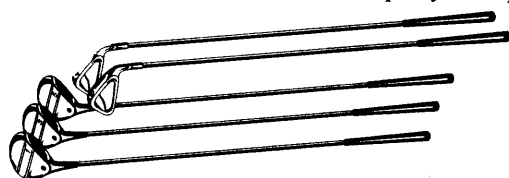
Newly expanded and reorganized this year, the par 71 course now has over 6,000 yards and is tree-lined and filled with strategically positioned ponds, creeks and sand traps.

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Timothy J. Kern and Darlene J. Kern, to TCF National Bank, A United States of America Corporation Mortgagee, dated May 10, 2000 and recorded May 16, 2000 in Liber 801, Page 61, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-Four Dollars and Forty-Seven Cents (\$77,994.47), including interest 9.5% 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, front entrance of the Circuit Court in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, May 4, 2006.

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

Parcel I: The North 125 feet of the following described land, commencing at a point 362.5 feet North of the Southeast corner of Section 11, Town 11 North, Range 7 East; thence North 232 feet; thence West 199 feet; thence South 232 feet; thence East 199 feet to the point of beginning. Subject to right of way for Cottrell Road over the Easterly side thereof.

Parcel II: Commencing at a point 362.5 feet North of the Southeast corner of Section 11, Town 11 North, Range 7 East; thence North 232 feet; thence West 199 feet; thence South 232 feet; thence East 199 feet to the point of beginning, except the North 125 feet thereof. Subject to the right of way for Cottrell Road over the Easterly side thereof. Commonly known as 4950 Cottrell Rd., Vassar MI 48768.

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 27, 2006  
TCF National Bank  
Assignee of Mortgage

Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C.  
811 South Blvd., Suite 100  
Rochester Hills, MI 48307  
(248) 844-5123  
Our File No: 06-45806

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Glen H. Brown, an unmarried man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., mortgagee, dated March 11, 2004 and recorded March 23, 2004 in Liber 985, Page 1341, and Servicer's Affidavit to correct legal description submitted to and recorded by the Tuscola County Register of Deeds, Tuscola County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Eight Thousand Eighty-Three and 73/100 Dollars (\$138,083.73), including interest at the rate of 6.88% 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 27, 2006.

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

Commencing at the Northeast corner of the East one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 2, Town 10 North, Range 9 East; thence South 8 rods; thence West 20 rods; thence North 8 rods; thence East 20 rods to the Point of Beginning.

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

TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing 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 29, 2006  
ORLANS ASSOCIATES PC  
Attorneys for Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee  
P.O. Box 5041  
Troy, MI 48007-5041  
(248) 457-1000  
File No. 310.0697

3-29-5

**CIRCUIT COURT SALE BELOW WILL BE ADJOURNED WEEK TO WEEK FROM APRIL 20, 2006 TO MAY 4, 2006**

Case No. 04-22743-CH  
CIRCUIT COURT SALE

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

In pursuance and by virtue of a Judgment of the Circuit Court for the County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, made and entered on the 4th day of November, A.D., 2005, in a certain case therein pending, wherein MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., was the Plaintiff, and ANTHONY DICKENSON, MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF STATE, and ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS, OWNERS, HEIRS, DEVISEES, OR ASSIGNEES OF UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS OR OWNERS TO THE MANUFACTURED HOME LOCATED AT 7118 DOWN CREEK ROAD, VASSAR, MI 48768, were the Defendants.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I shall sell at public auction to the highest bidder,

at the Front Entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, (that being the building where the Circuit Court for Tuscola County is held), on the 2nd day of MARCH, A.D., 2006 at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon, Local Time, the following described property, To-Wit: All that certain piece or parcel of land situated in the City of Vassar, County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, which is legally described as follows:

City of Vassar, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, which is legally described as follows:

Commencing at a point 933.00 feet South of the Northwest corner of the West half of the Northeast quarter of Section 33, Town 11 North, Range 8 East; thence East 200.00 feet; thence South 150.00 feet; thence West 200.00 feet; thence North 150.00 feet to point of beginning. Also described as proposed Lot 5 of Harry & Loretta's Estate. Together with an easement for ingress and egress to and from said premises over and across an existing road in the East 66.00 feet of the West 266.00 feet of the Northwest quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 33, Town 11 North, Range 8 East. More commonly known as 7118 Down Creek Rd., Vassar, MI 48768 ("Subject Property").

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendant Dickenson's interest in the manufactured home, a 1972 Parkwood and identified by the serial #MB50894 (hereinafter Mobile Home), that is affixed to the real estate comprising the Subject Property, is extinguished.

This property may be redeemed during the six (6) months following the sale.

Dated: January 11, 2006

THOMAS T. KERN, Sheriff

TROTT & TROTT, P.C.  
By: Christopher S. Astfalk, P53129  
Attorneys for Plaintiff  
30400 Telegraph Rd., Suite 200  
Bingham Farms, MI 48025  
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4-19-2

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by James F. Watt, a married man, and Carrie L. Koeltz, a single woman, of Tuscola County, Michigan, Mortgagee to Flagstar Bank, FSB, dated the 16th day of December, A.D., 1999, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 30th day of December, A.D., 1999, in Liber 791 of Tuscola Records, on page 962, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal of \$96,473.99 (ninety six thousand, four hundred seventy three dollars and ninety nine cents), plus accrued interest at 8.37% (eight point three seven percent) per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on April 27, 2006.

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

Commencing at the Southwest Corner of Section 2, T14N-R9E, Columbia Township, Tuscola County, Michigan; Thence South 90 degree East along the South Line of Said Section 2, 1070.84 feet to the point of beginning of this description; thence North 90 degree East, 217.80 feet; thence South 90 degree East, 200 feet; thence South 00 degree West, 217.80 feet; thence North 90 degree West along the South Line of Said Section 2, 200.00 feet to the Point of Beginning. Subject to Right-Of-Ways and Easements of Record. Being in and a Part of the Southwest 1/4, Section 2, T14N-R9E, and Containing 1 Acre of Land, More or Less.

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 29, 2006  
FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:  
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Attorneys for Servicer  
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200  
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File #088422F01

3-29-4

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 31, 2006

WELTMAN, WEINBERG & REIS CO., L.P.A.  
By: Daniel E. Best, (P-58501)  
Attorney for Assignee of Mortgage  
Welman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A.  
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Troy, Michigan 48064  
WWR#05152537

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

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Amy Martin, a single woman, as her sole and separate property, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated August 13, 2004 and recorded on August 31, 2004 in Liber 1006 on Page 1064 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Four Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-Seven and 70/100 Dollars (\$104,757.70), including interest at 6% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front

entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on April 27, 2006.

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

A parcel of land lying in the Northeast corner of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 22, Town 12 North, Range 7 East, Denmark Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as: Commencing at a point 2 rods West and 8 rods South of the North 1/4 stake of the North and South 1/4 line road of Section 32; thence West 6 rods 10 feet; thence South 70.00 feet; thence East 100 feet; thence North 70 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 29, 2006

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

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Brian Scott Bedore and Pamela Sue Bedore, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated December 17, 2004 and recorded on January 13, 2005 in Liber 1024 on Page 2 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Bank of New York as Trustee for the Certificate holders CWABS, Inc. Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2005-2 as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Two Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-Four and 77/100 Dollars (\$72,624.77), including interest at 9.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on April 27, 2006.

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

Commencing at the Southwest Corner of Section 2, T14N-R9E, Columbia Township, Tuscola County, Michigan; Thence South 90 degree East along the South Line of Said Section 2, 1070.84 feet to the point of beginning of this description; thence North 90 degree East, 217.80 feet; thence South 90 degree East, 200 feet; thence South 00 degree West, 217.80 feet; thence North 90 degree West along the South Line of Said Section 2, 200.00 feet to the Point of Beginning. Subject to Right-Of-Ways and Easements of Record. Being in and a Part of the Southwest 1/4, Section 2, T14N-R9E, and Containing 1 Acre of Land, More or Less.

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 29, 2006  
FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:  
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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has occurred in a mortgage made by Daniel T. Gilmore, a single man, to First National Bank of America, dated August 30, 2004 and recorded on September 21, 2004 in Liber 1009, Page 305, Tuscola County Records. The mortgage holder has begun no proceedings to recover any part of the debt, which is now \$17,978.89.

The mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the property, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on Thursday, May 11, 2006 at 10:00 a.m., local time, at the front steps, Tuscola County Courthouse, Caro, Michigan. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the mortgage, together with interest at 11.99 percent, foreclosure costs, attorney fees, and also any taxes and insurance that the mortgage holder pays before the sale.

The property is located in JUNIATA TOWNSHIP, TUSCOLA COUNTY, MICHIGAN, and is described in the mortgage as:

Commencing at a point 86.46 feet North of the Southwest corner of the North half of the Northwest quarter of Section 22, Town 12 North, Range 8 East; thence East 18 rods; thence North 5 rods; thence West 18 rods; thence South 5 rods to the point of beginning. Township of Juniata. Also a 1972 Skyline Mobile Home, Serial #SE1455F.

The redemption period will be six months from the date of sale; however, if the property is abandoned, the redemption period will be one month from the date of sale.

Dated: April 4, 2006  
Joseph B. Backus  
Attorney for Mortgage Holder  
P.O. Box 794  
East Lansing, MI 48826  
(517) 337-1617

4-12-4

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Edward C. Bates, a single man, to DMR Financial Services, Inc., a Michigan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated December 15, 1998 and recorded December 18, 1998 in Liber 758, Page 1411, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Chase Home Finance, LLC, successor by merger to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-Three and 22/100 Dollars (\$83,833.22), including interest at 7.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on MAY 11, 2006.

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

Lot 7, Block 15 of the original plat to the Village of Caro, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 1, Page 59A.

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

TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgage can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: April 12, 2006

Orlans Associates, P.C.  
Attorneys for Servicer  
P.O. Box 5041  
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(248) 457-1000  
File No. 310.0735

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Timmy E. Ames and Kelly Ames, f/k/a Kelly Pappenfuss, husband and wife, to Option One Mortgage Corporation, a California Corporation, Mortgagee, dated November 11, 2004 and recorded December 13, 2004 in Liber 1020, Page 619, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Citigroup Mortgage Loan Trust, Series 2005-OPT1, Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Five Thousand One Hundred Two and 8/100 Dollars (\$95,102.86), including interest at 8.80% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on MAY 11, 2006.

Said premises are located in the Township of Arbel, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Part of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 22, Town 10 North, Range 7 East, described as beginning at a point on the West line of said Section 22 that is South 475.00 feet from the Northwest corner of said Northwest quarter of the Southwest Quarter (West Quarter Corner); thence East 250 feet; thence South 200 feet; thence West 250 feet; thence along said West Section Line North 200 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.

TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgage can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: April 12, 2006

Orlans Associates, P.C.  
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File No. 221.3020

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

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Timothy J. Korpi, Sr., a/k/a Timothy J. Korpi, and Krystal K. Korpi, a/k/a Krystal Korpi, Husband and Wife, original mortgagors, to Household Finance Corporation III, Mortgagee, dated February 5, 2003 and recorded on February 10, 2003 in Liber 914 on Page 995 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thousand Ninety-Three and 76/100 Dollars (\$100,093.76), including interest at 9.47% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by

a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on May 11, 2006.

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

Commencing at the Southeast Corner of the Southwest 1/4 of Southeast 1/4 of Section 32, Township 12 North, Range 9 East; thence West 10 rods; thence North 16 rods; thence East 10 rods; thence South 16 rods to the Point of Beginning. Except Land Deeded to the State Highway Commission recorded in Liber 344 of Deeds, Pages 484 and 485, 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: April 12, 2006

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:  
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30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200  
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4-12-4

McDONNELL, CONLEY, ARSLANIAN & NEVEUX, LLP BY: RICHARD L. McDONNELL  
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Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48304-5051

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**SHARP / 250051653 - MORTGAGE SALE** - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Eugene R. Sharp and Jean M. Sharp, Husband and Wife, of Akron, Michigan, Mortgageors to Household Finance Corporation III, a Delaware Corporation, dated May 7, 2002 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, on May 10, 2002 in Liber 877, Page 875, Tuscola County Records on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice the sum of \$117,601.78 including interest at the rate of 10.48% per annum together with any additional sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned as provided for in said mortgage, and no suit or proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 11th day of May, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., the undersigned will: At the front entrance of the Courthouse in Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan foreclose said mortgage by selling at public auction to the highest bidder, the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amounts due on said mortgage, and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorneys fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises.

Which said premises are described as follows: Land situated in the Township of Akron, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, is described as follows:

Land commencing at a point in the centerline of Bay City and Cass River State Road, 400 feet Northeastly from the intersection of said centerline of said road with the West line of the Southeast quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 18, Town 14 North, Range 8 East, and running thence South 150 feet; centerline of said Bay City and Cass River State Road 100 feet; thence North 150 feet; thence Southwesterly along the centerline of said road 100 feet to the place of beginning.

Tax ID #001-018-000-2500-00 Commonly known as: 5841 M-25

The redemption period shall be six 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 thirty days from the date of such sale.

DATED: April 5, 2006

Mortgagee Household Finance Corporation III  
Richard L. McDonnell (P38788)  
Attorney for Mortgagee  
38500 Woodward Avenue, Suite 300  
Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48304-5051  
(248) 540-7500  
ASAP# 764957

4-12-4

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Theodore L. Kabat, II, a unmarried man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated December 30, 2004 and recorded January 3, 2005 in Liber 1022, Page 1239, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A. by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Six Thousand Five Hundred Three and 90/100 Dollars (\$106,503.90), including interest at 6.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on MAY 4, 2006.

Said premises are located in the Township of Denmark

# Legal Notices

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

**MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Brian K. Conroy, a single man, original mortgagor, to The Homestead Mortgage Company, a Michigan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated October 31, 1996 and recorded on November 8, 1996 in Liber 700 on Page 1135, and assigned by said Mortgage to Nations Banc Mortgage Corporation of New York as assignee by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Five Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty-Five and 60/100 Dollars (\$45,985.60), including interest at 6.125% per annum.**

**Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on April 27, 2006.**

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

**PARCEL B-1:** Part of so-called Parcel B of a previously recorded survey (said survey recorded in Liber 480, page 611 of Tuscola County Records) also being part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 32, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, described as: Beginning at a point on the Westerly right-of-way line of the Michigan Central Railroad which is North 88 degrees 00 minutes 45 seconds West, along the South line of said Southeast 1/4, 651.32 feet to said Westerly right-of-way line, and North 18 degrees 29 minutes 07 seconds West, along said Westerly right-of-way line, 938.51 feet from the Southeast corner of said Section 32; thence continuing North 18 degrees 29 minutes 07 seconds West, along said Westerly right-of-way line, 170.23 feet to the Northeastly corner of said Parcel B; thence South 59 degrees 30 minutes 30 seconds West, along the Northerly line of said Parcel B and perpendicular to the centerline of State Highway M-15, 192.31 feet to said centerline; thence South 30 degrees 29 minutes 30 seconds East, along said centerline, 166.50 feet; thence North 59 degrees 30 minutes 30 seconds East, perpendicular to said centerline, 156.90 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 29, 2006  
**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:**  
FC G (248) 593-1310  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys for Servicer  
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200  
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**MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by James B. McGee and Vivian L. McGee, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Bank One, N.A., Mortgagee, dated September 26, 2002 and recorded on October 17, 2002 in Liber 898 on Page 776 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-Seven and 43/100 Dollars (\$133,887.43), 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 to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on May 4, 2006.**

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

**Lot 18, of Caro Lake Subdivision No. 1, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 2, Page 12, 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:** April 5, 2006  
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File #084261F01

4-5-4

**Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C.** is a debt collector and we are attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

**MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by CHRIS E. HANER JOINED BY SPOUSE AND RENEE LYNN SMITH, HUSBAND AND WIFE, to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. ACTING SOLELY AS NOMINEE FOR LENDER AND LENDERS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS; LENDER IS WATERMARK FINANCIAL PARTNER, INC., Mortgagee, dated January 26, 2004 and recorded on February 23, 2004, in Liber 980 on Page 1370 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 one hundred seventeen and 87/100 Dollars (\$105,117.87), including interest at 6.000% 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, MI, at 10:00 AM on April 27, 2006.**

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

**COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTH ONE-HALF OF THE WEST ONE-HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST ONE-QUARTER; THENCE NORTH 20.00 RODS; THENCE EAST 16.00 RODS; THENCE SOUTH 20.00 RODS; THENCE WEST 16.00 RODS TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING SECTION 8, TOWNSHIP P10 NORTH, RANGE 7 EAST.**

**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 29, 2006  
**ATTORNEY FOR: MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. ACTING SOLELY AS NOMINEE FOR LENDER AND LENDERS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS; LENDER IS WATERMARK FINANCIAL PARTNER, INC., Assignee of Mortgagee**

**Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C.**  
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Birmingham, MI 48009-6616  
For More Information Call:  
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3-29-4

**CIRCUIT COURT SALE BELOW WILL BE ADJOURNED WEEK TO WEEK FROM MARCH 2, 2006 TO APRIL 20, 2006.**

**Case No. 04-22743-CH**

**CIRCUIT COURT SALE**

**This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.**

**In pursuance and by virtue of a Judgment of the Circuit Court for the County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, made and entered on the 4th day of November, A.D., 2005, in a certain cause therein pending, wherein MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., was the Plaintiff, and ANTHONY DICKENSON, MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF STATE, and ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS, OWNERS, HEIRS, DEVISEES, OR ASSIGNEES OF UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS OR OWNERS TO THE MANUFACTURED HOME LOCATED AT 7118 DOWN CREEK ROAD, VASSAR, MI 48768, were the Defendants.**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I shall sell at public auction to the highest bidder, at the Front Entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, (that being the building where the Circuit Court for Tuscola County is held), on the 2nd day of MARCH, A.D., 2006 at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon, Local Time, the following described property, To-Wit: All that certain piece or parcel of land situated in the City of Vassar, County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, described as follows:**

**City of Vassar, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, which is legally described as follows:**

**Commencing at a point 933.00 feet South of the Northwest corner of the West half of the Northeast quarter of Section 33, Town 11 North, Range 8 East; thence East 200.00 feet; thence South 150.00 feet; thence West 200.00 feet; beginning.**

**Also described as proposed Lot 5 of Harry & Loretta's Estate. Together with an easement for ingress and egress to and from said premises over and across an existing road in the East 66.00 feet of the West 266.00 feet of the Northwest quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 33, Town 11 North, Range 8 East. More commonly known as 7118 Down Creek Rd., Vassar, MI 48768 ("Subject Property").**

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendant Dickenson's interest in the manufactured home, a 1972 Parkwood and identified by the serial #MB50894 (hereinafter Mobile Home), that is affixed to the real estate comprising the Subject Property, is extinguished. This property may be redeemed during the six (6) months following the sale.**

**Dated:** January 11, 2006  
**THOMAS T. KERN, Sheriff**  
**TROTT & TROTT, P.C.**  
By: Christopher S. Astikak, P53129  
Attorneys for Plaintiff  
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200  
Bingham Farms, MI 48025  
(248) 723-6595  
T&T #200118929

3-8-7

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

**MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been**

**made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jeffrey S. Woodbury, a single man, and Leroy D. Woodbury, a married man, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated August 11, 2003 and recorded on August 12, 2003 in instrument 200300835881, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Washington Mutual Bank as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Eighteen Thousand Sixty and 52/100 Dollars (\$18,060.52), including interest at 6% per annum.**

**Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on May 18, 2006.**

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

**Part of the East 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 26, Township 10 North, Range 7 East, described as beginning at a point on the North line of said Section 26, which is West 661.17 feet from the North Corner of said Section 26; thence continuing West 661.17 feet along said North Line of said Section 26 to the West Line of the East 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of said Section 26; thence South 00 Degrees 43 Minutes 15 Seconds East, 1022.03 feet, along said West Line of the East 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of said Section 26; thence East 664.20 feet; thence North 00 Degrees 53 Minutes 25 Seconds West, 1022.07 feet, to the Point of Beginning, except the North 363 feet of the East 60 feet of the Subject Property.**

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

**Dated:** April 19, 2006  
**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:**  
FC R (248) 593-1305  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys for Servicer  
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200  
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**ATTN PURCHASERS:** This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

**MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Ronald L. Bassett, an unmarried man, original mortgagor, to Lender, LTD, a Michigan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated May 4, 2000 and recorded on May 9, 2000 in Liber 800 on Page 954, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Option One Mortgage Corporation, a California Corporation as assignee by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Six Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-Four and 31/100 Dollars (\$106,374.31), including interest at 10.5% per annum.**

**Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on April 27, 2006.**

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

**Part of Section 7, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, beginning at the East 1/4 corner of said Section 7; thence North, 175 feet to the point of beginning; thence West, 511 feet; thence North, 150 feet; thence East, 511 feet; thence South, 150 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 29, 2006  
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**ATTN PURCHASERS:** This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

**MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Morgan M. Austin, a single man, and Carrie M. Legue, a single woman, original mortgagors, to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc., Mortgagee, dated July 2, 2002 and recorded on July 19, 2002 in Liber 887 on Page 18, and modified by agreement recorded on February 2, 2004 in Liber 977 on Page 425, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Eight Thousand Two Hundred Thirty-Five and 05/100 Dollars (\$88,235.05), including interest at 7.125% per annum.**

**Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given**

**that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on April 27, 2006.**

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

**Commencing at a point 12 1/2 rods South of the Northeast corner of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 33, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, Vassar Township, Tuscola County, Michigan; thence South 15 rods; thence West 13 rods; thence North 15 rods; thence East 13 rods to Place 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 29, 2006  
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**MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Joseph D. Simpson, a/k/a Joe D. Simpson and Amanda M. Simpson, husband and wife, to Fifth Third Mortgage-MI, LLC, Mortgagee, dated February 25, 2004 and recorded March 17, 2004 in Liber 944, Page 903, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Nine Thousand Three Hundred Forty and 56/100 Dollars (\$109,340.56), including interest at 6.13% per annum.**

**Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI on MAY 11, 2006.**

**Said premises are located in the Village of Vassar, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:**

**Lots 1 and 10, Block 34, Map of the Village of Fostoria, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, on Pages 44-45, now being 45A-46A, 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.**

**TO ALL PURCHASERS:** The foreclosing mortgage can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

**Dated:** April 12, 2006  
**Orlans Associates, P.C.**  
Attorneys for Servicer  
P.O. Box 5041  
Troy, MI 48007-5041  
(248) 457-1000  
File No. 200.1504

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

**MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Ronald L. Begeman, Jr., a/k/a Ronald Louis Begeman, a single man, original mortgagor, to Home Loan and Investment Bank, FSB, Mortgagee, dated February 11, 2005 and recorded on February 22, 2005 in Liber 1028 on Page 651 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, in trust for the Certificate holders of Carrington Mortgage Loan Trust, Series 2005-0PT2, Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates as assigned by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Six Thousand Five Hundred Forty-Eight and 05/100 Dollars (\$76,548.05), including interest at 11% per annum.**

**Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on May 4, 2006.**

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

**Part of Section 3, Town 12 North, Range 9 East, described as Lot 13, Block 9, Charles Montague's Subdivision, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 10 of Tuscola County Records, Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan.**

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

**Dated:** April 5, 2006  
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**MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jeffrey D. Schlink, a married man, and Carol Schlink, a married woman, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated September 24, 2004 and recorded on November 15, 2004 in Liber 1017 on Page 563 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Wells Fargo Bank, NA as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Five Thousand Thirty-Five and 71/100 Dollars (\$65,035.71), including interest at 7.125% per annum.**

**Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on May 11, 2006.**

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

**Commencing at a point on the South line of Section 19, Town 13 North, Range 10 East that is 128 feet West of the Southeast corner of the West 1/2 of Southwest fractional 1/4 of said Section 19; thence West on South Section line 195 feet; thence North 150 feet; thence East 323 feet; thence South 38 feet; thence West 128 feet; thence South 112 feet to point of beginning.**

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

**Dated:** April 12, 2006  
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**MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jeffrey D. Schlink, a married man, and Carol Schlink, a married woman, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated September 24, 2004 and recorded on November 15, 2004 in Liber 1017 on Page 563 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Wells Fargo Bank, NA as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Forty-One Thousand Nine Hundred Four and 07/100 Dollars (\$141,904.07), 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 AM, on May 18, 2006.**

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

**Part of the Southwest Quarter of Section 27, Town 11 North, Range 10 East, described as beginning at a point on the West line of said Southwest Quarter which is North, along said West line 1387.00 feet from the Southwest corner of said Section 27; thence continuing North, along said West line 320.00 feet; thence East perpendicular to said West line 544.50 feet; thence South, parallel with said West line 320.00 feet; thence West perpendicular to said West line 544.50 feet to the point of beginning.**

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

**Dated:** April 19, 2006  
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THE FAMILY OF Lori Gruber wishes to express our gratitude for the amazing outpouring of love, flowers, food, calls and cards from family, friends, neighbors and people who just care. Thank you to everyone who was there from the beginning to the end. All cards were read to Lori and she enjoyed each and every one of them for as long as she could. Our sincere thanks to everyone who stopped by to see Lori just to say "Hi Lori" and ask "How are you doing?" and "Our prayers are with you Lori." But it wasn't meant to be, God had other plans. The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh. We don't always know why, but we accept and believe. We would also like to thank all doctors, hospital personnel, Debra Kranz and all her staff and the generous ladies of Novesta Church of Christ for their wonderful luncheon. We would like to thank the girls at Special Scents for their countless floral arrangements. They are indeed special. Thank you Deb, Lori, Deana and Jean of Hospice Advantage. We couldn't have done it without you. The words "thank you" just don't seem to do it. To Pastor Bob of Cass City Missionary Church, thank you for being there for Lori when she needed you the most. We won't forget your comforting words and prayers to Lori as she was leaving us all behind. God was with her in her final moments as he took her peacefully away. We would like everyone to remember Lori and how she touched your life, in your own time and in your own way. We as Lori's family will always remember the generosity and kindness of this community. God bless all of you. Lori was God's gift to us. We had her for 47 years - On April 5, 2006 early Wednesday afternoon, we had to give our precious gift back. Lori was surrounded by the family she loved. If you love someone, tell them today, because tomorrow never comes. The William Gruber family. 13-4-19-1

4354 Woodland St., Cass City. 3 bedroom, 1 bath home has many updates including: insulation, wiring, plumbing and siding. Furnace and duct work in 2004, with central air. There is a 11' deck off the kitchen. 1 1/2 car garage. TCC1472

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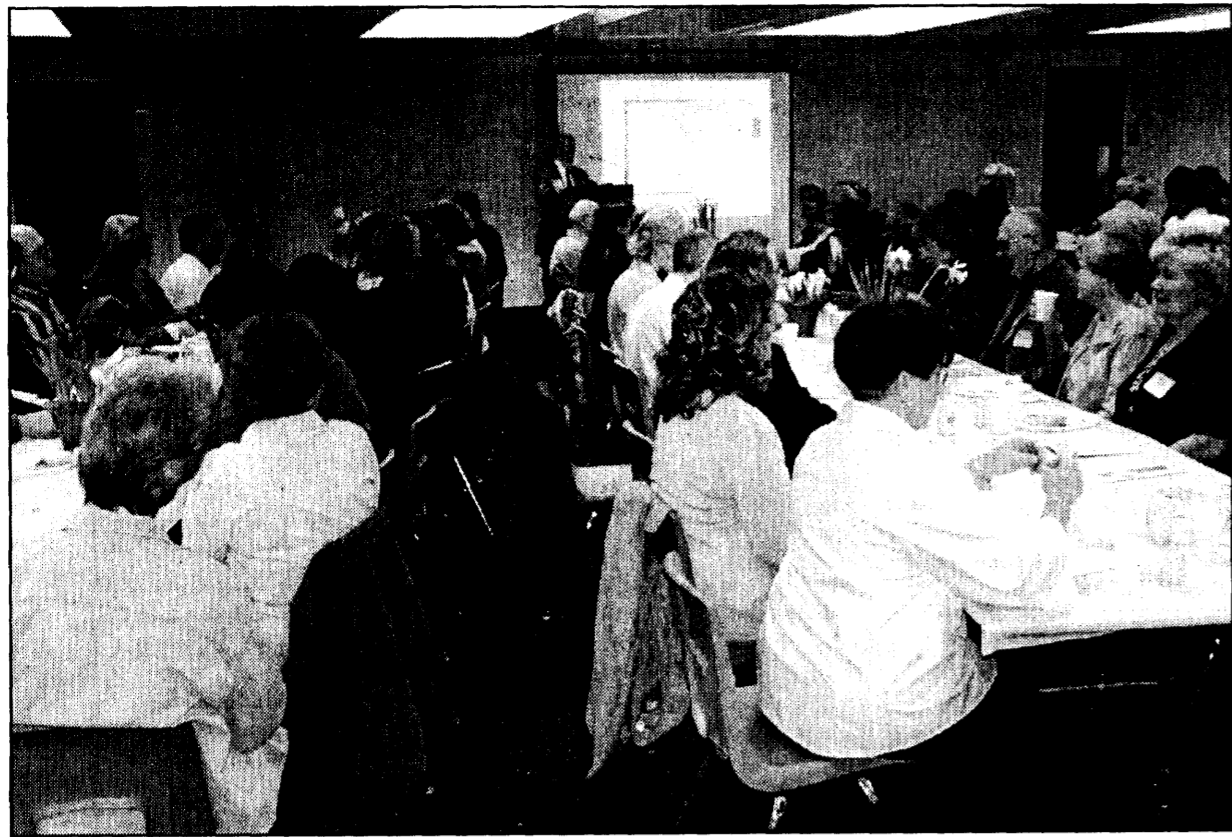
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## Tuscola honors "stars" Thursday

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unteers and veteran hospital board member Dale Perz; Millington educator Nancy Stilson; Big Brothers-Big Sisters volunteer Cindy Stewart; Caro area volunteer and coach George Holmes; Fremont Township Board member James Will; and the Rev. Duane Miller.  
Group - St. Pancratius Catholic Church, Cass City; Good Samaritan Fund; The Luman and Germaine Mowry Charitable Fund; Caro Eagles 3587 F.O.E.; and the Mayville Sunflower Committee.  
Business - Tuscola County Intermediate School District General Education Diplomas (GED) program (pro-

gram Director Lynda McIntosh of Cass City).  
Above and Beyond - Cass City resident Richard Little, who has organized disaster relief concerts and was behind the village's new war memorial; active church volunteer Karen Robbins; Margot Roedel, director of the Tuscola County Medical Care Facility; Susan and John Jando, who have devoted years to rescuing sick, injured and homeless cats in the county; Ralph Moore, Caro area Tuscola County Retired Senior Volunteer Program volunteer; Cass City Literacy Council tutor Bob Montgomery; Kate VanAuken, director of Rawson Memorial Library, Cass City; and Kingston Police Chief and

community volunteer David Lich.  
The Celebrating Tuscola's Stars Committee was established by Tuscola 2011, the Tuscola County Community Foundation and the Tuscola County Human Services Coordinating Council.

## Help there for victims

There is help available for victims of crime, and Sanilac County officials are encouraging residents to learn more about the resources available to them during National Crime Victim Rights Week, April 23-29.  
"Crime in Michigan touches all of us. When a person is victimized, we all - as a community - suffer," said Sherri Lanctot, Sanilac County Victim Services coordinator.

"Victims and witnesses naturally look to the justice system for vindication and justice, but all too often find a court system that appears to be dedicated to protecting the very people who have caused their anger and pain," Lanctot said. "While the criminal justice system is designed to protect, support and serve our communities, most citizens do not learn about it until after they become victims of crime - the worst possible time to try to understand the complex roles and responsibilities of each of the 'players' in the system."

However, Lanctot noted, "No criminal can be successfully prosecuted without the valuable assistance of victims and witnesses."

The Sanilac County Victim Services program was created to assist victims and witnesses of crime during their involvement with the criminal justice system.

The program's services include: status information on cases, referrals (counseling, support groups and emergency services such as food, shelter and clothing), crime victim compensation information, victim impact statements, restitution information and assistance, help with the return of personal property, accompanying a victim to court, employer intervention, orientation to the courtroom setting and information on how the court works, privacy prior to appearing in court, and informing the community about victims' rights.

More information is available by contacting Lanctot at (810) 648-5463.

## Drug task force reviews 2005

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suspects outside Sanilac County purchasing unusual amounts of ephedrine and/or pseudoephedrine in this county."

In addition to enforcement, the Sanilac County Drug Task Force continued to emphasize education and counseling programs in 2005.

Sanilac County, through the drug task force, was among the first counties to adopt the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program

after it was introduced in 1989.

"We now have completed our 16th year of being the sole funding and supply source for the countywide DARE program presented in all 7 Sanilac County school districts," Gray said. "Our core classes are graduating at 800 students annually. Another 1,800-plus students will receive preliminary and/or follow-up programs."

Over the past 16 years, the task force has seen 12,400 students go through DARE and has provided more than

\$705,000 in direct funding for the program.

This marks the 13th year for the unit's On-Site Counseling Program that has been made available to all students in the county. To-date, the unit has provided \$240,000 in funding for counseling services.

"The program operates for one-half day per week in each of the county's 7 high schools," Gray explained. "During the first 13 years of the program, an average of 73 high school students have received counseling each year."

The combined efforts have been the key to the drug unit's success in turning away would-be drug traffickers in Sanilac County, according to Gray.

"Once again, I believe that the Sanilac County Drug Task Force is making significant documented success in this county's drug suppression efforts through our 3-phase program," he said. "Local drug trafficking sales and use activity has been successfully reduced from early 1990s levels."

## Juniors and seniors invited to 42<sup>nd</sup> citizenship seminar

High school junior and seniors who are too young to participate in this year's election process don't have to sit idle on the sidelines. Michigan Farm Bureau's (MFB) Young People's Citizenship Seminar (YPCS) is offering them the opportunity to get a taste of politics and much more.

www.michiganfarmbureau.com/y pcs. Information is also available through high school principals, guidance counselors, county Farm Bureau offices, or MFB at (800) 292-2680, ext. 2025.

MFB will hold the 42nd annual YPCS June 12-16 on the campus of Alma College in Alma. The four-day seminar teaches government principles, explores economics, instills leadership skills and much more.

"Participants take part in a combination of caucuses, presentations and activities, all aimed at deepening their knowledge of American democracy and the free-enterprise system," said Megan Wheaton, MFB associate national legislative counsel and YPCS coordinator.

"It's a very hands-on experience," explained Wheaton. "The students register to vote. They separate into one of three parties: Populists, Federalists and Independents. Candidates make bids for office. Voters attend political rallies. The field of candidates is narrowed in a primary election. Party conventions and more caucusing ensue. Then we reach our pinnacle, the general election."

In addition to political education, the seminar mixes in recreational and social activities as well as motivational presentations by guest speakers.

"By the week's end, participants have learned what it means to be an American citizen. They've been inspired by individuals who have overcome challenges. Often times they've also formed long-lasting friendships with peers from across the state," said Wheaton.

The majority of YPCS participants hail from Farm Bureau families, but Farm Bureau membership is not a requirement.

"County Farm Bureaus select participants from local applications received, but YPCS is open to all students regardless of their Farm Bureau involvement. With an attendance goal of 200, we should be able to accommodate all interested students," said Wheaton.


Cost is \$250 per student. Generally county Farm Bureaus or a local business sponsor the seminar fee; however, a small commitment fee may be

required.  
All 2006-2007 high school juniors and seniors are encouraged to apply. The registration deadline is April 28. More information on YPCS, including a downloadable brochure, video and student guestbook, is available online at

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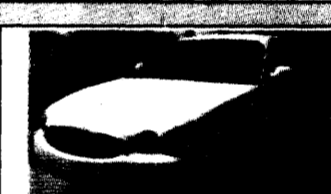


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According to the EPA, Americans apply 70 million pounds of

pesticides yearly to home lawns, trees and shrubs, roughly 10 times more per acre than is used on farms. These pesticides can ultimately trickle down into fresh-water supplies and impact the habitats of animals, insects and other creatures. In addition, homeowners ride around on power mowers and push gas-guzzling equipment that has the potential to pollute the air. Plus, watering the lawn, trees and shrubbery can put a drain on the water supply if done improperly. Rest assured that you don't need to give up your gardening hobby or quest to have the best lawn on the street. There are

ways to enjoy a beautiful and healthy lawn and landscape without having a negative impact on the neighborhood and other surroundings. Here are some ideas.

**Organic feeding** - Rather than purchasing chemical-based foods and fertilizers, look to all-natural sources. A compost heap can generate important nutrients for your lawn and plants and can be created simply from lawn clippings, raked leaves and the uneaten scraps from your kitchen - like fruit rinds, eggshells and leftover coffee grounds.

**Watch watering** - Rather than

dousing your landscape with water and risking wasting more than is necessary, consider underground irrigation systems or hoses that are specially designed to water lawns and plants at the root level. Some systems operate on a timer and water in the early morning or early evening hours when the water will have maximum potential to benefit the lawn. Otherwise, you could be watering for naught - with the powerful rays of the sun evaporating the water, or worse, reflecting off of water drops and puddles and scorching your lawn.

**Limit pesticide use** - Or even better, look for products that boast organic properties or safe-for-the-environment disclaimers. Don't overlook the benefits of insects and animals that can actually be of assistance. Butterflies, worms, birds and even some beetles can consume harmful "bugs" like aphids, mites and other leaf eaters. Even bats are good to have around, as these evening hunters eat thousands of biting flies, gnats and mosquitoes, pests that can make outdoor entertaining a nightmare.

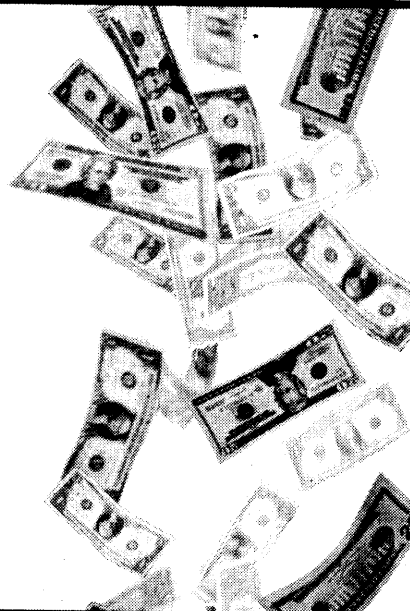
**Choose the right seed mix** - Consult with your local nursery or garden center for the types of grass seed best suited for your region. Also, learn how to enrich the soil for optimal growth. A lawn that has a better chance of surviving and flourishing naturally, without the need for an abundance of fertilizers or weed killers, will be environmentally sound.

**The proper cut** - Cutting your grass too short leaves it susceptible to disease, insects and drought. That is why it's important to cut it to the right height. Your local nursery can advise you on this, or consult the bag of grass seed for more advice. If your lawn is too long, cut it in two stages to get it to the proper height so you won't risk shocking the lawn.

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keeping your garden both beautiful and bountiful. Take, for instance, the pruning of your trees, bushes and shrubs. Many a gar-

den is made even more aesthetically appealing by surrounding trees, bushes or shrubs, but only if they are well pruned.

Knowing when to prune is essential when trying to maintain a healthy and beautiful-looking garden. To help you do just that, here's a guideline you can follow that should keep your trees, shrubs and gardens looking as good as can be.

**•Rosebushes:** Old shoots should be removed by late winter or early spring at the very latest. Leave between four and eight canes, but remove any that are growing inward. When cutting them down, try to cut them to right around two feet above ground, and cut close to an inch above a bud or strong shoot.

**•Deciduous trees:** For deciduous trees, pruning for growth typically is unnecessary. If you're looking to shape your trees, then do your pruning/shaping in mid to late winter.

**•Deciduous shrubs:** Once your shrubs have flowered (typically by mid to late spring), that's the best time for pruning. Many times these shrubs will also have unruly or unsightly branches that should be removed.

**•Evergreen shrubs:** Unlike deciduous shrubs, evergreens won't flower. But you can prune once they've produced cones or shrubs, which typically happens between late winter and early spring.

**•Evergreen trees:** More often than not, evergreen trees do not need to be pruned. If you do need to prune an evergreen tree, wait until the tree has grown substantially, or else you'll just end up pruning again. Late spring and early summer are typically good times to prune evergreens, as they likely won't grow much afterwards.

**•Fruit trees:** You'll want to prune fruit trees before any buds start swelling, which means you'll likely be pruning these in late winter or early spring. Branches growing inward as well as limbs growing straight up should be removed.

**•Berry bushes:** Once you have finished harvesting the berries, prune your berry bush. Oftentimes, waiting until late fall or early winter is necessary. It's also important to keep the pruning to a minimum, as maintaining shape is good for the appeal of a berry bush.



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# Birds are the musicians of nature, welcome them

Birds are one of the musicians of nature. Their sweet chirps and fluttering wings carry on the wind and often herald the warm weather. You can enjoy the upclose and personal sights and sounds of birds by welcoming them right into your backyard. Simply providing food will attract neighborhood birds and those who need a quick bite during migration flights.

While pouring some seed or tossing a few breadcrumbs on your lawn will suffice, you'll have a better chance of attracting a wide variety of birds if you choose a quality bird feeder and fill it with the seeds loved by different species.

There's a few things to know about bird feeders. Consult this primer to get started.

## TYPES OF BIRD FEEDERS

When shopping for bird feeders, you'll quickly discover that there is quite a variety available.

Keep in mind that ease of use (for both you and the feeding birds) should be a top priority, followed by size and quality. A bird feeder is an investment, and some range in price from \$30 to more than \$100. Rather than having to replace the feeder each year, make sure it is sturdily built and will be able to withstand the outdoor elements. Also, look for a feeder that can feed at least 12 birds of various sizes and species at one time. That said, now you can consider the different types and shapes of feeders.

•**Tray (platform):** These feeders are simply a big, open tray that's easy to fill and easy for birds to access seed. What's more, they can accommodate several birds at one time. Most birds will jump at the chance to feast at a tray feeder. There are some who will be reluctant, however, including doves, quail, sparrows and other ground feed-

ers. However, they can certainly dine on any seed that gets spilled over.

•**Hopper feeders:** These have plastic or glass enclosures that dole out seed as it is needed. This is a smart choice since seed isn't wasted and it's protected when not being eaten.

•**Widow feeders:** Before storm windows and screened-in windows infiltrated modern society, birdseed was simply strewn out on an open window sill. You can still invite birds to your window with a window feeder that mounts like a window box. Or, there are models that simply suction to the window itself.

•**Tube feeders:** These just may be the most efficient type of feeders out there. They're self-contained, the seed stays dry, and they hold a large amount of seed, making refilling an infrequent job. They also can feed a good number of birds at one

time.

•**Nectar feeders:** Some birds, like hummingbirds, orioles, house finches and some woodpeckers, prefer sweet nectar or sugar water over seed. Use a nectar feeder to satisfy their sweet tooth.

## CHOOSING FOOD

Although most birds aren't picky when it comes to a free meal, choosing a seed they're really fond of will guarantee a better turnout at your feeder.

Black oil sunflower seeds are quite popular and enjoyed by chickadees, grosbeaks, cardinals and finches. White proso millet is a great small seed and attractive to sparrows in the winter. Other birds, such as house finches and pine siskins, like thistle seed, also known as niger.

There are commercially made nectar products out there for nectar feeders. However, simply mixing a batch of sugar and

water will suffice as well. Tint it with food coloring so you can easily see how much has been depleted.

## FEEDER PLACEMENT

Place the feeders where you can watch them easily and gauge if they need to be cleaned or refilled. Feeders come in free-standing, pole-mounted and hanging varieties, so investigate all your options.

Try to hang feeders by nearby trees or shrubbery so that the birds will have a quick place to retreat to if they feel threatened. In extremely windy areas, consider a sheltered location for your feeder.

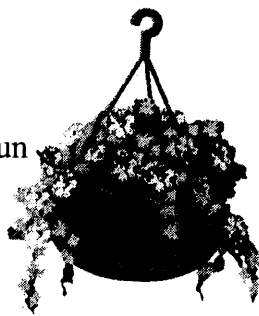
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## Ways to make homes easier to maintain

Hectic schedules, long work hours and business travel leave little time for homeowners to keep up with the regular maintenance needed to care for a home. During the past several decades an abundance of products have been introduced that are designed to reduce the hassles and time-consuming efforts needed to keep a home in top shape.

"The evolution of low maintenance products is one of the greatest achievements in the building products industry," according to Don Zeman, host of the home improvement radio show, Homefront with Don Zeman.

"From the introduction of vinyl window frames that never need painting to porch rail systems that don't rot, decay or attract termites, everyone wins with low maintenance products," says Zeman, who was a contractor and builder for 25 years before starting his nationally syndicated show. "Homeowners find that the labor and money saved with low maintenance products allow them more free time to enjoy their homes."

According to a survey of customer preferences conducted by the National Association of Home Builders, low maintenance figures prominently into building product purchase decisions. In the report What 21st Century Home Buyers Want, low maintenance ranked as the second-highest reason for selecting wall materials for the front exterior of the home and the primary reason for choosing wall materials for the other three sides of the home. In the survey, low maintenance brick and vinyl sidings were the most requested choices for siding.

"Two key things have occurred that make homeowners more conscious of low maintenance materials," says Zeman, whose News from the Homefront television segments are seen nationwide. "First, the quality and variety of products in this category continue to increase each year. Second, the free time homeowners have available to spend on home maintenance continues to decrease so they're constantly seeking out ways to create an easy-care home."

From his vantage point of reviewing thousands of products and projects each year, Zeman offers 10 ways homeowners can make their homes easier to maintain.

**Project 1** - Accessorize the exterior of your home with durable urethane products. Easy-care shutters, window and door trim pieces, louvers and balustrade systems resist warping, weather damage and insect infestations. Products from Fypon, like their Cellular PVC bead boards that can be used for porch ceilings, are longer-lasting than wood products because they don't absorb moisture and are weather resistant.

**Project 2** - Tired of termites feeding on your deck? Try composite decking. Made from plastic and wood fibers, this low maintenance product installs and cuts like wood, but resists rot and insects. There's no painting or staining required and in many cases fasteners are hidden. The investment in composite decking pays back during the resale of a home ... and during all those weekends you're not forced to strip and reseal a wood deck.

**Project 3** - When it's time to reside your home, invest in vinyl siding with insulator boards behind them to create the most energy efficient and low maintenance exterior possible. According to the Vinyl Siding Institute, there are a wide variety of vinyl siding textures and colors available, including woodgrain replications. Visit [www.vinylsiding.org](http://www.vinylsiding.org) to locate certified vinyl siding products and for answers to your questions on vinyl siding.

**Project 4** - Forget about hanging shades or blinds in areas of the home where you desire privacy. Instead, install obscure acrylic block windows that guarantee privacy. Both the blocks and vinyl frames are easy to maintain with mild soap and water. Acrylic block windows from Hy-Lite Products come in operable casement and awning styles along with large, fixed picture windows— ideal for use in the bathroom.

**Project 5** - When ordering windows for your home, make sure to request the tilt-in sash option. This feature eliminates the need to clean the outside of your windows by standing on a ladder because you can use the tilt-in feature to quickly and easily clean the glass from the inside of the house.

**Project 6** - Add decorative style and maintenance ease to your home with fiberglass columns. Available in both round and square profiles, the columns are insect, weather and decay resistant so they can be used both for interior and exterior applications. Versatile and elegant, columns from Dixie-Pacific are load-bearing and can be accented with decorative capitals and bases.

**Project 7** - Install moisture resistant urethane mouldings and decorative millwork in extremely humid areas of the home, such as bathrooms and kitchens. No matter how much steam is produced from showers or cooking, these products won't warp like wood mouldings.

**Project 8** - Replace existing windows with low-maintenance vinyl framed windows. Easy to clean with mild detergent and water, windows with vinyl frames, such as those from Simonton Windows, never have peeling paint that needs to be stripped and replaced. As a bonus, vinyl is an excellent insulator, so vinyl-framed windows are extremely energy efficient.

## More attractive, less mowing

# Landscaping a great way to show off yard

You don't have to be a seasoned gardener to look like one, nor do you need to go out of your way for a superb look. A great way to give your front lawn, and your house, attractive curb appeal is to landscape, versus having a completely grass filled lawn which takes a lot of

cutting and care. Landscaping or border gardening is also attractive for large back yards that need some definition. If you're selling your house, this is an appealing way to enhance and add value to your property and to increase your selling price. It is easy to create curb appeal

interest — and a garden that is easy to care for with a variety of green colors. Some ideas include ivy ground cover, ferns and lush green plants like hostas. Many are perennial plants, and will require little maintenance, too. For sparks of bright color, you can add a few urns

containing fuchsia or a front line of impatiens, marigolds, or pansies providing interest and contrast to your green backdrop. Try adding an exciting upright plant like the Cordyline australis 'Sundance' or 'Red Star' for height, texture and color. Depending on the light and soil

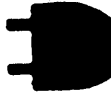
of your garden, you would need to choose the plants that would work best in your temperature zone. To find out what zone you're in, visit [www.fernlea.com](http://www.fernlea.com) and get all the landscaping details you need to define your lawn in an appealing way.

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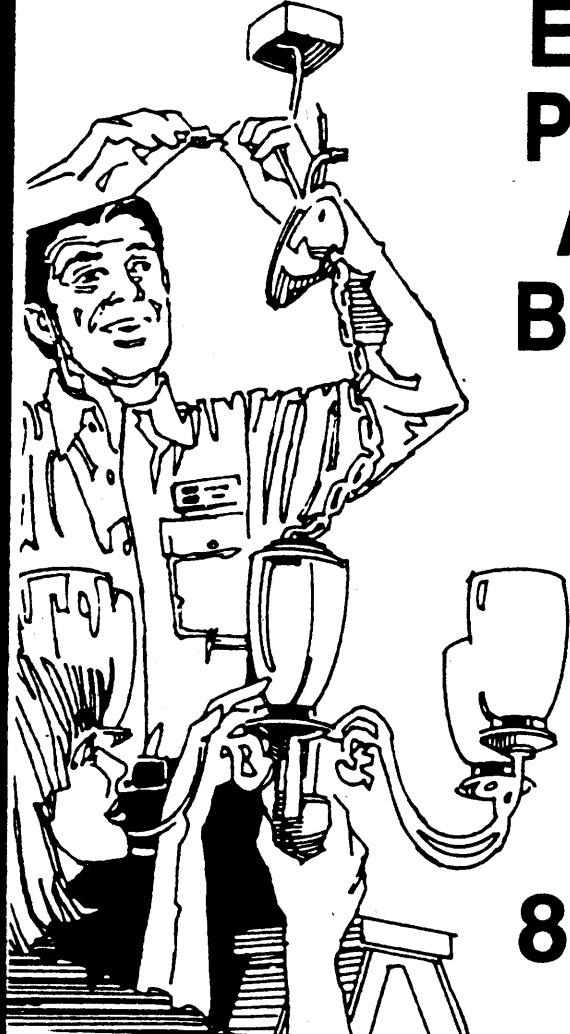
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# At home, the ceiling is the "fifth" wall of a room

How many walls do you have in your bedroom or kitchen? If you quickly answered "four" then you're missing one very important area of

the room — the ceiling. These days designers refer to the ceiling as the "fifth wall" of a room.

To bring attention to the ceiling and

make it connect with the overall style of the room, many homeowners add decorative crown mouldings or ceiling medallions. But there's also another creative idea to enhance your ceiling. Faux beams. Made of lightweight urethane, the beams come in both smooth white and woodgrain styles.

"When people talk about revolutionary-type products, Fypon's beams really fit the category," says Don Zeman, host of the nationally syndicated home improvement radio show Homefront with Don Zeman. "Beams on a ceiling add drama and character to any room. One of the hottest trends today is to add beams to cathedral ceilings in family rooms and throughout kitchens to add architectural flair and warmth to a setting."

Fypon beams are available in both smooth white and woodgrain versions. With continuous beams running up to 20 feet long, the woodgrain versions are available in cedar, white

ash and red oak textures that can be stained to resemble real wood.

"The versatility of these beams is incredible," says Zeman, whose News from the Homefront consumer tips runs nationwide on television. "You can create a coffered ceiling treatment by installing them in a grid-like pattern that serves as a visual accent in a room. This is usually done in more formal rooms, like a dining room, living room or home office."

"A more relaxed style would be to use the beams for horizontal placements staggered every few feet on the ceiling. This can help achieve a Craftsman, country or cottage style in the room."

Urethane beams can be stained, painted or faux finished. Each beam is made of durable urethane that resists rot, decay, humidity and insects, making it the ideal low-maintenance product for the home.

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# Consider this before buying or selling

Most Americans watching mortgage rates rise are deciding that now is the time to buy or

sell before it's too late. Whether you want to sell, or just improve your home's value before you

tap into your equity, here are five things experts suggest you consider before calling your

bank or putting the "for sale" sign on your lawn.

**Make Only Renovations That Count.** Experts agree that the right renovations, especially bathrooms and kitchens, affect the marketability of your home. Bathrooms have become a popular remodeling choice, and for good reason — they have the highest rate of return of any home addition or home remodel. Real estate agents agree that a gleaming kitchen with state-of-the-art appliances, cork or hardwood flooring, stone countertop and lots of cupboard space can sell a house the instant a prospective buyer sees it. Conversely, a cramped, ill-lit kitchen with outdated linoleum and harvest gold appliances might actually scare buyers away.

**Improve What You Can't Renovate.** If you can't afford to renovate, update and refresh key rooms instead. Replacing an old countertop, repainting cupboards and walls, and installing new door pulls and lighting make big improvements to your kitchen for a very modest price. Similar touches increase the appeal of older bathrooms, too. Fresh paint throughout your home is another low-cost, high-return project — it makes everything look cleaner and brighter, and buyers love a house they won't have to redecorate immediately.

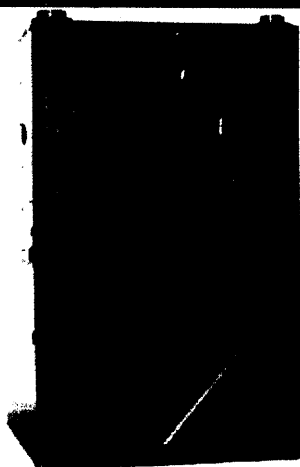
**Maintain Where You Can.** Depending on the age of your house, you can expect to spend between one and three percent of its value every year on maintenance and repair. Your maintenance budget should increase as your house ages, so remember to include funds to replace major systems as required. Foundations and roofs are things that are difficult to inspect, but in the long run minor repairs can save you about ten times the cost of work necessary to replace or rebuild.

**Don't Overimprove.** Before you commit to any big project, ask, "Is this three-car garage or pool out of character for my neighborhood?" If the answer is yes, you may be consigning your house to an oddity status. If your house is improved beyond the scope of all the neighborhood homes that surrounds it, it is likely that the value of your home won't be realized when it comes time to sell.

**Do Your Home Value Homework.** Many sites promising to give you the value of your home don't deliver, but at [www.domania.com](http://www.domania.com) you can use their Value Check tool to get an instant valuation from a real estate professional that includes a value range and neighborhood statistics. If you want to "value it yourself" at Domania, you can search through their database of 28 million historical home price records. Searching by price, by location or by address, you'll develop a better understanding of neighborhood trends — and if you look hard enough — what your neighbor paid for their house.

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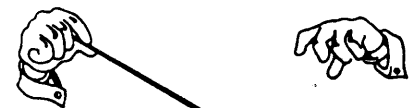
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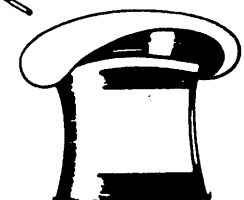
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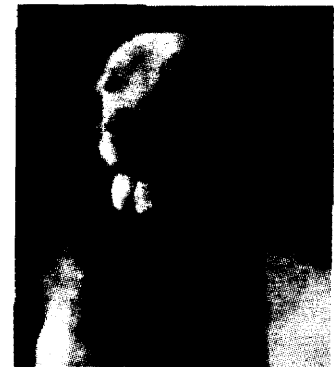
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