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Micklash, Froede named top citizens

The Cass City Chamber of Commerce saluted a long-time educator and community servant Saturday during its annual dinner banquet held before a capacity crowd at Northwood Meadows.

Former superintendent Ken Micklash's acceptance of the chamber's most prestigious honor - Citizen of the Year - together with the announcement of the Junior Citizen of the Year winner, Nicole Froede, highlighted the affair.

Preceding the marquee event, last year's Co-Citizen of the Year Norma Wallace presented an "Unsung Heroes" award to the Elkland Township fire fighters, which was accepted by Chief Ron Pawloski decked out in dress uniform.

"From time to time we've recognized groups who have achieved something special outside the normal course of events," Wallace said.

Besides fighting fires, Wallace said (the volunteers) are active in fire prevention training and have installed hundreds of smoke detectors, donated by the health department, in various residences.

In addition, continued Wallace, they are quick to help one of their own by hosting benefits and arranging counseling after a tragedy is witnessed.

"They have put on public demonstrations as to how the Jaws of Life work, along with helping with the fireworks on the 4th of July, and we know that no parade would be complete without our fleet of trucks leading it."

The presentation of the Citizen of the Year plaque was handled by Dick Wallace, a long-time acquaintance of Micklash and the Co-2005 Citizen of the Year honoree.

In traditional fashion, Wallace attempted to keep the audience in suspense while slowly revealing the identity of the night's biggest winner. "I worked with this individual for a

few years," started Wallace.

"And we did compete in a sport, however he recently confessed to me that in coaching Boys' Little League his ultimate achievement was beating my Yankee team - a feat that he did accomplish."

Long before Wallace told the crowd about this year's winner's affiliation with the schools, most eyes were on Micklash.

"Totally shocked," Micklash said. "I am very humbled, very appreciative of everything this community has done for our family."

Adding to the gala for Micklash was the surprise attendance of his family. "I thank my parents. The best thing I've learned, from my parents, is a strong work ethic. Family is first.

Family, friends and work."

Adding to Micklash's delight, his daughter Melissa was part of the gathering with her newborn in tow. Melissa received the 1993 Junior Citizen of the Year Award.

Wallace joked during his introduction, "I've given him credit for raising 2 fine sons, but I must give the credit for having such an intelligent and beautiful daughter to his lovely wife (Theresa)."

Still, this night belonged to the senior Micklash who is probably best known for his years serving the Cass City School District as board member, high school principal and superintendent.

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Decker man caught in drug team sting

A 19-year-old Decker area man will face charges in Sanilac County District Court following his arrest late Friday afternoon on suspicion of transporting more than a quarter pound of processed marijuana in Sanilac County.

The arrest and seizure of scales and a 1991 Chevrolet pickup truck in Marlette Township followed a successful surveillance operation set up by the Sanilac Drug Task Force.

Task force Director William Gray said the investigation focused on marijuana trafficking in the Sandusky and Marlette areas.

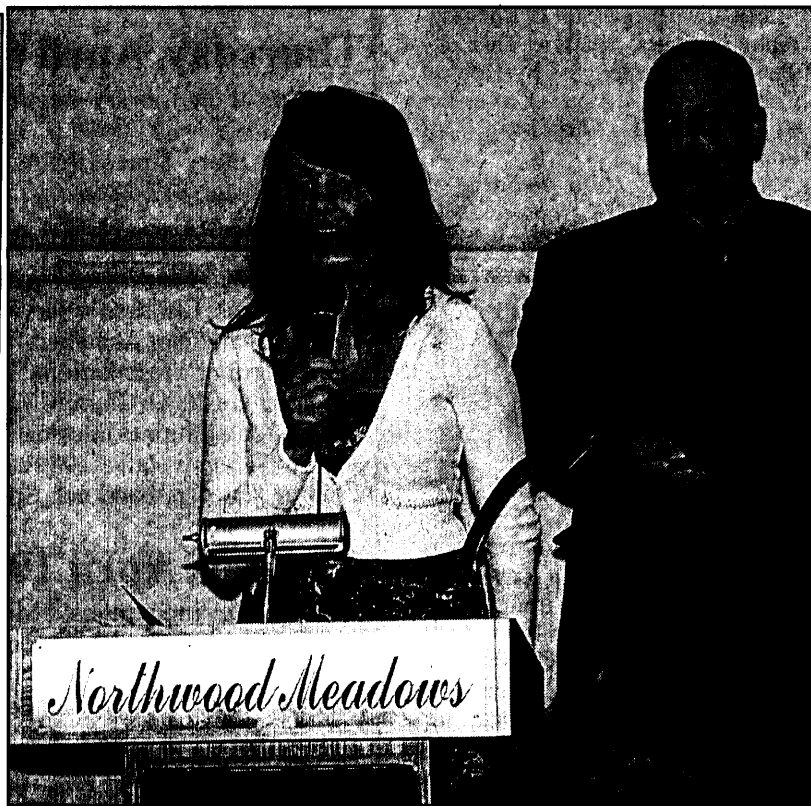
"Drug task force investigators had developed information during other investigations that identified the 19-year-old Decker man and a 16-year-old Sandusky juvenile as possibly being involved in marijuana trafficking in Sanilac County," Gray said.

"Additional investigation and interviews confirmed the Decker suspect's activity and further implicated the Sandusky juvenile's possible involvement."

Gray said investigators learned that the Decker man would be transporting a substantial amount of marijuana from the Sandusky area to Marlette Friday afternoon, and they were able to confirm the specifics of the delivery and the vehicle the suspect would be using.

"Investigators located the suspects and vehicle leaving the Sandusky area and established surveillance as the suspects traveled to Marlette Township. Based upon several traffic violations witnessed by the surveillance team and the previously confirmed investigative information, the sus-

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Benefit dinner set for Mike Kropewnicki

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Mike Kropewnicki's healthy lifestyle has been enough to put many of his peers to shame over the years.

The Cass City man is serious about his diet - low fat, high fiber foods - and has always been equally serious about keeping fit. He's a competitive runner who won dozens of 5K, 8K and 10K races, he enjoys bicycling and is an advanced scuba diver along with his wife, Cathy.

In spite of that lifestyle, Kropewnicki has found himself in a fight for his life against an insidious foe - cancer.

A circle of the couple's friends from the Gagetown area have joined efforts to help support them by hosting a benefit spaghetti dinner planned for Saturday, April 8, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 6106 Beechwood Dr., Cass City.

For Kropewnicki, a former Jordan College faculty member and independent information technology consultant, the diagnosis of cancer came in the wake of symptoms he figured stemmed from a childhood disease he has suffered and thought he had overcome.

"I became symptomatic of what I thought was a childhood defect I was

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MIKE AND Cathy Kropewnicki share a quiet moment at their Cass City home Friday morning. Friends have organized a benefit dinner for Mike, who is battling cancer.

Gala celebration...

KEN MICKLASH (top) and Nicole Froede were honored Saturday as Cass City's Citizens of the Year during the Chamber of Commerce's annual dinner banquet held at Northwood Meadows. Norma Wallace (top headshot) presented an Unsung Heroes tribute to the Elkland Township fire fighters, which was accepted by Chief Ron Pawloski.

Police: lock doors when not home

A string of residential thefts in Huron and Tuscola counties has prompted Cass City police to remind residents to lock their doors and to immediately report any suspicious individuals or activity in their neighborhood.

Cass City Police Chief Craig Haynes said the majority of some recent thefts in the village have involved suspects entering unlocked homes and walking out with small amounts of cash they spot lying around.

"I understand the complacency (people not locking their doors), but it's a different world. It's a different community," he said.

Most of the incidents occurred in

March during daylight hours. They include one complaint from Edward Knight, 4708 Huron St., who reported someone entered his home and took \$30.

Robert McArthur reported someone forced their way into a home at 4716 Hunt Dr. He told police that \$20 may be missing from the residence.

Haynes said another incident was reported in early February by Amy Jo Hartel, 6617 Huron St., who told officers that \$57 was taken from an envelope in her purse.

Another resident reportedly confronted 2 individuals, a male and female described as being in their late teens or early 20s, who had entered her Hunt Street garage.

Also in February, police investigated a break-in at Angel's Hair Studio, 4454 Woodland Ave., where the owner reported one check and \$13 in cash stolen. It was the second break-in there; the other occurred in January, when the suspect(s) took \$30 in cash from the business.

Haynes said he is aware of 2 other similar incidents in Tuscola County and 3 in Huron County.

"I think they're all related," he said, adding the problem is that "we have 2 different descriptions of the suspects and 2 different descriptions of the vehicles. And, a lot of the information came in a couple days later, a week later."

High School

Friday, April 7 ~ Community Service, 7 p.m.
Saturday, April 8 ~ Children's Service, 10 a.m. / Children's Fun Fair after Children's Service
Sunday, April 9 ~ Not Ashamed Pre-Service, 10 a.m. / Community Service, 10 a.m.

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Holbrook Area News

Mrs. Thelma Jackson
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Mrs. Allen Depcinski visited her grandson, Randy Rutkowski, at Bad Axe Hospital Wednesday.

June Rutz of Sterling Heights went home after spending a week with Allen Farrelly.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Hagen were Saturday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sageman.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel, Doris Western, June Rutz and Allen Farrelly went to McDonald's Deli Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Depcinski visited Wilfred Depcinski at Tendercare in Cass City for her birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski attended the D of I Card Party at the K of C Hall in Bad Axe Sunday. Euchre was played and prizes were given. There was a 50/50 drawing and a lunch was served after the party.

Mrs. Eugene Cleland and Sharon Sturgil of Bad Axe were Tuesday lunch guests of Mrs. Curtis Cleland.

Sally Bell, Katelyn and Lauren of Cheboygan spent several days with Jim and Kay Sweeney.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel, Doris Western and Joan Warner went to Saginaw where they met Mary Catherine Nicol for lunch.

Mike Rumpitz and Mrs. Bob Jackson spent Wednesday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rumpitz.

Matthew Osentoski of Lansing

spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Osentoski.

Bernard Morley, Jack Kennedy, Allen Farrelly, Claude Mestack, Rick Stuart, Ron Wolschlagel, and Jim Lewis met at McDonald's in Bad Axe Wednesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Osentoski.

Sally Bell, Katelyn and Lauren of Cheboygan, Jim and Kay Sweeney, Dick Tschirhart of Berkley, Virginia Sweeney and Evelyn Ronzek visited Francis Tschirhart Monday.

Seven members of the Traveling Breakfast Club met at Big Boy in Bad Axe Thursday. They will meet at the Franklin Inn next week.

June Rutz of Sterling Heights and Allen Farrelly were Friday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel.

Anita Iseler, Ali and Gina, a friend from Port Hope, and Mrs. Allen Depcinski spent Tuesday in Saginaw and Bay City.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Hind were Saturday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Hagen.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson, Mrs. Ray Depcinski, Mrs. Allen Depcinski, Mrs. Martin Sweeney, Roger Sweeney and Melissa Osentoski visited Thelma Jackson last week.



FIVE GENERATIONS of the Marker family are pictured above. They are (clockwise from top, left) Ruth Marker Rhodes of Burt, Amy Rhodes Dickey of Vassar, Ricky Rhodes of Burt, Mabel Marker of Unionville, and Robert Dickey Jr. of Vassar.

B. Bush deployed overseas

Air Force Master Sgt. Bradford L. Bush is currently deployed overseas at a forward-operating location in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Operation Enduring Freedom is the official name given to anti-terrorism military operations involving U.S. troops and allied coalition partners. Reserve component members from all branches of the U.S. armed forces have been mobilized, activated and deployed along with active duty members to support the war against global terrorism.

Mission objectives encompass combating the international terrorist network or regime forces outside the borders of the United States.

Bush, a fuels operations superintendent with 21 years of military service, is regularly assigned to the 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron, Whiteman Air Force Base, Knob Noster, Mo.

He is the son of Floyd E. and Dinah L. Argo of Texas.

His wife, Elizabeth, is the daughter of Kenneth R. and Joan E. Pierce Kingston.

Engaged



Tara McNeil and Alan Schlegel

Tara A. McNeil and Alan J. Schlegel announce their engagement.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Rick and Ann Russell of Akron and Terry McNeil of Unionville. The prospective groom is the son of John and Sarah Schlegel of Frankenmuth.

Tara is owner/operator of a photography business, "Picture This...By Tara" and is employed by Dobson Cellular Systems. Alan is a co-owner of Schlegel Trucking of Frankenmuth.

A June 17, 2006 wedding is planned.

Easter egg hunt set in village

Cass City will hold an Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 8, from 9 to 10 a.m., at the Playscape in front of the Campbell Elementary School.

Participants will be divided into age groups to search for hidden eggs full of candy. Some eggs will contain certificates to claim special prizes.

Children may bring an Easter basket in which to place their eggs or sacks will be provided. Bring your camera as the Easter Bunny will make an appearance and provide an opportunity for participants to have their pictures taken on his lap.

There is no charge. This activity is sponsored by various civic groups including Rawson Memorial Library, the Cass City Civic Center, Friends of the Library, the Cass City Chamber of Commerce, and many local parent volunteers.

"Rebuilding" concert set April 30

The annual concert to support Rebuilding Together with Christmas in July in Tuscola County has been scheduled for Sunday, April 30, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Caro.

The concert will begin at 5:30 and will feature performances by the Caro High School Jazz band, Tom Krause, DeeDee Tibbits, Russ Tibbits, Barb Graff, the Grimshaws, Sacred Heart Men's Choir, Caro St. Paul Lutheran Church, and Mary Hodges and Lisa Bondarenko. This year's emcee is Alma Moreno.

There is no admission charge for the concert, but a free-will offering will be taken during intermission. The proceeds will go to support the 2006 Christmas in July projects, which include minor repairs, painting, and sprucing up homes for low-income, the elderly, or disabled citizens in the county. This is an all-volunteer effort on the part of concerned area residents who want to help their neighbors improve their homes and communities.

Meg's Peg

Ponderables

by Melva E. Guinther

These are those iffy days - Should I put the snow shovel away? Is it too early to plant? Will I be able to play golf tomorrow?

In Michigan, we have to be prepared for anything. Maybe that makes us tough.

A friend reminded me last week that we got 13 inches of snow the latter part of April last year.

Anyway, for those who are overjoyed to get out on the links, do you know the origin of the name "golf"? I recently read that when the game was invented in Scotland, it was ruled "Gentlemen Only...Ladies Forbidden", hence "G-O-L-F."

They'd never get away with that today!

Here are some other random, equally useful thoughts:

> Did you ever notice that when you blow in a dog's face he gets mad at you? But when you take him in a car, he sticks his head out the window.

> Isn't it strange that anybody going slower than you is an idiot, and anyone going faster than you is a maniac?

> Some of us are not into working out. Our philosophy: no pain, no gain.

> Was it really necessary for kamikaze pilots to wear helmets?

> Anytime 4 New Yorkers get into a cab without arguing, a bank robbery has just taken place.

> If I vote for one party because I don't like the way the other is running things, it's kind of like shooting myself in the head to stop a headache.

> If you have 6 locks on your door, all in a row, and lock every other one when you go out, no matter how long somebody stands there picking the locks, they are always locking 3.

> Ever wonder if illiterate people get the full effect of alphabet soup?

> A linguistics professor said that it's man's ability to use language that makes him the dominant species on the planet. That may be, but I think there's one other thing that separates us from the animals. Most of us aren't afraid of vacuum cleaners.

> Statistics on sanity are that one out of every 4 Americans is suffering from some form of mental illness. Think of your 3 best friends. If they're okay, then it's you.

> Commercials show you how detergents take out bloodstains, a pretty violent image there. If you've got a T-shirt with a bloodstain on it, maybe laundry isn't your biggest problem. Maybe you should get rid of the body before you do the wash.

> I ask people why they have deer heads on their walls. They always say because they're such beautiful animals. There you go. I think my mother is attractive, but I only have photographs of her.

> I always wanted to be somebody, but I should have been more specific.

> Why does Sea World have a seafood restaurant? I'm halfway through my fishburger and I realize, "Oh no...I could be eating a slow learner!"

> If we decided to switch to the metric system, think how it would affect our language. We'd have to say:

* A miss is as good as 1.6 kilometers.

* Give a man 2.5 centimeters and he'll take 1.609 kilometers.

* Twenty-eight grams of prevention is worth 453 grams of cure.

* Peter Piper picked 8.8 liters of peppers.

Somehow, it doesn't have the same effect, does it?

Calendar of Events

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

Thursday, April 6

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

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

Friday, April 7

Revivé 2006, starting at 7 p.m., Cass City High School. Community Services, Children's Services, Children's Fun Fair, Pre-service Concert with "Not Ashamed." (Weekend-long event)

Bed Turning Presentations, 2 & 7 p.m., & Trunk Show, 4 p.m., Kingston Wesleyan Church, 3248 Washington St. (3 blocks north of M-46). For additional information, contact Ronda Benjamin at (989) 683-2647, Sandi Hall at (989) 843-6460, or Faye Stoll at (989) 683-2918 or festoll@tband.net. Sponsored by Thumb Thimbles Quilt Guild.

Monday, April 10

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

Elkland Township Board meeting, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, April 11

Novesta Township Zoning Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.
Thumb Octagon Barn meeting, 7 p.m., fire hall in Gageton.
Tuscola County Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Family Support/Education Group meeting, 1:30 p.m., Adult Day Services building, 435 Green St., Caro. For additional information, call (989) 672-2273.

Wednesday, April 12

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

Chicken dinner, noon, Cass City United Methodist Church, 5100 N. Cemetery Rd. For takeouts, call 872-4604 and pick up between 11 a.m. and noon or after 12:30 p.m.

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MICHAEL KROPEWNICKI

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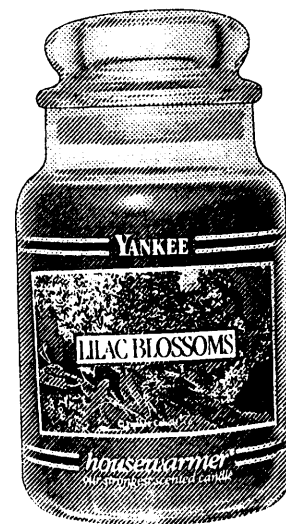


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Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Over the years, the Chronicle has been closely connected with Ken Micklash during his tenure as superintendent of Cass City Schools. In 2 decades he was always available to all the media and undoubtedly helped bring the school closer to the community.

His selection Saturday as citizen of the year in Cass City was well deserved. If he is elected state representative from Huron and Tuscola counties, his record indicates that the people in the 2 counties would be well represented.

A tip of the hat to Cass City Middle School students who performed various acts at the Chamber of Commerce dinner. The entertainers were: Rachael Rule, Stephanie Steely, Paige Lester, Elise Nicol, Brittany Nicol, Sarah Zmierski, Jennifer Manwell and Lauren Zdrojewski.

I was congratulating myself for getting to church Sunday about 15 minutes early, only to find when I entered that instead of being early I was 45 minutes late. Next fall be sure that I will remember that the time change occurs Sunday at 2 a.m., not Sunday evening.

We sneaked in while the congregation was standing and tried to look like we had been there all along. Sadly, it didn't work.

Whether or not the 7 members of the Cass City School Board get paid their collective total of \$280 for the year will be like removing grains of sand on the beach. None of them are on the board for the money and refusing their \$40 each year will not materially affect the operation of the school.

Still, it is an excellent way to call attention to the tight financial status at the school and should help shield some of the pain that the members will experience as curriculum cuts are announced.

Huron deputies raid Sebewaing residence

Huron County Sheriff's Department detectives and Sebewaing police seized marijuana during a drug raid at a Ninth Street residence in Sebewaing Thursday.

The drug raid was the result of tips received involving drug activity at the residence, according to Sheriff Kent D. Tibbits. "The investigation was conducted over several weeks and probable cause was established for the search warrant," he said.

"Detectives seized processed marijuana, plant material that was being processed and evidence of drug manufacturing and distribution," Tibbits added. "A triple beam scale, a small hand-held scale, numerous pipes and other paraphernalia (were) also seized."

At the time of the raid, Tibbits indicated, officers smelled marijuana in the residence, which was occupied by a 34-year-old female and her 16-year-old son and a 15-year-old friend.

Tibbits said that a finished report on the investigation will be submitted to the Huron County Prosecutor's Office for review and the issuance of

any charges in the case.

County residents are encouraged to report drug or any other criminal activity by calling the Report-A-Crime tip line at (989) 269-2861, or the sheriff's department at 269-6500.

Volunteer recruitment scheduled

Michigan State University Extension 4-H Youth Mentoring Program officials are sponsoring a volunteer recruitment event April 24 at Caro High School from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

Any agency wishing to recruit volunteers and would like to register for the volunteer roundup, or needing more information, contact AmeriCorps member Pat Beck at the Michigan State University Extension Office, located at 3362 Green St., Caro, at (989) 672-3874. Her email address is beckp@msu.edu.



The back forty

by Roger Pond

A recent visit to our grandchildren's second grade class reminded me of the importance of animals to kids. I quickly learned that few things are more meaningful to a second grader than his or her pets.

I asked the class, "How many of you have a dog?" and everyone's hand went up.

Then I asked, "Does anyone have a dog that does funny things?" All of the hands went up again.

"What does your dog do that's funny?" I quizzed one little girl.

"Sometimes in the morning my dog licks dew off the grass," she told me.

"My dog twirls around on her hind legs," another said. "Then she knocks me down and licks my face."

"Is that fun?!" I asked incredulously.

"Yeah!" she laughed.

A third little girl said, "If you say 'McDonald's' my dog will lick your face. That's because she likes McDonald's hamburgers."

All of this brought back memories of the many dogs I've owned. Some were funny, and others were just plain weird.

All of my dogs had a purpose, though. I've always thought a dog has to have a purpose if it's ever going to amount to anything.

A dog has to be big enough to bite a cow, dumb enough to chase rabbits, or ugly enough to scare burglars.

I've owned dogs that would climb into cars, jump on guests, and howl

at the moon; but they were always sorry for the things they did.

I can't stand dogs that aren't sorry: The ones that dare you drag them off the bed, or jump out of the pickup when you tell them to. A truly sorry dog will make you throw him out.

Our cocker spaniel, Molly, would be sorry if she did anything bad, but she doesn't. Molly is so small she really can't hurt anything, and she will hunt quail or chase ground squirrels with the best of them.

About the only thing Molly won't do is sing. The only dog I've seen that could sing was a toy poodle named "Susie."

Susie belonged to some friends who were near retirement age, and that dog was a major part of their life. Susie could do all sorts of tricks (such as jumping on the bed), but singing was probably her best.

I wouldn't have believed it if I hadn't seen it myself. The friend's wife would say, "Sing, Susie! Sing!"

Then the wife would throw her head back and say, "Owoo-owoo! Owoo-owoo! Owoo!"

Pretty soon Susie would stop jumping on the bed. Then, she would throw her head back and sing, "Owoo-owoo! Owoo!" It was the damndest thing you ever saw.

I've seen a lot of funny things in my life; but how a fuzzy, little dog could teach a woman to sing has always been a puzzle to me.

The Haire Net

A little of this and that



A little of this and that about items in the news and how they are seen from the corner of Oak and Main streets.

It's been a while now since the furor over the need for passports to enter or leave the United States from Canada, Mexico and other popular designations on our side of the Atlantic Ocean erupted.

It may erupt again like a dormant volcano in January 2008 when U.S. citizens will be required to show passports or alternative documents that show their identity and citizenship at the border.

When the present more stringent rules first were inaugurated, pictures of the traffic jams at the border filled the TV screens and the newspapers.

It always appeared, to me, that it would be terribly easy for a terrorist to gain admittance. My first crossing 6 months or so after the new rules were in effect I was armed with my passport at my side. It wasn't necessary. Just the usual questions of where I was born and how long was I going to stay on the way out and did I bring anything back on the way in.

I related this in a discussion with my wife's grandchild, who just returned from a trip abroad, and he said that he was questioned and showed identification on every segment of his trip.

Why the difference? He's partially of Italian decent and shows it. He could be a terrorist, while what danger could a gray-haired, light-complexioned senior citizen pose?

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As gas prices raise the use of ethanol fuel looks more attractive to the driving public and, the Michigan Ethanol plant in Caro is booming. Four other plants are slated in Michigan to use the estimated 257 million bushels of corn grown in the state.

It all looks promising for our farm community. There could be drawbacks, as critics say that the energy used to turn corn into fuel including the cost of moving the corn from farm to factory to the customer negates much of the advantages of E85-powered (85 percent ethanol) vehicles.

At first I figured that removing the government subsidy could put the new enterprises on rocky ground. But on reflection, I changed my mind.

After all, a nation that subsidizes tobacco with all its negative impact would be hard pressed to remove support for a product that helps protect our environment and our dependence on a dwindling resource.

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Red Hawk Talks

by Donna Bushong

Most of my articles have been about happenings going on in the school, but due to a recent experience I have chosen to write about a growing danger in today's society: reckless driving.

Sunday night my family and I were on our way home from Grand Rapids. As we were traveling down Interstate 69, a car journeyed over into our lane. We tried to get out of the way and ended up doing a 360 across the 2 lanes of highway. Thankfully the other cars noticed and slowed down so no one was hurt and no real damage was done. The car that caused the whole ordeal did not even stop and was out of sight by the time we got back on the road.

The reason for the driver crossing over into our lane is unknown, but there are many possibilities for distraction that would cause him or her to cross into our lane. The most severe of these possibilities is drunk driving. Judging by the previous tendencies of this car, alcohol was probably not a factor, but each year drunk driving kills more and more people. Any amount of alcohol may cause a person to become disoriented, making them a dangerous driver.

Another possibility for distraction is the ever-popular cell phone. Talking on a cell phone while driving,

especially one that is not hands free, can cause a driver to not pay attention to their surroundings. It may also cause the driver to have less control over the vehicle because only one hand is on the wheel. Cell phones are also dangerous when they are relatively inaccessible and the driver has to try and dig out the phone in time to answer it.

Shortly after our incident on the highway, we were getting off at our exit and another car drifted into our lane. This time we knew the driver's distraction. She was sipping on a pop. Eating or drinking while driving can also cause a driver to be distracted. It is in this way that the drive-through window has become a danger to society.

A leading distraction of teens is people. When teens are in a car with a bunch of friends, they tend to not pay as much attention to their driving as they should. Laws have been discussed to minimize this distraction, but none have yet been passed.

I could go on and on about different distractions that cause accidents, but the moral of the story is: be careful. My family was lucky that there were not any cars close enough to hit, but other people don't get that lucky. One wrong move can land you in a hospital bed or worse.

NAPA building move "just a beginning" Nicols say they're up to the challenge

Empty storefronts along Cass City's Main Street are a constant reminder of how difficult it is to keep a small business going, especially in Michigan's failing economy.

Dave and Mimi Nicol aren't naive when it comes to that reality, but the Cass City area couple is still confident their businesses will thrive in town.

The Nicols plan to relocate their existing businesses, now based at their Schwegler Road home, to the building. They also plan to divide the upper floor into 10 studios that will be leased to aspiring artists in the area.

The DDA, with recent approval of the Cass City Village Council, is in the process of purchase the building for \$85,000, with plans to lease it to the Nicols for 2 years. The couple will pay \$300 per month the first year and \$500 per month the second year; with an option to buy at the end of 2 years.

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Running a business is nothing new for the couple.

Mimi owns and operates In Home Art and Design, a business that showcases her skills as an interior designer and artist. She has a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree from Michigan State University and has expanded her specialties to include custom stained glass work.

Dave is the owner of D.W. Nicol Woodworking, which offers custom architectural millwork. His specialties include handcrafted, custom exterior wood doors and custom-made furniture such as wall units and entertainment centers.

"I've worked as an interior designer, going on 20 years, and I decided to do something a little more creative, so I got into stained glass," Mimi said of her interests as an artist. She also provides the renderings/drawings for her husband's customers.

Dave said it's likely the couple will combine the businesses when they move into the NAPA building.

It's an opportunity they have been anticipating a long time.

"We've tried 3 different times (to move into town) over the past 15 years," Dave noted. "I've been constantly told I don't belong in town - that the zoning didn't allow it."

However, he added, village Manager Peter Cristiano managed to "get everyone together" in order to make the move and lease arrangement possible.

"He made this happen. He and (village President) Bert Althaver have made this happen. They have been so supportive."

"I think it will be nice for the town and gives us a little separation (from running a business at home) and exposure," Mimi said.

"The separation from home and work will be good. Maybe I'll be able to get some of my own stuff done," Dave joked.

The couple hopes their move will mark the start of something good for Cass City.

"We've got to, as a town, make this town more of a destination, and one way to do that is to bring crafts people and artisans here," Dave said, adding the combination of like businesses would give people the feeling that Cass City is a desirable destination to visit.

"We see this as a beginning of what's to come," he said. "We would like to

see, over the next 3 to 5 years, more of an artisans center here."

"You can't compete with Wal-Mart and have regular shops," Mimi said.

Dave nodded. "If you try to compete against companies like that you're going to lose," he said. "You've got to do something they can't or won't do."

He cited the success Frankenmuth officials have achieved in developing and building on that town's German heritage.

"We have to ask, what do we have to offer? What is special about our area, and one thing is the number of artisans we have here," he said. Dave noted that he and Mimi are aware of some 70 area residents who depend on their art to provide a portion or all of their income.

The couple have been instrumental in establishing the newly-formed Cass City Arts Council, which will be hosting its first art show Aug. 25 and 26 at Rotary Park.

The Nicols indicated they fully expect their own businesses to flourish in the coming years.

"We've got very established businesses. We've already got a clientele built, so we can withstand the dry periods in retail," he said. "I've been in business full- or part-time, 18, 19 years."

"And I've been on my own for 10, 12 years," Mimi added.

Dave said the couple won't depend on walk-in traffic to support their businesses. "If they do (come in droves), wonderful, but that won't be the mainstay of our business."

The Nicols' marketing plan includes utilizing a network of architects and interior designers they have come to know over the years. The Internet will play a major role in marketing via a website to be set up for the businesses, as well as an established website at www.ruralartisans.com, which features the work of several area artists/artisans.

As it is, Dave pointed out, the couple's businesses already have customers across the country and around the globe, and they plan to continue building on that customer base.

And, at the same time, hopefully play a role in building a stronger downtown business district in Cass City.

"We've got to get people to turn at (highway) 53 when they're going up to the lakeshore," Dave said.



Cass City artisans

DAVE AND Mimi Nicols stand next to a set of custom doors at their home. The couple combined skills to design, build and install the doors.



MIMI NICOLS specializes in stained, slumped and fused glass for home interiors and exteriors. She also restores and refurbishes antique stained-glass windows.

Several face charges

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

•Brandon M. Walker, 22, Clio, stood mute to charges of false report of a felony (unlawfully driving away an automobile), insurance-fraudulent acts, reckless driving and failure to report an accident Aug. 4 in Dayton Township.

A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled in the case and bond was continued at \$8,000.

•Amy P. Friedel, 27, Vassar, pleaded guilty to 2 counts of stealing/retaining a financial transaction device without consent of the device holder June 24 in Almer Township/Caro.

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

•Christopher T. Young, 37, Roseville, pleaded guilty to failure to pay child support from November 2004 through March 22, 2005, and to being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convictions).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be set.

•Donald E. Brabo Jr., 24, Akron, stood mute to charges of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, fleeing and eluding a police officer, 2 counts of assault with a dangerous weapon, and driving while his license was suspended or revoked Feb. 26 in Fairgrove Township.

A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled and bond was continued at \$50,000.

•Todd A. Werth, 37, Sebawaing, stood mute to 2 counts of false report of a felony (assault with a dangerous weapon) Feb. 21 and Feb. 23 in Almer Township/Caro.

A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled and bond was continued at \$100,000.

•Melissa S. Beyette, 22, Millington, pleaded guilty to 3 counts of forgery

involving checks for \$45, \$140 and \$55, all drawn on Mayville State Bank between June 24 and Aug. 7 in Arbel Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$20,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Anngie L. Mitchell, 25, Vassar, pleaded guilty to assaulting a police officer Sept. 1 in Caro.

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

•James A. Normandin, 17, Caro, pleaded guilty to unarmed robbery and larceny in a building Feb. 22 in Caro.

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

•Jeremy P. Bader, 25, Caro, pleaded guilty to tapping/cutting telephone lines and assault or battery and battery Feb. 26 in Caro.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$3,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be set.

•Wayne S. Withers, 27, Vassar, pleaded guilty to failure to pay child support from April 11 through June 30 and Aug. 1 through Nov. 9, and to absconding or forfeiting bond Dec. 6 in Caro; and no contest to intimidating a witness April 26 in Caro.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at a combined \$130,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Alden J. Bouza, 56, Bay City, stood mute to 30 counts of obtaining a controlled substance by fraud, subsequent offense, from September 2004 through January 2006.

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

Letters to the Editor

Please stop deliveries

Having tried everything that I can think of over the past few years to stop delivery of those "free" papers that are thrown in our yards, streets, etc. I propose that there be a few spots in town designated for those who want the papers to pick them up. I would suggest the municipal building and post office and Erla's.

Some people may love to receive these publications. At my house, they are a nuisance and have now started being attached to the support arm of the mailbox I put up at the post office's request just this past December.

I was told by the person in charge at one newspaper when I stopped there to again request no delivery, that we have nothing to say when the box is up, it is on city or public property and we no longer own it, and they can hook anything on it or add boxes along side it. I checked at the post office and found out this is not true. They shouldn't be hooking anything on our boxes. I know this support arm over time will be loosened because of this.

I, over the years, really tried to stop the delivery of these papers that amount to trash how they're thrown around. I have made call after call to the publisher, reminding them that if I caused damage to my snow blower I would try to collect from them the damages. I have talked to the delivery people. I have complained to the city, asking if they made money by letting them purchase a permit. I also wrote the Chronicle probably 4 years ago about this in a letter, including making a man-made lake for commerce. I still think the lake is a good idea and I still hate these papers.

Do they need a permit? I am sure we citizens would get in trouble if we threw something each week on or around each home's yard or street.

So after frustrating efforts, I ask please...Village Council...designate 3 areas and stop home deliveries.

I also want to mention the break-ins around the area. Business and homes are being broken into. Is the public aware of this? Is the Chronicle aware of this? I asked the police why it hadn't been in the paper and the officer I talked to said the press usually comes to them for these things.

It appears that this is a problem and Cass City residents should be made aware and given advice. I don't know if there is a better chance of catching these people if it is kept quiet or what, but I think that being aware is more helpful for potential victims.

Respectfully,
Louise Wright,
Cass City

Turn the village over to DDA?

I have been told that the Amish want to establish a cheese factory in the old Nestles building. If true, someone has a screw loose big time. The last time I was in the Nestles building, the first floor was covered with water and animal waste. There was mold everywhere. The second floor (east end) had human waste on the floor. The walls are crumbling and the roof is falling in. Cass City cheese anyone?

Maybe we should turn the village over to the DDA. Under Geraldine Prieskorn's leadership the DDA has been doing an excellent job of promoting and beautifying the village for years now.

I believe the NAPA building project is a big step in the right direction. The community owes them a debt of gratitude for a job well done. Maybe they can get the village manager to move to Cass City.
God bless Cass City!

Raymond Donaldson,
Cass City

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THE CASS CITY students pictured above recently participated in the Michigan State Band and Orchestra Association Solo and Ensemble Festival held at Walled Lake North High School. To qualify for the state festival, each performer had to earn a top rating at the district festival. Those who participated included: Jimmy Luana, Sam Howard, Derek Mallory, Jaime Monas and Bobby Windsor, percussion quintet; Sarah Reed, Arielle Veneziano and Chelsea Israelson, woodwind trio; Evan Bushong, trumpet solo; Danielle Delamarter, flute solo; Ashlee Spencer, trumpet solo; Bobby Windsor and Eric Thick, percussion duet; Alyssa Nicol, harp solo; Adam Kranz, marimba solo; Lysa Knight, trumpet solo; Donna Bushong, oboe solo; and Galen Kuebli, alto sax solo.

Down Memory Lane

By Harmony Doerr



5 YEARS AGO

More post-season honors have come Craig Emmert's way. He was named to the all-state second team by the Detroit Free Press and to the third team by the Detroit News. Other members of the Greater Thumb West recognized by the Free Press were Isaiah Gainforth, Unionville-Sebewaing, third team; Matt Kitchen, Mayville, fifth team; Kyle Schiefer, Reese, sixth team, and Ryan Fritz, Lakers, honorable mention. (From Rabbit Tracks)

General Cable Corporation officials will begin the process this month of closing the doors to the company's Cass City plant after more than 40 years of operation in the village. Officials announced the decision to the local plant's 180 workers last week following completion of a feasibility study. Corporate executives rejected an economic development incentive package worth \$40 million over the next 15 years. Village and Tuscola County Economic Development officials offered the incentives in hopes of convincing the company to stay. "We did make a decision to discontinue the operation in Cass City. (It) will be moved and operated at an existing General Cable plant in Jackson, Tenn.," said Lisa Lawson, General Cable's vice president of corporate communications.

Cass City officials were all smiles Monday after reviewing newly released U.S. Census figures that show the village's population has grown more than 16 percent since 1990. "We were saying our population was going to be pushing 2,700, 2,800, so we're pretty pleased we were close," Jane Downing said, adding the increase was the largest for an incorporated area in Tuscola County. According to the preliminary figures, Cass City's 2000 count revealed 2,643 residents compared to 2,275 in 1990. Downing said she hasn't had an opportunity to crunch the numbers yet, but she's certain the increase in population will translate into more revenue for the village. "Definitely it's going to mean more dollars for Cass City in state shared revenues," she added.

10 YEARS AGO

Despite what coffee-lovers might like to believe, coffee has a lot more caffeine than tea or cola. A 6-ounce cup of coffee from a drip coffee maker contains 220-300 milligrams of caffeine. That's compared with 18-66 mg in a 6-ounce cup of tea brewed for one minute, or 40-92 mg in tea brewed for 3 minutes. A 12-ounce can of cola contains 36-46 mg of caffeine. A group of Performance English students at Cass City High School have qualified for regional competition in individual events. The students,

Shelly Ingrao, Becky Smith, Shawn Henn, Jim Dale, Julie Erla, Lee Dillon, Scott Haag and Matt Ramirez, qualified by finishing first, second or third at district-level competition, held March 25 at Lakers. At districts, Ramirez and Dillon placed first, earning the highest score possible, for their dramatic interpretation of the play, "Dearly Departed."

The annual Elkland Township meeting Saturday was perhaps the shortest in Dave Milligan's 12 years as township supervisor. It was also his last annual meeting. After the 10-minute session, the Cass City area native quietly announced he won't be running for reelection when his term expires later this year. "I've got family needs and business needs. Twelve years is enough," Milligan commented. "It's time for somebody else. I think I'll miss some of it. I've enjoyed working with a lot of people. I've had a good board to work with," he said, adding he's appreciated working with others who have served the township, such as fire fighters and members of the township's board of review and zoning board.

25 YEARS AGO

Greg Decker of Cass City was one of four Western Michigan University hockey team managers to receive a manager's award for the now completed season. The Broncos finished the 1980-81 season with a record of 15-19-2.

Two Cass City High School architectural drawing students qualified at the Michigan Industrial Education Society regional fair at the high school March 28-29 for state competition at the MIES convention April 9-11 in Grand Rapids. They were Paul Hirn, who received a first place ribbon, and Jim Woods, second. Other Cass City architectural drawing students participating were Rick Mallory, fourth; Tim Smith, fourth; and Jerry Nicol, fifth.

"The thing I figure you get when

you make 50 or 60 thousand dollars a year is an ulcer." That might be described as Larry Hosner's philosophy of life. He doesn't make \$50,000 or \$60,000 a year and he doesn't have an ulcer. He also doesn't have a 9-5 job, something he has avoided most of his working life. Hosner, 32, is a custom furniture maker, something that allows him to work at his own pace. The Kingston Road, Deford, resident started his career about two years ago. His brother Clare, (better known as Butch) was getting married and he needed to get a present. Hosner already owned a table saw and joiner, "So I said I'll make him something." What he made was a cabinet that fastens to the wall, with five sides exposed and numerous panes of glass.

35 YEARS AGO

William Bliss of Cass City has resigned his position, as detective sergeant with the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department, it was learned this week. Bliss has been with the Sheriff's Department for the past four years and has gained a reputation as a top criminal investigator. He said that no plans have been made as yet for his future and gave no reason for his resignation.

Last week, Wednesday, Dick Erla, chairman of the Tuscola County Draft Board, announced that he was quitting because of the court decision convicting Lt. William Galley. His decision evidently sparked a number of volunteers serving on various draft boards to also resign. The entire Huron county draft board resigned en masse. Several other members of draft boards also quit in protest. Erla had served on the Tuscola board for 10 years.

Abalones do not breed until they are six years old.

Young wives, between ages 18 and 19, expect to have two or three children, according to HIP Census Bureau.

Obituaries

Irene Karner

Irene H. Karner, 83, of Clio, died Friday, March 31, 2006.

She was born Dec. 13, 1922 in Cass City, the daughter of Jacob and Laura (McConnell) Hiller.

She married Francis Karner Oct. 20, 1945. He died March 11, 2003.

Karner was a 1940 graduate of Cass City High School. She was employed with Kresge's, the Clio State Bank (now National City Bank), retiring in 1978. She was a charter member of the Sts. Charles and Helena Catholic Church, working on communion rounds and with shut-ins. She was a volunteer at polls for elections.

She is survived by her children: Shirley (Greg) Moran of Davison, Patricia Grindel of Clio, Janet Stutzman of Clio/Charlevoix, and Larry (Jennifer) Karner of Eden Prairie, Minn.; 14 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Karen Walther.

Funeral mass was held Monday, April 3, at Sts. Charles and Helena Catholic Church, with the Rev. Father Gerald Ploof officiating.

Burial was in the Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Memorials may be made to the Sts. Charles and Helena Catholic Church Building Fund or Avalon Hospice.

Arrangements were made by O'Guinn Family Funeral Homes, Clio.

Catherine Leys

Catherine Agnes Wager Leys, 90, died Wednesday, March 29, 2006 at the UpJohn Nursing Home in Kalamazoo.

She was born Aug. 5, 1915 in Cass City, the daughter of Henry Rawlings and Lillian Gardner Wager.

She married Alexander Leys. He died in 1966.

Leys graduated from Bay City Central High School in 1933. She was a volunteer at Gil Hanke School. She worked for Kambly School and was a medical receptionist for Dr. Paul J. Diamante until her retirement in 1977. She also worked at the CEYF

daycare center.

Leys is survived by her children: Karen and Steve; nieces; several great nieces and nephews; special friends, and her "other daughter" Donna Endriukaitis.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and 4 sisters: Fern Wager, Betty Hoyle, Ethel Frigaard, and Ruth Bolt.

A memorial service will be held in the late spring.

Memorials may be made to the Community Advocates of Kalamazoo, or the Kalamazoo or Battle Creek Humane Societies.

EIDonna Parsell

EIDonna Parsell, 76, of Berkeley Springs, WV, formerly of Kingston, died Sunday, March 26, 2006 in Berkeley Springs Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Berkeley Springs, WV.

She was born Nov. 29, 1929 in Pigeon, the daughter of Wesley and Emma (Stanley) Weidman.

She married Harold Merrl Parsell Aug. 28, 1953 in Elkton. He died March 6, 1995.

Parsell worked for many years for Dibles Dime Stores, Midwest Rotary and drove school bus for Kingston Community Schools. Her main life work was milking cows on her farm. She was a 4-H leader, a Sunday school teacher and a missionary cadet leader through the Caro Free Methodist Church and the Lamotte Missionary Church.

Parsell is survived by her children: Donald (Wilma) Parsell of Berkeley Springs, WV, and Marilyn (George) Cox of Caro; 8 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren; a brother, Alvin (Sally) Weidman of Whitmore Lake; 4 sisters: Viola Borkholder of Saginaw, Eileen Herman of Elkton, Ruth (Lloyd) Wolfe of Florida, Betty Parsell of Pigeon; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 29, at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with Pastor Elory Gilmore and Pastor Gary Butterfield of Lamotte Missionary Church officiating.

Interment will be in Peck Memorial Gardens, Peck.

Memorials may be made to Brown City Missionary Camp.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

Rita Susalla

Rita M. Susalla, 81, of Bad Axe, formerly of Ubyly, died Friday, March 31, 2006 at the Huron County Medical Care Facility in Bad Axe.

She was born Nov. 12, 1924 in Ubyly, the daughter of the late John and Elizabeth (Rumptz) Kaliszewski.

She married Arthur Susalla Nov. 6, 1943 at St. John Catholic Church in Ubyly.

Susalla graduated from country school and worked on the family farm. She was a member of St. John Catholic Church in Ubyly for 60 years. Susalla attended Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Bad Axe for a few years. She worked cleaning residences for many years before retiring in 2002.

She is survived by her husband, Arthur; 2 sons: Kenneth (Marlys) Susalla of Zephyrhills, Fla., and Gary (Dorothy) Susalla of Cass City; 2 grandchildren; 5 step-grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren; 14 step great-grandchildren; and a brother, Elmer (Helen) Kaliszewski of Redford.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Irvin Kaliszewski; and a sister, Irene Langenburg.

A funeral mass was held at 11 a.m., Tuesday, April 4, at St. John Catholic Church, Ubyly, with the Rev. Joseph Griffin, pastor, officiating.

Burial will be in the church cemetery in the spring.

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

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Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
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Ubyly to host hunt

THE UBLY Lioness Club will host its annual Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 8, at the Ubyly Village Park beginning at 1 p.m. Above, the Easter Bunny, also known as Cam Hill in Ubyly, visits with 5-year-old Kortney Norman, also of Ubyly, during last year's event.





THE CASS CITY Red Hawks 2006 Varsity Softball members are: (front, l-r) Courtney Rabideau, Stephanie Jamieson, Ashleigh Rabideau, Terra Czekai; (middle, l-r) Heather Moore, Becca Bennett, Alyssa Cryderman, Emily Schinnerer; (back, l-r) Assistant Coach Ken Martin, Jenni Brinkman, Sara Meeker, Ashley Hendrick, Renee Czekai, Assistant Coach Ron Czekai and Coach Josh Stern.

Hawk ladies face tough competition in thumb softball

The Cass City Red Hawks will have a veteran softball squad as the team seeks to join 3 teams that are ranked in the pre-season poll and coach Josh Stern would like nothing better than to "steal a couple of games from them" and contend for the Greater Thumb West crown.

Standing in the way of a GTW and a district championship will be USA, which for the fourth year in a row will be paced by fireballing Sarah Alegria who last year hurled the Patriots to the championship and defeated the Hawks in the finals of the district tournament.

The games will renew a rivalry between Alegria, a senior, and Courtney Rabideau, a junior. Both are GTW all conference players.

Emily Schinnerer will play third and also be available again for spot duty on the mound.

Jenni Brinkman earned a host of accolades last year when she earned all district, all region and all conference honors. She batted .353 with 15 RBIs.

With the other veterans returning are Aimee Hennessey, first base; Ashleigh Rabideau, who plays any position except pitching and batted .265 last year; and Brandi Talaski, all district outfielder with .333 batting average.

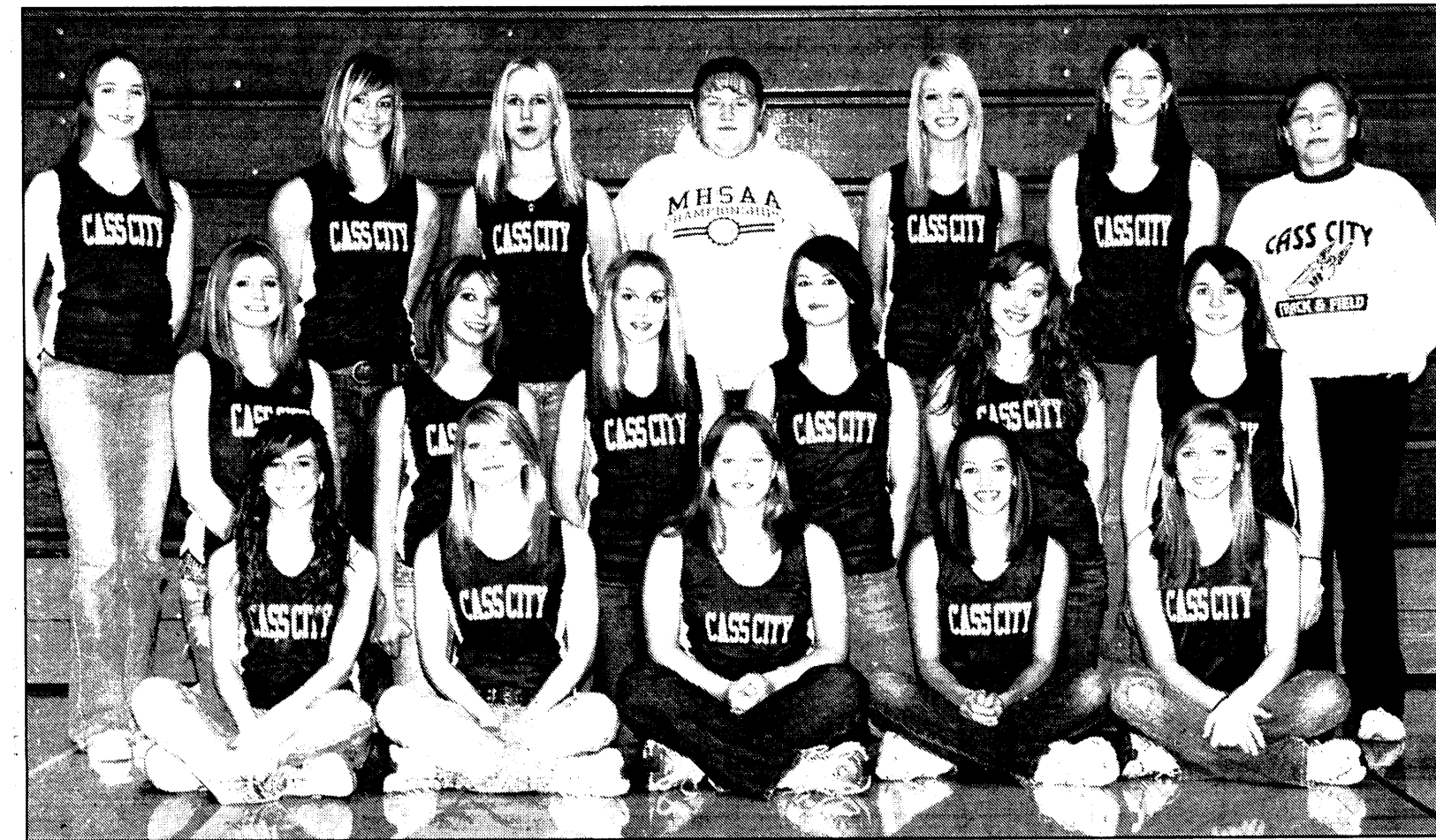
Other team members include sophomore Heather Moore, shortstop; Sara Meeker, a good athlete who can play 3 positions; Becca Bennett a solid player; Alyssa Cryderman, outfielder, and Stephanie Jamieson, a good hitter who will play outfield.

Missing from last year's squad will be outfielders Luann Laming and Ashley Barriger; first base player Kristina Spaulding, and Gail Hartwick at third base.

Weather permitting, the girls' first test will be at home against the Caro Tigers Friday and then a game at tough Freeland Monday.

Experienced pitching will be one of Cass City's strengths. Rabideau posted a 14-5 record with 137 strikeouts and a gaudy 1.64 ERA. She batted .397 with 29 runs batted in and 17 stolen bases.

Senior Ashley Hendrick was 12-3 with 64 strikeouts and a .370 batting average. A suburb athlete, she is capable of playing any infield position.



THE 2006 CASS CITY Girls' Track members are: (front, l-r) Leah Whittaker, Ashley Weiss, Klyn Puterbaugh, Kelli Lautner, Jennica Richards; (middle, l-r) Andrea Zimmerman, Brooke Mika, Brittany Loomis, Becca Doerr, Brittany Karavas, Cassie Parker; (back, l-r) Sarah Reed, Caitlin Sorenson, Kati Hill, Ashley Puterbaugh, Carly Howard, Jen Zmierski and Coach Laura Schinnerer.

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April 20	Ubyly	4:15 p.m.	H
April 24	Harbor Beach	4:15 p.m.	A
April 26	Cros-Lex	4:15 p.m.	A
April 27	Sandusky	4:15 p.m.	A
May 1	Valley Lutheran	4:15 p.m.	A
May 4	Lakers	4:15 p.m.	H
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May 11	Bad Axe	4:15 p.m.	H
May 15	Mayville	4:15 p.m.	H
May 18	USA	4:15 p.m.	A
May 20	Imlay City Tour	9:00 a.m.	A
May 22	Reese	4:15 p.m.	H
May 25	BCAS	4:15 p.m.	A
June 2	Districts	TBA	

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THE RED HAWK Varsity Baseball team members are: (front, l-r) Austin Babich, Jarod Stoutenburg, Dustin Bader, Chris Clifton, Jeff Stoutenburg, Cameron Lautner, Brandon Miller, Brett Babich; (back, l-r) Coach Ryan Pritchett, Deryll Schenk, Bradley Hartel, Cody Halasz, Brad Langenburg, Kyle Monroe, Justin Glaza, Andrew Martin and Coach Joe Langenburg.

Cass City fields veteran ballclub with Greater Thumb West title hopes

Coach Ryan Pritchett, starting his sixth year at the helm of the Cass City Red Hawk baseball team, will have a veteran squad to turn to in a quest for a Greater Thumb West championship and a district tourney title.

The Hawks graduated just 3 players and replacing them will not be easy. Gone is Nick Stoutenburg, who was a 3-year varsity player and a vacuum sweeper at first base. Mike Havens played the infield and posted 5 wins on the mound. Lee Hutchinson was a designated hitter with a .386 average.

With the experience gained last season, Pritchett expects the team to be very competitive. Last year the Hawks were in a 3-way tie for third place with a league 5-6 record and a 21-10 mark overall. Bay City All Saints dominated and went undefeated in the league last year and will be a team to beat again this season.

A strong pitching staff is one of the bright spots of the Hawks' lineup. Brad Langenburg, an all-conference player, posted a 7-4 record and a 1.96 ERA. He also was the leading sticker on the club with a .406 average and 27 RBIs.

Brett Babich improved as the year progressed and struck out 79 with a 2.10 ERA and a 6-2 record. Brad Hartel was a spot starter with a 3-0 record and also anchored center field. Austin Babich will pitch and play the infield.

Cody Halasz was the power hitter for the Hawks with 4 round trippers and 27 RBIs. Justin Glaza played in both the infield and outfield and utilized his speed with 13 stolen bases. Although Nick is gone, the 2 Stoutenburg brothers remaining will be vital to the team's success. Jeff will be catching or playing in the outfield. He had 21 stolen bases last season. Jarod will be in the infield and last season helped the offense with 18 RBIs.

Other squad members are Dustin Bader, infield; Deryll Schenk, infield-outfield; Cameron Lautner infield-outfield; Brandon Miller, infield-outfield; Kyle Monroe, infield and Chris Clifton, infield.

"This group is very focused and eager to get the season started," Pritchett said.

The Hawks play at home against Caro Thursday and at Freeland Monday.

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THE LADY RED HAWK Soccer team members include: (front, l-r) Taryn Vatter, Jerica Fenningsdorf, Jenna Timko, Nicole Wright, Stephanie Healy; (middle, l-r) Coach Kristin Dubs, Kalen Trischler, Amanda Stevens, Mirrissa Curtis, Katie Kleo, Katie McIntosh, Whitney Braun; (back, l-r) Cassie Simpson, Caitlyn Rickett, Krysta Timko, Cansu Caglar, Danielle Delamarter, Donna Bushong and Cassie Parker.

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

Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C.
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Our File No. 06-4806

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

Dated: March 29, 2006

ORLANS ASSOCIATES PC
Attorneys for Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee
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File No. 310.0697

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Marie L. Vernier, a married woman, and Lola M. Rogers and Jack W. Rogers, wife and husband, all as joint tenants, original mortgagors, to Mac-Clair Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated March 7, 2001 and recorded on March 15, 2001 in Liber 824 on Page 977, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Washington Mutual Home Loans, Inc. as assignee by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Five Hundred Twenty-seven and 27/100 Dollars (\$112,520.27), including interest at 8.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on April 13, 2006.

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

Part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 10, Township 10 North, Range 8 East, described as beginning at a point on the South line of said Section 10, which is South 89 Degrees 49 Minutes 40 Seconds East, 200.00 feet from the Southwest corner of Section 10; thence continuing along said South line, South 89 Degrees 49 Minutes 40 Seconds East, 130.00 feet; thence North 335.24 feet; thence North 89 Degrees 49 Minutes 57 Seconds West, 130.00 feet; thence South 335.64 feet to the point of beginning. Subject to the use of the Southern 33.00 Feet thereof as Millington Road. Subject to easements and rights of way of record. Survey recorded in Liber 1 of Surveys, Pages 538 to 539, Tuscola County Records.

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

Dated: March 15, 2006

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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Attorneys for Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #077975F02

3-15-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Clifford J. Plain and Lisa Plain, husband and wife, to American Nationwide Mortgage Company, Inc., Mortgagee, dated April 20, 2001 and recorded May 2, 2001 in Liber 830, Page 667, Tuscola County Records. Said mortgage is now held by Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee by assignment submitted to and recorded by the Tuscola County Register of Deeds. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Seventy Thousand Three Hundred Eighteen and 90/100 Dollars (\$70,318.90) including interest at the rate of 10.88% 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 20, 2006.

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

A parcel of land in the Southeast one-quarter of Section 34, Township 11 North, Range 10 East, described as follows: Commencing at a point where the South boundary line of highway M-38 intersects the East section line of Section 34, Township 11 North, Range 10 East; and running thence Westerly along the South boundary line of highway M-36 far enough to make 1,000 feet West; thence South to the North Boundary line of the C & O Railroad right of way; thence Easterly along the North boundary line of C & O Railroad right of way 400 feet; thence North to the South boundary line of highway M-38; thence Westerly along the South boundary of highway M-38 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 mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale.

Dated: March 22, 2006

ORLANS ASSOCIATES PC
Attorneys for Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee, as Assignee
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 457-1000
File No. 210.0845

3-22-4

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by 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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Attorneys for Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #077204F02

3-29-4

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by 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 00 degree East, 217.80 feet; thence South 90 degree East, 200 feet; thence North 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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File #088422F01

3-29-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Anthony H. Makinson and Kellie S. Makinson, husband and wife, Mortgagees, to Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation, Mortgagee, dated July 23, 1998 and recorded on June 30, 1999 in Liber 775, Page 806, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which said mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of One Hundred Twenty Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-One and 39/100 (\$120,751.39) Dollars, including interest at 9.8% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, on Thursday, April 13, 2006, at 10:00 a.m.

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

Part of the South 20 acres of the Southwest fractional 1/4 of the Northwest fractional 1/4 of Section 30, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, described as: beginning at a point on the West line of said fractional Section 30, which is North, 229.90 feet from the West 1/4 corner of said Section 30; thence continuing along said West line North 165.00 feet to the North line of the South 20 acres; thence along said North line of said South 20 acres, North 88 degrees 35 minutes 20 seconds East, 264.00 feet; thence South 165.00 feet; thence South 88 degrees 35 minutes 20 seconds West, 264.00 feet to the place of beginning.

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

with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 3, 2006

Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation
n/k/a Green Tree Servicing, LLC
Mortgagee

Keith A. Sotiroff, Esq.
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3-15-4

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Debra L. Clayton, a single woman, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated May 26, 2005 and recorded on June 6, 2005 in Liber 1041 on Page 397 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 Fourteen Thousand Two Hundred Thirteen and 12/100 Dollars (\$14,213.12), including interest at 7.9% 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 13, 2006.

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

Part of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 4, Town 10 North, Range 9 East, beginning at a point on the West line of said Section 4, which is South 659.77 Feet from the West Quarter corner of said Section, thence continuing along said West line, South 334.15 Feet; thence North 89 Degrees 39 Minutes 55 Seconds East 264.00 Feet; thence parallel with the West line of said Section, South 165.00 Feet; thence North 89 Degrees 39 Minutes 55 Seconds East 261.00 Feet; thence North 498.33 Feet; thence South 89 Degrees 45 Minutes 19 Seconds West 525.00 Feet to the point of beginning.

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

Dated: March 15, 2006

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #085630F01

3-15-4

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by George Gean and Kathleen Gean, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated October 28, 2002 and recorded on November 6, 2002 in Liber 901 on Page 462, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Four Thousand Five Hundred Twenty-Seven and 15/100 Dollars (\$54,527.15), including interest at 8.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on April 13, 2006.

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

Commencing 46 rods East of the quarter stake on the North side of Section 16, Town 12 North, Range 9 East; thence East 5 rods 1.5 feet; thence South 16 rods; thence West 5 rods 1.5 feet; thence North 16 rods to the place of beginning. Except commencing at a point which is 46 rods East of the quarter stake on the North side of Section 16, Town 12 North, Range 9 East; thence 14 feet East; thence South 108 feet; thence Southwesterly to a point which 7 feet East and 116 feet North of the Southwest corner of a parcel of land described as commencing 46 rods East of the quarter stake on the North side of Section 16, Town 12 North, Range 9 East; thence North 16 rods to the place of beginning; thence South 16 feet; thence West 7 feet; thence North 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 15, 2006

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
FC S (248) 593-1304
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30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #085573F01

3-15-4

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by David Bossick, a single man, and Jessica Welch, as joint tenants, original mortgagors, to Mac-Clair Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated January 18, 2001 and recorded on January 19, 2001 in Liber 819 on Page 1116, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Chase Manhattan Mortgage 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 Sixty-Four Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-Three and 17/100 Dollars (\$64,573.17), including interest at 8% 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 13, 2006.

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

Lot 24, and the East half of Lot 25, Block 7 of Charles Montague's Subdivision, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 10, now being page 11A, Tuscola County Records.

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

Dated: March 15, 2006

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #017932F03

3-15-4

AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTIFY (248) 362-6100 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

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. Koeltzow, a single woman, of Tuscola County, Michigan, Mortgagee to Flagstar Bank, F.S.B., 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.

And no suit 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 pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 11th day of May, A.D., 2006, at 10:00 o'clock said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage.

Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the Township of Arbelia, in the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan and described as follows to wit: THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 SECTION, OF SECTION 30, TOWN 10 NORTH, RANGE 7 EAST, EXCEPT THE EAST 250 FEET THEREOF, AND ALSO EXCEPTING THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PARCEL, BEGINNING AT A POINT 400 FEET SOUTH OF THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION; THENCE EAST 220 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 198 FEET; THENCE WEST 330 FEET; THENCE NORTH 198 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. Commonly known as: 9643 South Reese Rd.

Tax ID: 003-030-200-0400-00

The redemption period shall be one year 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 31, 2006

WELTMAN, WEINBERG & REIS CO., L.P.A.
By: Daniel E. Best, (P-58501)
Attorney for Assignee of Mortgagee
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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 JPMorgan 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, 2

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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 Mortgagee 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 33 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:
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Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #087221F01

3-29-4

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by 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
FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #084261F01

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Douglas R.

Sears and Betty A. Sears, Mortgagors, to Greentree F/K/A Conesco Bank, Inc., Mortgagee, dated the 5th day of June, 2000 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 22nd day of June, 2000 in Liber 804 of Tuscola County Records, page 296, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Fifty Seven Thousand One Hundred Thirty Seven and 58/100 (\$57,137.58), and no suit or proceeding 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 pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 20th day of April, 2006 at 10:00 o'clock am Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, front entrance of the Courthouse in Village of Caro, Tuscola City MI (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Tuscola is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 14.25% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney 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: All that certain piece or parcel of land, including any and all structures, and homes, manufactured or otherwise, located thereon, situated in the Town of Vassar, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit:

Commencing at the Northeast corner of Section 9, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, Vassar Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, thence South 01 degrees 25 minutes 37 seconds East 525.79 feet along the East line of said Section 9 to the point of beginning. Running thence South 01 degrees 25 minutes 37 seconds East 152.46 feet along the East line of said Section 9; thence South 88 degrees 39 minutes 43 seconds West 642.88 feet; thence North 01 degrees 25 minutes 37 seconds West 152.46 feet; thence North 88 degrees 39 minutes 43 seconds East 642.88 feet to the point of beginning. Being part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 9, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, Vassar Township, Tuscola County, Michigan.

During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during 30 days immediately following the sale.

Dated: March 22, 2006

GreenTree, F/K/A Conesco Bank, Inc. Mortgagee

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3-22-4

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 of 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, 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 #MBS0894 (hereinafter Home 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
TROT & TROTT, P.C.
By: Christopher S. Asitalk, P53129
Attorneys for Plaintiff
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
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T & T #20118929

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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 Randle 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 Penta 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
FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Timothy M. Romain, a single man, original mortgagor, to American Financial Mortgage, Mortgagee, dated November 16, 1998 and recorded on November 16, 1998 in Liber 755 on Page 1326, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Standard Federal Bank as assignee by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Three Thousand Eighty-Eight and 5/100 Dollars (\$53,088.54), including interest at 8% 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:

Lot 31, Block 4 of Charles Montague's Subdivision, except a strip of land 8 feet wide of the West end of said Lot 31, according to plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 10, now being 11A.

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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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 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 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
FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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3-29-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by SCOTT D. KREIL and DOROTHY SUE KREIL, HUSBAND AND WIFE, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., "MERS", solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated July 3, 2003 and recorded on July 11, 2003, in Liber 941, on Page 621, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty-Three Dollars and No Cents (\$97,933.00), including interest at 7.000% 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, front entrance of the Courthouse Building in the Village of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM o'clock, on April 20, 2006.

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

LOT 1, BLOCK 1, VANDERBILT SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 1 OF PLATS, PAGE 32B.

TAX ID NO. 023-028-000-4600-00

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

Dated: March 15, 2006

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. "MERS", solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns Mortgagee/Assignee

Peter M. Schneiderman & Associates, P.C.
23100 Providence Drive, Suite 450
Southfield, MI 48075
Client I.D. GMAC.0727

3-22-4

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by David Palomares, a single man, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated February 18, 2002 and recorded on August 20, 2002 in Liber 890 on Page 920 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Countrywide Home Loans, Inc. as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-Two Thousand Eight Hundred Two and 93/100 Dollars (\$32,802.93), 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 April 20, 2006.

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

Section 13, Town 12 North, Range 7 East, beginning 132 feet West of the Northeast Corner of Section 13; thence West 100 feet; South 150 feet east 100 feet, North 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 22, 2006
FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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3-22-4

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jay Herman, a single man, survivor of himself, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated October 16, 2000 and recorded on October 30, 2000 in Liber 814 on Page 640, and re-recorded on March 7, 2001 in Liber 823 on Page 623 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST COMPANY AMERICAS, F/K/A BANKERS TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE AS assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-One Thousand One Hundred Ninety-Four and 02/100 Dollars (\$51,194.02), including interest at 8.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on April 13, 2006.

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

Beginning at a point on the East line of Section 16, Town 13 North, Range 10 East, which is South 528 feet from the Northeast corner of said Section; thence continuing along the East line, South 396 feet; thence parallel to the South line of Ellington Cemetery, Westerly 792 feet; thence Northerly 396 feet; thence along the South line of said Cemetery Easterly 792 feet to the East line and point of beginning.

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

Dated: March 15, 2006

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jeffrey D. Loree and Tina M. A. Loree, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated March 18, 2004 in Liber 984 on Page 1104 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Chase Home Finance LLC as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Sixty-Five Thousand Six Hundred Forty-Two and 40/100 Dollars (\$165,642.40), including interest at 6.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on April 20, 2006.

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

The West 21.96 acres of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 8, Township 11 North, Range 9 East.

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

Dated: March 22, 2006

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Lee H. Kincl, a single man, original mortgagor, to Icon Financial Group, Inc., Mortgagee, dated March 21, 2000 and recorded on March 23, 2000 in Liber 797 on Page 003, and assigned by said Mortgagee to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc. as assignee by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Three Thousand Six Hundred Seventy-Four and 25/100 Dollars (\$93,674.25), including interest at 9% 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 20, 2006.

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

Commencing at the North 1/4 corner of Section 1, Town 11 North, Range 11 East; thence South 1 degree 43 minutes West along the North and South 1/4 line, 660.00 feet; thence South 88 degrees 34 minutes West, 330 feet; thence North 1 degree 43 minutes East, 660 feet to the North section line; thence South 88 degrees 34 minutes East 330 feet to the point of beginning EXCEPT the East 30 feet thereof.

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

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Micklash, Froede "citizens of year"

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"I could spend several minutes describing his business accolades and some of the citations he received in those endeavors, but this award is for the effort over and above what a person has given on behalf of our beloved Cass City area," said Wallace.

Micklash spent 11 years as a member of the Hills and Dales General Hospital Board of Directors, including time as its chairman. He is an 18-year Rotary member, serving as the civic club's current president. Additionally, Micklash served 12 years as a Gavel Club member and officer. He also volunteered his leadership skills to the St. Pancratius Catholic Church as member and president of the parish council.

Micklash was a Cass City Little League coach for 19 years, including both the boys' baseball and girls' softball programs.

Micklash was also presented with a special tribute from the State of Michigan during the festivities, which was announced by former Citizen of the Year Bert Althaver.

JUNIOR CITIZEN

Holding back tears of joy, Froede, daughter of Gloria Froede, accepted the Junior Citizen of the Year Award.

"Thank you," said a choked-up Froede. "I think through my volunteering I've helped with the community, I've been able to help others." Among her numerous services to the

community are time spent volunteering for the Red Cross Blood Drive, Rotary Christmas for Kids, Thumb Octagon Barn, American Red Cross and Reading Across America program.

She has served her school as student council-vice president and treasurer and as treasurer of the National Honor Society.

During her high school years, Froede earned Academic Excellence Awards in Spanish, Physical Education, Science, Computerized Accounting, English, Geometry, Economics and Computer Literacy. She has been an active member of the Big Brother Big Sister program, earning recognition from the State of Michigan.

Employed as a customer service representative at Thumb National Bank, the pom-pom squad member plans to attend Albion College to pursue a career in economics and management.

Jim Luth, long-time chamber board member, also honored the Junior Citizen nominees during the 2-hour program stating it's "always difficult (selecting just one) because we have so many good candidates."

From the Class of 2006 were Ashley Hendrick, daughter of Chuck and Kelli Hendrick; Derrick Mallory, son of Brian and Renee Mallory; Philip Nahernak, son of Dr. Nicholas and Veronica Nahernak; Ashley Puterbaugh, daughter of Denise Puterbaugh; and Jeff Stoutenburg, son of Ed and Susie Stoutenburg.

PAST JUNIOR CITIZENS OF THE YEAR

- Betty Kennedy 1965
- Robert Rabideau 1966
- Tim Knight 1967
- Joan Maleck 1968
- Lynn Haire 1969
- Sally Geiger 1970
- Cindy Strickland 1971
- Anne Bulen 1971
- Ron Crandell 1972
- Kim Glaspie 1973
- Melody Bacon 1974
- Marie Hobart 1975
- Ann Hobart 1976
- Sue Pobanz 1976
- Cathy Hobart 1977
- Ross Ridenour 1978
- David Heins 1979
- Frances Kozan 1979
- Ken Martin Jr. 1980
- Tammy Tibbits 1981
- Scott Hobart 1982
- Carrie Lautner 1983
- Suzzy Scollon 1984
- Julie Smith 1985
- Tammy Iseler 1986
- Clayton Hobart 1987
- David Burnette 1988
- Jane Dickinson 1988
- Amy Francis 1989
- Jeff Bader 1990
- Jane Marker 1991
- Steve Tuckey 1991
- Jodi Erla 1992
- Melissa Micklash 1993
- Amy Osantoski 1993
- Ryan King 1994
- Stacey Klinkman 1994
- Michelle Brown 1995
- Mandy Nizzola 1995
- Andrea Cooper 1996
- Whitney Osentoski 1996
- Elizabeth Bashur 1997
- Lori Brown 1998
- Ryan Hutchinson 1998
- Becky Oesch 1999
- Jim Dale 1999
- Alyssa Glaspie 2000
- Melissa Homakie 2000
- Randy Diebel 2001
- Katie Hacker 2001
- Sara Homakie 2002
- Jessica Nicol 2003
- Leslie Hacker 2004

PAST CITIZENS OF THE YEAR

- Krista Homakie 2005
- Nicole Froede 2006
- Willis Campbell 1963
- Herb Ludlow 1964
- M.B. Auten 1965
- Lucille Bauer 1966
- E.B. Schwaderer 1967
- Dr. H.T. Donahue 1968
- James Bauer 1969
- Audley Rawson 1970
- Curtis Hunt 1971
- W.E. Walpole 1972
- H.M. Bulen 1973
- Harry Little 1974
- Cliff Croft 1975
- Evelyn MacRae 1976
- Lambert Althaver 1977
- William Kritzman 1978
- Dr. D.E. Rawson 1980
- Esther McCullough 1980
- James Ware 1981
- Holly Althaver 1982
- Arthur Holmberg 1983
- Thomas Herron 1984
- Geraldine Prieskorn 1984
- Thomas Proctor 1985
- Jack Esau 1986
- Lou LaPonsie 1987
- Michael Weaver 1988
- B.A. Calka 1989
- Lloyd Vyse 1989
- Ken Jensen 1990
- Arlan Hartwick 1991
- Wayne Dillon 1991
- Nina Davis 1992
- Edward Scollon 1993
- Robert Tuckey 1994
- Robert Stickle 1995
- Jane Mitchell 1996
- Janice Winter 1997
- Marv Winter 1997
- Barbara Hutchinson 1998
- Katie Jackson 1999
- Gary Jones 2000
- Bob Hirn 2001
- Roger Marshall 2002
- Jane Hittler 2003
- Arthur Severance 2004
- Janet Severance 2004
- Dick Wallace 2005
- Norma Wallace 2005
- Ken Micklash 2006

TEC taxes to top \$18 million

Thumb Electric Cooperative officials say they expect to pay more than \$18 million in property taxes to schools, townships, counties and through other voter-approved millages in its 3-county service area over the next 20 years.

In 2005 alone, Thumb Electric Cooperative paid more than \$491,000 in property taxes in Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac counties.

The cooperative's personal property taxes have been increasing by about 6 percent a year due to new equipment being installed, and increases in millage rates. In addition, the cooperative pays some \$90,000 in single business taxes to the state.



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Automotive

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NO SMOKING BINGO - Every Sunday at new Knights of Columbus Hall, 6106 Beechwood Dr., Cass City. Doors open 5:00 p.m., games start at 5:30. Phone 872-8892. Knights of Columbus Council No. 8892. 5-9-30-1f

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pretty much born with," Kropewnicki said, referring to achalasia, the inability of the lower esophageal sphincter (a ring of muscle between the lower esophagus and the stomach) to open and let food pass into the stomach,

making it difficult to swallow. Achalasia is a rare disease that in time made it impossible for him to swallow, eventually requiring major surgery.

"In my high school years, I struggled long and I learned to develop strong muscles just below the chin area. It was just kind of a survival instinct to do that," he recalled. "The surgery doesn't (cure) you, it just makes it so you can swallow."

Looking back, Kropewnicki said, it's likely the damage caused by that disease predisposed him to cancer, because one result - extensive reflux - damages cells in the esophagus, cells that are replaced by pre-cancerous cells. "So, I could have been pre-cancerous 30 years ago," he added.

Kropewnicki thought the condition had returned a year ago when he began to have trouble swallowing again. He was wrong. After undergoing testing, he learned he has late fourth stage (advanced) esophageal cancer that had already spread to his hips and spine.

"I figured, we caught it early enough. It will be done and over," Kropewnicki recalled thinking. "But you don't catch esophageal cancer early, you catch it late."

In fact, the spreading cancer had already destroyed one of Kropewnicki's vertebrae, requiring surgery to replace the bone. He said it's a miracle he hadn't suffered paralysis while diving or running over the years.

Kropewnicki's years in the education field prompted him to immediately begin researching his disease and search for the best hospital he could find. But he hit several roadblocks along the way; officials at Johns Hopkins rejected his referral there, and doctors at the University of Michigan wanted to start his battery of tests all over again before starting treatment.

"It was a bit of a desperate situation," Kropewnicki said. "U-M was dragging their feet, and I knew time was not on my side."

While undergoing a scan in Saginaw, Kropewnicki said his daughter, Michelle, made a phone call to some special friends, Doty and the late Dr. Edward "Doc" Scollon of Cass City, in hopes of getting some advice - at the time, Dr. Scollon was in the midst of his own battle with cancer.

"She (Michelle) talked straight to Doc because Doty wasn't there, and he said, 'the answer is in your own backyard.'"

The "answer" turned out to be Cass City Physician Dr. Liberata Pantig, M.D., who specializes in internal medicine. Dr. Pantig agreed to see Kropewnicki immediately and, after going through his file, told him surgery was out of the question. She instead recommended a full-body approach to treatment via chemotherapy. The doctor also made arrangements to get him admitted to William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, where he has been treated by Oncologist Dr. Vidal D. Borromeo, M.D.

Kropewnicki said his chemotherapy treatments were supposed to keep him hospitalized for about one week each month, but his first stay lasted 34 days, followed by stays of 22 and 21 days.

In time, the treatments helped and Kropewnicki was doing better, but

the good news didn't last. "That's where I'm at now; I'm on the losing side," he said, adding his hope now is on a new drug called Avistin, which cuts off the blood supply to tumors and is used in conjunction with chemotherapy.

Kropewnicki noted the drug wasn't developed for his type of cancer, but that Dr. Borromeo obtained permission to treat him with it.

"Dr. 'B' lives for his patients. He fights for them," Kropewnicki said, adding the physician is tireless in the care of his patients. "He doesn't talk chances. His goal is to attack the cancer and do the very best he can."

"The (chemotherapy) treatments have been very, very difficult," he continued. "I'm not considered curative. The real goal is to alleviate the symptoms, provide comfort and give me as many years as they can."

"It's been a good fight," Kropewnicki said, noting only 7 to 10 percent of victims of his type of cancer survive beyond 5 years after being diagnosed.

"So, we're out to prove that statistic wrong," said Cathy Kropewnicki, who works as a curriculum/school improvement specialist for the Tuscola and Huron intermediate school districts.

Friends of the Kropewnickis have

rallied around the family to offer their support, which led to the upcoming benefit dinner.

"We wanted to help them out. We just wanted to do something in support to let him know we're behind him," said Carol Ehrlich of Gageton, who is organizing the dinner along with her husband, Bill, and 3 other couples - Jim and Linda Roe, Pauline and Tom Reehl and Liz and Norbert Reehl - all good friends of the Kropewnickis.

The benefit is the latest in a long line of kindnesses shown by family, friends, the community and even strangers, according to the Cass City couple. From sending e-mails of encouragement, to bringing in meals to cutting their grass last summer, they said, people have been wonderfully supportive.

It's been absolutely overwhelming," Cathy said.

Mike agreed. "I'm just really overcome by everything they've done," he said.

"I get complimented a lot for my strength and courage, but I know at times I don't deserve it," he added. "Sometimes I say, 'God, just take me, I don't want this anymore.' It's their (friends and family) encouragement and their support that makes me change my mind in a hurry and thank God that he didn't listen to me."

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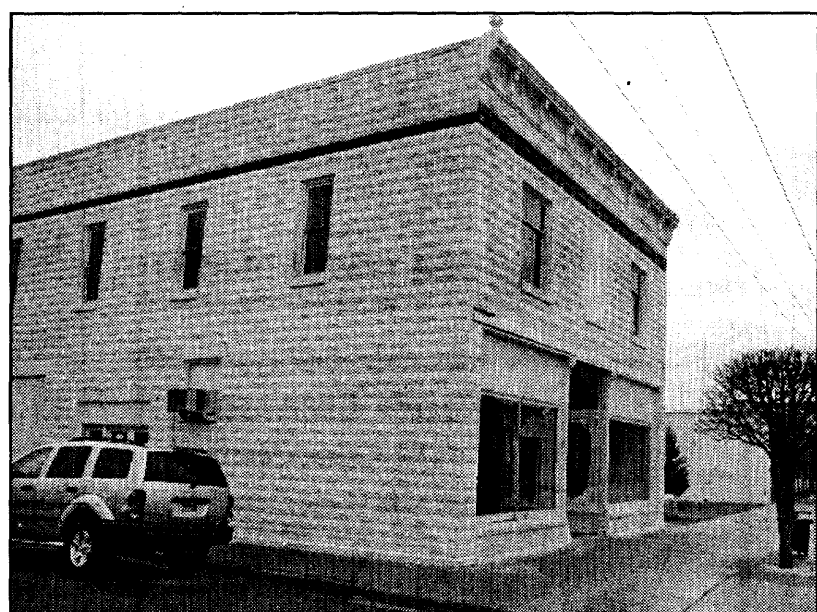
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THE CASS CITY Downtown Development Authority is purchasing the former NAPA building (above), with plans to lease it to the Nicols for an initial period of 2 years. (See story, page 4)

Decker man caught

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pects were stopped and investigated by a marked unit of the sheriff's department," Gray said.

During the traffic stop, officers located a clear plastic bag containing the marijuana, along with some scales.

Officers arrested the Decker man and transported him to the Sanilac County Jail. The Sandusky teen was also transported to the sheriff's department, where he was released to a parent. The pickup truck was impounded pending further investigation into the registered owner's possible involvement.

The drug task force is seeking 2 charges against the Decker man —

possession with intent to deliver marijuana, a felony punishable by up to 4 years in prison and/or a \$20,000 fine, and possession of marijuana, a misdemeanor with a maximum penalty of one year in jail and/or a \$2,000 fine. Gray said the suspect was released pending is scheduled arraignment today (Wednesday) in district court.

The Sandusky juvenile, meanwhile, has been referred to probate court for his involvement.

Gray reminds residents that they can anonymously report suspected drug trafficking activity by calling the drug task force toll-free at 1-800-544-DRUG (3784).

Drew Eurich "Student of the Month"



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Drew Eurich has been named Owendale-Gagetown School's "Senior Student of the Month" for March.

Eurich was a member of the golf team his sophomore and junior years. He also has been a member of the Owen-Gage band all through high school. Eurich currently serves as a teacher's aide and recently was one of 6 students from Owen-Gage who participated in the Math Olympics held at Saginaw Valley State University.

Eurich was chosen as a class representative for homecoming his junior and senior years and also was on the snowball court as a senior. He has been named a "focus" student the past 2 years.

He is the son of Andy and Sharon Eurich of Sebawaing and plans on attending Baker College in the fall to study computer programming.

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