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CASS CITY'S CHRISTMAS in the Village celebration includes a residential decorating contest, and there's no shortage of nice entries this year, including this home at the corner of Brooker and Pine streets. Judging for this year's contest is slated for Friday.

Council approves \$4.5 million budget

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

As expected, the Cass City Village Council approved a 2007 budget totaling more than \$4.5 million during a rescheduled monthly meeting Monday night.

Unanimous approval came following a 10-minute public hearing. There was no public comment.

As was true in 2006, the new spending plan devotes a large chunk of money to the village's arsenic treatment plant now under construction to meet new federal limits on arsenic levels in drinking water. The project cost is \$1.858 million.

Village officials, however, are projecting modest increases in general fund expenditures and revenues.

"It's a conservative budget, it's balanced and there's no increase in taxes," village Manager Peter Cristiano said. He noted, however,

that there will be a 4-percent increase in water and sewer fees (less than \$2 a month for the average residence) to cover inflation and reserve requirements for Cass City's \$97,000 annual payment on a federal loan secured to finance the arsenic treatment plant.

The new budget relies on the same tax rate - 18.1387 mills - as 2006. For the owner of a house with a market value of \$80,000 and a taxable value of \$40,000, the levy translates into a tax bill of about \$725.

Cristiano said full-time village employees will receive a 2-percent pay increase in the coming year (see chart accompanying this story).

Proposed 2007 general fund expenditures are set at about \$1.355 million, an increase of \$77,196, or about 6 percent over estimated actual 2006 spending. Revenues are projected at just over \$1.4 million, an increase of \$112,165 (8.67 percent) over 2006.

"Street funds are healthy and we have a fund balance for unanticipated street and storm drain work," Cristiano noted.

Added costs in the coming year include a village election and an audit required for the federal loan and a grant approved for sidewalk construction, according to Cristiano, who said the audit cost will be \$10,000.

In addition, computers in the village office will be updated to handle the new electronic water meter reading equipment, and officials will be investing in upgrades for the office's heating system.

"In the street budget, 2007 will see a dramatic increase in crack-sealing open joints in all of the village streets," said Cristiano, who added there will be little street paving/construction in order to complete the arsenic treatment plant without borrow-

ing more money.

"A 3-percent increase in taxable value is anticipated, which is based on the inflation rate," Cristiano reported. "State revenue sharing is expected to be stagnant - no increase, no decrease. The projected 2007 state revenue sharing is slated to be \$277,233, exactly the same as 2006."

In the recreation budget, the swimming pool rates will remain the same. Swimming lessons will increase by \$5, from \$25 to \$30, still lower than other venues in the Thumb, according to Cristiano. Also increased will be adult softball league user fees, from \$25 to \$50 per team (fewer than 10 games) and from \$250 to \$350 (10 games or more).

Cristiano reported the village will be saving in the area of fringe benefits

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Gagetown man dies in crash

A Gagetown man was killed and his fiancé was seriously injured in a one-vehicle traffic crash Sunday night in Elmwood Township.

Tuscola County Undersheriff Jim Jashinske identified the victim Gregory Scott Myers, 51. He was a passenger in a car driven by Laura A. Raab, 44. Jashinske said the crash occurred at about 10:15 p.m. on Hurds Corner Road near Dickerson Road, about 6 miles west of Cass City.

Raab was driving northbound at the time of the accident, according to Jashinske. "She lost control. She dropped off the roadway onto the shoulder. She pulled it back, she overcorrected and went off the road on the east side and struck 2 trees," he said.

Myers, who was not wearing a seatbelt, was partially ejected from the vehicle. He was pronounced dead at the scene. An autopsy was scheduled for Monday.

Jashinske said investigators weren't able to determine if Raab was wearing a seatbelt. She was transported by FlightCare Helicopter to Covenant in Saginaw for treatment of injuries that included a broken ankle.

Jashinske said a passing motorist discovered the crash and went to a nearby residence to call 911.

The accident remains under investigation by deputies, who were assisted at the scene by the Elmwood Township-Gagetown and Elkland Township fire departments, and Cass City and Caro MMR personnel.

Heiser director of county U-W

The United Way of Tuscola County has always been an all-volunteer nonprofit organization, but that recently changed with the United Way board's decision to hire someone to devote more time to the annual campaign.

Jim Heiser of Cass City was named the first director of operations of the United Way of Tuscola County last week.

The board also authorized the hiring of a part-time employee to perform clerical work. Officials plan to contact employers, business owners and individuals to garner support for the new positions.

Heiser, who most recently served as vice president of the United Way of Tuscola County Board, is a retired Detroit Edison manager. He was named manager of the North Area Energy Center in Cass City in 1984 and retired 10 years later. He was recently appointed to fill a vacancy on the Cass City Village Council and has been a member of the village's downtown development authority-economic development corporation.

Heiser's new role with United Way is a paid position. Organization officials declined to say how much he will be paid, but indicated the amount is minimal and noted the job is part-time.

Heiser said he would like to see the job become a full-time position for someone in the future, for the sake of

the Tuscola County campaign.

"Studies done by others indicate that there is a distinct correlation between the community giving and the appointment of an individual responsible for solicitations, training, new programs and building of relationships throughout the county," he explained.

"The real point to be made, I think, is there needs to be somebody to go around and meet people and make contacts," Heiser said. "I think there's a lot to be said about that. You just need to get out and get people enthused about United Way."

That approach to fundraising has worked well in Sanilac County, where United Way officials utilize a full-time director and also employ a part-time clerical worker.

"They collected, last year, over \$170,000, and we collected \$50,000, and I think their population is 3,000 or 4,000 less than ours," Heiser pointed out.

United Way of Tuscola County officials kicked off their 2006-07 campaign last September, although they did not set a specific goal.

"We would like to get back into the \$75,000 range," Heiser said at the time, noting the economy, among other things, has significantly impacted contributions over the past couple of years.

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Burned out

Fund set up at local bank to collect funds for family

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

A Caro woman is working to set up a fire fund for her nephew and his family, who were burned out of their Hurds Corner Road home in late November.

But it hasn't been easy.

Joan Smith says she approached one area bank last week in hopes of setting up such a fund for her nephew, Dave Mellendorf, who along with his wife, Tosha, and the couple's 15 month-old-son, Ryan, lost their home in a Nov. 30 fire. However, Smith said she was told she couldn't open the account in her name.

"All I wanted was to open an account to help these kids out. There should be some way to help them," Smith said. "They're a young couple. They lost everything, and they have a new baby coming."

Smith reported Monday that she stopped at another bank, Thumb National Bank in Cass City. She said the staff there was quick to help and set up an account on behalf of the Mellendorf family.

The Mellendorfs have been staying with Dave's parents, Mary and Scott Mellendorf of Cass City, since the fire.

The blaze didn't level the couple's wood frame ranch home, but the structure was lost just the same and must be rebuilt, according to Dave Mellendorf, who is employed at Marshall Distributing in Cass City. Elmwood Township-Gagetown fire fighters investigated the fire, but could not determine the cause. No one was injured.

The Mellendorfs were insured, but the loss - especially at this time of the

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Crafty kids...

A HANDFUL OF youth took advantage of the young adult Christmas craft activity hosted by Rawson Memorial Library Saturday morning. Among the participants were (from left) Justin Zaleski, 11, Audrey VanAuken, 11, and Elisabeth Milligan, 11, all of Cass City.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski attended the wedding of Tracy Guigar and Eric Duda at St. Columbkille Catholic Church at 1:30 p.m. Dec. 2. A reception followed at Ublly Heights. Allen Farrelly had lunch with Margaret Cook and Doris Western Monday.

Renee Puterbaugh of Shabbona spent Tuesday with Mrs. Curtis Cleland.

Larry Robinson of Caro and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson visited Thelma Jackson Monday.

Don Buchanan, Ella Mae Becker, Robert Becker and Jim Hewitt attended the funeral of Florence Hewitt Campbell Hoff at Steuerno! McLauren Funeral Home in St. Helen Saturday, Dec. 2. Burial was in the Fairview Cemetery. She is survived by a sister, Ella Mae Becker; and a brother, Jim Hewitt, both of Cass City.

Claude Mestack, Jack Kennedy, Bernard Morley and Allen Farrelly met at Burger King in Bad Axe. Later they went to the Free Methodist Church before delivering packages to Clothe a Child.

Mrs. Ray Depcinski, Mrs. Allen Depcinski, Elaine Laming and Karen Rutkowski attended a Christmas party at St. John's Catholic Church Monday evening. Santa came and there

was a gift exchange. John Smigielski from Ublly donated poinsettias and other prizes for the dinner.

Allen Farrelly spent Wednesday in Sterling Heights with June Rutz and family.

Don Buchanan and Ella Mae Becker of Cass City visited Thelma Jackson Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski attended the D of I and the K of C meeting at the K of C Hall in Bad Axe Thursday evening.

Fourteen members of The Cancer Support Group met at the Pigeon Hospital Dec. 14 for dinner.

Mrs. Allen Depcinski was a Tuesday dinner guest of Violet Holdwick and later they visited Leona Masaulf.

Seven members of The Traveling Breakfast Club met at the Franklin Plaza Thursday morning. They will meet at the Peppermill next week.

Seven couples from The Young Ideas Farm Bureau group meet at Cousins in Bad Axe on Wednesday, Nov. 29 for their Christmas party. After dinner, the group went to the home of Clarence and Pat Heleski, where they played cards. High prizes were won by Dorothy and Stanley Heleski. Low prizes were won by Mrs. Ray Depcinski and Clarence Heleski. The next meeting will be at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Bouchard Jan. 18.

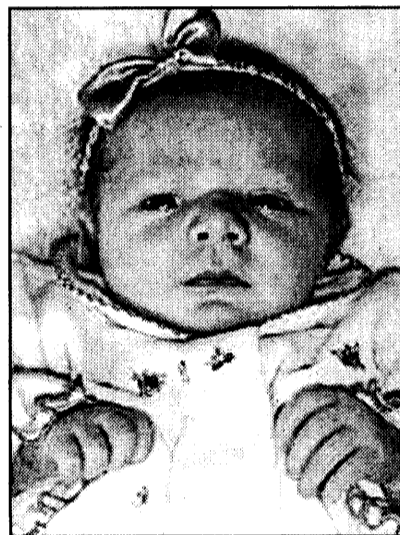
It's a girl!

Cody McArthur welcomed home his baby sister Sunday afternoon from Huron Medical Center, Bad Axe.

Haitey Meredith McArthur was born Friday, Dec. 8, 2006 to Dave and Angie McArthur of Snover. She weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces and was 19 3/4 inches long with lots of dark hair.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert McArthur of Cass City and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Meredith of Snover.

It's a girl!



Kate Alison Hill

Marc and Michelle Hill of Pigeon announce the birth of their daughter, Kate Alison Hill.

Kate was born Nov. 25, 2006 at 12:41 a.m. She weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces and was 19 1/4 inches long.

She was welcomed home by her big brother, Tyler.

Her grandparents are Jim and Judy Brown of Cass City and Lewis and Janet Hill of Elkton. Great grandparents are Fay Ballagh of Cass City, Dorothy Hedley of Elkton, and Beatrice Hill of Elkton.

Engaged



Wendy Weaver and Mike Jansen

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Weaver announce the engagement of their daughter, Wendy, to Mike Jansen, son of Pastor Ben and Carol Jansen of Muskegon.

Wendy is a 1990 graduate of Cass City High School. She attended Central Michigan University. In 1995, she received her Bachelor of Science Degree in psychology, and in 1997, a Master of Science Degree in physical therapy. She currently resides in St. Joseph, and works for Lakeland HealthCare.

Mike is a 1988 graduate of Reeths-Puffer High School in Muskegon. He received his Bachelor of Art Degree in elementary education from the University of Michigan in 1993. Later he completed his Master of Art Degree in educational leadership and counseling psychology from Western Michigan University. He plans to complete his PhD in counseling psychology this spring. Currently, Mike is self-employed in a private counseling practice, as well as operating a salmon charter service on Lake Michigan.

The couple is planning an April 14, 2007 wedding in St. Joseph. They plan to reside in Spring Lake.

Christmas sing-along set Dec. 18

The Christmas season is fast approaching and there are many things to do to get ready for this special holiday. Plan to make time in your schedule to attend the annual Christmas sing-along at Rawson Memorial Library sponsored by the Cass City Area Historical & Genealogy Society and the Friends of the Library.

The date is Monday, Dec. 18 and the program starts at 7 p.m. The library's organ will be used to accompany the singing of familiar carols and there will be solos and duets performed throughout the evening.

Refreshments will be served. Even if you are not a singer come and enjoy this evening of fellowship and listening to favorite Christmas music.



Meg's Peg

Finding stuff

by Melva E. Guinther

When I was young I always wanted a big house. As a kid I used to dream about having a room of my own with 2 beds, and I could sleep in whichever one I chose. That was no doubt a reflection on the reality of living as one of 7 children in a house with 3 rooms and a path.

Compared to that house, the one we have now is huge - cluttered, but huge.

After our kids grew up and moved away, it seemed necessary to have a place big enough so they and their families could come and visit with some degree of comfort.

That's still true, but now I'm beginning to consider the virtues of a smaller house.

It's not exactly the size of the house, or even the cleaning, that presents a problem. It's just that the bigger the house, the more places you have to put things and lose track of them.

When the weather turned cold, I asked my husband if he'd like flannel sheets on the bed. He said yes. Accommodating wife that I am, I proceeded to look for the flannel sheets. I looked and looked and looked.

Finally I broke down and bought some new ones.

While trying to find my elusive Christmas sweaters that I'd stashed away in some safe place, I stumbled across the sheets. That's the way it always works. You find stuff while you're looking for something else you can't find.

Then the search was on for electric blankets - and the cords that go with them. I don't know why they can't make a universal cord that will work for any blanket, but no, some of them have 2 prongs and some of them have 3. They refuse to work without their very own cord.

While looking for the blankets, I came across some Christmas presents I'd bought during the summer and forgot about. And so it goes.

My brother, Chuck, called me a while back to ask me to take Ernie back. (Ernie is the guy who gets blamed whenever things are missing.) It seems he's become quite active at their house.

I didn't tell him that Ernie prefers to play tricks on those who are, as Dr. Ray likes to say, "not so young any more." My brother and his wife are considerably younger than we, but they're getting there. And Ernie knows it.

Usually his pranks are just annoying and inconvenient, but Ernie turned mean while we were away on a mini vacation with our daughter and husband, Sandy and Andy Welter, in Ohio. He broke my computer.

When I turned it on after arriving home, an unpleasant message appeared on the screen. Of course, I didn't understand a word of it, but basically it meant the PC was unusable.

Thank goodness Sandy was here! She's a consulting system engineer. (Our kids are so much smarter than their parents!) She got on the phone

with Andy, a UNIX system administrator, and on the backup computer with Dell tech support, and within an hour or so had the complex problem fixed.

It beats me how something could go wrong with a computer that wasn't even being used and worked fine when we left it. Nevertheless, I'm glad to have it back.

I'm sorry, Chuck, but I guess you'll have to deal with your Ernie on your own. We have enough trouble with ours.

Now where did he hide my glasses?

Banquet set in Sanilac

The 71st annual Sanilac County Dairy Banquet is scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 20, at 7:30 p.m. in the Sandusky High School cafeteria.

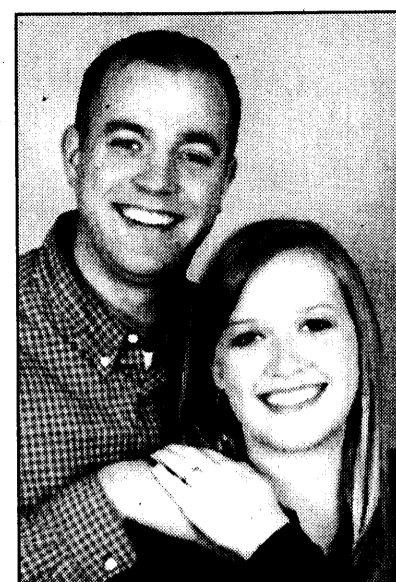
Sandusky High School is located on Pine Tree Lane, which is east off of M-19 on the south side of Sandusky.

This year's featured entertainer will be Ventriloquist Richard Paul, who is well known throughout Michigan and the Midwest for his family-oriented ventriloquist and puppet shows. He is also known for his education programs that are designed to stop school violence, promote self-esteem, end school bullying, resolve conflict and improve success skills.

The Sanilac County Dairy Banquet is held each year to celebrate the accomplishments of the local dairy industry. Sanilac County has more dairy farms than any other county in Michigan.

Tickets for the event are available at the Sanilac County MSU Extension Office, 37 Austin St., Sandusky.

Engaged



Margaret Weltin and Eric Pawlosky

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Weltin of Ublly and Mr. and Mrs. James Pawlosky of Bad Axe announce the engagement of their children, Margaret Jo Weltin and Eric Paul Pawlosky, both of Auburn Hills.

Margaret is a 2000 graduate of Ublly High School and a 2005 graduate of Saginaw Valley State University. She is currently employed as a preschool teacher at West Maple Elementary in Birmingham. She is the granddaughter of Marion Weltin of Cass City, the late Thomas Calvin Weltin, and the late Stanley and Lucille Learman.

Eric is a 1995 graduate of Bad Axe High School and a 2001 graduate of Central Michigan University with a Bachelor of Science Degree. He is currently employed as an outside claims adjuster for Citizens Insurance of Southfield. He is the grandson of the late Walter and Clara Kaufman and the late Joseph and Blanche Pawlosky.

A June 16, 2007 wedding at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Bad Axe is being planned.

Babysitter training scheduled

Hills and Dales General Hospital in Cass City will host an American Red Cross Babysitter Training Course Friday, Dec. 29, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The class is designed to teach boys and girls ages 11 to 15 years the information and skills necessary to provide safe and responsible care for young children. Topics covered include basic care, safety, safe play, first aid, and leadership and professionalism.

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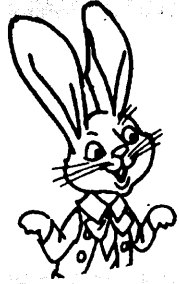
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Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

The Chronicle has received a field guide titled, "Terrorism and other Public Health Emergencies" from the U.S. Department of Health and Public Services. It contains brief factual information on potential public health hazards (chemical, biological, radiological) and emerging public health threats. It also includes public health program terms and resources, including websites.

The guide suggests best remedies in emergency situations. The guide can be seen in the Chronicle office or is available for free overnight examination on a first come, first served basis.

The deadline is near for helping out in the Christmas for Kids program sponsored by the Cass City Rotary Club.

New toys and other suitable gifts for area children can be brought to Curtis Chrysler in Cass City and should be delivered before gift packing is underway Saturday.

Cash donations should be made out to Cass City Rotary.

We all are deluged with advertising booklets or flyers in the mail. Most of them come unwrapped, but there are exceptions. Monday we received a 32-page ad booklet from Dell Corporation.

There was space left to address it and send it like nearly all of these booklets are mailed. The one that came to the paper from Dell was enclosed in an envelope with a one-page letter. It said that the Dell Corporation recently made a \$150 million investment in customer sales and support programs.

In that light, spending a few thousand unnecessary dollars for mailing is probably insignificant.

O-G senior in leadership event

An Owen-Gage High School senior has been nominated to compete in a national leadership event.

Grant Champagne was nominated to take part in the national Principal's Leadership Award (PLA) Scholarship Program, sponsored by the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NAASP) and Herff Jones Inc.

Owen-Gage School Supt. Dana Compton announced the nomination, saying he hopes Champagne will be one of the 100 national PLA winners to be chosen this spring to receive a \$1,000 college scholarship.

"Grant is a terrific example of what this scholarship seeks in student leaders," Compton said. "He has been active in student government, in the community, and in athletics. Grant has the respect of his peers and of his teachers and other adults with whom he has regular contact."

High school principals from across the country were able to nominate one of their student leaders.

Nominees were selected based on leadership skills, participation in ser-

vice organizations and clubs, achievements in the arts and sciences, employment experiences, and academic record. They were also required to write an essay.

"Every year, the nominees for the Principal's Leadership Award are just phenomenal, and Grant is no different," said Gerald Tirozzi, executive director of the NAASP. "He exemplifies the qualities that a true student leader embodies."

Aside from regularly earning a spot on the honor role, Champagne is president of the Owen-Gage Student Council, has volunteered for Adopt-a-Highway projects and held a part-time job in retail.

Champagne has earned varsity letters in 3 sports, serving as co-captain of the football and basketball teams. He also organized the Junior Bulldog Basketball Program for Owen-Gage Elementary students, and has been recognized by officials at Alma College, where he plans to sign a letter of intent to study and play football.



The back forty

by Roger Pond

I guess it's official. Ohio State will play Florida in the BCS National Championship game. That was determined by polls of college football coaches, sports writers, several computers, and one huge ouija board.

It could have been worse. We could have had a rematch of Ohio State and Michigan if Michigan had finished second in the BCS.

Two Michigan — Ohio State games in one season?! (Back to back, no less.) That would be unnatural, it seems to me.

I think poll voters felt the same way. There's some evidence that Michigan is better than Florida and just as good as Ohio State.

But Michigan lost their game in Columbus. "Tough crunchies," as we used to say. Next year they play in Ann Arbor.

The pollsters voted for Florida over Michigan because no sane person wants to see two Michigan — Ohio State games in the same season.

I know Ohio State students wouldn't want a second Michigan game. They burned up all their couches after the last one.

I'm not trying to offend the Buckeyes. I graduated from Ohio State, and I know how cold it gets there. Sometimes by the end of the season the couch is all you've got left.

For Ohio State and Michigan fans their November skirmish is bigger than the National Championship game. You don't want to ruin that by playing it twice.

That's what the BCS has done for us: Poll voters had to fudge their ballots to avoid the unthinkable.

This whole Bowl Championship Series is a waste of time, in my opinion. All they've done is add a game, made the football season a week longer, and pretty much ruined New Year's Day.

What if we had Ohio State and Southern Cal in the Rose Bowl? That would be a good game.

Michigan could play Florida in the Sugar Bowl. We would have two great bowl games with the winner of either emerging as the national champion. We wouldn't need a BCS National Championship game.

That's the way it used to be, back in the days when the most important poll was after the bowl games, instead of before. We didn't have coaches whining about their strength of schedule half way through the season.

Everybody just sat around New Year's Day, eating and griping about the referees. Then, when the games were over, the losers would say, "Just wait 'til next year," and we all went home. It seems kind of quaint when I look back on it.

Some folks think college football needs a play-off system, but I don't see what that would prove. That just caters to teams with a couple of losses and the hope they might get lucky at play-off time. We know any of the top teams could beat each other on a given day.

I can't see college football going back to the old system, though. It makes too much sense.

Our best hope is for them to tweak the BCS a little, so that everyone thinks something has changed; and then try to save as many couches as we can.

The Haire Net

These 2 are on my priority list



There are very few who have the resources to donate to all of the various organizations that are seeking our help. There must have been over 100 requests stuffed in our mailbox in the last 3 months. All of them have compelling reasons for needing our help. Most requests are from well-known organizations with exemplary records in their special fields, although there is a percentage from groups that most of us never heard about.

Because I am a charter member of "Trout Unlimited" and have basic memberships in 2 groups that are doing a big job in preserving lands and waters in the northern Lower Peninsula, my name promptly is added to the lists of potential contributors to all groups dedicated to preserving as much property as possible for the use of the public now and in the future. However, not all of my contributions are to nature preserving organizations.

Two venerable organizations are on my top priority list and I donate to both each year. When I give my tiny contribution of \$25 each I always feel that it's insignificant to the Red Cross and the Salvation Army. It may be more to my benefit than theirs.

It dates back to my World War II days. The Red Cross was active in the area where I was stationed in

Texas. It was under the auspices of the Red Cross that a furlough was arranged along with a loan to pay the expenses of the trip.

That's personal and raised my esteem of the Red Cross. In 1945 the Red Cross was tops in its field and highly regarded by the public. The Salvation Army was equated with volunteers ringing a bell for bucks at the entrance to buildings. But the veterans in World War II, especially those fighting overseas, placed the work of the Salvation Army second to none. Every returning veteran applauded the work of the Salvation Army.

All of this stuff came flooding back when I read about a weekend promotion by Dunkin' Donuts. At participating stores last week, Friday and Saturday, a buck tossed in the kettle earned a coupon for a free medium coffee or small hot chocolate.

This is written on Friday, the day the offer starts, and by the time you read this it will be too late to participate.

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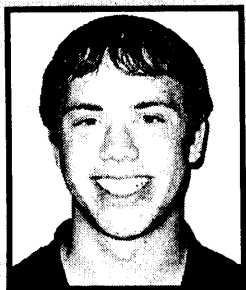
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Red Hawk Talk

by Kyle Swanson

This year has certainly brought many changes to Cass City Public Schools. Due to financial restraints, several things have been changed throughout the district in an effort to save the schools.

One of the most recently announced changes comes from the high school. Effective next semester, all students at the high school will be required to take a 7-period day. This does not mean that students will be in school for an extra hour, but rather that each class will be a few minutes shorter.

Additionally, lunch will be shortened a few minutes. This will allow for the schedule to accommodate each student in a seven period day.

Due to this change, students at the high school have been asked to choose an additional class that they would like to take next semester. New classes that students will be eligible to take include, creative writing, movies and media, industrial education, life skills-food preparation, team sports, and several study support classes.

Talking with a few students from the high school, I was surprised to hear what they thought of the change. One student told me that she didn't want another class to have homework in. However, she added that she had signed up for study support, which is a class that would actually aid students in core curriculum classes and give students more time with teachers certified in a specific core curriculum area.

Another student that I talked with said that he was happy to have another class, as it meant that all of his other classes would be shorter. He seemed especially happy when he

told me that he had signed up to take team sports, which is a gym-based class. He said this class would be in addition to his current gym class.

Talking with one of my friends about this, she told me that she was kind of excited about the seventh class. She told me that she thought it would give her more time to work on her AP homework and would also allow her to take a new class. She told me that she had signed up for movies and media and that she was really looking forward to the class.

A letter was sent home earlier this week with students regarding the change in class times, but just in case it didn't make it home I wanted to list the times within my article. The times will be as follows: first hour 8:20 - 9:11, second hour 9:15 - 10:06, third hour 10:10 - 11:01, lunch A 11:01 - 11:31, fourth hour B class 11:05 - 11:56, fourth hour A class 11:35 - 12:26, lunch B 11:56 - 12:26, fifth hour 12:30 - 1:21, sixth hour 1:25 - 2:17, and seventh hour 2:21 - 3:13.

Students' schedules should be completed and distributed in the beginning of January. After schedules are distributed to students, students will have the opportunity to sign up to make schedule changes if needed. I know some students may grumble, some may moan, and some will just complain, but I like to look at the 7-period day in a positive light. For instance, it will make our least favorite classes shorter. Furthermore, I think taking another class will be fun. I am really looking forward to finding out just what students might do in movies and media or team sports or any of the other new classes that will be offered next semester.

Two injured in Thursday crash

A 4-year-old Cass City girl was one of 2 people injured in a one-vehicle traffic accident early Thursday morning in Sanilac County.

Sanilac County Sheriff's deputies reported the crash occurred shortly after midnight on M-53 (VanDyke Road), just south of Bay City Forestville Road.

Injured were Jazlyn R. Olejnik, 4, and Deborah J. Field, 49, of Fairgrove.

Deputies said both were passengers in a van driven by Todd M. Olejnik of Cass City, who was driving south on M-53 when he lost control on the snow-covered roadway. The vehicle left the road and overturned in a ditch.

Todd Olejnik was not injured, according to deputies, who did not identify the hospital where Jazlyn Olejnik and Field were treated.

Several appear in circuit court

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

•Wendell K. Hodges, 45, New Port Richey, Fla., pleaded guilty to failure to pay child support from Nov. 21, 2003, through Dec. 31, 2005, in Caro, and to being an habitual offender (2 prior felony convictions).

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

•Mangus S. Sutton, 29, Bay City, was cleared of all charges against him following a 2-day jury trial last week.

A jury returned verdicts of innocent in favor of Sutton, who had been charged with breaking and entering with intent to commit larceny, larceny of property valued at \$1,000 to \$20,000, larceny in a building, and 3 counts of conspiracy Dec. 14 in Fairgrove.

•Jacob D. Frederick 23, Cass City, pleaded no contest to aggravated assault March 27 in Cass City.

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

•Beth A. McCarty, 41, Gagetown, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, June 10 in Elmwood Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$100. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Meranda L. Jobson, 20, Caro, pleaded guilty to forgery involving a \$4,500 check drawn on Chemical Bank Jan. 31 in Caro.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$8,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be set.

•Kristopher K. VanRiper, 21, Bay City, pleaded guilty to carrying a concealed weapon, malicious destruction of property totaling \$1,000 to \$20,000,

conspiracy, and possession of marijuana Sept. 22-23 in Almer Township.

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

•Frederick T. Engelhart Jr., 42, Akron, stood mute to a charge of assaulting a police officer Nov. 10 in Fairgrove Township.

A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled in the case and bond was continued at \$5,000.

•David C. Scott, 45, Fostoria, stood mute to a charge of domestic violence, third offense, Nov. 9 in Watertown Township.

A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled and bond was continued at \$500.

•Damian G. Izydorek, 28, Caro, stood mute to charges of interfering with electronic communications (telephone or telephone line), domestic violence and assault or assault and battery Oct. 23 in Almer Township.

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

•Robert A. Raney, 32, Mayville, stood mute to charges of possession of marijuana, subsequent offense, possession with intent to deliver marijuana, 5 counts of possession of a firearm by a felon, 5 counts of possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony, operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, malicious use of a telecommunications service, and possession of an open intoxicant in a motor vehicle Oct. 20 in Fremont Township. He is also charged with being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convictions).

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

•Jamshid B. Zahraie, 54, Caro, pleaded no contest to tampering with evidence, violating the Tobacco Products Tax Act and furnishing tobacco to a minor June 3 in Caro.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Franklin J. Doyle, 25, Millington, was sentenced to 36 months probation and 270 days in the county jail (90 days deferred), with work release, for his pleas of guilty to delivery/manufacture of a narcotic/cocaine (less than 50 grams), delivery/manufacture of marijuana, and possession of a narcotic/cocaine (less than 25 grams March 21 in Millington Township.

He was also ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$5,040.

•Phillip C. Deel, 20, Vassar, was sentenced to 60 months probation and 270 days in jail (90 days deferred), with work release, for his plea of guilty to first degree child abuse last March in Arbela Township.

He was also ordered to pay \$3,620 in costs and fines.

•Matthew J. Slater, 40, Traverse City, was sentenced to 90 days in jail (48 days deferred) and 24 months probation for his conviction on a charge of failure to pay child support from Nov. 20, 2003, through May 10, 2004, and from Dec. 26, 2005, through March 17, 2006, in Caro.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,160 plus restitution of \$28,307.84.

•James K. Ripley, 30, Fairgrove, was sentenced to 2 to 10 years in prison for his pleas of no contest to possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance Feb. 27 in Caro, and to being an habitual offender (2 prior felony convictions).

He was also ordered to pay \$120 in costs and fines.

•Frederick A. Adams, 29, Otisville, was sentenced to 12 months probation and 90 days in jail (45 days deferred), with work release, for his plea of guilty to possession of a narcotic/cocaine (less than 25 grams) Dec. 7, 2005, in Millington Township.

He was also ordered to undergo mental and substance abuse therapy/counseling, and pay \$1,220 in costs and fines.

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December 15, 2006



GAIL SMITH OF CASS City is hosting a pair of exchange students this school year. They are Chi-Ao "George" Yang, 16, of Taiwan (left) and Kouhei "Kody" Sakaguchi, 15, of Japan.

Foreign exchange

Smith sharing home with students from Taiwan, Japan this school year

Chi-Ao "George" Yang and Kouhei "Kody" Sakaguchi might have figured their year as exchange students in Cass City would be slow-paced, given they were paired with a retired lady living at Northwood Lake Condominiums.

However, the teens' year in the rural Thumb, at least so far, has been packed with travel and as much activity as they can handle.

"We have seen more of Michigan than most Michiganders," Gail Smith, who is hosting the pair, said Sunday afternoon as she relaxed at home with her "adopted" sons.

Smith said she and the teens have been "everywhere from the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland to Munising's Pictured Rock Cruises" since they arrived at her home in late August.

Smith has shared her love and knowledge of antiques with Yang and Sakaguchi by taking them to a 2-day antique show in West Branch. The boys also visited a 3-story haunted house in Pontiac, attended an Aerosmith concert and traveled to Cabela's in Dundee.

"These boys - if I say we're going to go somewhere, they beat me to the car," Smith said.

Yang, 16, is from Taipei City in Taiwan, while Sakaguchi, 15, hails from Shizuoka, Japan.

The teens are spending a year here through the American Scandinavian Student Exchange (ASSE) program, according to Smith, who noted the organization was originally established in the 1930s to bring Swedish and German students to this country for exchange experiences.

One of the unique features of the program, she said, is that students first undergo an orientation program of sorts, as Yang and Sakaguchi did in the metro Detroit area after they first arrived in mid-July.

"This gives them some cultural and language assimilation," Smith added. "Both boys have studied English, but

it's different actually hearing it used (in conversation)."

The language has been a challenge, according to the teens, who agreed that their experience in a small town like Cass City has been a good one.

"(I wanted) to look at the world and see what's the difference," Yang said. "It's another kind of experience and a small town is usually quiet. I like both quiet and noisy."

"I wanted to improve my English," added Sakaguchi. "There are a lot of things that are new to me. Before I came here, I didn't hear heavy metal (music), but now I'm listening to it, and I love it."

"It's very different from my country. People here eat much more fast food," said Yang, who smiled and added, "I love fast food."

Yang noted the shorter school day at Cass City High School has provided another contrast from what he's used to at home, where all students are required to attend an early bird class starting at 7:30 a.m., followed by 8 more class periods. The students, who get a half-hour nap period, are finally finished with the day at 5 p.m.

"When people here ask me this and I tell them this, they think it's crazy," Yang said.

Although American football isn't offered at their respective schools, the teens said there are a variety of sports offered.

"In my high school in Japan, we have tennis, swimming, soccer, basketball, baseball and track," explained Sakaguchi, who is playing basketball at Cass City High School.

"My high school is similar to his. We have boxing," added Yang, who is participating in wrestling here.

"These boys really impress me," Smith commented. "First of all, they eat little salt. It just blows me away - I'm probably teaching them bad habits."

The teens also eat fewer sweets than their American counterparts, al-

though Yang has developed a real liking for red pop.

"I think they have done just an outstanding job" of making the transition from their countries to living in America, Smith said.

"Kody is more reserved and quiet, but his brain is always going. George is outgoing, very gregarious and enthusiastic about things," she added. "But they're both unique and outstanding boys. And Cass City has just been...wonderful. People have gone out of their way to find new experiences for these boys."

Smith is also doing her part. Her plans include a holiday trip to her son's home in Lake Linden, located east and north of Hancock in the Upper Peninsula.

"These boys come from countries where they've seen little or no snow, so they will have a new appreciation for snow," she joked.

Smith has hosted exchange students in the past - a girl from Russia and a boy from Tunisia. She indicated her involvement as a host parent has been as rewarding for her as it has been for the young people who have shared her home.

"These boys have been such a wonderful experience," Smith said. "It's interesting, seeing your own culture and country through someone else's eyes. It broadens you."

Down Memory Lane

By Harmony Doerr



5 YEARS AGO

Hills and Dales General Hospital officials recently honored Kathy Martin with a surprise party following her announced retirement after more than 25 years with the local hospital. She began her career as a ward clerk in 1974, then transferred 2 years later to the pharmacy and became a certified pharmacy technician.

Jeff Storm, the only holdover starter from the Hawks' championship team, led Cass City to a win in the opening game of the season Tuesday. Cass City topped visiting Caro Tigers, 56-53, and retained possession of the M-81 Clash trophy for another year. In the 7-year history of the award, Caro has won 4 times, Cass City 3. The Hawks have 2 non-conference games this week, at Brown City Tuesday and at home against Harbor Beach Friday, before taking off for the holidays. Led by Storm, Cass City bounced out to a 10-point lead at the 2:55 mark in the first quarter and was in front all the way, but the game was in doubt until the final whistle.

Coach Beth Howard's Red Hawk volleyball team will open its season Monday in Akron with a match, which will also include Greater Thumb East powerhouse Uby. The Hawks will field a team with just 9 players, including 4 returnees from last year's squad that finished with a 16-20-7 regular season record. To improve on that mark, Cass City will need big contributions from 2 proven players, Sara Homakie and Becky Hartel. Both were voted to the Greater Thumb West 2nd team all-conference squad as underclassmen. Homakie, again, will be Cass City's best offensive threat.

10 YEARS AGO

Here's a bit of trivia that may surprise. It's from the Michigan Department of Agriculture. The story lists the counties in which horse populations are the highest. They are Oakland, Washtenaw, Jackson, Livingston and Wayne. Another oddity. Draft horses increased last year in the state, while standardbreds (30 percent) and thoroughbreds (20 percent) decreased. (From Rabbit Tracks)

Eight Cass City Middle School students have earned the right to compete at the second level of an annual Knights of Columbus spelling bee. The students are Sarah Hobbs, DeAnna Newby and Erika Karavas, all in the fifth grade; Laura Auten, sixth grade; Sara Homakie and Aaron Dorland, seventh grade; and Laura O'Dell and Stacy Sullins, eighth grade. All 8 students competed Nov. 15 in a local spelling bee held at the middle school and sponsored by the Cass City-Gagetown Knights of Co-

lumbus. Hobbs and Dorland were the overall winners in the fifth and sixth grade and seventh and eighth grade divisions, respectively. All of the students received certificates of participation as well as free Cass Theatre passes and McDonald's food certificates.

Beekeepers are receiving nearly a dollar a pound for their honey, but the dramatic wholesale price increase in the past 2 years is not a windfall. The combination of beekilling temperatures last winter, the continue plague of the varroa and tracheal mite parasites, and the usual honeybee diseases such as nosema and foulbrood means high costs for Michigan honey producers, costs that offset higher honey prices. Roger Hoopingarner, Michigan State University Extension apiculturist, says last winter's frigid weather wiped out about 80 percent of the honeybee colonies. "Beekeepers had to rely on replacement bees, and they generally are not as strong as those that successfully over-winter," he says. "Consequently, we had a fair honey flow this past year. Had we had a normal colony strength, we probably would have had an excellent year."

25 YEARS AGO

When Martha Emmons gets a little age on her, she just may sharpen up and be as discerning as her mother. Martha helps out around our house on the day she is on "vacation" from her duties at Sommers' Bakery. She reports that when she gets her copy of the Chronicle she glances at the front page and then devours the news on the social page. Her mother, Mrs. Mary Whidden, who is now well in her 80s, says that the first thing she reads and the best part of the paper is this column of trivia. (My kind of gal.) (From Rabbit Tracks)

The small, thorny, bull's-horn acacia trees of Central America have their own "maid service" which keeps them clean and shiny, reports Ranger Rick's Nature Magazine. Colonies of ants live inside the trees' huge thorns and keep the acacias free from dust and leaf-eating enemies. In exchange for their service, the trees provide

their insect "partners" with safe homes and plenty of food.

Cass City cheerleaders won the spirit award in competition with 24 schools participating in the 11th annual cheerleading competition at Kingston last week. The competition was for teams in grades 7-8-9, and varsity and junior varsity. The junior high teams both placed second in Class C, where four schools were competing. The seventh grade team members are Lisa Rutkoski, Chris Britt, Renee Szarapski, Heidi Iseler, Katy LaBelle, Loreen Irrer, Lisa Hirn and Robin Powell. The eighth grade team members are Amy Lovejoy, Tammy Iseler, Deb Sawdon, Deb Cook, Julie Sugden, Laura Dunn, Tracy Grimsley and Barb Merchant.

35 YEARS AGO

While other persons are busy cleaning house and buying Christmas presents, Mrs. Leo Seuryck is making candy. She's been doing it for 15 years and doesn't bother to buy gifts anymore. Everybody gets candy. But there's a lot to choose from: peanut brittle, creams, nut clusters, chocolates, hard candy, fudge, caramels, even dietetic chocolate. It tastes so good, her seven sisters, four brothers, six children and nine grandchildren don't mind at all. What could be turned into a profitable business still remains just a hobby. "I'm not in the business, and I don't want to be. It's just a hobby and more or less a family thing," the friendly woman explained, even though she's had the opportunity. "It's first come, first served" for any purchases, but she gives most of it away.

One of the best sales promotions conducted in town during the year was staged by the Cass City FFA, under the direction of Ross Beach. He secured grapefruit and oranges, direct from Florida, advertised them in advance and they were sold out in a matter of days. The FFA had two things going for them. A good sales pitch (direct from Florida) and a good cause...FFA projects. Incidentally, there is a good deal of education wrapped up in a deal like this for the students who participated.

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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
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Wednesday Family Night 6:30 p.m.
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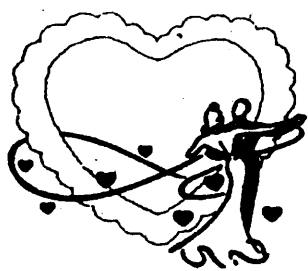
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2006-2007 Boys' Basketball

Dec. 5	Vassar 48, Cass City 60	
Dec. 8	Uibly 62, Cass City 39	
Dec. 12	Sandusky	6:00 p.m.
Dec. 15	Mayville	6:00 p.m.
Dec. 19	Bad Axe	6:00 p.m.
Dec. 29	Imlay City	4:30 p.m.
Jan. 5	Lakers	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 9	Caro	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 12	USA	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 16	Harbor Beach	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 19	Reese	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 23	Deckerville	5:00 p.m.
Jan. 26	BCAS	5:00 p.m.
Feb. 6	Bad Axe	6:00 p.m.
Feb. 9	Lakers	6:00 p.m.
Feb. 13	USA	6:00 p.m.
Feb. 16	Reese	6:00 p.m.
Feb. 23	BCAS	6:00 p.m.
Feb. 27	John Glenn	6:00 p.m.
Mar. 2	Saginaw Nouvel	6:00 p.m.

*Home games are in bold

2006-2007 Wrestling

Nov. 30	Imlay City	6:00 p.m.
Dec. 2	Cros-Lex	9:00 a.m.
Dec. 9	Marlette Invite	8:00 a.m.
Dec. 13	Marlette/Lakers	6:00 p.m.
Dec. 21	Caro	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 3	Almont/Imlay City	5:30 p.m.
Jan. 6	North Branch Invite	9:00 a.m.
Jan. 10	Brown City/USA	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 13	Port Huron Northern	8:00 a.m.
Jan. 17	Lakers/Nouvel	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 20	Imlay City Invite	8:30 a.m.
Jan. 24	Marlette/Bad Axe	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 27	Marysville Invite	9:00 a.m.
Jan. 31	Mayville/Sandusky	6:00 p.m.
Feb. 3	Standish/Sterling Invite	8:00 a.m.
Feb. 10	League Tourney	10:00 a.m.

*Home matches are in bold

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December 12
Cass City vs. Sandusky
December 29
Cass City vs. Imlay City
VOLLEYBALL

January 8
Cass City vs. Bad Axe
WRESTLING
January 17
Cass City vs. Lakers/Nouvel
GYMNASTICS

December 20
Cass City vs. Vassar

2006-2007 Volleyball

Dec. 9	Lakers Invite (JV/F)	9:00 a.m.
Dec. 13	Caro (V)	6:00 p.m.
Dec. 13	Caro/BC (JV)	6:30 p.m.
Dec. 13	Caro/BC (F)	6:00 p.m.
Dec. 15	Caro Invite (JV)	4:30 p.m.
Dec. 16	Caro Invite (V)	8:30 a.m.
Dec. 22	Essexville-Garber	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 5	Bad Axe Invite (JV/F)	3:30 p.m.
Jan. 8	Bad Axe	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 11	Reese	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 13	Birch Run Invite (V)	8:30 a.m.
Jan. 15	Sandusky	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 18	USA	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 22	Lakers	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 25	BCAS	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 27	Birch Run Invite (JV)	8:30 a.m.
Jan. 27	Yale Invite	TBA
Feb. 1	Bad Axe	6:00 p.m.
Feb. 5	Reese	6:00 p.m.
Feb. 8	USA	6:00 p.m.
Feb. 10	SVSU Tourney (V)	9:00 a.m.
Feb. 15	Lakers	6:00 p.m.
Feb. 17	Northwood Invite (V)	8:00 a.m.
Feb. 17	SVSU Invite (JV)	9:00 a.m.
Feb. 22	BCAS	6:00 p.m.

*Home matches are in bold

2006-2007 Gymnastics

Dec. 20	Vassar	6:30 p.m.
Jan. 8	Midland	6:30 p.m.
Jan. 16	Vassar	6:30 p.m.
Jan. 30	Midland	6:30 p.m.
Feb. 10	Vassar Invite	12:00 p.m.
Feb. 13	Midland Invite	6:00 p.m.

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Letters to the Editor

Parent: time to ask tough questions, demand answers

Dear Editor:

Like many parents, I am concerned with the state of the Cass City Public Schools. I have a hard time understanding why money is so tight so suddenly. I know that state funds have been reduced. However, I thought that the fund balance was supposed to be kept at such a level that decreases in state funding would not affect teaching positions.

I do not understand why the board of education did not anticipate such a reduction in funding, and curb spending long before teaching positions had to be eliminated.

My daughter is in the third grade class that is being split up due to funding reasons. She is very upset about losing her teacher and being separated from her classmates.

When I first contacted the superintendent, Ron Wilson, I was told that a measure was being considered by the school board and the teachers' union, which would allow for the school day to be 20 minutes longer, thereby reducing the school year by 6 days. I was told that, if approved by the teachers' union, this measure would eliminate the need to layoff the third grade teacher.

After a period of time, I contacted Mr. Wilson to find out whether or not this measure had passed. He informed me that the teachers' union had not, to his knowledge, voted on this measure and that when the union was contacted about an alternative, did not respond. Upon talking with another person, I was informed that the teachers' union did, in fact, vote on this measure in November and that they approved the addition of 20 minutes to the school day. The teachers' union offered 3 different ways to add these 20 minutes to the school day, and each time the offer was declined.

I have personally offered several ideas to Mr. Wilson, which have been declined with the reason given that each of these measures would not save enough money to save a teaching position.

One such measure was to close the Early Childhood Education Center and move the children into empty classrooms in Campbell Elementary and the middle school. This idea was declined due to "staff resistance for

toileting reasons." Further, Mr. Wilson stated that this would not save enough money to save a job. With the exception of Mrs. Walker at the ECEC building, my children have had each of the staff members in the building as a teacher.

I have volunteered many hours for those teachers and have come to know them, I think, pretty well. I have a hard time believing that any of those people would not do whatever she could to save a teaching position because it might be a little bit harder to supervise toileting time. What did the teachers do when the ECEC building didn't exist and all of the young children were in the Campbell building? They managed - so would these children.

I understand that each idea would not, in and of itself, save enough money to preserve a teaching position. However, when all of these measures are put together, I believe the position could be saved. I have learned that the school needs approximately \$31,000 to save this third grade teacher's job. When you add up the money spent on unemployment (approx. \$9,000), the savings by closing the ECEC building (approx. \$8,000), and overage payments to other teachers, including music, library, etc. because they have extra students (approx. \$7,000), there would be a savings of about \$24,000. This would mean that the board only has to come up with another \$6,000 in cuts to save a teaching position.

Another idea to save money is to discontinue busing to sports events. If this busing was discontinued, you could save the money paid to the bus drivers as well as fuel costs and wear and tear on the buses. Due to the changes in gas prices, this savings can only be estimated. Many times the buses come back empty from

school sporting events. This is wasted money.

There are several parents who have talked of taking their children out of school and home schooling because of these cuts. This will not save the district any money - it will cost them.

With this latest round of layoffs, our school district has eliminated 16 teaching positions either by layoff or not replacing retiring teachers. How long can we allow our children to suffer because of the board of education's bad decisions regarding spending? How many teachers' positions will be eliminated next time? How many cuts can we, realistically, expect teachers to make in their salaries, benefits, supplies, etc?

I feel as if Mr. Wilson is blaming the teachers for all of the district's problems. The teachers do not control the spending, the board does. How can the teachers be held accountable for this? The teachers voted and approved the opening of their contract to change their benefits package to save money. They are not able to order any supplies nor turn in bills for any money spent on classroom activities. And, as stated above, they offered 3 different ways to add 20 additional minutes to the school day. Each was declined.

As a community, we need to come together and ask tough questions and demand answers. I urge all who are interested to attend all of the board meetings and ask questions. There is a 20-minute time slot available for public questions and discussion. Call Mr. Wilson and demand answers. Together we can make our schools a better place for our children.

Peggy Pitcher
Cass City

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VILLAGE OF CASS CITY ORDINANCE NO. 164

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ZONING AMENDMENT; DIVISION 7, COMMUNITY BUSINESS DISTRICTS, SECTION 46-294, PRINCIPAL USES PERMITTED SUBJECT TO SPECIAL CONDITIONS

THE VILLAGE OF CASS CITY ORDAINS:

Section 1. The Village Council of Cass City hereby amends the Village Ordinance, Section 46-294, Community Business Districts, to include the following:

"Sec. 46-294 Principal uses permitted subject to special conditions.

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- B) Exterior design and facade materials of the new or redeveloped residential building shall complement or be comparable to the facade plan of surrounding residential/commercial structures."

Section 2. This Ordinance is hereby declared to have been adopted by the Village of Cass City Council at a meeting thereof duly called and held on the 27th day of November, 2006 and ordered to be given effect immediately upon its adoption.

Yeas: 7 Nays: 0

This Ordinance is hereby declared to have been adopted by the Village of Cass City Council at a regular meeting thereof duly called and held on the 27th day of November, 2006.

Lambert E. Althaver, Village President

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Notice of adoption published in the Cass City Chronicle on December 15, 2006.

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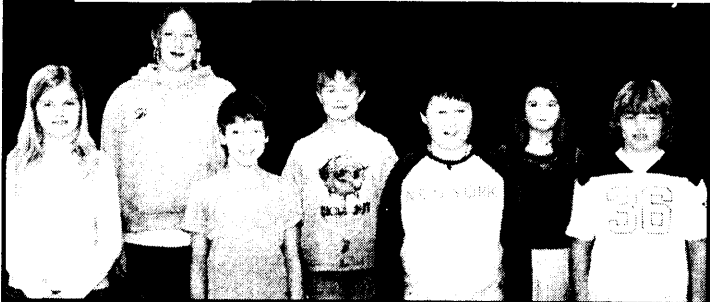
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Cass City Middle School Student Spotlight

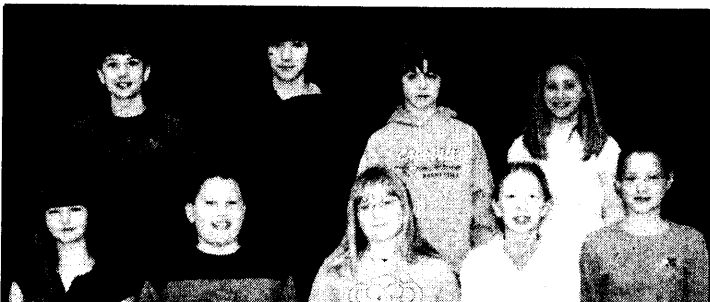
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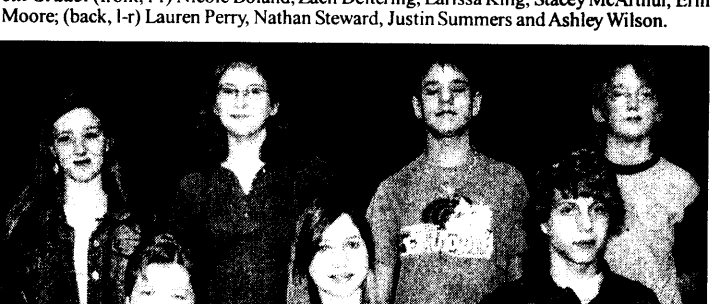
5th Grade: (l-r) Kristin Ewald, Tyler Kamrad, Michael Mulligan, Shane Rasmussen; (back, l-r) Alexina Somerville, Cody Thompson and Kayla Zmierski.



6th Grade: (front, l-r) Nicole Boland, Zach Deitering, Larissa King, Stacey McArthur, Erin Moore; (back, l-r) Lauren Perry, Nathan Steward, Justin Summers and Ashley Wilson.



7th Grade: (front, l-r) Erica Badgely, Angela Braun, Kristen Kaweck; (back, l-r) Jessica Prieskorn, Jordyn Rasmussen and Courtney Thompson.



8th Grade: (front, l-r) Dylan Gibson, Brooke Hartwick, Eric Montreuil; (back, l-r) Mary Rivest, Monica Stover, Chris Whisenant and Dallas Woodward.

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Pawlak new skipper of Owen-Gage volleyball

For the third straight year, the Owen-Gage volleyball program will be under new leadership as first year coach Ashley Pawlak takes over the reins of the Bulldog spikers.

Pawlak, a former Bulldog player, replaces Sulyn Kipper following her one-year stint at the helm in Owendale.

After dominating North Central Thumb League play for over 2 decades, winning 14 consecutive district crowns along the way, the Bulldogs recorded a disappointing middle of the pack NCTL finish in 2006.

Pawlak, however, inherits a team with plenty of promise. If the Bulldogs hope to regain the North Central Thumb League championship, it all starts with the play of returnees Amanda Faist and Becky Schmidt.

Faist is blessed with the tools to

score along the front line for Owen-Gage, while Schmidt is capable of stringing points together from the service line.

Also expected to contribute to Owen-Gage's front line attack is returning letter winner Bethany Kovach, the team's tallest player.

Along the back row, Owen-Gage will

have proven players April Nowaczyk, Heather Collon and Mindy Error back to help minimize the loss of all conference performer Michelle Brown.

New to the varsity for Owen-Gage are Courtney Lester, Brittany Parks and Kayla Neal, who all will see plenty of floor time in the early season.

Owen-Gage Bulldogs 2006-2007 Volleyball			
Dec. 9	NCTL JV Tournament at Peck	9:00 a.m.	A
Jan. 4	Port Hope	6:00 p.m.	A
Jan. 6	Bad Axe Tourney (V)	6:00 p.m.	A
Jan. 8	Caseville	6:00 p.m.	H
Jan. 11	Akron-Fairgrove	6:00 p.m.	H
Jan. 13	Laker Tourney (JV)	9:00 a.m.	A
Jan. 15	North Huron	6:00 p.m.	A
Jan. 20	CPS Invite (V)	9:00 a.m.	A
Jan. 22	Port Hope	6:00 p.m.	H
Jan. 25	Memphis	6:00 p.m.	H
Jan. 30	Caseville	6:00 p.m.	A
Feb. 1	Peck	6:00 p.m.	A
Feb. 3	USA Invite (V)	9:00 a.m.	A
Feb. 5	Akron-Fairgrove	6:00 p.m.	A
Feb. 8	Kingston	6:00 p.m.	A
Feb. 12	North Huron	6:00 p.m.	H
Feb. 15	CPS	6:00 p.m.	H
Feb. 22	Dryden (Parent's Night)	6:00 p.m.	H
Feb. 24	Laker Tourney (V)	9:00 a.m.	A
Mar. 3	Districts	TBA	

*Home matches are in bold

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READY FOR ACTION!

THE OWEN-GAGE varsity volleyball team members include: (front, l-r) Mindy Error, Heather Collon, Becky Schmidt (middle) Bethany Kovach, Amanda Faist, April Nowaczyk (back) Kayla Neal, Brittany Parks and Courtney Lester.

Owen-Gage earns North Central Thumb League win in season opener at Dryden

Owen-Gage opened its 2006-07 cage season Friday with a North Central Thumb League crossover win at Dryden.

The Bulldogs used a balanced attack to offset a strong individual showing by Dryden's Rob Ladner, who finished with 20 points and as the game's only double digit scorer, in the guests' 43-39 comeback victory.

The Bulldogs, who were to have played non-conference foe Marlette Tuesday in their only home outing before the holiday break, will now travel to meet Memphis Friday.

While a win is a win, the Bulldogs struggled throughout their opening night debut. Both schools displayed

early season tendencies as turnovers and sloppy passes in the opening 8 minutes ended with the Cardinals holding an 8-7 edge. Ladner netted all 8 points in the initial stanza for the hosts, while the Bulldogs kept pace behind the outside shooting of Aaron Gaeth.

Dryden was able to add to its margin before the break as a 10-7 scoring advantage gave the hosts' an 18-14 edge entering the final half. Owen-Gage, however, used a pair of baskets from Grant Champagne and an Andy Dronsella triple to take a slim 2-point lead into the final stanza.

Then with just over 4 minutes remaining, Cardinal Mark VanHaverbeck was tagged with his

5th personal foul and forced to the bench.

Despite his 6'4" frame, VanHaverbeck is the Cardinal's best ball handler and pressure from the Owen-Gage defense late in the period built the visitors a 7-point bulge. Oddly, in the opening half it was the Bulldog press the surrendered several easy baskets to keep Dryden on top.

"We changed our diamond zone press at the break," said Champagne. "They were beating us with long passes over the top, so we dropped our back side guard and it took away the easy baskets."

Gaeth, Brent Reil and Eric Zaleski each scored 8 points to pace Owen-Gage.

Peruski, Sieradzki lead Hawk grapplers at Red Raider Invitational Saturday

The Cass City Red Hawks fell just short in a bid to take the title in the annual Marlette Red Raider 10-team Invitational Saturday, finishing just 5.5 points behind Imlay City. Imlay City finished with 185.5 points and Cass City with 180.

Other teams finished in the follow-

ing order: Millington, 171; Capac, 161; Marlette, 155.5; Saginaw Arthur Hill, 153; Brown City, 118.5; Lakers, 87; Burton Bentley, 48; Sandusky, 22.5.

The Hawks' Andrew Peruski, 130 pounds, finished in first place. In addition, Sieradzki was voted by the coaches as the most outstanding wrestler in the upper weight classes.

Other Hawk wrestlers to earn medals were: Keven Dorland (119) and

Clark Walsh (135) fourth; Kyle Reif (135) and Ryan King (215) third, and Jeremy Farr (125) and Dennis Bowen (189) second.

The Hawks should be favored in a double dual meet today (Wednesday) against Marlette and Lakers at Marlette.

After that there will be one more meet before the holidays on Dec. 21 at Caro, always a power in wrestling competition.

BASKETBALL STANDINGS

GREATER THUMB WEST				
Team	W	L	W	L
USA	0	0	2	0
BCAS	0	0	1	0
Reese	0	0	1	0
Cass City	0	0	1	1
Bad Axe	0	0	1	1
Lakers	0	0	1	1

GREATER THUMB EAST				
Team	W	L	W	L
Sandusky	0	0	2	0
Ubyly	0	0	1	0
Harbor Beach	0	0	0	0
Brown City	0	0	1	1
Marlette	0	0	0	1
Deckerville	0	0	0	2
Mayville	0	0	0	2

NCTL NORTH				
Team	W	L	W	L
Owen-Gage	1	0	1	0
Akron-Fairgrove	0	1	1	1
Port Hope	0	1	1	1
Caseville	0	1	0	1
North Huron	0	1	0	1

NCTL SOUTH				
Team	W	L	W	L
Memphis	1	0	2	0
Kingston	1	0	1	0
CPS	1	0	1	0
Peck	1	0	1	0
Dryden	0	1	0	1

Schneeberger's ATHLETE of the WEEK

Cass City senior Cameron Lautner is this week's recipient of Schneeberger's Athlete of the Week honor.

The Red Hawk guard opened the 2006-07 season with a strong showing against



CAMERON LAUTNER

Vassar.

Offensively, Lautner scored a dozen points and dished out 10 assists. Defensively, the Hawk playmaker contributed 7 steals.

Cameron is the son of Susan and Doug Lautner.

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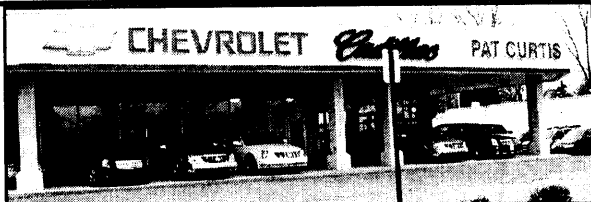
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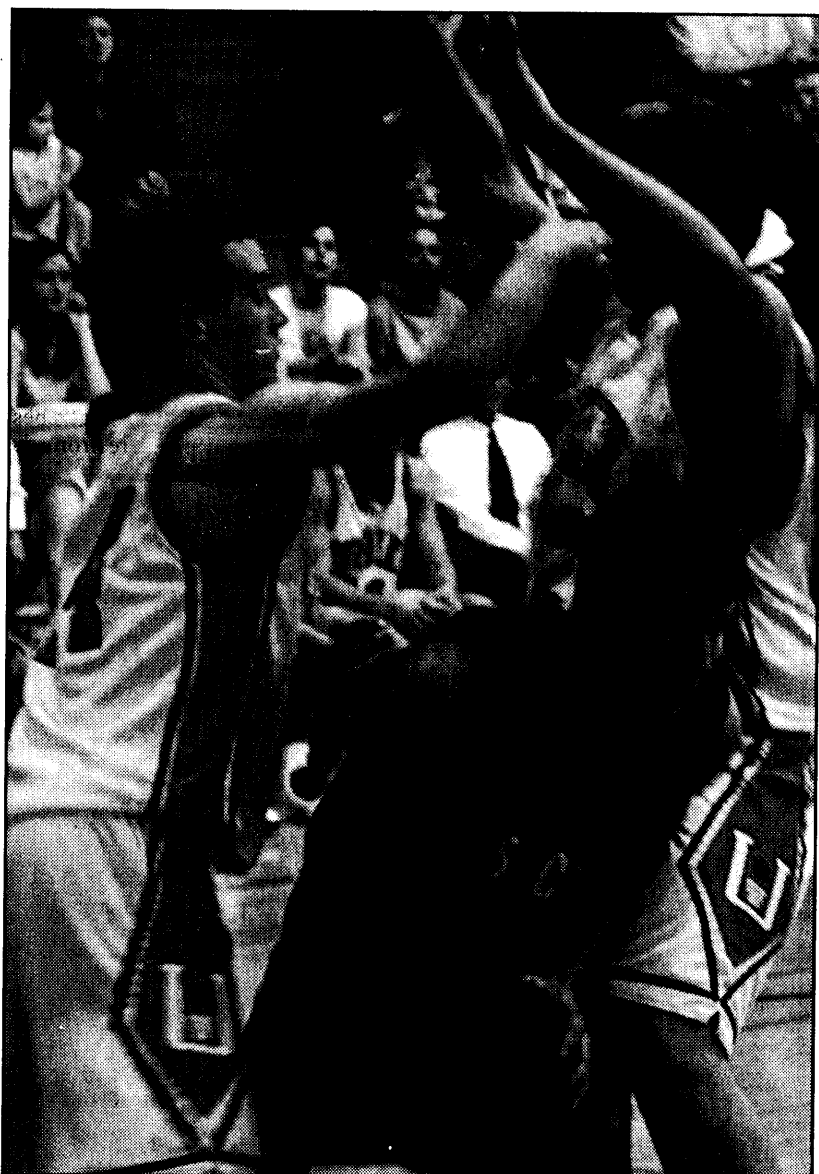
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UBLY'S Grant Pichla is pressured by Red Hawk Austin Babich Friday. Pichla hit for 4 triples in the opening half en route to 18 tallies.



RED HAWK Brad Hartel squeezes through a pair of Bearcat defenders in Friday's GTC crossover battle in Ubyly. The hosts posted an easy 62-39 victory.

Bearcats 62, Red Hawks 39

Ubyly lights up Cass City

Ubyly rained 3-point shots Friday in its home opener Friday against Cass City and rolled to a one-sided victory over the Cass City Red Hawks, 62-39.

Jeremy Kubacki and Grant Pichla shot treys like lay-ups in the first and second quarters and built a big lead that essentially put the game in the loss column for Cass City. In the first quarter Pichla counted a pair and Kubacki hit a trey, 3 regular hoops and 3 free throws and the Bearcats were in front 23-5 when the first quarter ended.

The same pair combined to produce the offensive fireworks in the second quarter. Pichla hit 2 more treys and Kubacki netted 3 treys and a regular hoop and when the dust settled Ubyly had the victory wrapped up with a 44-15 lead.

In addition to a great shooting night, Ubyly benefited from a below average performance by the Hawks. In the first quarter, the Hawks netted a meager 5 points. The game was close for the first 4 minutes, when Cass City trailed 5-3 before the Bearcats went on a 13-0 run. The Hawks' Chris Childs net-

ted a hoop to break the string.

Cass City started the second quarter with a mini scoring run, as Childs hit a trey and Brad Hartel added a trey and a regular hoop to close the Bearcat lead to 26-13 before the Pichla, Kubacki tandem took charge again to score 11 unanswered points between them in a 13-0 Ubyly run.

Just before the intermission Kubacki connected for his third trey of the quarter, this one from NBA distance.

We made some poor decisions with the basketball, coach Aaron Fernald said, trying to score when outnumbered 5-2 on fast breaks. In addition, the Hawks turned the ball over fre-

quently with unforced errors.

We'll have to regroup this week against Sandusky, scheduled Tuesday, and at Mayville Friday, said Fernald, who hopes to have Andrew Martin for at least limited duty in

those games before the Hawks play a conference opener next week, Tuesday, at Bad Axe.

Kubacki ended with 27 points and Pichla with 18 points for the Bearcats. No Hawks were in double figures.



CAMERON LAUTNER makes a bounce pass into the lane in the Red Hawks' opening night win against Vassar. The senior guard recorded a double-double with 12 points and 10 assists.

CC wins opener

The Cass City Red Hawks jumped off to a 9-0 lead in the first quarter and went on from there to register a season-opening win over visiting Vassar Vulcans, 60-48.

The Vulcans were never able to cut into that opening salvo and the lead varied between 9 and 14 points for the rest of the game.

The Hawks took advantage of some shooting woes of the Vulcans in the opening minutes, turning errant shots into fast-break baskets. At the end of the first quarter Cass City was in front, 16-7.

The inside game highlighted the first quarter with Shane Bloomfield, Derek Halasz and Shane McFarland grabbing rebounds and scoring from in close.

Vassar played with more enthusiasm the rest of the way and started getting their share of the rebounds. With the inside game slowed, the Hawks turned to the perimeter to score. Brad Hartel and Cameron Lautner registered treys in the second quarter and at the intermission the Hawks were in front, 28-14.

Brady Rupprecht did his best to put Vassar back into contention in the third quarter. He poured in 5 hoops for 10 of his 22 points for the night. Matching Rupprecht's outburst was Hartel, who whipped in a pair of treys and added 2 regular hoops to keep the Vulcans from seriously challenging the Cass City lead. Going into the last quarter the Hawks were in front, 45-34.

Cass City played without Andrew Martin, a 3-year veteran, because of an injury to his arm. Coach Aaron Fernald is uncertain when he will return. Hopefully it will be this week or prior to the opening Greater Thumb West game at Bad Axe, Dec. 19.

His absence enabled McFarland and Bloomfield to gain valuable experience at the varsity level. McFarland

led the Hawks with 16 points, closely followed by Hartel with 15 points.

Lautner posted a double-double with 12 points and 10 assists. He also had 7 steals.

Fernald feels that the Hawks played well at times in this first game of the season, but pointed out that we will need to play with more consistency as the season progresses.

CASS CITY - Hartel 3-3 (0-0) 15; Biddinger 1-0 (0-0) 2; Lautner 1-2 (4-6) 12; Babich 3-0 (0-0) 6; Bloomfield 2-0 (0-0) 4; Halasz 2-0 (1-2) 5; McFarland 8-0 (0-0) 16. **TOTALS - 20-5 (5-8) 60.**

VASSAR - Germain 1-0 (0-0) 2; Ostrander 2-0 (0-0) 4; Hecht 1-0 (2-2) 4; Rupprecht 9-0 (4-6) 22; Bacon 3-0 (1-2) 7; Kublez 1-2 (1-3) 8. **TOTALS - 17-2 (8-13) 48.**

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This Week's Forecast



Tuesday, December 12	Bad Axe	Mayville	Mayville	Bad Axe
Marlette at Owen-Gage	Marlette	Marlette	Marlette	Marlette
Harbor Beach at USA	Harbor Beach	USA	USA	Harbor Beach
Sandusky at Cass City	Sandusky	Sandusky	Sandusky	Cass City
Kingston at Memphis	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston
Deckerville at Lakers	Lakers	Lakers	Lakers	Lakers
Ubyly at Reese	Ubyly	Reese	Ubyly	Ubyly
Port Hope at Akron-Fairgrove	Akron-Fairgrove	Akron-Fairgrove	Port Hope	Akron-Fairgrove
North Huron at Caseville	North Huron	Caseville	North Huron	North Huron
Dryden at Peck	Peck	Peck	Peck	Peck
Friday, December 15	Cass City	Cass City	Cass City	Cass City
Cass City at Mayville	Ubyly	USA	USA	Ubyly
USA at Ubyly	Sandusky	Sandusky	Lakers	Sandusky
Lakers at Sandusky	Reese	Reese	Reese	Reese
North Huron at Peck	Peck	North Huron	Peck	North Huron
Kingston at Caseville	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston
Dryden at Akron-Fairgrove	Akron-Fairgrove	Dryden	Dryden	Dryden
Last Week's Results	10-6	12-4	12-4	14-2

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Amanda Miller, Travis Mozden, Carl Nicol, Shawn Pasanski, Kelli Pettit, Andrew Rohlf, Jennie Thorp, Krysta Timko, Tyler Tomlinson, Joram Tyson, Megan VanVliet, Benjamin Varney, Ariel Veneziano, Clark Walsh and Joshua Woodruff.

Biddinger, Dennis Bowen, Ming Yu Chen, Jill Dillon, Jeremiah Fritz, Jennifer Hacker, Allison Hillaker, Stephanie Jamieson, Lysa Knight, Jessica Lange, Andrew Martin, Laura McComas, Sara Meeker, Brandon Miller, Thomas Mittlestat, Jessica Pratt, Courtney Rabideau, Ally Richards, Eric Romain, Ryan Ross, Nicholas Sattelberg, Kyle Swanson and Tyler Whittaker.

Grade 9
All A's: Jacob Ballard, Amanda Kaake, Logan Kausch, Jennifer Manwell, Emily Martin, Ashleigh Moore, Elise Nicol, Kelsey Rudy, Rochelle Rushlow, Angelena Simpson, Stephanie Steely and Ashleigh Stoeckle.

Grade 10
All A's: Krystal Alexander, Deidre Bowen, Chelsea Depner, Brandon Hartwick, Michael Howard, Sarah Howard, Kyle Kausch, Amanda Langenburg, Gregory Leslie, Britany Loomis, Travis Mabe, Carly Rabideau, Sarah Reed, Jennica Richards, Christopher Summersett, Benjamin Varney and Ariel Veneziano.

Grade 11
All A's: David Acker, Ethan Damm, Danielle Delamarter, Stephanie Healy, Kristie Karr, Benjamin MacGown, Joseph Rule and Derek Weidman.

B or better: Zachary Abell, Rachel Auten, Josiah Battel, Chantel Beyette, Richard Doerr, Kevven Dorland, Jalen Ferris, Zachary Fisher, Stephan Hanselman, Seth Hartwick, Renae Janssen, Andrew Knight, Amber LaPonsie, Andrew Leslie, Paige Lester, Thomas Marker, Brittany Nicol, Tyler Perry, Trevor Phillips, LaShae Radeka, Eric Reif, Alex Rowe, Steven Rychlewski, Jenna Sattelberg,

B or better: Samantha Auten, Austin Babich, Aaron Bardwell, Bryan Burk, Thomas Burns II, Thomas Cotton, Leigha Drohn, Ean Elliott, Elisa Ellis, Bradley Hanby, Carly Howard, Chelsea Israelson, Alexandra Kappen, Jaymes Knight, Whitney Laurie, Kelli Lautner, Candice Marks, Elizabeth Michalski, Brooke Mika,

B or better: Rodney Abasso, Meleah Auten, Isaiah Battel, Jessica Bessler, Evan Bushong, Erica Darr, Anna Deel, Ashley Deel, Andrew Deering, Madeline Dooley, Robert Erla, Chantal Field, Trey Helwig, Zachary Hopper, Darrin Howard, Daniel Hudson, Lauren Hudson, Ashley Hutchinson, Devin Jamieson, Adam Kranz, Shane McFarland, Lacey Morrish, Alicia Osentoski, Thomas Parrish, Brandy Rychlewski, Nicholas Smith, Jeffrey Sparks, Ashlee Spencer, Trent Vatter, Jonathan Williams and Jennifer Zmierski.

B or better: Rebecca Bennett, John Brown, Andrew Chrzan, Alyssa Cryderman, Kristen Curtiss, Terra Czekaj, Jeremy Farr, James Froede, Chelsie Gebauer, Courtney Hacker, David Haight, Dereck Halasz, Bradley Hartel, Kyle Hartwick, Kati Hill, Lauren Howard, Ryan King, Whitney Kim, Kathryn Klco, Galen Kuebli, Cameron Lautner, Tyler Mabe, Lindsey Montgomery, Ashley Myers, Megan Odell, Kevin Ouvry, Lief Parr, Katelyn Pine, Ashleigh Rabideau, Kyle Reif, Derek Ricker, Emily Schinnerer, Bradley Severance, Kyle Sieradzki, Beth Spencer, Kari Spencer, Preston Stec, Brent Stine, Philip Strong, Rebecca Sweeney, Adam Wentworth, Leah Whittaker, Jason Wilder, Robert Windsor and Samantha Wright.

Grade 12
All A's: Karen Aldrup, Ryan

Middle school roll

Cass City Middle School announces the first marking period honor roll.

Langley, Alyssa Lawrence*, Stephanie Leeson*, Joseph Louks*, Macey Messing, Kyle Middaugh, Derek Mozden, Ethan Nicol, Zachary Osentoski, Megan Parrish*, Alexandra Pena, Zachary Potrykus, Morgan Potter, Jessica Prieskorn*, Jordyn Rasmussen*, Logan Rowell, Rachael Rule*, Remington Rushlow, Brenda Rutkoski, Alexandria Smith*, Shannon Stec*, Heather Sweeney*, Cortney Thompson*, Hayley Thorp*, Alyse Timko*, Cassandra Tomlinson*, Jared Weidman*, Michael Wills, Ronald Wolschleger*, Travis Wright, Alexander Zaleski* and Sarah Zmierski*.

Grade 5
Alexander Adams, Misty Ball-Harwick, Fabrisio Ballo, Rachel Bartnik*, Martenis Bell*, Madison Brinkman*, Brandy Brooks, Lauren Bukoski, Austin Cavanaugh, Eric Churchill, Ashley Cochrane, Emily Cochrane, Fred Colosky Jr., Curtis Dickinson*, Cecelia Dunn*, Evan Eberline, Jodi Engel*, Kristin Ewald*, Drew Field*, Alex Gronefeld, Ian Habicht*, Jacob Hacker*, Katelyn Hacker*, Dakota Hartel, Adrien Hartsell, Collin Hartwick*, Caleb Henderson, Halie Hool, Chelsea Hoppe*, Katherine Hudson*, Hannah Hulbert*, Ashtyn Janiskee*, Christopher Jordan, Tyler Kamrad*, Tristan Kuntz, Matthew Lintner*, Katherine Manwell*, Emily Mason, Heather McCormick, Harvey McCoy*, David McNaughton*, Nicholas Middaugh*, Elisabeth Milligan*, Brett Morrish*, Michael Mulligan*, Julio Munoz, Darrell Myers Jr., Ayeesha Nichols, Elisa Norcross, Rachel Patera, Jacob Perry*, Braeden Perzanowski*, Justine Phelps, Zachary Priestley, Liberty Ann Quijas*, David Radeka*, Shane Rasmussen*, Kara Reif, Alex Robinson*, Michaela Romain*, Erin Schuette*, Angel Sears, Briana Sheldon*, Alexina Somerville, Alexander Tabar, Trent TerBush, Cody Thompson*, Audrey VanAuken*, Jerald White*, Miranda Williams*, Dakota Wilson*, Brennan Winter*, Jacob Wismer, Allyson Withey, Kayla Wright, Justin Zaleski* and Kayla Zmierski*.

Grade 6
Shelby Abell*, Austin Baker, John Ballard, Shannon Bardwell, Michael Barnes, Theron Bogart, Nicole Boland, Zachary Brill, Taylor Brown, Misha Clark, Zachary Deitering*, Austin Dunnuck, Meri Dzielinski*, Garret Ferguson, Samuel Fisher*, Nicholle Hartel, Stephanie Heckroth*, Patrick Horne, Ellen Hulbert, Cole Israelson, Justin Kerkau, Larissa King*, Jacob Kittle, Erica Kolacz, Charnelle Kucharczyk, Emily Kuenzli, Cassandra LaPonsie*, Ryan Larson*, Alan Leslie, Stacey McArthur*, Rianna McConnell*, Amanda McCormick, Shelby McLachlan*, Nicholas McNeil, Katelyn Michalski*, Andrea Mikolon, Brian Mohr, Kayla Montreuil, Erin Moore*, Duane Morris, Cody Orban, Adrianna Pena, Lauren Perry, Karley Peters, Michelle Powell*, Briana Prill, Jake Quinn, Jacob Redmond, John Repinski II, Brenden Ricker, Kendra Rogers, Cody Ross, Kelby Rowell, Lukas Schenk, Katherine Spencer, Justin Summers, Amy Sweeney, Jocelynn Venema, Paul Verhines, Victoria Walsh*, Alex Warju, Alexander Williams, Ashley Wilson and Ian Woodward.

Grade 7
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Calendar of Events

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

Friday, December 15
Christ-centered 12-step recovery: pain management, addictions, divorce, "Celebrate Recovery," 7-9 p.m. New Creations Church, 114 N. Almer St., Caro (across from Caro Post Office). For more information, call (989) 673-3274 or visit www.colwood.org.
Closed Al-anon meeting for family and friends of alcoholics, 7 p.m., United Methodist Church, Elkton. For more information, call (989) 872-4042.
Senior Citizen Movies, 1:30 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library.

Monday, December 18
Alcoholics Anonymous, "Monday at a Time," 8 p.m., Parkside Cafe, 2031 Main St., Ubyly. For additional information, call Angela R. at (989) 658-2319.
An Evening of Christmas music, 7 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library.

Tuesday, December 19
Traveling Place for Peace, 10-2 p.m., Cass City United Methodist church. For additional information, call (989) 325-0024.
Thumb Area Parkinson's Support Group meeting, 1 p.m., Northwood Meadows.
Heartland Hospice Grief Group Lunch, 1 p.m., Gilligan's. For additional information, contact Laura Johannes at 1-877-486-6671.

Christmas Schedule for...

St. Pancratius Church 4292 Seeger St. Cass City, Mich. (989) 872-3336

St. Agatha Church 4618 South St. Gagetown, Mich. (989) 665-9966

Vigil of Nativity of our Lord (CHRISTMAS EVE)
Sunday, December 24, 2006
4:00 p.m. (St. Agatha)
6:00 p.m. (St. Pancratius)

Nativity of our Lord (CHRISTMAS DAY)
Sunday, December 25, 2006
10:00 a.m. (St. Pancratius)

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AREA YOUTH gathered at Rawson Memorial Library for the young adult Christmas craft activity Saturday. At right, library Director Kate VanAuken and Halena Farkas, 14, of Cass City, put together their own holiday creations.



Foster grandmas, grandpas are needed in Thumb area schools

Area adults have the opportunity to make a difference in the life of children they haven't even met yet.

"Most of our local elementary schools are using some pretty special volunteers in their classrooms to give children extra support, both emotional and educational," said Human Development Commission (HDC) spokesman Dale Perz. "Those volunteers are known as 'foster grand-

parents' and they have been serving in the Thumb area since 1978 and across the country since 1965."

Sponsored locally by the HDC, foster grandma and grandpas spend about 20 hours each week in a classroom with kids who have a need for extra attention and help in reading and math, or manners and social skills. Just about anyone who is at least 60 years of age and meets income qualifications can be a foster grandpar-

ent.

"In return for their time, foster grandparents receive a cash assistance of \$2.65 per hour — not considered income — a daily meal, assistance with mileage or transportation, on-going training and recognition, and more," Perz explained.

"No special skills are needed — just the ability to show a child that you care," he added.

Bonnie Walker, who is retired from the Sanilac County Intermediate School District and a member of the Foster Grandparent Advisory Council, described why people should get involved in the program: "The grandparents I have known all said it's a good reason to get up in the morning," she said. "Volunteering gives them meaning and self-esteem."

Area residents interested in learning more about volunteering as a foster grandparent are encouraged to call HDC at 1-800-843-6394.

3,500 feathers at maturity

It's estimated that turkeys have 3,500 feathers at maturity. The bulk of turkey feathers are composted or otherwise disposed of; however, some feathers may be used for special purposes. For instance, dyed feathers are used to make American Indian costumes or as quills for pens.

The costume that "Big Bird" wears on "Sesame Street" is rumored to be made of turkey feathers. Turkey feather down has been used to make pillows. For commercial use, turkey skins are tanned and used to make items like cowboy boots, belts or other accessories.

Obituaries

Christine Hughes

Christine Louise Hughes, 59, of Cass City, died unexpectedly Monday, Dec. 4, 2006 in Covenant Health Care System Harrison Campus, Saginaw.

She was born Aug. 15, 1947 in California, the daughter of Walker and Alice (Holly) Matlack.

Hughes was a foster parent for many medically fragile children.

She is survived by her children: Walker (Shannon) Aumann of Redwood City, Calif., Aaron (Aubrey) Aumann of Lancaster, Calif., Charles Hughes of Cass City, Alan (Trischia Gillespie) Hughes of Vassar, Amber (Santana Elkhart) Hughes of Cass City, Elizabeth, Rebecca, and Dillon Hughes, all at home; 4 grandchildren; 2 sisters: Sherry Matlack of Arizona, Liz Matlack of Colorado; and a niece, Emily Matlack.

Hughes was preceded in death by her parents; and 5 children: Romel, Andy, and Destiny Hughes, Olivia Moore, and Henry Hanks.

A private family memorial service will be held at a later date.

According to Chris' instructions, her cremated remains will be scattered on her family property up north.

Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

Sunset Valley Crematory, Bay City.

A memorial service was held Monday, Dec. 11, at the Goodnews Assembly of God Church, Marlette, with Pastor Douglas Richardson officiat-

ing. Burial will be in the Holly Memorial Cemetery at a later date. Arrangements were made by Marsh Funeral Chapel, Inc., Marlette.

Thabet Funeral Home accepted for OGR membership

Thabet Funeral Home, Inc., Cass City, has been accepted for membership in the International Order of the Golden Rule (OGR), a professional association of independently owned and operated Golden Rule funeral homes.

These select funeral homes adhere to a strict code of ethics and standards, ensuring that members provide dignified, caring service at fair and reasonable prices. In order to retain its membership, Thabet Funeral Home must consistently demonstrate its dedication to providing quality funeral service to its client families.

"We welcome Thabet Funeral Home as a Golden Rule member," said William A. Edmunds, OGR executive director. "Not every independent funeral home is able to meet our high standards of conduct, quality service and compassionate care. Cass City is fortunate to have a firm such as Thabet Funeral Home in its community, able to serve families by the Golden Rule."

"We are very pleased that Thabet Funeral Home will be joining the ranks

of fellow member funeral homes throughout the world that have met and maintain our stringent requirements."

"We take great pride in the caring service we provide to our bereaved families," said Dwight D. Thabet, manager of Thabet Funeral Home. "Membership in OGR will provide with more resources to better serve our families' needs."

OGR was founded in 1928 and headquartered in St. Louis. To ensure that OGR maintains its standards of excellence, funeral homes that wish to join must first pass a rigorous application process and demonstrate and maintain only the highest standards of service, integrity, care and compassion.

As a member of OGR, Thabet Funeral Home has pledged to adhere to the association's long-standing credo: "Service measured not by gold but by the Golden Rule."

For more information, contact Thabet Funeral Home at (989) 872-9700.

Joan Parsons

Joan G. Parsons, 71, of Cass City, died Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2006 at Select Specialty Hospital, Saginaw.

She was born Sept. 20, 1935 in Flint, the daughter of the late Lawrence and Glorian (Fairman) Stalker.

She married Bernard Parsons Jan. 22, 1955 in Detroit.

Parsons was a homemaker.

She is survived by her husband, Bernard; children: Gloria Little, Denise Cooper, Bernie Parsons, Mary (Pete) Arthur, Mathew (Julie) Parsons, Steven Parsons, Patrice (John) Arthur and David (Shanna) Parsons; 25 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; siblings: Larry, Don, Bobby and Darlene.

Parsons was preceded in death by a sister, Linda Sue Baker.

Cremation has taken place and a private family memorial service has been held.

Arrangements by Thabet Funeral Home, Cass City.

Quinton Plummer

Quinton D. Plummer, 81, of Kingston, died Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2006 at the Marlette Regional Hospital Hospice House.

He was born Feb. 22, 1925 in Park Rapids, Minn., the son of the late Denver and Pearl (McMillen) Plummer.

He married Jeanette Allen March 21, 1948 in Pontiac.

Plummer served in the U.S. Air Force during WWII. He worked for Pontiac Motors for 31 years, retiring in 1977. Plummer has lived in the Kingston area since 1988. He was a member of the Cass City VFW Post 3644 and Auxiliary, and the Waterford Wood Carving Club. He was a former volunteer fireman in Pontiac.

Plummer is survived by his wife, Jeanette; 2 sons: Denver Plummer of Kingston, and Glenn Plummer of Texas; 2 daughters: Bonnie (Phil) Cumper of Columbiaville, and Marlene (David) Prieto of Oxford; a sister, June Haralabakos of Waterford; 8 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Daniel Plummer; and a brother, Gerald Plummer.

Cremation has taken place at the

Finding help with day to day problems can be hard enough for an average person.

Now, imagine how it might be to try to find help for a disability you have, especially if you are homebound or unable to use the telephone. Think of the frustration you would have if you had no idea who to contact or how to contact them once you found out who might be able to help.

Enter www.tipbrary.com: a new website created specifically for those people looking for help with disabilities.

"The site was developed by Thumb Area Michigan Works! in cooperation with Michigan Rehabilitation Services, the Disability Network of Flint and Career Alliance, Inc.," explained Dr. Marvin Pichla, executive director of Thumb Area Michigan Works!. "Tipbrary stands for Targeted Information Portal Library, and is intended to help both the special needs person and service providers become more aware of disability and assistive technology services which may be available right 'in their own backyard'."

The website covers services offered in Huron, Genesee, Lapeer, Shiawassee, Sanilac and Tuscola counties, and the information is organized by disability or by county. Services can be found for those people needing help with hearing disabilities, learning disabilities, mobility impairments and/or vision impairments.

"The goal of the site, hosted by 'Tippy the Bookworm', is to give information in a fun and user-friendly format," said Jody Kerbyson, Thumb Area Michigan Works! services controller. "We want to make it easy for people to find the services they need."

Agencies such as the Blue Water Centers for Independent Living, Thumb Industries, the Michigan Disabilities Rights Coalition and Thumb Area Michigan Works! are featured, with services ranging from employment assistance to housing programs, peer counseling, independent living skills instruction, and financial assistance to obtain assistive technology.

Angela Hoff, executive director of the Blue Water Centers for Independent Living, was one of the first to make sure information about her program was entered into the site.

"Internet technology is a great way to reach people with a computer who may be unable to leave their home, who may find it difficult to use the phone," Hoff said. "Anytime we can create a new way to inform people what services we have to offer, it's important for us to take advantage of that method of communication."

To find out more about the Tipbrary and how it may help you or a family member or friend, log on to www.tipbrary.com, or call Kerbyson at Thumb Area Michigan Works! (989) 635-3561.

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

County, Michigan, and are described as:
Lots 19, Williamsburg Estates No. 2, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, page 5, Tuscola County Records.

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 having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Renee Suzanne LaBar, a single woman of Tuscola County, Michigan, Mortgage to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. dated the 28th day of September, A.D. 2005, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 7th day of October, A.D. 2005, in Liber 1057 of Tuscola Records, on page 53, which said mortgage was assigned to Ohio Savings Bank, thru mesne assignments, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal of \$127,920.00 (One hundred Twenty Seven thousand, Nine hundred Twenty dollars and Zero cents), plus accrued interest at 7.12% (seven point one two) percent per annum.

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Dawn Rumbold, a single woman, original mortgagor, to American Financial Mortgage Corp., Mortgagee, dated June 18, 1999 and recorded on August 11, 1999 in Liber 779 on Page 450, and assigned by mesne assignments to Countrywide 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 Seventy Thousand Six Hundred Thirty-Eight and 06/100 Dollars (\$70,638.06), including interest at 5.875% 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 January, A.D., 2007, at 10:00 o'clock said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, on January 11, 2007.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Julie A. Bush and Richard A. Bush, wife and husband, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated December 1, 2005 and recorded on December 16, 2005 in Liber 1064 on Page 1000 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Five Thousand Four Hundred Seventeen and 15/100 Dollars (\$55,417.15), including interest at 8% per annum.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Boyce Kirkwood and Victoria Kirkwood, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated August 8, 2005 and recorded on August 16, 2005 in Liber 1050 on Page 94 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Wachovia Bank, N.A., as Trustee for the registered holders of Aegis Asset Backed Securities Trust, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-5 as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Seventeen Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-Seven and 98/100 Dollars (\$17,367.98), including interest at 7.43% per annum.

Dated: December 6, 2006

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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, on January 11, 2007.

Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the Township of Dayton, in the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan and described as follows to wit:

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, Michigan, on January 11, 2007.

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, Michigan, on January 11, 2007.

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This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below.

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

Commencing at the Southwest corner of Section 32, Town 11 North, Range 10 East, thence North 1 degree 43 minutes 56 seconds East 369.81 feet; thence South 87 degrees 55 minutes 03 seconds East 370.54 feet; thence South 1 degree 41 minutes 22 West 364.82 feet; thence North 88 degrees 41 minutes 22 seconds West 370.82 feet to the point of beginning. Commonly known as: 6985 Treasurer.

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

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Keith A. Staple, a married man, and William K. Staple, an unmarried man, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated May 21, 2004 and recorded on June 22, 2004 in Liber 997 on Page 691 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to EMC Mortgage Corporation as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Fifteen Thousand Six Hundred Fifty-Five and 12/100 Dollars (\$115,655.12), including interest at 6.75% per annum.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Mary Lou Tolfree-Patterson and Patrick Patterson, Husband and Wife, to Lincoln Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated January 31, 2001 and recorded February 6, 2001 in Liber 821, Page 252, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was subsequently assigned through mesne assignments to Household Finance Corp III, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Eight Thousand Six Hundred Seventeen Dollars and One Cent (\$68,617.01), including interest 13.05% per annum.

Part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 36, Town 11 North, Range 9 East, described as: commencing at a point which is North 89 degrees 49 minutes 23 seconds East, 36 feet from the Northeast corner of Lot 1, Block 1 of the Plat of the Village of Mayville; thence North 89 degrees 49 minutes 23 seconds East, 94.88 feet; thence South 00 degrees 13 minutes 43 seconds West, 148.5 feet; thence South 89 degrees 49 minutes 23 seconds West, 94.9 feet; thence North 00 degrees 14 minutes 15 seconds East, 148.5 feet to the point of beginning. Tuscola County Records.

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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, on January 4, 2007.

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 10:00AM on Thursday, December 21, 2006.

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Troy, Michigan 48064
WWR#05677161

Dated: December 13, 2006

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Dated: December 13, 2006

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, Michigan, on January 4, 2007.

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

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

Commencing at a point 12 rods East of the North-west corner of Northeast one-quarter of Section 1, Town 14 North, Range 8 East, Village of Unionville, Township of Columbia, Tuscola County, Michigan; running thence South 247 feet; thence East 100 feet; thence North 247 feet; thence West 100 feet to the place of beginning. Village of Unionville, Tuscola County, Michigan. Commonly known as 3323 Bay Street, Unionville MI 48767.

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Dated: December 6, 2006

12-6-4

Household Finance Corp III
Assignee of Mortgagee

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, Michigan, on January 11, 2007.

Mortgage Sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Damian Pica and Susan J. Pica, husband and wife, as Tenants by the Entirety, to Ameriquest Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated January 7, 2005 and recorded on January 21, 2005, in Liber 1024, Page 1300-1318, Tuscola County Records, said mortgage was assigned to DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE OF AMERIQUEST MORTGAGE SECURITIES, INC. ASSET BACKED PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-R4CGM UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF MAY 1, 2005, WITHOUT RECOURSE, by an Assignment of Mortgage submitted to the Tuscola County Register of Deeds, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of (One Hundred Fifty Two Thousand One Hundred Sixty One Dollar and 53/100 (\$152,161.53), including interest at the rate of 6.750% per annum.

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Our File No: 06-59147 (HSBC)
ASAP# 803772

11-22-4

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, Michigan, on January 11, 2007.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Michigan at 10:00 AM on January 18, 2007.

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This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

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

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

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 Keith A. Krause, an unmarried man, to Mac-Clair Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated June 16, 2004 and recorded June 23, 2004 in Liber 997, Page 967, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Chase Home Finance, LLC, successor by merger to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, its successors and/or assigns by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Fifteen Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-Four and 45/100 Dollars (\$15,844.45), including interest at 6.5% per annum.

Part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 14, Town 11 North, Range 11 East, Koylton Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as beginning at the Northeast corner of said Section 14; thence along the East section line, South 00 degrees 00 minutes West 330.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 11 minutes 45 seconds West 660.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, 330.00 feet; thence along the North section line, North 89 degrees 11 minutes 45 seconds East 660.00 feet to the point of beginning.

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

Part of the Southwest Quarter of Section 17, Township 13 North, Range 11 East, Novesta Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as beginning at the South Quarter corner of said section 17; thence North 89 degrees 31 minutes 24 seconds West along the South line of said Southwest quarter 123.35 feet; thence North 09 degrees 12' 57" West 222.31 feet; thence North 88 degrees 32' 37" East 158.30 feet to the East line of said Southwest quarter; thence South 00 degrees 10' 38" East along said East line 224.49 feet to the point of beginning. Right of way for Severance Road over the Southerly Side thereof. 5739 Severance Rd.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Teresa Shrontz, a single woman, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated December 16, 2005 and recorded on January 17, 2006 in Liber 1068 on Page 1341 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Nineteen Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-Nine and 74/100 Dollars (\$119,849.74), including interest at 9.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on DECEMBER 21, 2006.

Dated: December 13, 2006

12-13-4

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

Said premises are situated in Village of Millington, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:
Lot 5 of Block 3 of the Plat of the Village of Millington, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, According to the recorded Plat thereof, as Recorded in Plat Liber 1, Page 41, Now Being 42A, Tuscola County Records.

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

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.

Dated: December 13, 2006
Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Assignee
43252 Woodward Ave., Suite 202
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302
(248) 335-9200
Our File No. 141.00170

12-13-5

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Kenneth L. Smith, a single person, original mortgagor, to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc., Mortgagee, dated April 29, 2002 and recorded on May 22, 2002 in Liber 879 on Page 10 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Six Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty and 73/100 Dollars (\$56,930.73), including interest at 7% per annum.

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

Part of the Southwest quarter and part of the Southeast quarter of Section 17, Town 13 North, Range 8 East, described as beginning at the South quarter corner of said Section 17; thence along the South line of said Section 17, South 89 degrees 37 minutes 40 seconds West, 244.48 feet; thence North 11 degrees 59 minutes 17 seconds East, 218.51 feet; thence South 88 degrees 13 minutes 02 seconds East, 222.21 feet; thence South 78 degrees 46 minutes 40 seconds East, 201.11 feet; thence South 00 degrees 17 minutes 11 seconds East, 165.00 feet to said South line of Section 17; thence along said South line of Section 17, South 89 degrees 42 minutes 49 seconds West, 221.10 feet to the point of beginning. SUBJECT to an easement 25.00 feet in width, for ingress and egress, 12.50 feet each side of centerline described as commencing at the South one-quarter corner of said Section 17, North 89 degrees 42 minutes 49 seconds East 141.00 feet to the point of beginning; thence North 07 degrees 32 minutes 45 seconds East 177.85 feet to the point of ending. ASSESSED AS: PARCEL A (Parcel ID No.: 036-017-000-3600-02) Commencing at the South 1/4 corner Section 17, Town 13 North, Range 8 East, thence North 89 degrees 37 minutes 40 seconds West 244.48 feet; thence North 11 degrees 59 minutes 17 seconds East 218.51 feet; thence South 88 degrees 13 minutes 02 seconds East 221.10 feet; thence South 78 degrees 46 minutes 40 seconds West 201.11 feet; thence North 88 degrees 13 minutes 02 seconds West 245.35 feet; thence South 00 degrees 22 minutes 14 seconds East 206.00 feet to the point of beginning. PARCEL B (Parcel ID No.: 036-017-000-2800-03) Commencing at the South 1/4 corner Section 17, Town 13 North, Range 8 East, thence North 89 degrees 37 minutes 40 seconds West 244.48 feet; thence North 11 degrees 59 minutes 17 seconds East 218.51 feet; thence South 88 degrees 13 minutes 02 seconds East 197.86 feet; thence South 00 degrees 22 minutes 14 seconds East 206.00 feet to the point of beginning.

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, Michigan, on January 11, 2007.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Mark Smith and Julie M. Smith, his wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated April 19, 2006 and recorded June 26, 2006 in Liber 1086, Page 14, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Six Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-Six and 70/100 Dollars (\$86,766.70), including interest at 7% per annum.

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File #116959F01

12-6-4

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, Michigan, on December 28, 2006.

The West 4 rods of Lot 18, Block 29 of the Village (now City) of Vassar, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, page 3

Legal Notices

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Scott Bullard and Dawn Bullard, Husband and Wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated June 10, 2004 and recorded on June 22, 2004 in Liber 997 on Page 809 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to LaSalle Bank National Association, trustee for Lehman Brothers-Structured Asset Investment Loan Trust Sall 2004-8 as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Six Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-Seven and 33/100 Dollars (\$136,267.33), including interest at 8.4% 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 December 21, 2006.

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

Beginning in the Southeast corner of the following parcel: A parcel of land lying in Section 1, Town 11 North, Range 9 East beginning at the center of Section 1 which is on the East and West 1/4 line of said Section 1 South 89 degrees 26 minutes 44 seconds West 2633.32 feet from the East 1/4 corner of said Section 1; thence along the East and West 1/4 line of said Section 1 North 89 degrees 26 minutes 44 seconds East 643 feet; thence parallel to the North and South 1/4 line of said Section 1 North 01 degrees 10 minutes 00 seconds West 1330.88 feet; thence South 89 degrees 29 minutes 18 seconds West 643.02 feet; thence South 01 degrees 10 minutes 00 seconds East 1331.36 feet to the point of beginning. From the Southeast corner of the above described parcel, North 344 feet; thence West 150 feet; thence South 344 feet; thence East 150 feet.

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: November 22, 2006
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Paul Huffaker, a married man, and Barbara Huffaker, his wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated March 26, 2003 and recorded on April 1, 2003 in Liber 923 on Page 763 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Washington Mutual Bank as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Nine Thousand One Hundred Eighty-Eight and 77/100 Dollars (\$99,188.77), 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 December 21, 2006.

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

Commencing 1166.10 feet West of the South 1/4 corner of Section 11, Township 11 North, Range 8 East, of Vassar Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, thence North 00 degrees 51 minutes 54 seconds East, 330 feet; thence South 89 degrees 14 minutes 34 seconds West, 120 feet; thence North 00 degrees 51 minutes 54 seconds East, 320 feet; thence North 89 degrees 14 minutes 34 seconds West 650 feet; thence South 89 degrees 14 minutes 34 seconds West, 200 feet to the point of beginning.

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

Dated: November 22, 2006
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Elsie Schott and Lawrence Schott, Wife and Husband, to Franklin Mortgage Funding, Mortgagee, dated May 21, 2001 and recorded May 25, 2001 in Liber 833, Page 316, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was subsequently assigned through mesne assignments to Household Finance Corp III, by assignment dated March 20, 2006 and recorded June 2, 2006 in Liber 1083, Page 857, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Seven Thousand Eighty-Nine Dollars and Thirty-Nine Cents (\$107,089.39), including interest 11.875% 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, front entrance of the Circuit Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI at 10:00AM on Thursday, December 21, 2006.

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

A parcel of land located in the Southeast one-quarter of Section 30, Town 11 North, Range 11 East, described as follows: commencing at the Southeast corner of Section 30; thence South 89 degrees 44 minutes 15 seconds West along the South line of

said Section 30 a distance of 1033.22 feet to the point of beginning of this description; thence continuing along said South line South 89 degrees 44 minutes 15 seconds West 208.71 feet; thence leaving said South line North 00 degrees 2 minutes 5 seconds West 417.42 feet; thence North 89 degrees 44 minutes 15 seconds East parallel with said South line of Section 30 a distance of 208.71 feet; thence South 00 degrees 02 minutes 51 seconds East 417.42 feet to the point of beginning. Commonly known as 5375 Mayville, Clifford MI 48727.

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

Dated: NOVEMBER 16, 2006
 Household Finance Corp III
 Assignee of Mortgagee

Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C.
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 Rochester Hills, MI 48307
 (248) 844-5123
 Our File No: 06-59093 (HSBC)
 ASAPH 803761

11-22-4

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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 Karen Withers, an unmarried woman, original mortgagor, to Nations Finance, a Michigan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated May 6, 2005 and recorded on May 24, 2005 in Liber 1039 on Page 1226 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by mesne assignments to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. in trust for the benefit of the Certificate holders of Asset Backed Securities Corporation Home Equity Loan Trust, Series OOMC 2005-HE6 as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Nine Thousand Five Hundred Ninety and 87/100 Dollars (\$79,590.87), including interest at 9.2% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on December 28, 2006.

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

Commencing at the Northwest corner of Section 28, Town 11 North, Range 8 East; thence South 87 degrees 36 minutes 25 seconds East, 436.80 feet along the North line of said Section 28 to the point of beginning; running thence South 87 degrees 36 minutes 25 seconds East, 160.0 feet along the North line of said Section 28; thence South 0 degrees 04 minutes 15 seconds East, 300.0 feet; thence North 87 degrees 36 minutes 25 seconds West, 160.0 feet; thence North 0 degrees 04 minutes 15 seconds West 300.0 feet to the point of beginning. Being a part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 28, Town 11 North, Range 8 East.

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

Dated: November 29, 2006
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 Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
 File #116473F01

11-29-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Charles H. Thompson, to AMC Mortgage Services, Inc., Mortgagee, dated June 3, 2005 and recorded August 30, 2005 in Liber 1052, Page 188, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was subsequently assigned to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee of Ameriquest Mortgage Securities, Inc. ASIO, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Five Thousand One Hundred Ninety-Seven Dollars and Sixty-Six Cents (\$105,197.66), including interest 6.99% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, front entrance of the Circuit Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI at 10:00AM on Thursday, December 21, 2006.

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

Commencing 83 feet West of the Northeast corner of Lot 1, Block 11 of William Turner's Second Addition to the Village of Mayville, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1, of Plats, Page 29, now being Page 10A; thence West 181 feet; thence South 5 rods; thence East 181 feet; thence North to the place of Beginning. Commonly known as 6109 4th Street, Mayville MI 48744.

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

Dated: NOVEMBER 17, 2006
 Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee of Ameriquest Mortgage Securities, Inc. Asset Backed Pass Through Certificates series 2005-R10, Under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of November 1, 2005, without recourse Assignee of Mortgagee

Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C.
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 Rochester Hills, MI 48307
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 Our File No: 06-59131

11-22-4

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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 Larry Michael Sherman and Donna Sherman, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Bank One, N.A., Mortgagee, dated November 18, 2003 and recorded on January 16, 2004 in Liber 974 on Page 660 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Seven Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-Six and 26/100 Dollars (\$97,626.26), including interest at 7.1% 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 December 21, 2006.

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

Beginning at a point 600 feet East of Southwest corner of Section 29, Range 9 East, thence North 200 feet, West 100 feet, South 200 feet, East 100 feet to Point of Beginning, as recorded in Tuscola County Records.

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

Dated: November 22, 2006
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 File #114956F01

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by James K. Spencer II and Theresa L. Spencer, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Wells Fargo Financial America, Inc., Mortgagee, dated November 7, 2005 and recorded on December 9, 2005 in Liber 1063 on Page 1198 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Seven Thousand Twenty-One and 02/100 Dollars (\$107,021.02), including interest at 8.04% 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 January 4, 2007.

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

Section 36, Town 12 North, Range 8 East; Commencing at a point that is South 1120 feet from East 1/4 corner of said Section; thence South 333.50 feet; thence North 89 degrees 46 minutes 30 seconds West 1307.71 feet; thence North 00 degrees 04 minutes 37 seconds West 333.50; thence South 89 degrees 46 minutes 30 seconds East 1308.16 feet to the Point of Beginning 10.01 Acres.

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

Dated: November 22, 2006
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 File #115366F01

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Susan Zagorski, a single woman, original mortgagor, to American Financial Mortgage, Mortgagee, dated October 16, 1998 and recorded on October 20, 1998 in Liber 753 on Page 676, and assigned by mesne assignments to Fidelity Bank, A Federally Chartered Savings 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 Seventy-Three Thousand Four Hundred Forty-Eight and 47/100 Dollars (\$73,448.47), 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 December 21, 2006.

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

Lot 1, Block 13 of Segar's Addition to the Village of Cass City, According to the Plat Recorded in Liber 29 of Deeds, Page 144.

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.

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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 Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM o'clock, on January 11, 2007.

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

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Dated: November 16, 2006
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Larry J. Magiera and Stephanie C. Magiera, husband and wife, and Jeanette C. Lee, survivor of Dennis H. Lee, deceased (death certificate recorded in Liber 562, Page 1203, Tuscola County Records), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated June 20, 2005 and recorded July 7, 2005 in Liber 1044, Page 1165, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by US Bank, N.A., as trustee by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty Thousand One Hundred Fifty-One and 31/100 Dollars (\$120,151.31), including interest at 7.99% 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 JANUARY 4, 2007.

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

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

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

Dated: December 6, 2006
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 File No. 207.6051

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Tony M. Bazan and Karen Bazan, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Olympus Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated February 11, 2004 and recorded on November 17, 2004 in Liber 1017 on Page 1313 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY ON BEHALF OF GS MORTGAGE SECURITIES CORP. GSAMP TRUST 2004-ARI, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2004-ARI as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand Seven Hundred Forty-Nine and 79/100 Dollars (\$195,749.79), including interest at 9.25% 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 January 4, 2007.

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

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

Dated: December 6, 2006
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Brooke A. Heckroth, an unmarried woman, and Dennis E. Fox, an unmarried man, original mortgagors, to Long Beach Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated May 13, 2005 and recorded on May 19, 2005 in Liber 1039 on Page 0496 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Eighteen Thousand Three Hundred Thirteen and 44/100 Dollars (\$118,313.44), 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 January 4, 2007.

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Council approves new budget

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in 2007. "The 100-percent premium for early retirement (ages 60-65) is being eliminated. Currently this benefit costs \$3,000 per month with a 13.5-percent increase scheduled. The budget cannot afford this into the future," he explained. Cristiano added, "Original 2007 health insurance premium rates were slated for a 24.75-percent increase if no changes occurred. With the cooperation of village staff, co-pays for prescriptions and office calls were increased, thereby reducing the premium increase to only 13.5 percent."

IMPROVEMENTS

Although Cass City's new budget projects a modest increase in general fund spending next year, village officials plan to tackle a host of capital improvements - more than \$640,000 worth - according to an updated 5-year capital improvement plan.

The plan covers a host of projects ranging from equipment purchases/replacement to on-going maintenance of infrastructure to street improvements.

Plans for 2007 include a continued boost in funding for sidewalk replacement, with some \$36,000 set aside for the work.

Village officials, who completed several thousands of dollars worth of

sidewalk construction this year thanks to a Community Development Block Grant, noted a new state law now allows municipalities to use a portion of state road monies for sidewalks.

The focus in 2007 will be sections of sidewalk along Pine and Houghton streets. Following a long-standing village policy, individual residents will be asked to pay 50 percent of the cost.

Major purchases in the coming year include a new replacement dump truck, "gang" mower and wood chipper. Total motor vehicle and equipment fund spending is set at \$148,500. Only one street improvement project is planned. The work will be construction of a new base for the unfinished portion of Ale Street to Seeger Street. The estimated cost is about \$65,000.

Nearly \$270,000 worth of road work is planned in 2008, including improvements to sections of Brooker, Third, Fourth, Vulcan and Schell streets; Northwood Circle and Garfield Avenue; South Alley behind the municipal building; and the parking lot behind the municipal building.

Other capital improvement spending in 2007 will include just over \$100,000 for equipment purchases and repairs at the village's wastewater treatment plant.

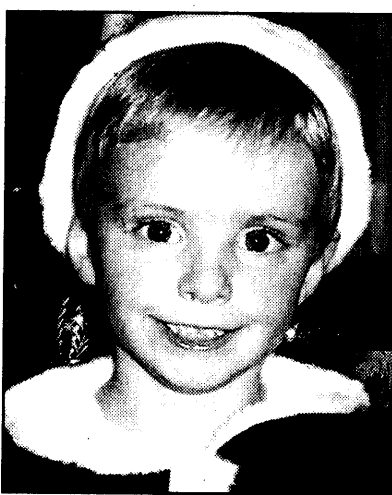
Nearly \$60,000 has been budgeted for the village hall, department of public works building and the parks

and pool. The projects include \$25,000 for a new boiler at the municipal building, \$16,000 for a second boiler at the pool, and \$11,000 for tennis court improvements and playground equipment.

Another \$60,000 will be spent on well and water supply maintenance, including \$40,000 for upgrades to one of the village's 3 wells; \$31,000 will be spent on police patrol car leases and communications equipment; \$16,000 has been earmarked to loop the water system lines at the east edge of the village; \$10,000 will go for hydrant replacement; and \$7,500 will cover completion of the street sign replacement project.

Santa letter

"I've been extra good this year"



Seth Kappen

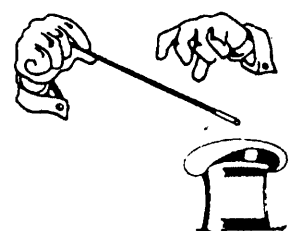
Dear Santa, My name is Seth. I've been extra good this year.

For Christmas, I would like a tractor and some games. Also, could you please bring grandpa Wally a battery charger and some jumper cables.

Love, Seth Kappen

Parents - There's still time to get your child's Santa letter in for the Chronicle's annual Christmas edition to be published next week. Drop off letters and photos by Friday at 10 a.m. and we'll do our best to include them in our Dec. 20 issue.

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THE COLORS OF FALL may be gone, but there are plenty of picturesque scenes still to be found in the Thumb, including this sunset shot through some trees just west of Cass City Saturday evening.

Fund set up for area family

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year — took a toll on the family, Dave Mellendorf acknowledged. "They're (spirits) as good as they can be. It's getting better the longer it goes," he said. "We've got great parents, so it's going very well as far as the situation is concerned."

He noted his son's Christmas won't be affected because all of his presents had been stored in a garage that was spared from the flames.

But it's going to be some time before life returns to normal for the family.

"We have to inventory all our stuff that was in the house and then start

the rebuilding process," he explained. He said it will be another 6 to 8 months before construction of a new house is complete.

In the meantime, area residents can lend a hand by making a donation at Thumb National Bank (just mention the family's name). Anyone interested in learning more can contact Smith at (989) 672-4492.

"I they will need help - everything's lost," Smith said. "This way they can have the money they need to get through this."

"This isn't charity," she added. "It's that people have to band together and help each other out."

Heiser named U-W director

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In 2005, the board allocated more than \$74,000 to programs and agencies serving Tuscola County residents. However, Heiser noted that donations were down by about one-third during the 2005-06 campaign, reducing last spring's biannual allocation to roughly \$50,000.

In all, the county organization distributes funds to about 25 agencies. They include the American Association of University Women, American Red Cross, Cass City Literacy Council, Foster Grandparent Program, American Youth Soccer Organization, Good Samaritan Fund, Mitten Bay Girl Scout Council, Rawson Memorial Library, Thumb Area Assault Crisis Center, Tuscola Homeless Coalition and Thumb Area Big Brothers/Big Sisters.

"The funds are received from a number of different sources, including

payroll deductions, individual contributions, business and industry contributions, and from grants from foundations," Heiser explained.

"This year's mail-in campaign has raised \$6,049 to-date. This is 81 percent of last year's total," he said. Still United Way officials are guardedly optimistic, with the largest amount of money still expected in the form of payroll deductions.

In the meantime, Heiser said the United Way of Tuscola County Board is always on the lookout for new members from throughout the county in an effort to increase recognition of and participation in the organization.

Area residents are encouraged to consider making a contribution. Donations can be mailed to U-W of Tuscola County, P.O. Box 51, Cass City, MI 48726. Anyone interested in volunteering, contributing or serving as an activity sponsor can also contact Heiser at (989) 325-1980.

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