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Ruling clears way for windpark

Huron County Circuit Court Judge M. Richard Knoblock ruled Thursday that the county clerk acted properly in denying a petition for a review of a local wind energy ordinance.

The ruling clears the way for Noble Environmental Power's proposed construction of a windpark in Huron County's Bingham Township.

Noble officials said the ruling avoids a referendum to accept or reject the ordinance, which they say could have killed the planned Noble Thumb Windpark and all other wind energy projects in Huron County.

Members of a group known as Residents for Sound Economics and Planning (RSEP) filed a petition last October seeking a countywide vote on a zoning ordinance amendment approved by county commissioners that paved the way for the Noble project. However, Knoblock sided with the county Clerk Peggy Koehler, saying she rightly denied the petition because it requested a review of the ordinance, not whether the amendment should be accepted or rejected.

Knoblock's ruling was welcomed by some county officials.

"The Noble Thumb Windpark can bring a wide range of benefits to our community," said Carl Osentoski, executive director of the Huron County Economic Development Corporation.

"We know that clean, renewable energy is a critical part of our future," Osentoski added. "We are always seeking new industries to diversify our economic base and alternative energy projects are one of those key industries of the future."

Noble officials, meanwhile, lauded Knoblock's decision.

"The Noble Thumb Windpark will create cleaner energy, hundreds of jobs and millions of dollars in economic activity for this community," said Peter Mastic, managing director of Noble Environmental, which is now constructing the first phase of the its windpark in Huron County.

"We are pleased that the motion to overturn the decision of the county clerk was rejected by the court, and we look forward to continuing to work with the community on this important project," Mastic said.

Huron County officials approved the ordinance after nearly a year of research, windpark visits, public meetings and deliberations. The county's planning commission unanimously recommended approval.

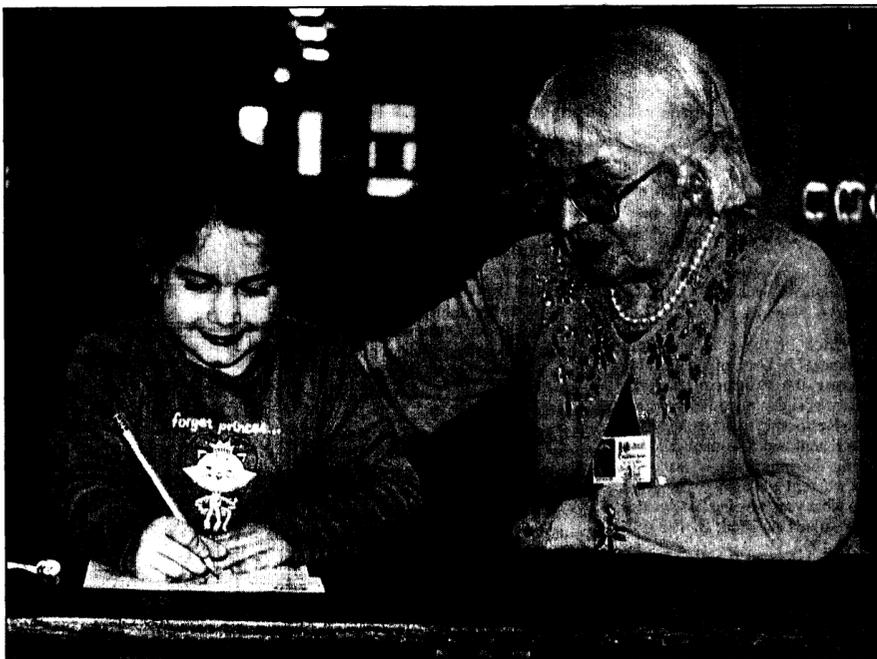
The first phase of the Noble Thumb Windpark will consist of 32 turbines on 4,700 acres of farmland belonging to about 40 landowners in Bingham Township.

Pre-construction activity began last September, and installation of the first turbines is now expected to take place in mid-April. Future phases of the windpark are expected to extend through southeastern Huron County and into Sanilac County over the next 3 years.

Noble officials have said the windpark will create more than \$6.5 million in estimated property tax payments over 20 years, 200 new construction jobs for up to one year along with 10 permanent operating jobs.

Company officials say the windpark will generate enough clean, renewable electricity to power 16,000 homes.

"By way of comparison, it would take some 60,000 tons of coal - enough to fill a freight train 6 1/2 miles long - every year to generate the same energy that Noble Thumb Windpark will generate," Mastic said.



"GRANDMA KNIGHT" tutors first grade student Lissa Hana just outside Marion Binder's classroom at Campbell Elementary School in Cass City Friday. Knight is one of hundreds of foster grandparents being recognized statewide this week. (See story, page 14)

Astronaut Hall of Fame inductee

Shaw returns to Boeing

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Cass City native and former astronaut Brewster Shaw has been selected to serve as vice president and general manager of the Boeing NASA Systems business unit, company officials announced last week.

In a separate announcement, officials at the U.S. Astronaut Hall of Fame listed Shaw among 3 astronauts that will be inducted into the hall next May.



Brewster Shaw

Jim Albaugh, president and chief executive officer of Boeing Integrated Defense Systems, said he selected Shaw for the position of vice president and general manager because of his extensive experience and

success in managing large, complex human space flight programs.

"Brewster takes over leadership of NASA Systems at a crucial time in the space program," Albaugh said. "His leadership will be critical as we progress through the Crew Exploration Vehicle and Crew Launch Vehicle proposals while keeping our focus on the safe operation of the Space Shuttle and our continuing support to the International Space Station."

In his new position, Shaw is responsible for the strategic direction of Boeing's civil space programs and the business unit's key programs - Space Shuttle, International Space Station, Checkout, Assembly and Payload Services and Space Exploration Systems.

"I am honored to lead Boeing's efforts in what is one of the most exciting periods in the history of America's space program," Shaw said.

"It is with great sense of duty that I return to Boeing at such a critical time in the transition of our human space flight programs. As the future of human space exploration continues to evolve, there will be great opportunity and adventure for those of us who will accept and embrace the challenges it brings."

Shaw was chief operation officer of the United Space Alliance (USA) prior to this assignment and had primary responsibility for the operations and overall management of USA, the prime contractor for the Space Shuttle program. He was named to

Benefit dinner set for local firefighter

Cass City area resident Carrie Tabar has handled hundreds of emergency 911 phone calls from her desk at Tuscola County Central Dispatch, but she never had to make an emergency call for help herself.

Until this past Christmas Eve, when her husband, Dale, passed out in the

couple's kitchen as the couple and their children, Mariah, 12, and Alex, 9, were wrapping up their holiday preparations.

"It's so much different when you're a caller. I can't even explain it," Car-

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Final candidate interviewed Special board meet Thursday

Because of the razor-thin margin that separates John Mertz, assistant superintendent at Essexville-Hampton public schools, and Ronald Wilson, principal at Harrison Public Schools, a special meeting of the Cass City School Board Thursday at 8 p.m. assumes major significance.

That's when the committee will report on site visits to the 2 schools. There will be 3 members of the board on the committee-Jim Turner, Danny Haag and Michelle Biddinger. The special meeting was decreed so that the board members and other committee members can report to the full school board and allow them time to form conclusions before the regular board meeting Monday when the new superintendent is scheduled to be announced.

A vote taken Saturday, Jan. 7 to determine the views of board members on the top 2 among 3 finalists for the position showed that John Mertz was the top choice for the position by the majority. The voters ranked the 3 remaining candidates on a 3-2-1 basis with 3 as the best rating. Mertz earned the top rating with 19 points. Wilson tallied 16 points and Theodore Gardella, 7.

Broken down, the vote indicates that 5 of the 7 board members considered Mertz the best choice and 2 had Wilson on the top of the list.

However, in the discussion that followed the interview session with Mertz, board members felt that the

school had available 2 exceptionally strong candidates. Trustee Doug Lautner said it's a tough choice, but its nice problem to have.

Mertz appeared to be the choice of the school's academia. One teacher said that her only concern was a superintendent that would provide a better school after discussion indicated that Wilson was attractive to the business community.

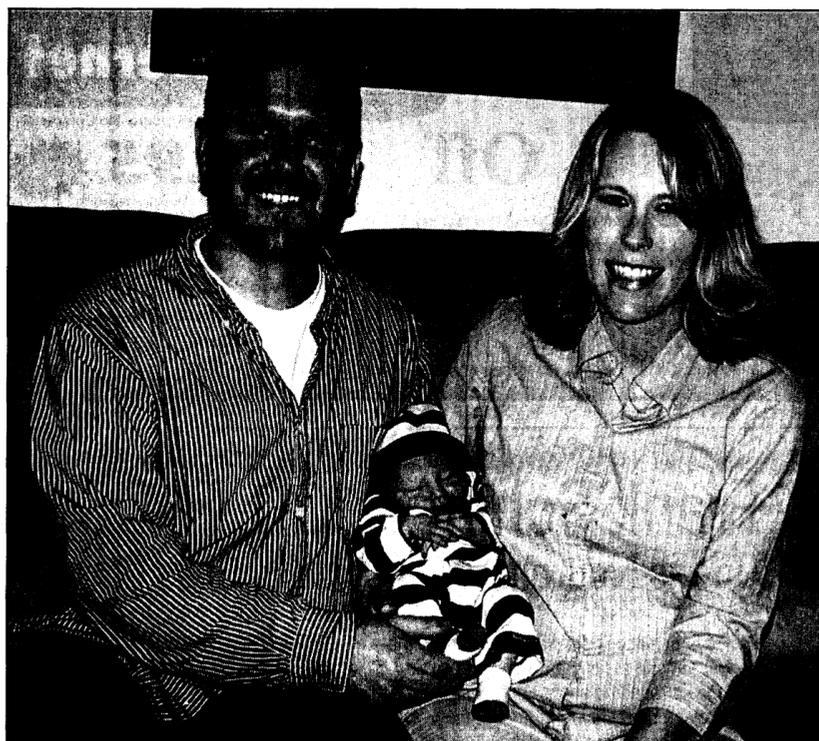
That remark came after there appeared to be a consensus on the board that Wilson would be a good fit and one that would blend well in the community. President Teresa Rabideau said that after a luncheon with Mertz, he was not as distant as he first appeared when she first talked with him.

Before this discussion, an hour-long second interview was conducted with Mertz. Rabideau opened the session by asking Mertz what were the biggest challenges and the opportunities at the school. The candidate replied that the biggest challenge is the economy that includes mounting health care costs and the "no child left behind" program.

Trustee Kropewnicki stated that new type leadership is needed to meet the problems of the future and asked how Mertz would conduct his program. Mertz answered, sharing with the staff and receiving its input and setting a district-wide goal.

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the position in 2003.
Shaw previously served as vice
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Happy birthday, baby

BEN AND TONYA Schott are the proud parents of the Cass City area's first baby of the new year. Landyn Frank Schott was born Monday, Jan. 9, at 11:15 a.m. at Huron Medical Center in Bad Axe. He was 19 1/2 inches long and weighed 6 pounds and 9 ounces. Grandparents are Ken and Shari Schott of Essexville and Dale and Sue Klaus of Deckerville. As the first baby, Landyn will be showered with gifts donated by local businesses.

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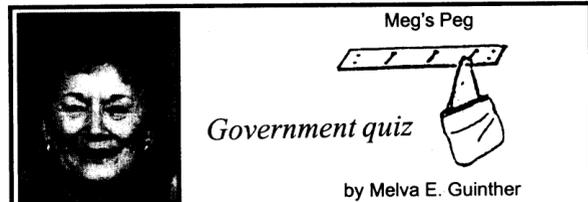
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Senior movies slated

Rawson Memorial Library, Cass City, will show the following Senior Citizen Movie Friday, January 20 at 1:30 p.m.

March of the Penguins: Every year, thousands of emperor penguins make an astonishing journey to breed their young. They are birds, but they do not fly. They are aquatic animals, but this time they will not swim. Instead, they walk - marching day and night in single file 70 miles into the darkest, driest and coldest continent on Earth. Narrated by Morgan Freeman, March of the Penguins is an amazing awe-inspiring all-ages, true life tale touched with humor and alive with thrills. Breathtaking photography captures the transcendent beauty and staggering you is the drama of devoted parent penguins who, in the face of the fierce polar winter, take turns guarding their egg and trekking to the ocean in search of food. Predators hunt them, storms lash them. But the safety of their adorable, fuzzy chicks makes it all worthwhile. So follow the leader...to adventure! (80 minutes).

Refreshments will be served. This Older Adult Program is offered free of charge.



Government quiz

by Melva E. Guinther

This history/government quiz was passed along to me. I removed the no-brainers before giving it to you. See how much you know.

1. Which of these is guaranteed by the first amendment? A. Right to bear arms; B. Right to vote; C. Freedom of religion; D. All of the above
2. Who has the ability to declare war? A. The president; B. The secretary of Defense; C. The Joint Chiefs; D. Congress
3. How many terms may a senator serve? A. 1; B. 2; C. 4; D. No term limits for senators
4. How many terms can a President serve? A. 1; B. 2; C. 4; D. No term limits
5. How many years is a full term for a representative? A. 1; B. 2; C. 4; D. 6
6. Which amendment sets the minimum voting age at 18? A. 1st; B. 19th; C. 26th; D. 18th
7. Who becomes president if both the president and vice-president die? A. Speaker of the House; B. Secretary of Defense; C. Chief Justice; D. First Lady
8. How many branches of government do we have? A. 1; B. 2; C. 3; D. Zero

9. Which is part of the judicial branch at the federal level? A. Supreme Court; B. Congress; C. Senate; D. Presidential Cabinet

10. Who elects the president of the United States? A. House of Representatives; B. Electoral College; C. Senate; D. State governors

11. Who was president during the Civil War? A. Abraham Lincoln; B. George Washington; C. Ulysses S. Grant; D. Lyndon Johnson

12. Why did the Pilgrims come to America? A. to establish a trade route to India; B. to set up fur trade with natives; C. to establish a new nation; D. to find religious freedom

13. How many total senators are there? A. 10; B. 13; C. 50; D. 100

14. The Constitution has how many amendments? A. 23; B. 27; C. 31; D. 33

15. How many amendments have been proposed officially but never ratified? A. None; B. 1; C. 6; D. 12

16. Which of these is a current amendment? A. Declaring it illegal to desecrate the American flag; B. Equality of rights regardless of gender; C. Restricting marriage to be between a man and a woman; D. Prohibiting the importing of liquor to states where it is illegal

17. In what year was the last amendment ratified? A. 1868; B. 1920; C. 1961; D. 1992

18. What is the official language of the United States? A. None; B. Latin; C. English; D. Esperanto

19. Who was the first vice-president of the United States? A. George Washington; B. John Adams; C. Thomas Jefferson; D. Andrew Jackson

20. Who said, "Give me liberty or give me death"? A. Nathan Hale; B. Patrick Henry; C. John Wilkes Booth; D. Thomas Paine

21. How many presidents were assassinated while in office? A. 1; B. 2; C. 4; D. 6

22. Which of these presidents was born in Texas? A. Dwight D Eisenhower; B. Richard Nixon; C. Ronald Reagan; D. George W. Bush

23. How many presidents have been impeached? A. None; B. 1; C. 2; D. 4

Answers: 1-C; 2-D; 3-D; 4-B; 5-B; 6-C; 7-A; 8-C; 9-A; 10-B; 11-A; 12-D; 13-D; 14-B; 15-C; 16-D; 17-D; 18-A; 19-B; 20-B; 21-C; 22-A; 23-C.

Cancer screening available

January is Cervical Cancer Awareness Month, and Huron County Health Department officials are offering to help Thumb area women locate clinics for breast and cervical cancer screening.

In 2002, 382 women in Michigan were diagnosed with invasive cervical cancer, according to Mary Thrushman of the Huron County Health Department.

"During 2003, 104 women in Michigan died of the disease. Yet no one should die of cervical cancer," she said. "If detected early, all deaths from cervical cancer can be prevented through appropriate treatment."

Having a full month to raise awareness of cervical cancer and its prevention methods is the best defense to reduce deaths from the disease, said Thrushman, who noted women need to seek regular screening.

"Regular pap smear testing is the key to detection and prevention of cervical cancer," she explained. "The pap smear test finds abnormal changes in cells before they become cancer. This form of cancer is highly treatable."

All women should obtain a pap smear annually if they have been sexually active for 3 years or are over the age of 21. Physicians, family planning clinics, local health departments and Planned Parenthood of Michigan all offer pap smears and referral services.

In addition, the Michigan Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program provides free breast and cervical cancer screening and follow-up services to eligible women. Clinics are available statewide for women ages 40 to 64.

To locate a clinic in Bay, Huron, Saginaw, Sanilac, St. Clair or Tuscola counties, call the Huron County Health Department at (989) 269-9721 (ext. 165) or 1-877-269-0822 to schedule an appointment.

Taste of the Thumb scheduled

The third annual Taste of the Thumb will be held Sunday, Jan. 29, from 2 to 7 p.m. at The Landing.

Thumb area residents are invited to sample some of the Thumb's finest restaurant fare in one location. All proceeds will go to benefit The Baby Pantry in Sanilac County.

For ticket information and directions, call Russ or Gwen at (810) 359-7996.

Calendar of Events

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

Thursday, January 19

Genealogy Group meeting, 7 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library.

Friday, January 20

Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Senior Citizen Movie, "March of the Penguins," 1:30 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library.

Sunday, January 22

Tuscola County Right to Life Candlelight Vigil, 4:30 p.m., St. Paul Lutheran Church, Caro.

Monday, January 23

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

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

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

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

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

Wednesday, January 25

Thumb Retired Officers of Police Service (TROOPS) meeting, 11:30 a.m., Franklin Inn, Bad Axe.

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Brian F. Perry, MD, board certified otolaryngologist, announces the opening of his new Cass City ENT clinic.

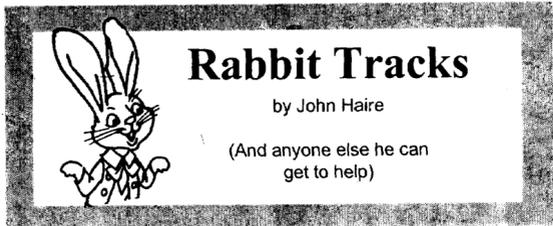
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Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

A new record was set for the Haire household Tuesday, Jan. 10. On that day we received through the mail requests for donations from 10 different organizations. Four were from conservation organizations, 2 from political groups, 2 from wildlife preservationists and 2 I never heard of. Needless to say my supply of notepads and return address stickers took a quantum leap.

At one of the stream of special school board meetings, I reminded Jim Turner that he was the only member of the board that also was involved in the hiring of Ken Micklash 18 years ago. Present board member Doug Lautner joked that Turner would probably still be around when the next superintendent was hired (after another long term).

If he were, (sigh) he still wouldn't be as old as I am today.

Charlie Carpenter read in this column of trivia that I wasn't aware if those Amish buggies with the good lights had turn signals. He took me to the Robert Bender farm to show that they do, and how they operate on a 12-volt battery.

That led to a story about the enterprising Benders that will be published when space becomes available.

If you have a person in mind that has been especially helpful and active in the community and deserves to be Cass City's citizen of the year, send your choice to the Chamber of Commerce office before the Feb. 15 deadline.

Your nomination should include, in writing, the accomplishments of the person you feel has earned the honor.

The annual Chamber dinner is scheduled April 1 at Northwood Meadows.

Flu vaccine now gone

The Tuscola County Health Department is now out of adult flu vaccine.

Officials say 1,805 flu shots were administered this year by the health department. A small amount of children's flu vaccine is still available. There have been 4 to 5 documented cases of influenza so far this year in Tuscola County.

The flu is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses. Symptoms of the flu are fever, sore throat, cough, headache, chills, and muscle aches. People of any age can get the flu. Most people are sick for only a few days, but some get sicker and may need to be hospitalized.

Getting the flu vaccine is the most important measure of preventing the flu. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, October through January is the best time to get a flu vaccine.

Practicing good health habits is also very important to prevent illness:

* Avoid close contact with people who are sick. When you are sick, keep your distance from others to protect them from getting sick, too.

* Stay home from work, school, and errands when you are sick, if possible. You will help keep others from catching your illness.

* Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. It may prevent those near you from getting sick.

* Clean your hands often to help protect you from germs.

* Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs are often spread when a person touches something that is contaminated with germs and then touches his or her eyes, nose or mouth.

Eating healthy and getting enough rest can also help in preventing the flu. More information is available by calling the Tuscola County Health Department at (989) 673-8114.

Grant targets animal births

Humane Society of Tuscola County (HSTC) officials have announced an expansion of their "Partners in Pet Sterilization" assistance program.

"Through a \$1,500 grant award from the Tuscola County Community Foundation, HSTC will now offer total financial assistance for pet sterilization," said Humane Society President Judy Murphy.

"HSTC is matching the grant dollar for dollar so that a minimum \$3,000 will be available for the program. Other funds are being sought to expand and continue this assistance," Murphy added.

HSTC offers a \$25 certificate to assist with the cost of having a pet altered. However, many pet owners cannot afford to pay the difference in the cost for the procedure.

"Members of HSTC feel strongly that the best method of controlling the animal population in Tuscola County is to prevent animals from being born," Murphy said.

"Having been actively involved in the rescue...of animals for 10 years, the numbers of discarded and un-

wanted animals are still staggering," she said. "Knowing about animals bearing litter after litter is frightening. The reality is that there are not enough responsible pet owners to absorb these numbers of animals, and rescue organizations can't take all of them, thus many wonderful animals are euthanized needlessly. Therefore, HSTC is making pet sterilization its number one priority as an animal welfare organization."

HSTC will accept applications for the free spay/neuter program until March 1. All applications will be reviewed and vouchers issued for those approved.

Senior citizens over the age of 60, and households that meet the 150-percent level of the poverty guidelines will be considered eligible for assistance. Pet owners may also request the \$25 certificate at any time.

Area veterinarians will provide the services under this program. Applications may be requested by calling (989) 672-7387, or by writing to: HSTC, P.O. Box 245, Caro, MI 48723.

The Haire Net

Live and learn...



Last week marked the first time that the Chronicle accepted display advertisements on the bottom of the front page. We are the last newspaper in the Thumb to do so and you will notice a variety of businesses on succeeding issues as this space becomes available.

While it was the first issue to accept display ads, it was not the first paid front-page ad that the Chronicle published.

Dial back to 1951 when I arrived in town to take the reins at the paper from the late Herb Lenzner.

In my first issue Mar. 2, 1951 there were 8 of those ads. Most issues contained one or more. They were similar to the classified ads of today and the advertiser paid more for them. Memory is shaky, but the ads may have cost a minimum of \$1.50 each, a huge amount for that time.

The ads included a Republican township caucus notice, a couple of dance notices and retail firms' advertisements. They ranged from 3 lines to 14 lines for the township caucus.

Included in the ads was one that ran continuously - "Parsch's Store will be open Thursday afternoons." That sparked a memory and this is why.

Ike Parsch was nothing if not independent and often took a contrary position. He advertised being open

Thursday afternoon when the town practice was to close for a half day on Thursdays.

Later when the town changed and was open all day Thursday, he decided to advertise that the store would close on Thursday afternoons.

Fresh from the Wyandotte Tribune where front-page ads at the time were non-existent, I almost immediately started to discourage these ads and raised the prices significantly.

Eventually these ads disappeared from the front page. That suited me and with the arrogance of youth I felt that ads on the front page just wasn't the way to go.

But others in the business with more flexibility weren't bound by traditions and now papers everywhere accept these ads.

Some papers now publish advertisements near the newspaper's flag at the top of the page.

The Chronicle will definitely not be one that does. We've come full circle on advertisements on the front page and now realize that Lenzner was smarter than the young 29-year-old publisher who figured he knew where ads belonged and it wasn't on the front page.

Live and learn.



The back forty

by Roger Pond

The recent electronics show in Las Vegas gives us some idea where we're going with electronic technology. We have reached the point where a person can't blow his nose without accessing the internet.

The trend in electronics is to connect everything to everything else. That way we can watch television on our cell phone while we talk through our refrigerator.

We can be watching television in the living room, and a little icon scrolls across the screen telling us we are low on toilet paper in the bathroom. We can download music, scan photos, and make coffee — all from the comfort of our couch.

All of this gadgetry wouldn't scare me so much if it weren't for the trend toward putting it into cars. We've got enough people talking on their cell phones while they drive down the road. We don't need them fiddling with their GPS systems and playing on the internet at the same time.

We may have to require that each car contain at least two adults: One to drive while the other one plays with the gadgets.

There's no question all of these toys are attractive to kids, but folks my age just want something that works. We don't want to spend three days learning how it works, either.

And, if you think we are going to read the manual, you have another thing coming. We've seen too many manuals.

A recent news report says folks like me are known as "late adapters" to the electronics industry. There's no point in giving us gadgets for Christmas if we don't know what they're for, anyway. We're just going to return them or hide them in the basement.

Retailers are beginning to recognize this. They have started giving seminars and selling support services to teach us late adapters how to use this stuff.

Circuit City, for example, offers to provide live online support to learn about our MP3's. (What the heck is an MP3, anyway?)

Whatever happened to the days when stores gave us live support for nothing?

Retailers should understand that my generation would rather talk to a salesperson than a web site. If a salesperson can't tell us how to use the product, we won't buy it. (And if we don't like the sales person, we won't buy it, anyway.)

My dad was a good example of this. Dad sold televisions and appliances at a little store called The Appliance Shop. I suspect Dad could sell these new gadgets as well as anybody.

One day a fellow came into The Appliance Shop to buy a television. This man had never owned a TV, so Dad showed him everything he had. Unfortunately, the customer couldn't make up his mind.

Some folks are like that. There's no use pushing them.

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Red Hawk Talks

by Donna Bushong

As part of our education at Cass City High School, we are taught about the 6 pillars of character.

The pillars are caring, citizenship, respect, responsibility, trustworthiness, and fairness. We are expected to demonstrate these characteristics every day, and receive a citizenship grade each marking period for how well we accomplish this task.

There are many ways to be caring in everyday life. One way is to be caring to be kind. Being kind means to respect everyone, even people who aren't your friends. Giving to charity is another way to be caring. Charity is not only about giving money but also about giving time, support, and comfort in a selfless way. Other ways to be caring include being considerate and compassionate, forgiving people for their mistakes, and expressing gratitude for what people do for you. There are many ways to be caring that lead to good character and can simply be done in everyday life.

Citizenship can be achieved by being a good person, helping the environment, following the rules, and respecting the law.

One way to achieve good citizenship is to get involved in your community. Joining a committee and volunteering are some ways to get involved. Another way to get involved is to protect the environment, clean up after yourself, recycle, and prevent pollution. Another way to achieve good citizenship is to respect the law. Honor and respect the principles of democracy by playing by the rules. Respecting the law also means obeying your parents, teachers, and everyone superior to you. To achieve good citizenship follow four simple things: protect the environment, get involved, play by the rules, and respect the law.

Respect is important no matter where you go. Respect is important in the household. Children and parents can respect each other in the household by respecting each other's property, privacy and wishes.

Respect is also important in the workplace. Employees should listen to their boss and be kind to their fellow employees, whether they like them or not.

Last of all, respect is important in the community. Respect in the community includes not littering, vandalizing, or stealing. Even though it is not always thought of, respect is important wherever you go.

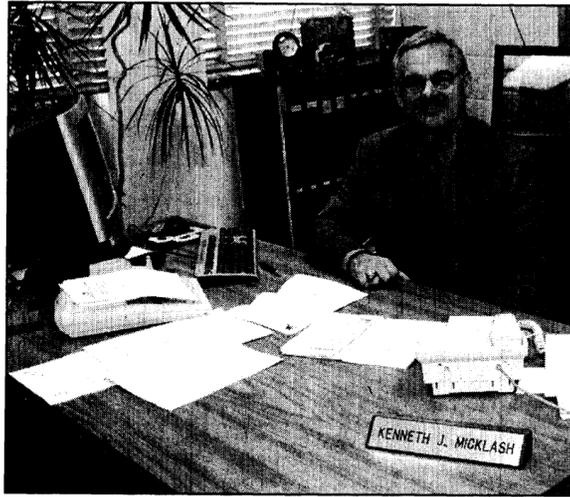
There are many things involved with being responsible. Being responsible involves taking care of things that belong to you, and things that don't belong to you. Keep things clean and make sure they don't get ruined to show responsibility in this area. Responsibility also involves doing things on time. To be on time you should arrive where you are supposed to be before you are supposed to be there.

Following directions is another big part of responsibility. Doing things and doing what you are told to do are examples of following directions. There may be many other ways of being responsible, but these are just a few ways that we encounter every day.

Fairness is something that parents teach their children very early in life. Children are told to share their toys and to take turns. These are big parts of being fair. Knowing that you can always have what somebody else has, and you can't always keep something all to ourselves.

One of my dad's favorite sayings is "Life is not fair." Another common phrase involving fairness is "All is fair in love and war." We can be fair by playing by the rules, taking turns, sharing, being open-minded, listen to others, don't take advantage of others, and don't blame others carelessly.

These pillars of character help to make us better people and prepare us to make a difference in the world. They are lessons we begin to learn as young children and continue learning all our lives.



CASS CITY SCHOOLS Supt. Ken Micklash is among the retiring school administrators who will be honored by the Michigan Association of School Administrators Thursday in Detroit.

MASA to honor local school chief

Veteran Cass City Schools Supt. Kenneth Micklash is among 50 retirees slated to be honored this week by the Michigan Association of School Administrators (MASA).

The Distinguished Administrator Awards will be presented Thursday during MASA's Midwinter Conference in Detroit. The awards go to MASA members who will retire this year from public school service to undertake the next phase in their lives.

"The job of school administrator is a challenge, and one that seems to grow harder every year," said William Mayes, MASA executive director.

"Communities expect their school leaders to be experts in so many areas. Administrators are expected to

be outstanding public speakers, savvy negotiators, sympathetic listeners, aggressive problem solvers and uncompromising advocates," he added.

"The people we honor today are community leaders who have met and, in many cases, exceeded those expectations."

MASA is a statewide association that represents the superintendents and first-line administrators of Michigan's local and intermediate school districts. The organization's mission is to develop leadership and unity within its membership to achieve the continuous improvement of public education in Michigan.

This isn't the first time MASA has honored Micklash, who has served Cass City Schools for 17 years. In 2004, the association named Micklash the MASA Region 5 Superintendent of the Year.

"Mr. Micklash has been an effective, well respected long serving superintendent in Cass City," MASA Communications and Member Services Manager Lisa Rentz said at the time. "Mr. Micklash is well respected by his peers and when an area superintendent has a question, Mr. Micklash is usually the first one they call."

Micklash, who will retire at the end of this school year, has a bachelor's degree in elementary education and earned a master's degree in special education in 1973 at Eastern Michigan University. In 1986, he was awarded an Education Specialist Degree in public school administration from Central Michigan University.

Prior to his appointment as Cass City superintendent in January 1988, Micklash served as Cass City High School principal for 18 months, administrative assistant/principal with the Huron Intermediate School District for 6 years, administrator with the Tuscola Intermediate School District for one year, principal of Port Austin Public Schools for one year, teacher with the Huron Intermediate School District for 2 years, and teacher with the Alpena Public Schools for 2 years.

During his tenure in Cass City, Micklash has guided the district through some major changes, including consolidation of the Evergreen and Deford elementary schools, and construction of a new middle school.

Sheriff warns residents on scam calls

Huron County Sheriff Kent Tibbits is warning that an on-going aggressive telemarketing campaign is not related to letters he recently mailed inviting area residents to become members of the Michigan Sheriffs' Association (MSA).

The MSA, created in 1877, is the oldest law enforcement organization in the state and the only one that officially represents the office of sheriff. Throughout the year, the MSA provides educational training and other programs. Roughly 20,000 people already show their support for the organization and the office of sheriff as citizen members.

Tibbits said he hopes that the letter he recently sent to thousands of Huron County homes will yield many new members for his professional association. "When times are tough, we need the help of the public more than ever. Your support helps us to respond more quickly and more effectively in our protection of the public," he said.

The MSA never solicits funds by telephone. "If a telemarketer says they are from the Michigan Sheriffs' Association, you should know immediately that he or she is lying," said Tibbits. "Our decision to avoid telemarketing was deliberate. Unfortunately, the efforts of a few hurt our legitimate attempts to support the sheriff."

If you receive a fraudulent telemarketing call remember as much detail as possible, including the date and time of the call and who they claim to represent. Organizations with similar sounding names can oftentimes be mistaken for one another.

For additional information or to make a complaint, Tibbits recommends contacting the MSA at (800) 875-5500, or the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division at (877) 765-8388.

Hillaker named to dean's list

Carrie M. Hillaker of Cass City has been named to the dean's list at Grand Valley State University.

To be named to the dean's list, a student must earn a minimum 3.5 grade point average on a scale of 4.0.

A 2005 graduate of Cass City High School, Hillaker is the daughter of Jim and Susie Hillaker.

Several face charges

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

•Eric L. Humboldt, 17, Vassar, pleaded guilty to unlawfully driving away an automobile Nov. 27 in Arbel Township.

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

Mariellen P. Russell, 50, Flint, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, July 27 in Arbel Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$4,000. Sentencing is to be set.

•Jerold W. Stein, 38, Unionville, pleaded no contest to malicious destruction of property valued at \$1,000 to \$20,000, and discharging a firearm at or inside a building Aug. 25 in Columbia Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$3,500. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Jason J. Herman, 31, Caro, pleaded guilty to possession of a firearm by a felon last April in Indianfields Township.

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

•Robert S. Arnold, 19, Sebawa, pleaded guilty to assaulting a police officer and attempted carrying a concealed weapon Oct. 26, 2004, in Caro.

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

•Jeffery L. Engelhart, 45, Vassar, pleaded guilty to assaulting a police officer and domestic violence Dec. 9 in Vassar, and to being an habitual offender (2 prior felony convictions).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$10,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Donald G. Fessler, 52, Amarillo, Texas, pleaded guilty to failing to pay child support between Aug. 1, 2001, and Dec. 2, 2005.

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

•Jewel Swinton Jr., 54, Vassar, stood mute to a charge of failing to pay child support between March 2, 2004, and Nov. 16, 2005.

A pre-trial hearing is to be scheduled in the case. Bond was continued at \$4,200 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department.

•Frederick A. Adams, 28, Otisville, pleaded guilty to possession of a narcotic/cocaine (less than 25 grams) Dec. 7 in Millington Township.

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

•Edward Bukraba Jr., 50, Caro, pleaded no contest to assaulting a police officer, operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, and fourth degree criminal sexual conduct Jan. 27 in Caro, and to being an habitual offender (3 prior felony convictions).

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

•Mathew J. Kostrzewa, 28, Kingston, stood mute to charges of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, and failure to report accident/damage to a telephone pole and/or mailbox Nov. 27 in Kingston.

A pre-trial hearing is to be scheduled.

uled. Bond was continued at \$100.

•Jason L. Winhoven, 30, Gagetown, pleaded no contest to receiving and concealing stolen property valued at more than \$1,000, fleeing and eluding a police officer and assault with a dangerous weapon Feb. 27 in Reese, and to being an habitual offender (3 prior felony convictions).

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

In addition, Winhoven pleaded no contest to arson of real property Nov. 14, 2004, in Gagetown.

Bond in that case was continued at \$10,000. Sentencing is to be set.

•Jerami N. Young, 32, Mt. Morris, was found innocent following a jury trial. Young had been charged with breaking and entering a building with intent to commit larceny, and larceny in a building between June 23 and June 30, 2004, in Millington Township.

•Brian K. Bables, 39, Millington, pleaded no contest to second degree child abuse involving a victim under the age of 13 years between January 2002 and September 2004 in Millington Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$50,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Harold D. Triplett, 26, Saginaw, was sentenced to 90 days in the county jail (deferred) for his plea of guilty to larceny in a building Sept. 5, 2003, in Vassar.

He was also ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$200.

•Daniel A. Reichart, 30, Clifford, was sentenced to 3 to 15 years in prison for his pleas of guilty to third degree criminal sexual conduct and assaulting a police officer Aug. 25 in Koylton Township.

He was also ordered to pay \$180 in costs and fines.

•Rodney J. Karpovich, 31, Fairgrove, was sentenced to 30 days in the county jail and 6 months probation for his pleas of guilty to tapping/cutting telephone lines and domestic violence Dec. 17, 2004, in Fairgrove Township.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$2,000.

•Jeremy M. Youmans, 27, Vassar, was sentenced to 180 days in jail and 36 months probation for his plea of guilty to unlawful use of a motor vehicle July 22 in Arbel Township.

He was also ordered to pay \$1,120 in costs and fines plus \$200 in attorney fees.

•Michael H. Riley, 38, Vassar, was sentenced to 12 months probation for his plea of no contest to defrauding or cheating someone by false pretenses between July 2004 and April 2005 in Denmark Township.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,600. Restitution is to be determined.

•Tony J. Emmons, 27, Mayville, was sentenced to 3 to 15 years in prison for his pleas of guilty to second degree home invasion and conspiracy to commit second degree home invasion Aug. 16, 2004, in Dayton Township.

•Larry Joseph-Lyle Kirkey, 20, Caro, was sentenced to 5 to 20 years in prison for his pleas of guilty to safe breaking and breaking and entering a building with intent to commit larceny Aug. 15-16 in Tuscola Township, and to breaking and entering and fleeing and eluding a police officer Aug. 20 in Millington Township.

He was also ordered to pay \$860 in costs and fines, restitution of \$2,156.30 and attorneys fees totaling \$500.

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Forensics team finishes second

THE CASS CITY HIGH School Forensics Team finished second in their division at Henry Ford High School in Sterling Heights Saturday, losing to Class A Portage Central in the finals of the tournament. The Red Hawks defeated Ubyly by 69 points, Bad Axe by 74 points, Birch Run by 41 points and Frankenmuth by 32 points. The individual placements were: Sarah Langmaid, second in Sales; Kyle Swanson, first in Sales; and Brittany Loomis, sixth in Oratory 9/10. Kurt Hanby and Andrew Martin also advanced to the semifinals. The team's next competition is Jan. 28 at Stephenson High School.

Remembering David

Dorman recalls son's life, death in book

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

*Dear Dad, Mom and Family,
Well, Christmas Day is here, but it sure doesn't seem much like Christmas. Last nite for Christmas Eve we had to dig us a foxhole. I got a couple of pictures to remember it by. I plan on getting a few pictures today, also. I can't imagine it being Christmas because I'm use to having snow on the ground, a pretty tree, and one of mom's delicious dinners. Even tho I can't be home, I'm thinking about you all and trying to imagine I'm there with you (having) a good time. I hope you have a wonderful time opening gifts and being together. But let us not forget the true meaning of Christmas - the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ who later died on the cross that all may be freed from sin and have eternal life with Him in Heaven. We have such a great God. Well, they brought us out a Christmas dinner. It was really good. I'm thankful for it. I have a card and menu. (I'll) send it to you, but we didn't have everything on the menu. Well, I guess I will close for now. May God bless you all during Christmas and the new year.
Love and prayers,
David
I sure miss you.*

David Schember
Dec. 25, 1968
Vietnam

The letter was neatly handwritten and dated, like so many others Ruth (Schember) Dorman of Cass City savored and has kept for many years. David Schember, the youngest of 4 sons born to her and her husband, Clarence, served 2 years in Vietnam, surviving combat and earning a host of commendations, including 4 Purple Hearts. He wrote to his mother often to let her know what he was doing, and that he was okay. Memories of those years and happier times, as David was growing up, married and had children, are the subject of a book Dorman, 86, recently published.

Foundation offering free trees

Ten free flowering trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation during January. The free trees are part of the non-profit foundation's "Trees for America" campaign. The 10 trees are 2 White Flowering Dogwoods, 2 Flowering Crabapples, 2 Washington Hawthorns, 2 American Redbuds, and 2 Kousa Dogwoods. The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between Feb. 1 and May 31 with enclosed planting instructions. The 6- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge. To become a member of the foundation and to receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to Ten Free Flowering Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, Neb. 68410, by Jan. 31, or go online to arborday.org.

cludes her memories of an unforgettable phone call she received Dec. 26, 1975, after David, 27, was involved in a tragic farming accident. According to news accounts, David



David Schember

was working at the farm of his brother-in-law, Dale Mann, in Sanilac County's Argyle Township, when he fell into a corn chopper.

"The church was packed with relatives and friends who came to pay respect to David," Dorman wrote of her son's funeral.

"David loved sports; he was in Little League, he had earned letters in baseball, football, and basketball. He had a paper route and helped people all over town. He was active at his church. He graduated from Cass City High School.

"Thanks to the kind ladies who worked in the church kitchen to prepare food for the lunch, they reported they served over 500 people. So many beautiful flowers and donations and sympathy cards. We appreciated each act of kindness. After the funeral service (David's wife) Marsha was presented with the American flag in remembrance of David serving his country during the Vietnam conflict."

Dorman said the book is the result of years of collecting letters and memories.

"I just kept writing things down - when he was overseas, when he was killed," she added. "Over the years I've written about his birth once upon a time, and things he did as a kid - he liked to play ball. I'd just write it down.

"As a son, he obeyed real good. He was a real sweetheart," she recalled. We were pals.

"Yes, I did love him," She added. "He was precious to me, but I love all my boys."

Dorman was born in the same farmhouse near Cass City where her father was born. One of 4 children, she attended Brown Country School and graduated from Cass City High School in 1938.

She married Clarence Schember in 1941, and they had 4 sons, including Rinerd, who is an auctioneer and lives in Cass City; Lyle, a plumber who lives in Grand Rapids; and Paul, who works and lives in Nicholasville, Ky.

Dorman, who worked as a nurse at the Caro State Hospital until her retirement, married Archie Dorman in August 1972. The couple moved from the Snover area to Cass City and enjoyed 19 years together until his death in October 1991.

Dorman, who has 12 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren, still lives in Cass City, where she has been very active for many years with the

Women's Christian Temperance Union.



Ruth Dorman

Editor's note: Area residents interested in picking up a signed copy of Dorman's book, "David's Journey, A Mother's Remembrance", is invited to attend a book signing with Dorman. The event is scheduled for Friday starting at 12:30 p.m. at Rawson Memorial Library in Cass City.

Down Memory Lane

By Harmony Doerr



5 YEARS AGO

Hills and Dales General Hospital Board members are doing more than their fair share of raising cash for construction of an assisted living-Alzheimer's complex in Cass City, but fundraising efforts are far from over. One board member has already pledged \$500,000 over the next 5 years for the purchase of 18.8 acres in the northwest corner of the village, and another board member has donated \$50,000 cash, according to Hills and Dales CEO Dee McKrow, who said both board members wish to remain anonymous. The board has already approved construction of the \$4 million assisted living-Alzheimer's complex, although officials are still in the process of securing financing.

For me, one of life's little mysteries is the way interest in professional wrestling has increased in recent years. It certainly is not a sport, just a show with the ending scripted. The World Wrestling Federation's live shows last year attracted more than 2.5 million, up more than 125 percent in the last 4 years. Meanwhile the real thing, wrestling in high school, college and the Olympics, are "second tier" when judged by spectator interest. (From Rabbit Tracks)

The Cass City High School Varsity Debate squad continued to dominate in state district tournament action last week, coming home with yet another title. The Michigan Class B District Tournament was held Thursday at Frankenmuth High School. "We won the district 5-1. We had wins against Frankenmuth, Marshall and Harper Creek. We beat Caro twice as well," Coach Chad Daniels said, adding the Red Hawks' lone loss came at the hands of an Elk Rapids team, which shared the district title with Cass City last year. Cass City's team consisted of Amanda Frederick, Kristen Wiles, Erin McMahan and Jessica Nicol.

10 YEARS AGO

Officials in most Sanilac County townships and cities will have it a lot easier on election nights this year, thanks to the purchase of state-of-the-art computerized ballot counting equipment. The machine is no bigger than a personal computer and weighs just 35 pounds, but it will save a lot of time and effort, according to Evergreen Township Clerk Arthur Severance. Evergreen Township is one of more than 2 dozen Sanilac townships and cities that have purchased the high-tech machines at a cost of \$5,800 each.

Guessing game from the "Michigan Trivia" book. What is Michigan's largest port? My first thoughts were Port Huron, Sault Sainte Marie or one of the cities on the Great Lakes shoreline. The answer is Detroit and when

you think about it, the answer should have been obvious. Did you get it? Incidentally, Detroit ranked 38th among U.S. cities while handling 14,320,909 tons in 1991. (From Rabbit Tracks)

More and more it looks like the Thumb C League wrestling title will be a battle between Cass City and Marlette. The improving Hawks dominated Cros-Lex, 69-9, to elevate their record in the league to 3-0 Wednesday. In the double dual meet the Hawks bowed to Imlay City, 40-28, but that result was pleasing to Coach Don Markel. It was the closest any team has come to defeating the powerhouse Spartans this season and the first time that any school has held them to under 50 points. Cass City's dual meet record is now 6-2.

25 YEARS AGO

DAY 443, Monday, proved to be one day early, but with what turned out to be erroneous, reports that the 52 American hostages were about to leave Iran, it seemed the appropriate time to raise the flag in front of Hills and Dales General Hospital to the top of the pole. It had been at half-staff since early January of last year.

There are getting to be fewer and fewer along the main stem who have been in business longer than I have. There's one fewer this week. Mrs. Eleanora Trost is retiring after 40 years running Eicher's cleaners. When she started, there weren't too many women successful in business and she prospered while several competitors fell by the wayside. All this, long before the equal rights for women movement was even thought of. (From Rabbit Tracks)

New state representative Keith Muxlow took the oath of office last week, administered by Michigan Supreme Court Chief Justice Mary Coleman. The former Brown City mayor represents the 77th district, which includes all of Huron and Sanilac counties. He replaces Quincy Hoffman, who retired.

35 YEARS AGO

Changes in two local businesses were announced this week in Cass City. Mr. and Mrs. Pat Martin have sold Martin's Restaurant to Mrs. Veronica Gaszczynski of Cass City. The sale includes the fixtures and personal property, but not the building. Mrs. Gaszczynski reports. The new owner says that she will hold a grand opening open house in about a month. The second business to change hands is the Western Auto Store. Final details were completed Tuesday, the new owner, Everett

Cass City Area Church Directory

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

Cass City Church of Christ
6743 E. Main St., Cass City, MI 48726
Contacts 872-2367 or 872-3136
Worship Service Sunday 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Bible Study Sunday 10:00 a.m. & Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

Cass City Church of the Nazarene
6538 Third St., Cass City, MI 48726
872-2604 or 872-5201
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study
& Children's Activities 6:00 p.m.
Pastor - Rev. Darold Ward

Cass City Missionary Church
4449 Koepfgen Rd., Cass City, MI 48726
989-872-2729
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service & Youth Group 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Meeting & His Kids Bible Club 6:30 p.m.
Pastor - Robert Sweeney

Cass City United Methodist Church
5100 N. Cemetery Rd.,
P.O. Box 125, Cass City, MI 48726
872-3422
Worship: 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
(Summer 9:30 a.m.)
Sunday School - Sept.-May 9:30 a.m.
Community Dinner - Monthly (2nd Wed. at noon)
Pastor: Rev. George F. Ward

Evangelical Free Church of Cass City
6430 Chestnut Blvd., Cass City, MI 48726
Phone: 872-5060
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.
Midweek Bible Studies
Biblical Counseling
Pastor: Rev. Todd R. Gould



First Baptist Church
6420 Houghton St., Cass City, MI 48726
989-872-3155
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6:30 p.m.
Prayer Meeting & Bible Study,
Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.
AWANA 6:45 p.m. Wednesdays
Pastor: Eric Holmgren
Youth Pastor: Bryan Herrer
Website: www.fbccc.us

First Presbyterian Church
Barrier Free
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872-5400
Sunday School - Sept.-May 10:45 a.m.
Worship Service 10:45 a.m.
Pastor: Dave Blackburn

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
6820 E. Main St., Cass City, MI 48726
872-2770
Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
Bible Class & Sunday School 10:45 a.m.
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872-4637
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2896 N. Cemetery Rd., Cass City, MI 48726
872-3658 or 872-1195
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Worship Service 10:45 a.m.
Youth Group & Sunday Evening
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872-5186
Thursday Evening 7:00 p.m.
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.
Pastor: F. Robert Tucker

St. Agatha Catholic Church
4618 South St., Gageton, MI 48735
665-9966
Sunday Mass 10:30 a.m.

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

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4455 North Decker Rd., Decker, MI 48426
810-672-9929 (parsonage)
989-872-8094 (church)
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Hawk grapplers top GTC standings, Sieradzki gets milestone win at Mayville

Cass City Red Hawks remained on top in the Greater Thumb Conference wrestling race with a pair of victories Wednesday at Unionville-Sebewaing High School. The Hawks bounced Brown City 63-17 and overpowered USA 66-17. Double winners for Cass City were: Travis Mabe (103), Andrew Peruski (112), Ken Grady (119) Jeremy Farr (125), Kyle Reif (140), Dean Wilson (145/152), Kyle Sieradzki (160), Dennis Bowen (171/189) and Steve



Kyle Sieradzki

Meeker (275). Saturday the Hawks finished 6th in the 16-team Wildcat Duals at Mayville. The winner was Madison Heights

Lamphere. The Hawks were 3-2 for the day. They lost a hard fought match to Vassar, 41-35, before bounc-

ing back with wins over Mio, 39-33, and Mayville B, 60-12, to finish second in pool play.

In the placement round the Hawks defeated Sanford-Meridian, 54-25, and lost a close match to Marlette, 40-38. Cass City now has a 15-10 dual meet record.

Final team standings in order of finish were: Madison Heights Lamphere, Gladwin, Mayville A, Vassar, Marlette, Cass City, Sanford-Meridian, Millington, Mio, North Branch B, Capac B, Lakers, Brown City, USA, Mayville B and Yale B. Several Cass City wrestlers posted outstanding records at the meet. Ross Forest and Dean Wilson both posted 4-1 marks. Three Red Hawks with perfect 5-0 marks were Jeremy Farr, Kyle Sieradzki and Steve Meeker. Meeker now has a 24-1 record for the season. Sieradzki achieved a career milestone by posting his 100th career victory in his second match of the day. He is only the third Red Hawk to pass the

century mark in his junior year. The others were brothers Adam and Aaron Dorland. Sieradzki's season record is 30-0.

Cass City's sweet 15

Hawk wrestlers with 100-plus career victories

Aaron Dorland	167-45
Adam Dorland	159-46
Roy Davis	131-22
Travis Jensen	131-37
Bob Leffler	129-34-1
Marcel Helland	123-68
Lee Hutchinson	120-77
Scott Moore	115-59
Matt Hoppe	114-39
Dave Sutter	112-71
Bob Davis	107-56
Steve Meeker*	107-36
Eric Hollis	105-81
Jeremy Klinkman	103-55
Kyle Sieradzki*	103-37

*Still active



LEADING THE CHEERS for the Bulldogs in 2006 are: (front, l-r) Allyson Brown, Barbie Littlepage (middle, l-r) Kelsey Schuette, Mariah Francis, Stephanie Scharf (back, l-r) Courtney Lester, Brittany Parks, April Miller, Nicole LaPratt, coach Natasha Sprague. Missing is Sara Lesoski.

Hawk spikers ready for GTW play

After months of practices, weekends of tournaments, the Cass City volleyball swings into Greater Thumb West Conference action Thursday at Bay City All Saints.

"Finally a league match," said coach Beth Howard. "We've been going since November and it will be nice to get into league play."

Cass City's final tune up match for GTW play, at the always-tough Birch Run Invitational, should have the Red Hawks battle tested for the Saints.

"I like to play in the tough tournaments," said Howard. "I feel the girls play better against the tougher teams."

Despite its 2-4 record in pool play Saturday, the Hawks were able to advance into the single elimination rounds. Cass City opened pool play with identical wins of 25-10 over Tawas, before falling to North Branch, 21-25 and 19-25, and Marysville, 16-25 and 12-25.

Unfortunately for Cass City, the Hawks met up with Marysville again in the single elimination bracket and fell 13-25 and 21-25 to the perennial powerhouse.

"I was really happy with the girls' level of play and it was exciting volleyball to watch," Howard said. "We

the all-tournament team, led Cass City with 17 kills, 6 blocks, 14 digs, 29 receptions and 7 aces.

Howard was also happy with the play of Sara Meeker on the day.

"Sara is really coming on, she is just getting stronger and stronger. In our

final match she had 8 kills."

The Red Hawks also had Emily Schinnerer with a team-high 24 digs, 24 receptions and 6 aces, while Amanda Langenburg added 43 assists, Lauren Dillon 7 aces and Carly Howard, 33 receptions, all team-highs.

Bulldog spikers nip Eagles

Owen-Gage earned its first North Central Thumb League victory Thursday the hard way, with a grueling, hard-fought 5-game decision over hosts Caseville.

The Eagles captured game one with a slim 25-23 margin, only to see Owen-Gage take the next 2 games by the identical scores of 26-24. The hosts then sent the match to a deciding fifth game with a 25-19 victory.

In the winner-take-all game, the Bulldogs scratched and clawed its way

to a thrilling 18-16 victory.

Becky Schmidt had 25 points, 11 aces, 5 kills and 11 digs to lead the winners while Michelle Brown added 24 points, 7 aces, 3 kills, 13 assists and 7 digs. Amanda Faust 23 points, 9 aces, 9 kills and 14 digs, April Nowaczyk 14 points, 6 kills, 15 assists and 3 digs, and Nicole Nowaczyk 14 points and 5 kills.

The Bulldogs will entertain North Huron Thursday.

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Ted Furness Builders	19
Lee Morgan Painting	18.5
R&H Body Shop	14.5
Patrick's Flooring	10
Curtis Chrysler	9

Individual High Games & Series: R. Hull 221-208 (609); T. Lis 221 (607); B. Joseph 221; R. Wright 218-203; T. Furness 216; J. Mathewson 214; K. Zawilinski 204; M. Zawilinski 202.

Thursday Nite Trio as of Jan. 12

United Building Centers	12
Mycogen Seeds	10
Doerr Landscaping	9
Schmaltz Construction	6
Jebco Consulting	6
Martin Electric	5

Individual High Games & Series: K. Martin 234-231-224 (689); E. Schmaltz 254 (666); W. Laming 257 (646); T. Lis 224 (614);

S. Osentoski 228-214 (613); P. Regnerus 225.

Awards: K. Martin 140 Pins Over Average Series - (689 - 143 over average); N. Bliss 200 Game (160 Avg. or less) - (203).

Team High Games & Series: Schmaltz Construction 661 (1822).

Merchanettes

Charlie's Angels	61
Gagetown Cutting Corners	60
Crowley's Chiropractic	55
Cablettes	49
All Season Video	49
Thumb Octagon Barn	41
Osentoski Realty/Auct.	39

Individual High Games & Series: B. Watson 198-197 (532); E. Romain 193 (497); C. Wallace (488); K. Maurer (479); P. Hellwig (472); D. Williams (467); J. Montgomery 191; L. Riddle 186; J. Healy 186.

Split Conversions: D. Sweeney 3-7-10; L. Riddle 8-9-10. Team High Game: Crowley Chiropractic 860. Team High Series: Cablettes 2407.



THE CASS CITY freshmen volleyball team recently captured the 13-school Bad Axe invite. Displaying the championship trophy are team members: (front, l-r) Abby McCallum, Adrianna Devine (middle, l-r) Jenny Turner, Brittany Loomis, Carly Rabideau, Megan VanVliet, Jennica Richards, Kelli Lautner, Cassie Frank (back, l-r) Coach Amy Cuthrell, Amanda Miller, Jenny Thorp, Chelsea Depner, Andrea Zimmerman and Cassie Parker.

Cass City gymnasts showcase team depth

The Cass City gymnastics team turned in another solid effort, last Tuesday during its final home meet of the season, but came up just short against visiting Midland.

Despite suffering a 114.4-116 defeat, first year coach Kathy Bouverette likes what she has been seeing from her Red Hawk gymnasts during the early season meets.

"We really don't have one girl that stands out, but I think we may be able to qualify for regionals as a team," commented Bouverette. "I don't think Cass City has ever gone to regional competition as a team."

Several lady Hawks earned their

second regional qualifying marks - in as many meets - during the home outing. The hosts' lone first place finish was recorded by Allie Richards in the all around event, however, the team's best showing came on the vault, where all 6 competitors earned a mark as good or better than the 7.8 regional standard.

Caitlin Sorenson registered a score of 8.3 to top Cass City's effort in the event and earned runner up honors. Megan VanVliet finished a close third with a score of 8.2, while Allie Richards registered a score of 8.05 and Ashley Weiss 8.0 for the hosts.

In the floor exercise, Cass City had

Jennica Richards, Allie Richards and VanVliet all better the regional standard of 8.0. Jennica Richards edged out her sister Allie for second place honors, 8.25 to 8.2, while VanVliet placed 4th with a score of 8.15.

Cass City also recorded the second through fourth place finishes on the beam as Allie Richards recorded a mark of 7.8, followed by Allie Hillaker's score of 7.2 and VanVliet's tally of 7.1.

On the bars, Weiss scored 5.8 to lead Cass City, resulting in second place, while Allie Richards placed third with a score of 5.5.

Schneeberger's ATHLETES of the WEEK

The Red Hawk wrestling team improved to 3-0 in GTC action last week with a 63-17 win over Brown City and a 66-17 win over USA. Team members are: (front, l-r) Clark Walsh, Ross Forrest, Kyle Reif, Andrew Hagaman, Travis Mabe, Bryan Burk, Andrew Peruski, Ken Grady, Jeremy Farr (middle, l-r) Kyle Sieradzki, Gavin Mills, Kenneth Miner, Ben Farkas, Blake Palmer, Clinton Ellis, Chris Wingett, Mitch Frederick, Tim Sangster (back, l-r) Andrew Teller, Trevor Copeland, Abrien Swires, Justin Grice, Ryan King, Dennis Bowen, Preston Stec, Andrew Kloco, Joseph Ellithorpe. Missing are Scott Meeker, Tim Sieradzki, Dean Wilson, Darrin Lewis and Ian Wynn.

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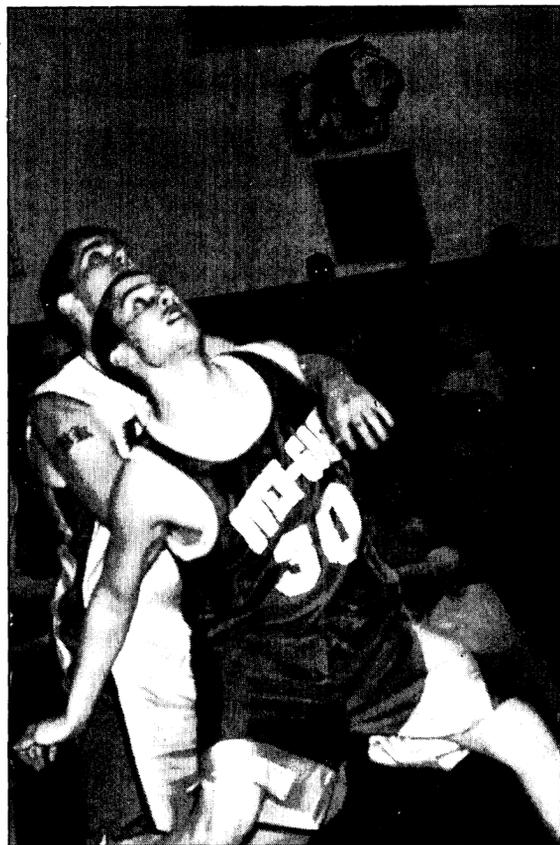
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OWEN-GAGE'S NATHON Rogers gets perfect position for a possible rebound in Tuesday's NCTL clash with visiting Caseville.

Hawks handle Lakers en route to USA showdown

It's strange for a team to be undefeated in 8 games, but still be distinct underdogs when they play this week. Fresh from a comparatively easy win last week Friday over the Lakers, 49-37, the Cass City Red Hawks were to face Harbor Beach at home Tuesday and then travel to Unionville Sebawaing to face the unbeaten Patriots Friday.

While the Hawks should have been slight favorites over the Pirates, they will not be favored over USA that has yet to be seriously tested this season.

Coach Aaron Fernald's charges will need to come up with a more productive offense than it showed against the Lakers if they are to be the team that upsets the potent Patriots.

After the Lakers opened the scoring with a hoop, the Hawks started the first of several spurts that put them in the lead for the rest of the night. Chris Landrith opened the scoring for Cass City with a trey and Andrew Martin and Brad Langenburg followed with hoops to put Cass City in the lead, 7-2. After that the teams traded baskets until the quarter's end, when a 3-point bomb by Justin Glaza stretched the lead to 14-8 at the end of the period.

Duane Ertman scored 3 points in the first 4 minutes of the second quarter for the Lakers, while Cass City failed to score and the Lakers were very

much in the ball game, trailing 14-11.

A pretty drive to the hoop by Jeff Stoutenburg at the 3:58 mark ended the dry spell and the Hawks scored 14 unanswered points to lead, 28-11, early in the third quarter.

The Lakers came to life in the rest of the third quarter and shaved the Cass City lead to 10 points going into the final 8 minutes.

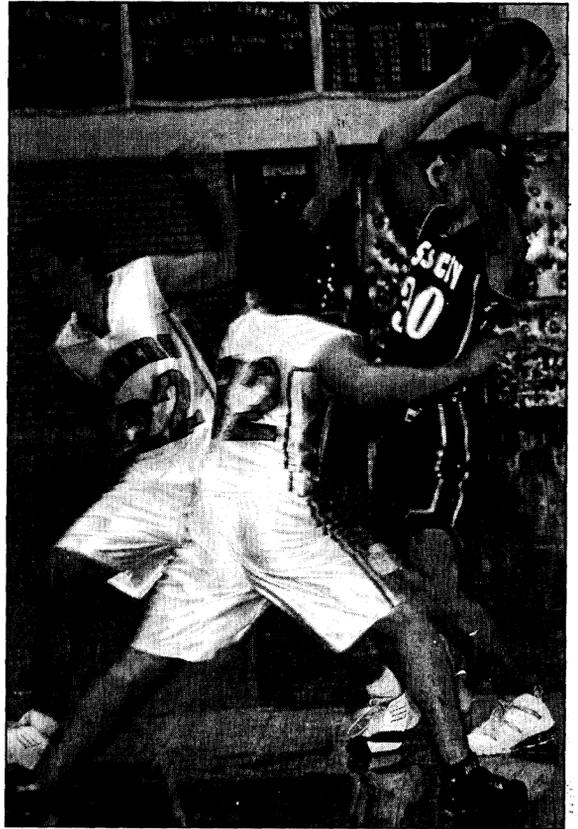
In the first 3 1/2 minutes of the quarter Cass City stretched its lead to 15 points in a rally that was highlighted by Andrew Martin's dunk, the first of the season for the Hawks.

The Lakers chopped the margin to 10 points in the dying moments of the game that ended as Martin cashed a pair of free throws.

Martin with 15 and Glaza with 14 were in double figures for Cass City. Neil Gaeth led the Lakers with 14 points.

CASS CITY - Langenburg 1-1 (0-0) 5; Stoutenburg 1-0 (0-0) 2; Hartel 2-0 (0-0) 4; Glaza 1-3 (3-3) 14; Martin 5-1 (2-2) 15; Landrith 0-1 (2-2) 5; Schenk 2-0 (0-0) 4.
TOTALS - 12-6 (7-7) 49.

LAKERS - Schember 1-0 (0-0) 2; Ertman 0-1 (1-2) 4; Torres 0-1 (2-3) 5; Feger 3-0 (1-2) 7; Dubs 1-0 (1-2) 3; Gaeth 4-2 (0-2) 14.
TOTALS - 10-4 (5-11) 37.



CASS CITY'S Chris Landrith evades defensive pressure applied during Friday's 49-37 GTW victory over hosts Lakers.

Nagelkirk leads CPS over Bulldogs in NCTL action

Carsonville-Port Sanilac kept its North Central Thumb League record perfect Friday, disposing of visiting Owen-Gage 68-56 in a crossover outing.

For the second straight week, the NCTL-S leaders proved too strong for their NCTL-N counterpart. With the win, the Tigers keep pace with undefeated Kingston, who handled the Bulldogs last week, on top of the

South Division standings while Owen-Gage, despite the loss, remains at the peak of the North Division standings.

The Tigers took control early and raced to a 20-12 advantage after one period and then increased the gap to 34-22 at the break.

In the final half Grant Nagelkirk exploded for 23 points, including 13 in the third quarter where the hosts took a 47-27 edge.

After scoring just 5 points in the period after the break, Owen-Gage poured in 29 during the final 8 minutes to make the outcome respectable. The Bulldogs also used a strong effort at the foul line, 17-of-20, to slice into the insurmountable margin.

Nagelkirk finished with 31 points to lead all scorers, while Robert Casper added a dozen for the winners. Eric Zaleski paced Owen-Gage with 13 points. Josh Howard and Aaron Gaeth each added 10 for the visitors.

triples, the final one putting Owen-Gage in front 21-15, to take control entering the break.

Owen-Gage maintained its margin throughout the third quarter, but a late rally gave Caseville a chance to escape with victory.

The Eagles used a 16-8 run to pull even with their hosts. The Eagles then had an opportunity to close the game out at the foul stripe but split a pair of 1-and-1 attempts, setting the stage for Dronsella's game winner.

Once again the Bulldogs spread the wealth on offense. Gaeth led a balanced attack with 11 points, while Dubs added 9 and Dronsella, 8.

Cody Quinn scored 13 points and Sam Rogers, 12, for Caseville.

OWEN-GAGE - Reil 2-1 (1-2) 8; Dronsella 3-0 (0-0) 6; Howard 3-0 (4-4) 10; Rogers 1-0 (1-2) 3; Zaleski 3-0 (7-8) 13; Champagne 2-0 (2-2) 6; Gaeth 4-0 (2-2) 10.
TOTALS - 18-1 (17-20) 56.

CPS - Taylor 1-0 (0-0) 2; Quintano 1-0 (0-0) 2; Fleming 3-0 (2-3) 8; Nagelkirk 8-3 (6-7) 31; Albrecht 0-1 (0-0) 3; Turcott 1-0 (0-0) 2; Casper 4-1 (1-1) 12; Rombard 1-0 (0-0) 2; Seavoy 3-0 (0-0) 6.
TOTALS - 22-5 (9-11) 68.

OWEN-GAGE - Reil 1-0 (4-5) 6; Dubs 3-0 (3-6) 9; Dronsella 1-2 (0-0) 8; Howard 2-0 (1-2) 4; Rogers 1-0 (0-0) 2; Zaleski 0-0 (2-2) 2; Champagne 1-0 (1-2) 3; Gaeth 1-3 (0-2) 11.
TOTALS - 10-5 (11-19) 46.

CASEVILLE - Stormzand 1-0 (5-10) 7; D. Grates 2-0 (2-4) 6; Quinn 5-0 (3-7) 13; N. Grates 1-0 (3-4) 5; Kretzschmer 1-0 (0-3) 2; Rogers 2-1 (5-8) 12.
TOTALS - 12-1 (18-36) 45.

BASKETBALL STANDINGS

NCTL SOUTH				
Team	W	L	W	L
Kingston	6	0	8	0
CPS	6	0	8	1
Memphis	4	2	4	4
Peck	3	1	3	3
Dryden	1	5	1	6

GREATER THUMB WEST				
Team	W	L	W	L
Cass City	3	0	8	0
USA	3	0	7	0
Reese	2	1	3	4
BCAS	1	2	6	2
Lakers	0	2	3	5
Bad Axe	0	2	0	7
Valley Lutheran	0	2	0	7

GREATER THUMB EAST				
Team	W	L	W	L
Brown city	3	0	7	1
Sandusky	2	1	5	3
Harbor Beach	1	1	5	3
Ubyly	1	1	4	4
Mayville	1	1	2	5
Marlette	1	2	5	3
Deckerville	0	3	1	7

NCTL NORTH				
Team	W	L	W	L
Owen-Gage	4	2	5	3
North Huron	4	2	4	2
Caseville	1	5	1	6
Port Hope	0	6	1	6
Akron-Fairgrove	0	6	0	7

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	<p>Tuesday, January 17 Marlette at Bad Axe Harbor Beach at Cass City Mayville at Lakers Akron-Fairgrove at Caseville Owen-Gage at North Huron CPS at Kingston</p> <p>Friday, January 20 Bad Axe at V. Lutheran Cass City at USA Reese at Lakers Mayville at Ubyly Harbor Beach at Sandusky Brown City at Deckerville Akron-Fairgrove at Port Hope Caseville at North Huron Memphis at Kingston</p> <p>Last week's results Season's results</p>	<p>Marlette Cass City Mayville Caseville Owen-Gage North Huron Kingston Kingston</p> <p>Valley Lutheran USA Reese Ubyly Sandusky Brown City Port Hope North Huron Kingston Kingston</p> <p>14-4 49-11 (82%)</p>	<p>Marlette Cass City Lakers Caseville North Huron Kingston</p> <p>Valley Lutheran USA Reese Ubyly Harbor Beach Brown City Port Hope Caseville Kingston Kingston</p> <p>13-5 48-12 (80%)</p>	<p>Marlette Cass City Lakers Caseville Owen-Gage CPS</p> <p>Valley Lutheran Cass City Reese Ubyly Sandusky Brown City Port Hope North Huron Kingston Kingston</p> <p>14-4 48-12 (80%)</p>

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Annual QDM Banquet set next month

The Thumb Area Branch of the Quality Deer Management Association will host its 6th annual QDM Banquet Feb. 25 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Bad Axe.

In addition to the usual food, beverages, raffles, auctions, story telling, and gun table, this year's guest speaker will be Neil Dougherty.

Dougherty is the Habitat Development Specialist for Whitetail Institute of North America, Inc. He is also the Operations Manager for the North Country Whitetails Demo Center located in Steuben County, New York. He has been involved with habitat development and food plot research for the past 15 years.

During that time Dougherty has worked closely with whitetail industry leaders such as Dr. Grant Woods, Charles J. Alsheimer, Bob Foulkrod, and others. Dougherty and the 500-acre demo center he developed for North Country Whitetails has been the subject of numerous magazine and newspaper articles, as well as appearing on numerous shows on The Outdoor Channel. Neil is also co-author of the book, "Grow 'Em Right" and has also put together his food plot planting techniques on a DVD, "Plant 'Em Right". He has written for a number of magazines including "Quality Whitetails".

Dougherty is an avid hunter and has taken a number of record book, big game animals with both bow and gun. He has hunted across North America, but still prefers to pursue trophy whitetails with a bow on the North Country Whitetails Demo Center property.

To purchase ticket or for additional information or the upcoming banquet, call Paul Plantinga at (586) 777-3374, Terry Muntz at (989) 550-9933, or Greg Andreski at (989) 874-5600.

Holidays to close offices

All Michigan Department of State branch offices and the Office of the Great Seal will be closed in observance of state holidays during January and February.

The offices will be closed for:
* Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Monday, Jan. 16; and
* Presidents Day, Monday, Feb. 20.

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

Motorists renewing license plates can "skip the trip" to the branch office by renewing by mail, or if eligible, by Internet or touch-tone telephone. Easy to follow instructions can be found with the renewal notice. License plate tabs will arrive by mail within 7 business days.

Branch offices are open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Smaller branch offices may close for the lunch hour. On Wednesdays most offices are open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. with those in city centers open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. PLUS offices and SUPER!Centers are open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, with SUPER!Centers also providing Saturday hours from 9 a.m. to noon.

For more information visit the Department of State Web site at www.Michigan.gov/sos.

BASKETBALL - VOLLEYBALL • WRESTLING • GYMNASTICS

Cass City Red Hawks 2005-06 Volleyball		
Dec. 10	North Branch (JV)	9:00 a.m. A
Dec. 14	Bay City/USA/Caro (V)	6:00 p.m. A
Dec. 14	Caro/Bay City/USA (JV)	6:00 p.m. A
Dec. 14	Caro/USA/Bay City (F)	6:00 p.m. A
Dec. 16	Caro Invite (JV)	4:30 p.m. A
Dec. 17	Caro Invite (V)	8:30 a.m. A
Dec. 19	Ubyly/Owen-Gage (JV)	6:30 p.m. H
Dec. 19	Ubyly/Owen-Gage (V)	6:00 p.m. A
Dec. 22	Essexville Garber (V)	6:00 p.m. A
Jan. 6	Bad Axe (JV/F)	4:00 p.m. A
Jan. 7	Bad Axe (V)	8:30 a.m. A
Jan. 9	Sandusky	6:00 p.m. H
Jan. 14	Birch Run (V)	8:30 a.m. A
Jan. 19	BCAS	6:00 p.m. A
Jan. 26	Valley Lutheran	6:00 p.m. H
Jan. 28	Birch Run (JV)	8:30 a.m. A
Jan. 28	Brown City (F)	8:30 a.m. A
Jan. 28	Northwood (V)	6:00 a.m. A
Feb. 2	Lakers	6:00 p.m. A
Feb. 9	USA	6:00 p.m. H
Feb. 11	SVSU Invite	TBA A
Feb. 11	Lakers League Tourney	9:00 a.m. A
Feb. 16	Reese	6:00 p.m. H
Feb. 18	North Branch (V)	9:00 a.m. A
Feb. 18	USA League Tourney	9:00 a.m. A
Feb. 23	Bad Axe	6:00 p.m. A
Feb. 25	Bad Axe League Tourney	9:00 a.m. A

*Home games are in bold

Cass City Red Hawks 2005-06 Wrestling		
Nov. 30	Imlay City/Capac	6:00 p.m. A
Dec. 3	Cros-Lex Invite	9:00 a.m. A
Dec. 7	Almont/Armada	6:00 p.m. A
Dec. 10	Marlette Tourney	8:00 p.m. A
Dec. 14	Marlette/Lakers/USA	6:00 p.m. H
Dec. 21	John Glenn	6:00 p.m. A
Jan. 7	N. Branch Tourney	9:00 a.m. A
Jan. 11	Brown City/USA	6:00 p.m. A
Jan. 14	Mayville Invite	8:00 a.m. A
Jan. 18	V. Lutheran/Lakers	6:00 p.m. A
Jan. 21	Imlay City Invite	8:30 a.m. A
Jan. 25	Marlette/Sag. Nouvel	6:00 p.m. A
Jan. 28	Marysville Invite	9:00 a.m. A
Feb. 1	Mayville/Sandusky	6:00 p.m. H
Feb. 4	Standish/Sterling Invite	9:00 a.m. A
Feb. 11	USA League Tourney	10:00 a.m. A

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Tuesday, Jan. 17
Cass City vs. Harbor Beach

Volleyball
Thursday, Jan. 26
Cass City vs. Valley Lutheran

Wrestling
Wednesday, Feb. 1
Cass City vs. Mayville/Sandusky



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Cass City Red Hawks 2005-06 Boys' Varsity Basketball		
Dec. 6	Vassar 38, Cass City 65	
Dec. 9	Ubyly 49, Cass City 53	
Dec. 13	Sandusky 51, Cass City 53	
Dec. 16	Mayville 41, Cass City 57	
Dec. 20	Valley Lutheran 47, Cass City 51	
Jan. 3	Caro 35, Cass City 76	
Jan. 6	Bad Axe 37, Cass City 65	
Jan. 13	Lakers 37, Cass City 49	
Jan. 17	Harbor Beach	6:00 p.m. H
Jan. 20	USA	6:00 p.m. A
Jan. 27	Reese	6:00 p.m. H
Jan. 31	BCAS	6:00 p.m. H
Feb. 3	Deckerville	6:00 p.m. H
Feb. 7	Valley Lutheran	6:00 p.m. H
Feb. 10	Bad Axe	6:00 p.m. A
Feb. 14	Lakers	6:00 p.m. H
Feb. 17	USA (Snowcoming)	6:00 p.m. H
Feb. 24	Reese	6:00 p.m. A
Feb. 28	BCAS	5:00 p.m. A
March 2	Saginaw Nouvel	4:30 p.m. A

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Cass City Red Hawks 2005-06 Gymnastics		
Dec. 20	Vassar	6:30 p.m. H
Jan. 10	Midland	6:30 p.m. H
Jan. 28	Troy Athens Invite	9:00 a.m. A
Jan. 31	Midland	6:30 p.m. A
Feb. 7	Vassar	6:30 p.m. A
Feb. 11	Vassar Invite	12:00 p.m. A
Feb. 14	Midland Invite	6:00 p.m. A

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Corn growers meet slated for Feb. 7

If you want to hear the latest information and learn more about the issues that are affecting the Michigan corn industry, you should attend the Michigan Corn Growers Association (MCGA) 2006 Annual Meeting.

The meeting will be Tuesday, Feb. 7, at the Radisson Hotel in Lansing. Registration and breakfast will commence at 9 a.m., with the program beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Join your neighbors and industry leaders from across the state for an action-packed day full of information, networking, and much more. "This year's program includes information that will keep Michigan's corn growers on the cutting edge and keep them informed of important issues and new technologies," said Jody E. Pollok, MCGA executive director.

Attendees at this year's meeting will hear an industry discussion panel on topics including corn stoves, ethanol, market development and new uses. In addition to the educational session, MCGA members will also elect members to the board of directors, hear an update on the National Corn Growers Association (NCGA), and have the opportunity to speak directly with legislators during roundtable discussions at lunch and through a question and answer session in the afternoon.

Attendees will also hear an update on the Canadian corn trade issue and a presentation on research conducted to reduce corn damage from sandhill cranes. The meeting will conclude with an ice cream social from 4 to 5 p.m.

"We are a grassroots association, focused on education and corn-friendly policy development. We

have planned a strong, policy-driven program. Again this year we are holding the meeting in Lansing, so it is easy for legislators and their staff to attend," said Brian Kreps, MCGA president and a corn grower from Temperance.

"As corn growers, it is important for us to remain informed on the issues that will affect us throughout the upcoming year so we make more informed decisions that will benefit our farming operations, and to also educate our elected leaders."

MCGA members may attend the annual meeting free of charge and non-MCGA members may attend at a cost of \$20 per person. If you would like to become a member and vote during the business session allowing your voice to be heard at the annual meeting, please contact the MCGA office at 1-888-323-6601.

MCGA members were mailed registration materials for the annual meeting. If you are not a member and would like to register for the Annual Meeting, contact the MCGA office for a registration form. The deadline to register is Jan. 27.

Headquartered in DeWitt, MCGA is a grassroots-membership association representing the state's corn producers' political interests. Since the 1970s, MCGA has been looking out for the state's corn producers and working to keep them on the cutting edge. MCGA works cooperatively with the Corn Marketing Program of Michigan (CMPM) a legislatively-established program that utilizes one-cent per bushel of Michigan corn sold and invests in research, education and market development. For more information, visit the MCGA and CMPM at www.micorn.org.

Joseph Arquette

Joseph N. Arquette, 74, of Fillion, died Monday, Jan. 9, 2006 in his home. He was born Dec. 5, 1931 in Chazy, NY, to John and Hazel (Mousseau) Arquette.

He married Shirley A. Schenk Dec. 3, 1955 in Detroit.

Arquette served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He was stationed in Okinawa and Korea. Arquette worked at General Motors as a job setter and machine operator until 1978 when he suffered a heart attack causing his retirement. He attended Restoration Outreach Center in Caro.

Arquette is survived by his wife, Shirley; children: John (Donna) Arquette of Mayville, Charleen (Roger) Dennis of Caro, Darlene (Andrew) Anderson of Harrison Township, Deborah Burchett of Warren, and JoAnn (Mike) Furness of Fort Campbell, KY; 11 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren; sisters: Irene (Louis) Ryback, Mary (Clifford) Hayes, and Olive Lamoy; brothers: Kermit Arquette and John Arquette; many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his infant twins, James Dean and Jane Marie in 1961; and a son-in-law, Jerry Burchett in 1999.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Jan. 12, at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City with the Rev. Jerome Bouverette of Restoration Outreach Center, Caro, officiating.

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

Interment was in the St. Peter's Lutheran Cemetery, Bach.

Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund or the Restoration Outreach Center.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

Margaret Boyce

Margaret M. Boyce, 89, of Flint, died Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2006.

She was born Dec. 30, 1916 in Detroit, the daughter of Nelson and Vera Harrison.

Boyce grew up in Cass City before moving to the Flint area. She received a bachelor's degree from Spring Arbor University. Boyce worked for AC Spark Plug Division for over 30 years. She was a member of South Flint Church of the Nazarene and of UAW Local 651.

Boyce is survived by 3 step-children: Douglas (Ramona) Boyce of Mackinaw City, Loraine (James) Rogers of Fenton, and Ruth (Jay) Smith of Flint; 11 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; a sister, Florence (Lynn) Pritchard; a brother, William Harrison; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Orlo Smith; her second husband, the Rev. Kermit Boyce; a step-son, Gerald Boyce; her parents; a sister, Martha Herbec; and a brother, Elmer Harrison.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Jan. 14, at Swartz Funeral Home, Flint, with the Rev. Donald Frey officiating.

Burial was in the West Dayton Cemetery, Mayville.

Memorials may be made to the South Flint Church of the Nazarene or Avalon Hospice.

Arrangements were made by Swartz Funeral Home, Inc., Flint.

Ronald Good

Ronald E. Good, 74, of Gageton, died Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2006 at Caro Community Hospital.

He was born April 10, 1931 in Brookfield Township, the son of the

late Edmund and Bernadine (Kretschmer) Good.

He married Hazel Howard Aug. 19, 1950 in the Owendale Federated Church.

Good was a 1949 graduate of Owendale High School. He was a dairy and cash crop farmer. Good served as a member of the Owendale Board of Education for 32 years. He was a member of the Owendale Lions Club and the Owendale United Methodist Church, serving as ad council chairperson and Sunday school teacher.

Good is survived by his wife, Hazel; 6 children: Rhonda (Doug) Powers of Gageton, Elizabeth (John) Roemer of Gageton, David (Julie) Good of Gageton, Mary (Bert) Brinkman of Cass City, Paula (Jim) Ralph of Edwardsburg, and Ronald (Robin) Good of Hudsonville; 11 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren; 2 sisters: Lois (Robert) Albrecht of Owendale and Eleanor Truener of Cass City; 3 brothers: Edmund (Betty) Good Jr. of Gageton, Lloyd Good of Gageton, and Robert Good of Holly; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a great-granddaughter.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Jan. 7, at the Owendale United Methodist Church, Owendale, with the Rev. John Heim, pastor, officiating.

Burial was in the Grant Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Owendale United Methodist Church or Bay Shore Camp.

Arrangements were made by Meyersieck-Bussema Funeral Home, Pigeon.

Edna Rodenbo

Edna Marguerite Rodenbo, 88, of

Kingston, died Thursday, Jan. 12, 2006 in Tuscola County Medical Care Facility after a long illness.

She was born Aug. 12, 1917 in Kingston Township, the daughter of William J. and Anna M. (Harneck) McLaren.

She married Russell J. Rodenbo Sept. 18, 1953 in Kingston. He died October 8, 1987.

Rodenbo worked for L.A. Heineman and Son General Store in Kingston as a clerk for 9 years before leaving to make their home in Rochester Hills. She was a member of Kingston Wesleyan Church and their Missionary Society. She was a former member of White Creek Floral Club.

Edna is survived by a daughter, JoAnn (Walter) Maule of Canton, GA; a grandson; 4 great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews; in-laws: Leland Lester of Kingston, and Archie and Jean Rodenbo of Kingston.

She was preceded in death by 2 sisters: Leatha Thrasher and Phyllis Warner; and a brother, Harold McLaren.

Funeral services were held Monday, Jan. 16, at the Kingston Wesleyan Church, Kingston, with the Rev. Kenneth Sanderfur officiating.

Interment was in the Kingston Cemetery, Kingston.

Memorials may be made to the Kingston Wesleyan Church or The American Heart Association.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Kingston.

Mark Tuckey

Mark Clair Tuckey, 67, of Cass City, died Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2006 at his home.

He was born May 19, 1938 in Cass City, the son of the late Clair and Florence (Wanner) Tuckey.

He married Carol Vasbinder Gardner June 7, 1986 in Marlette.

Tuckey worked for Marlette Homes for 20 years and was a self-employed carpenter. He volunteered at the Brown City Camp and was a lifelong member of the Cass City Missionary Church.

Tuckey is survived by his wife, Carol; children: LTC Timothy (Reba) Tuckey of Japan, Terry (Diane) Tuckey of Cass City, Leslie (Bonnie) Tuckey of South Lyon, Fred (Gail) Tuckey of Cass City, Beth (Eric) Haglund of Howell, Kurt (Ann) Tuckey of Cass City, Matt (Michelle) Tuckey of Bad Axe, and Major Dr. Dan (Andrea) Tuckey of Georgia; step-children: Tim (Tricia) Gardner of Grand Haven and Kathrine (Doug) Kruse of Cass City; 32 grandchildren; and siblings: James (Wanda) Tuckey of Cass City, Ruth (Joseph) VanAcker of Cass City, Betty (Fred) Caudell of Davison and Esther (Jerry) Freed of Oregon.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Jan. 14, at the Cass City Missionary Church, Cass City, with Pastor Robert Sweeney officiating.

Burial was in the Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Memorials may be made to the Brown City Camp.

Arrangements were made by Thabet Funeral Home, Cass City.

Daniel Zdrojewski

Daniel F. Zdrojewski 84, of Palms, died Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2006 at Autumnwood of Deckerville.

He was born July 14, 1921 in Palms, the son of the late William and Lucy (Partaka) Zdrojewski.

He married Louise Essenmacher May 13, 1942 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Bad Axe.

Zdrojewski was an eighth grade graduate of a country school. He farmed for many years. Zdrojewski worked at Clements Manufacturing for 20 years and for General Cable, Cass City, for 21 years, retiring July 14, 1984. He worked for Mullett Muck Farm for 10 years and Brian Williams Potato Farm for 5 years. Zdrojewski was a lifelong member of St. Patrick Catholic Church, Palms, where he was an usher, and a member of the Cass City Knights of Columbus Council #8892. He was the caretaker at the church cemetery for 10 years.

Zdrojewski is survived by his wife, Louise; 3 sons: Roger (Annette) Zdrojewski of Arizona, William Zdrojewski of Coleman, and Phillip (JoAnn) Zdrojewski of Palms; a daughter-in-law, Michelle (Fred) Leeson of Cass City; 10 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; a step great-grandson; 2 brothers: Edward (Bernita) Zdrojewski of Sandusky and Anthony (Doris) Zdrojewski of Palms; and 3 sisters: Grace Graff of Palms, Florence Hamill of Pt. Sanilac, and Clara Essenmacher of Ruth.

He was preceded in death by a son, Kenneth Zdrojewski; a brother, James Zdrojewski; a sister, Lucille Tepper; and 4 brothers-in-law: Edward Graff, Cecil Hamill, John Essenmacher and Albert Tepper.

Funeral services will be held at a later date.

Memorials may be made to The American Cancer Society, United Hospice of Marlette, or the Family Discretionary Fund.



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Tips to reduce your energy bills

Stay warm this winter while reducing your energy bills. The following suggestions from the Sanilac County MSU Extension Office are low and no cost tips to help homeowners and renters reduce the amount of energy they consume. Reducing your energy bill does not always require a lot of money or time. Some of the best methods for reducing your energy expenses are free.

As homeowners and renters you can reduce your gas bill by up to 21 percent just by turning down the thermostat from 70 to 65 degrees. Lowering the thermostat even further, to 60 degrees, can save another 18 percent for a total energy reduction of 39 percent. For every degree you turn the thermostat down from 72 degrees, you will save 3-4 percent off of your heating bill.

In very cold weather, try to use a smaller portion of your home, and heat only that area. This can be accomplished by closing off unused areas of your home unless there is the risk of pipes freezing. Shut off the air vents and close the doors. A towel placed under the door reduces drafts. Install a programmable thermostat to lower the temperature while you are at work and while you are asleep

at night. At night, use extra bed coverings to keep you snug. Windows can be one of your homes more attractive features, but can also account for 10-25 percent of your winter heating bill through heat loss. An un-insulated window can lose 10-20 times as much heat as the same area of a well insulated wall.

The R value of an un-insulated single pane window is less than one. Double paned windows with a half inch air space have an R value equal to 2. Use insulated windows, storm windows or window treatments for heat savings and personal comfort. MSU Extension Bulletin Energy Facts Series has many suggestions for saving energy and saving money. These and other money saving tips are available at the MSU Extension Office, 37 Austin St., Sandusky.

Committee seeks "stars"



DALE TABAR, pictured above with his wife, Carrie, and the couple's children, Mariah, 12, and Alex, 9, recently received a pacemaker after his heart stopped Christmas morning. Tabar's fellow Cass City fire fighters have organized a benefit to help the family with medical expenses. (See story, page one)

The "Celebrating Tuscola's Stars Committee" was established in 2003 by the Tuscola County Community Foundation, the Tuscola County Human Services Coordinating Council and Tuscola 2011.

The Stars Committee has announced the fourth annual search for "Tuscola's Stars". A celebration to honor these "Stars" will be held Thursday, April 13.

The committee is asking for your help in searching for Tuscola's Stars and nominating them for the awards. These awards are designed to recognize individuals, groups and businesses whose efforts have improved the quality of life of the people in Tuscola County.

Please contact Susan for an application form, or if you have any questions or would like to help with this event, please call Susan at (989) 659-2805 or (989) 550-8283 or email her at teseandrus@speednetllc.com. The deadline for nominations is Feb. 7.



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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Paul G. Schmotzer and Anne M. Schmotzer, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgage, dated October 25, 2004 and recorded on October 27, 2004 in Liber 1014 on Page 652 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-Three and 02/100 Dollars (\$100,753.02), including interest at 10.6% 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 February 9, 2006.

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

A piece of land commencing at a point 2 rods East of the Northwest corner of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 5, Town 13 North, Range 11 East; running thence North 160 yards; thence South 200 yards; thence West 160 yards; thence North 200 yards to the point of beginning.

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

Dated: January 11, 2006

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Donna K. Adams, a single woman, to Chase Home Finance, L.L.C., successor by merger to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, a New Jersey Corporation, Mortgage, dated June 12, 2003 and recorded August 1, 2003 in Liber 946, Page 1360, Tuscola County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Eighty-Nine Thousand Seven Hundred and 48/100 Dollars (\$89,074.48) including interest at the rate of 6.00% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on January 19, 2006.

The premises are located in the Village of Reese, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lots 4 and 5, Block 2, Daniel M. Woodruff's Addition to the Village of Gates (now Reese), according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 25 A.

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

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

Dated: December 21, 2005

ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC
Attorneys for Chase Home Finance, L.L.C., successor by merger to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, a New Jersey Corporation, As Mortgagee
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File No. 310.0549

12-21-5

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Nancy Rezdol, a single woman, to Flagstar Bank, FSB, mortgagee, dated August 22, 2002 and recorded September 3, 2002 in Liber 892, Page 103, Tuscola County Records. Said mortgage is now held by Chase Home Finance LLC successor by merger with Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation by assignment dated June 20, 2003 and recorded on May 27, 2003 in Liber 932, Page 1156, Tuscola County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Fifty Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-Eight and 82/100 Dollars (\$50,478.82), including interest at the rate of 7.50% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on January 19, 2006.

The premises are located in the Township of Arbel, Tuscola County, Michigan, and

are described as:

That part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 25, Township 10 North, Range 7 East, Arbel Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as: Commencing at the Northeast corner of said Section 25; thence South 251.50 feet along the East Section line; thence North 89 degrees 34 Minutes 00 Seconds West 400.00 feet parallel with the North Section Line; thence North 251.50 feet parallel with the East Section line; thence South 89 Degrees 34 Minutes 00 Seconds East 400.00 feet along the North Section Line to the Point of Beginning. Subject to the Right of Way for Birch Run Road along the Northerly side thereof. Also subject to all easements, restrictions, and rights-of-way, if any, of record.

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

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

Dated: December 21, 2005

ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by DENNIS R. GEITMAN II, a single man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., "MERS", solely as nominee for Lender and Lender's successors and assigns GMAC Mortgage Corporation, Mortgage, dated August 24, 2004 and recorded on September 10, 2004, in Liber 1007, on Page 1256, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of NINETY SIX THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FIFTY TWO AND 57/100 DOLLARS (\$96,352.57), including interest at 7.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, front entrance of the Courthouse Building in the Village of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 o'clock A.M., on January 26, 2006.

Said Premises are situated in City of Millington, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 35, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, described as follows: Beginning at a point on the South line of said Section 35, which East, 465.00 feet, from the South 1/4 corner of said Section 35; thence continuing along said South line East 186.02 feet; thence North 00 degrees 05' 50" West 350.00 feet; thence West 186.02 feet; thence South 00 degrees 05' 50" East 350.00 feet of the South line of said Section 35 and the point of beginning, EXCEPT an undivided 1/2 interest in and to all oil, gas and other mineral.

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

Dated: December 21, 2005

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. "MERS", solely as nominee for Lender and Lender's successors and assigns GMAC Mortgage Corporation Mortgagee

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12-28-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Anthony Delduca and Kimberly K. Delduca, husband and wife, to Saxton Mortgage, Inc., Mortgagee, dated February 16, 2001 and recorded March 2, 2001 in Liber 822, Page 1226, Tuscola County Records. Said mortgage is now held by Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas f/k/a Banker's Trust Company, as Custodian by assignment dated February 16, 2001 and recorded on September 17, 2001 in Liber 842, Page 1299, Tuscola County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Seventy Two Thousand Ninety-Seven and 53/100 Dollars (\$72,097.53), including interest at the rate of 8.00% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on January 26, 2006.

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

A parcel of land described as beginning as a point which is North 89 degrees 16 minutes East, 1101.9 feet from the Southwest corner of Section 31, Town 10 North, Range 7 East, Arbel Township, Tuscola County, Michigan; thence North 0 degrees 10 minutes 30 seconds West, 250.00

feet; thence North 89 degrees 16 minutes East 100.00 feet; thence South 0 degrees 10 minutes 30 seconds East, 250.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 16 minutes West, 100.00 feet to the point of beginning.

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

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

Dated: December 28, 2005

ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC
Attorneys for Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas f/k/a Banker's Trust Company, as Custodian, As Assignee
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File No. 244.0548

12-28-5

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by David A. Church, a/k/a David Church, a married man, and Nina Church, a/k/a Nina R. Church, his wife, in bar of divorce, to PCFS Financial Services, Inc., an Ohio Corporation, Mortgagee, dated May 13, 1999 and recorded May 19, 1999 in Liber 771, Page 1209, Tuscola County Records. Said mortgage is now held by JPMorgan Chase Bank, as successor-in-interest to Bank One, National Association, as Trustee of Home Equity Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 1999-2 by assignment submitted to and recorded by the Tuscola County Register of Deeds. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Ninety-Six Thousand Five Hundred Fifty-Three and 30/100 Dollars (\$96,553.30), including interest at the rate of 12.38% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on February 16, 2006.

The premises are located in the Village of Millington, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Part of the West half of the Southeast quarter of Section 9, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, described as: Beginning at a point which is North 89 degrees 26 minutes 40 seconds West, 1271.18 feet along the South line of said Section 9, and along the East line of the West half of the Southeast quarter (also the East line of Bostick's Addition to the Village of Millington), North 00 degrees 08 minutes 49 seconds East, 909.48 feet along the North line of said Bostick's Addition, North 89 degrees 20 minutes 00 seconds West, 334.38 feet to the Northeast corner of Lot 2 of Block B of Bostick's Addition and parallel to the East line of said West half of the Southeast quarter, North 00 degrees 08 minutes 49 seconds East, 2.00 feet from the Southeast corner of said Section 9; thence parallel to the North line of said Bostick's Addition, North 89 degrees 20 minutes 00 seconds West, 127.62 feet; thence parallel to the East line of said West half of the Southeast quarter, North 00 degrees 08 minutes 49 seconds East, 64.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 20 minutes 00 seconds East, 127.62 feet; thence South 00 degrees 08 minutes 49 seconds West, 64.00 feet to the point of beginning.

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

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

Dated: January 18, 2006

ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC
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File No. 210.0766

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Gregory John Ashbeck, a single man, to Ameriquest Mortgage Company, mortgagee, dated November 19, 2002 and recorded December 4, 2002 in Liber 905, Page 831, and re-recorded to correct legal description in Liber 911 on Page 1292 on January 22, 2003, Tuscola County Records. Said mortgage is now held by Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, As Trustee, of Ameriquest Mortgage, Inc., Asset-Backed Pass Through Certificates, Series 2003-1, Under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of February 1, 2003, without recourse, by assignment submitted to and recorded by the Tuscola County Register of Deeds. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Seventy Eight Thousand Six Hundred Nine and 09/100 Dollars (\$78,609.09) including interest at the rate of 9.50% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance

of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on January 19, 2006.

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

Premises situated in the Township of Almer, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan to Wit: Section 15, Town 13 North, Range 9 East, South 60 acres of West half of Southwest quarter except commencing at a point that is North 89 degrees 36 minutes 35 seconds East 396.23 feet from Southwest corner Section; thence North 00 degrees 16 minutes 27 seconds West 379.50 feet; thence North 89 degrees 36 minutes 35 seconds East 760.56 feet; thence North 00 degrees 16 minutes 27 seconds West 5 feet; thence North 89 degrees 36 minutes 35 seconds East 135 feet; thence South 00 degrees 16 minutes 27 seconds East 380 feet; thence South 00 degrees 16 minutes 27 seconds East 380 feet; thence South 89 degrees 36 minutes 35 seconds West 895.56 feet to Point of Beginning, also except commencing at Southwest corner of Section; thence East 97 feet; thence North 184 feet; thence West 97 feet; thence South 184 feet to Point of Beginning, also except commencing at a Point that is North 89 degrees 36 minutes 35 seconds East 166.67 feet from Southwest corner of Section; thence North 89 degrees 36 minutes 35 seconds East 229.56 feet; thence North 00 degrees 16 minutes 27 seconds West 379.50 feet; thence South 89 degrees 36 minutes 35 seconds West 229.56 feet; thence South 00 degrees 16 minutes 27 seconds East 379.50 feet to Point of Beginning.

Also, premises situated in the Township of Almer, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan to Wit: Section 15, Town 13 North, Range 9 East, commencing at Southwest corner of Section; thence East 97 feet; thence North 184 feet; thence West 97 feet; thence South 184 feet to Point of Beginning.

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

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

Dated: December 21, 2005

ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC
Attorneys for Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, As Trustee, of Ameriquest Mortgage, Inc., Asset-Backed Pass Through Certificates, Series 2003-1, Under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of February 1, 2003, without recourse, As Assignee
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12-21-5

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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 Roger D. Schiefer, a/k/a Roger Schiefer, and Jennifer Schiefer, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Ameriquest Mortgage Company, Mortgage, dated April 28, 2004 and recorded on June 17, 2004 in Liber 997 on Page 122 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CERTIFICATE HOLDERS OF ASSET - BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2004-MCWI as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-One Thousand Four Hundred Thirty-Two and 55/100 Dollars (\$51,432.55), including interest at 8.55% 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 February 9, 2006.

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

Parcel A: Part of the Northeast quarter (NE 1/4) of Section 29, Town 10 North, Range 7 East, described as beginning at the Northeast corner of said Section 29; thence along the North line of said Section 29, West 366.05 feet; thence South 00 degrees 19 minutes 10 seconds East, parallel with the East line of said Section 29, 119.00 feet; thence East 366.05 feet to the East line of said Section 29; thence along said East line, North 00 degrees 19 minutes 10 seconds West, 119.00 feet to the Northeast corner of said Section 29 and point of beginning.

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

Dated: January 11, 2006

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1-11-4

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by David Kontak and Betty K. Kontak,

husband and wife, Mortgagors, to Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation, Mortgagee, dated August 25, 1998 and recorded on October 21, 1998 in Liber 753, Page 1008, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which said mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Fifty-Two Thousand Two Hundred Thirty-Three and 42/100 (\$52,233.42) Dollars, including interest at 9.8% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, on Thursday, February 9, 2006, at 10:00 a.m.

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

South 43.6 feet of the West 100 feet of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 32, Town 11 North, Range 9 East, Township of Fremont, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan.

Parcel ID: 011-032-000-2200-0. A/K/ A 2374 W. Brown, Millington, MI 48746.

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

Dated: January 5, 2006
Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation
N/K/A Green Tree Servicing, LLC
Mortgagee

Keith A. Sotiroff, Esq.
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has occurred in a mortgage made by Fred T. Engelhart, Jr. and Rhonda R. Engelhart, husband and wife, to First National Bank of America, dated Dec. 20, 2004 and recorded on December 28, 2004 in Liber 1022, Page 491, Tuscola County Records. The mortgage holder has begun no proceedings to recover any part of the debt, which is now \$49,438.51.

The mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the property, at public auction to the highest bidder, on Thursday, February 9, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. local time, at front steps, Tuscola County Courthouse, Caro, Michigan. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the mortgage, together with interest at 11 percent, foreclosure costs, attorney fees, and also any taxes and insurance that the mortgage holder pays before the sale.

The property is located in Fairgrove Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, and is described in the mortgage as:

Commencing 410 feet East of the Northwest corner of the East half of the West half of the Northwest quarter of Section 2, Town 13 North, Range 8 East; thence South 240 feet; thence East to the East line of the East half of the West half of the Northwest fractional quarter; thence North 240 feet; thence West to the point of beginning.

The redemption period will be six months from the date of the sale, but if the property is abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, the redemption period will be 30 days.

Dated: January 5, 2006
Joseph B. Backus
Attorney for Mortgage Holder
P.O. Box 794
East Lansing, MI 48826
(517) 337-1617

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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 Daniel Lee Hills, original mortgagor, to NBD Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated November 28, 1994 and recorded on November 30, 1994 in Liber 667 on Page 634, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns 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 Twenty-Six Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty-Three and 76/100 Dollars (\$26,983.76), including interest at 8.52% 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 February 2, 2006.

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

Commencing 804 feet South of the Northwest corner of Section 1, Town 13 North, Range 8 East; thence east 407 feet; thence North 326 feet; thence West 407 feet; thence South 326 feet to the Point of Beginning.

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

Dated: January 4, 2006

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Kevin C. Hallwood and Christine Hallwood, husband and wife to Ameriquest Mortgage Company, a Delaware Corporation Mortgagee, dated February 20, 2002 and recorded June 17, 2002 in Liber 881, Page 1362, and as recited in the affidavit recorded October 25, 2004 in Liber 1013, Page 209, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was subsequently assigned to WM Specialty Mortgage LLC, Without Recourse, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Five Thousand One Hundred Thirty Dollars and Fifty-Six Cents (\$65,130.56), including interest 11.25% 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, front entrance of the Circuit Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, February 2, 2006.

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

One square acre in the Southwest corner of the North half of the Southwest fractional quarter of Section 6, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, beginning at a point on the West line of said Section 6, thence along said West line, South 0 degrees 12 minutes 30 seconds East 1112.32 feet from the West quarter corner of said Section 6, thence along said West line south 0 degrees 12 minutes 30 seconds East 208.75 feet to South, East and West eighth line, thence along said 1/8 line, North 89 degrees 23 minutes 45 seconds East 208.75 feet, thence North 0 degrees 12 minutes 30 seconds West 208.75 feet; thence South 89 degrees 23 minutes 45 seconds West 208.75 feet to the place of beginning. Commonly known as 7777 Vassar, Millington MI 48746.

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

Dated: December 27, 2005

WM Specialty Mortgage LLC, without recourse
Assignee of Mortgagee

Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C.
811 South Blvd., Suite 100
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(248) 844-5123
Our File No: 05-42062

GINNING SECTION 8, T10N, R7E, TUSCOLA COUNTY RECORDS.

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

DATED: January 11, 2006

Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C.
401 South Old Woodward Avenue, Suite 300
Birmingham, MI 48009-6616
ATTORNEY FOR: MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. ACTING SOLELY AS NOMINEE FOR LENDER AND LENDERS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS. LENDER IS WATERMARK FINANCIAL PARTNER, INC.
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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 Dorothy Grierson, a/k/a Dorothy J. Grierson, a widowed woman, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated April 16, 2004 and recorded on May 5, 2004 in Liber 991 on Page 307, and modified by Affidavit or Order executed on December 19, 2005 and recorded on January 6, 2006 in Liber 1067 on Page 1365 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty-Seven and 20/100 Dollars (\$80,957.20), including interest at 6.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on February 16, 2006.

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

PARCEL #8: Description of a parcel of land being a part of Southeast 1/4 of Section 1, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, Millington Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, more particularly described as: Beginning at a point on the East and West 1/4 line of Section 1, Town 10 North, Range 8 East said point being 5.00 ft. Westerly measured along the said East and West 1/4 line from the South West corner of Lot #1 of Osborne Subdivision of part of Northeast 1/4 of Section 1, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, said point also being South 80 degrees 19 minutes East 1069.85 feet from the Northwest corner of Southeast 1/4 of Section 1; thence South 11 degrees 19 minutes East 200.00 feet to a point; thence South 16 degrees 19 minutes East 75.00 feet to a point being the Northeast corner and the point of beginning of the parcel herein described; thence South 34 degrees 19 minutes East 100.00 feet to a point; thence South 55 degrees 41 minutes West 92.00 feet to a point on the shoreline of Murphy Lake, thence North 12 degrees 31 minutes West along said shoreline 106.85 feet to a point; thence North 64 degrees 41 minutes East 50.00 feet to a point of beginning being the Northeast corner and the point of beginning of parcel therein described.

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: January 18, 2006

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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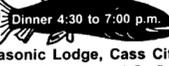
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“Grandma Knight”

Cass City woman enjoys her role as a Foster grandparent at Campbell Elementary

Dorothy Knight has 4 grandsons of her own, but she's "Grandma Knight" to an entire classroom at Campbell Elementary School in Cass City.

Knight, a longtime Cass City resident who is originally from Bay City, is one of some 900 foster grandparent volunteers being recognized today (Wednesday) for contributing a combined 900,000 annual hours of service to children with special needs and their communities across Michigan.

"This is my sixth year, all right here in the same room. Six years in the first grade," Knight said, referring to work in Marion Binder's classroom at Campbell Elementary.

"They tell me if I work real hard, I might get promoted, but I doubt it," she joked.

"I sort of reinforce what the teacher does," Knight said of her role in the classroom. "Some of the children need one-to-one help, and that's what I do - work with special needs children. And at one time or another, every child has a special need, even if it's only a hug."

Although Knight recently was forced to put her foster grandparenting duties on hold due to a battle with cancer, she typically spends some 20 hours a week in the classroom.

"It's something I'm qualified for since I've worked with children and

I'm very fond of children," she said. "I worked here for 16 years, then I was retired 18 years, and I had a friend who kept encouraging me to join" the Foster Grandparent Program," recalled Knight, whose previously served as a library aide and tutored in the Title I program at Campbell.

Knight recently returned to Binder's classroom after receiving a green light from her doctor, and she was more than ready to get started again.

"I missed them - the children - their hugs and they're little stories," she said.

Foster grandparent programs have been established in 59 counties in the state. The programs provide seniors ages 60 and older an opportunity for challenging and meaningful service to children in their local communities.

Partnering with numerous non-profit organizations enables older adults to have a positive impact in such areas as literacy, mentoring, school preparedness, decreased juvenile delinquency and nurturing exceptional needs children, as well as other community needs," said Julia DeGuise, Foster Grandparent Program supervisor in the Thumb.

"Our local Foster Grandparent Program is managed through the Human Development Commission (HDC)," DeGuise explained. "HDC has 55 foster grandparents serving in pre-

schools, elementary, middle and parochial schools throughout Huron, Sanilac and Tuscola counties.

"The grandparents love it, but the greatest measurement of success comes from the teachers. We continually hear from teachers that so many more of our kids are successful because of the foster grandparents providing that extra one-on-one time."

Binder agreed. "It's wonderful to have an extra person in the classroom to help out with the children that need the extra help," she said.

"She's (Knight) very patient," Binder added. "She enjoys the children and enjoys working with them, and the kids enjoy having her help, too, I think."

"She kind of takes on all of the roles - mother, grandmother, helper, teacher," said Campbell Elementary Principal Jody Miklovic. "She's been real good, real consistent. She has a lot of time and energy to put into it."

"It really has been wonderful for the kids," Miklovic said. "I can't stress enough the (importance of the) mentoring. She's here faithfully and the kids look forward to it."

Editor's note: Anyone interested in learning more about the Foster Grandparent Program administered by HDC is welcome to contact DeGuise at (989) 673-4121.

Cronce new campus director

Baker College of Flint officials have named Gregory A. Cronce as the new director of its Cass city satellite campus.

Cronce is responsible for all operations at Baker's Cass City campus, including financial, human resources, academic initiatives and retention, instructor staffing and community involvement.

Cronce has more than 18 years of executive management and business experience, including his most recent stint as senior supplier development specialist for Daimler Chrysler Corporation in Auburn Hills. He has also been an instructor at Baker College of Port Huron since 2002, and is currently a Baker College Online instructor.

"Greg brings a wealth of business experience to this position," said Julianne T. Princinsky, Ed.D., Baker College of Flint president. "Combined with his knowledge of the Baker system and his extensive edu-



Gregory A. Cronce

Cronce holds Bachelor of Science degrees in business and aviation management from Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Ill.; organizational management from Goshen College, Goshen, Ind.; and electro-

mechanical engineering technologies from Excelsior College, Albany, N.Y. He also earned 2 master's degrees, including a Master of Arts in organizational management from the University of Phoenix and an MBA in business from Northcentral University, Prescott, Ariz.

Holding a rank of E-6 and a rate of aviation electrician's mate, Cronce was an electronic and electrical systems master instructor while serving in the U.S. Navy.

His professional memberships including the American Society for Quality, the American Society for Training and Development and the Association of Professional Business Managers. Cronce is also a certified business manager and a certified quality manager.

Currently a Mayville resident, Cronce and his family will be relocating to the Cass City area.

Baker College, the largest private college in Michigan, is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission and is a member of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. It is a non-profit higher education institution, serving more than 33,000 students on 12 campuses and in 4 satellite locations.

Baker grants certificates and associate's, bachelor's and master's degrees in business, health services, education and human services, and in various technical fields.

Special meeting slated

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Trustee Severance asked about discipline and bullying and the candidate said that programs devoted to these problems should start in the elementary school and carry on through school.

Biddinger asked how long Mertz would probably stay. He replied that he was looking for a long-term responsibility and feels that Cass City would be a "good fit".

Turner asked about delegating responsibility. Mertz said that he would continue the program now in effect while working with the administration. I want them to come to me with problems, no surprises.

Asked about a typical day at the office and then specifically how he spent the day before his interview, he replied that he usually arrived around 6:30 a.m. and worked until 6 or 7 p.m. and that was what he did during the day in question. I like to get things in order before the activities of the day begin, he added.

The board then concluded the interview by asking why Mertz felt he was the best man for the job. He said that he is well organized and had the widest experience of any candidate and has been successful in the positions he filled.

He also said that the community could expect to see him involved in community events and high school programs and athletic contests. He sees his role as a community leader as well as a school leader.

PERSONAL DATA

Mertz and his wife, Jennifer, have a

son, Joel, 2 1/2 years old.

Besides his present job he has had a succession of positions starting as a social science teacher at Pellston junior/senior high school from 1992-1994. He was a social science teacher at Essexville-Hampton public schools until 1999 when he joined the Bay-Arenac Intermediate School District



John Mertz

as a new teacher training facilitator. He returned to Essexville Hampton Schools in 2000 where he was involved in several administrative posts. His career at his present school was interrupted by a return to the ISD in 2004-05 where he worked as the technology curriculum consultant. He graduated from Michigan State University with a BA degree and holds a Master of Arts degree in secondary administration from Central Michigan University.

Benefit dinner slated

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rie recalled. "I've never done it before. We've never had an emergency before. It was very odd to be on the other end."

Seconds later Dale came to, and Carrie canceled the ambulance, opting instead to take her husband to Hills and Dales General Hospital, where medical personnel insisted that Tabar go to St. Mary's Medical Center in Saginaw for observation.

While at St. Mary's, early Christmas morning, Dale's heart stopped for 18 seconds.

It was a shock for the Tabars. Dale, who just turned 34, has always been active. He works for Thumb Area Transit in Huron County and has

been a volunteer fireman with the Elkland Township Fire Department since November 2001.

"We were lucky that it happened at the hospital," said Carrie, who noted doctors decided her husband needed a pacemaker.

"The procedure really wasn't that much," Dale recalled. He explained his pacemaker is referred to as an "on demand" pacemaker, which can detect minute changes in the heart and activates anytime the heartbeat slows down too much.

Doctors are still trying to determine what caused Dale's heart to stop, but the couple indicated the prognosis so far is promising.

Dale's fellow fire fighters in Cass City, meanwhile, have stepped up to help the couple meet their medical

expenses. A spaghetti supper benefit has been planned for Saturday, Feb. 4, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Northwood Meadows in Cass City. Organizers are requesting a \$6 donation, and take-out orders will be available.

The Tabars are quick to thank Dale's fellow Elkland Township fire fighters for their support.

"Everyone has just been amazing - the phone calls, the visits," Carrie said.

Dale agreed. "I'm really thankful for that. I'm very grateful to them for everything they've done for me," he said.

"They told me when I joined (the department) that you don't just join, you become a brother," he added. "It's true."



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