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A CROP DUSTER SWEEPS across a 130-acre field of potatoes at Walther Farms just northwest of Cass City last week. The plane was applying a fungicide, which is done about every 5 days to protect the crop, according to Kevin Storm, who manages the Walther Farms' Cass City operation.

Potatoes a family farming tradition for the Walthers

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Editor's note: This is the first in series of stories the Chronicle will be publishing this summer in cooperation with the Michigan Farm Bureau's Adopt-a-Farm program, which pairs members of the media with local farmers.

The goal is to give readers a close look at "life on the farm" through stories that track the ups and downs of agriculture through the eyes of a single, area family farm. The series will focus on a variety of issues in an effort to give readers a better sense of how food produced locally goes from "farm to fork."

In this first installment, Kevin Storm provides a general overview of the Walther Farms potato growing operation.

Pick up your favorite bag of Frito-Lay potato chips in the Thumb area and chances are the snacks were made with potatoes grown right in your own backyard.

Growing potatoes has been a tradition for more than 60 years for the Walther family, whose success and hard work paved the way for expansion far beyond Michigan's borders over the years.

Kevin Storm, who manages the family's Cass City operation, said the Walthers' agricultural legacy began with Leonard Walther Sr., who started out with 80 acres in the Clio area, in Vienna Township, back in 1945.

"From there, in the late 70s, (Leonard Sr.'s sons) Tom and Leonard Walther moved up this way," added Storm, who noted 2 other sons, Bob and Darrell, have also played key roles in building the operation. Today, a third generation is making its mark. "Leonard has 4 boys that are involved. Darrell has 3 and Bob has 2," Storm said.

The farm is actually several farms all under the Walther Farms umbrella. "The Cass City operation is actually what we consider the Mid-Michigan or central Michigan region, which includes Clio and Hemlock," Storm explained.

"We have roughly, in central Michigan, 1,050, 1,060 acres of potatoes. And then, in the Three Rivers area (southwest Michigan), we have around 4,500 acres," Storm said. The family also has its own seed farms - totaling about 500 acres, in Newberry in the Upper Peninsula, and in

Gaylord.

Outside of Michigan, Walther Farms works 500 acres in Indiana, 800 acres in Florida and 5,000 acres in Mexico.

The business is among Michigan's top 5 largest potato operations and employs a combined 50 to 60 employees, including 5 in Cass City. The family annually produces a whopping 1.2 million hundredweight (cwt.) of potatoes.

HARD WORK

"It's a lot of work, growing potatoes. I've been involved with all the other crops - corn and beans and wheat - and potatoes are by far the most time-consuming, year round," said Storm, a 1995 Cass City High School graduate who grew up farming in the Colling area with his grandfather, John Homakie, and his father, Frank Storm.

"Potatoes are high fertilizer users, heavy water users. It takes a lot of babysitting - we're in the fields daily," Storm continued. "And then in the storage season, you're checking them 2 to 3 times a day.

"We're usually planting around the first of April in Michigan," Storm said, adding seed potatoes are planted 4 1/2 to 5 inches deep, and the equipment used also rips the ground open and creates dikes between the potato hills to prevent the hills from being washed away by rain. The method also helps with irrigation and fertilizer placement.

"Most of them (varieties grown by Walthers) are Frito-Lay varieties. A majority of our potatoes are shipped to Frito-Lay," Storm noted.

Harvest typically begins in mid-September, but the weeks that precede the harvest are busy - and costly - ones.

Among the significant production costs is water - all of the Walther's acres are irrigated. "Potatoes will use, on average, roughly 15 to 17 inches of water through the growing season, which I don't think a lot of people realize," he added.

On top of that, workers apply fertilizer, primarily nitrogen, every week. And the business employs a crop duster to spread fungicide over the crop about every 5 days. Both jobs have become even more expensive in recent years, thanks to soaring fuel costs.

MARKETING

Once the harvest is underway, the potatoes are shipped or stored, de-

pending on the farm.

"Potatoes are a high-value crop to grow, and basically what it boils

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STORM INSPECTS some potato plants in a field located east of Dodge and Hoppe roads. Regular field inspections are a routine and important chore to ensure the crop is healthy.

Potatoes important crop in Michigan

In volume and sales dollars, potatoes are Michigan's leading produce commodity, according to the Michigan Department of Agriculture.

Michigan is the nation's largest producer of summer, or "new" potatoes and potatoes for chip manufacturing. In 2000, nearly 1.5 billion pounds of potatoes were harvested from as far south as Monroe County to as far north as Iron County in the Upper Peninsula.

Harvesting of potatoes begins in June and ends in late October. Montcalm and Bay counties are the major Michigan producers of potatoes.

The most popular type of Michigan potato is the round white, as a summer fresh market potato and chipping potato. The table varieties of round whites are well liked for their moistness and soft texture, and russets are preferred for their excellent baking quality.

Michigan also has cultivated a market for yellow or "golden" potatoes. These have unique flavor and can be prepared in many ways.

Potatoes are a great source of nutrition. A medium potato, weighing between 5 and 10 ounces, has 76 calories - no more than an apple. Potatoes are fat-free, rich in potassium and an excellent source of fiber. A potato contains one-half the daily required of vitamin C, 15 percent of the recommended daily allowance of vitamin B6, and 10 percent of the niacin requirements.

Source - Michigan Department of Agriculture.

Prosecutor and police support tough legislation

by Maggie Peterson
Staff Writer

Michigan lawmakers are seeking tougher laws and penalties against drunk drivers, which could affect hundreds in Tuscola County.

House Bill 6009, the first bill, is aimed at repeat offenders and calls for all drunk driving, or Operating While Intoxicated (OWI), offenses to remain permanently active on record, despite the time period between them.

A person can be charged as a repeat offender if there have been 2 or more alcohol-related convictions in 7 years or 3 within 10 years.

Operating While Intoxicated means the person driving cannot operate the vehicle safely because of alcohol or drugs.

A third OWI conviction within 10 years is considered a felony. In Tuscola County, there were 54 OWI felonies recorded in 2001 by the district court.

The second proposal, which has yet to be introduced, calls for mandatory alcohol treatment and use of an ignition interlock if a driver's blood-alcohol content is 0.15 or higher, almost double the legal driving limit of 0.08.

The average number of OWI arrests filed with the district court between 1999 and 2005 is 354. During that time, the number has fluctuated from a low of 271 last year to a high of 413 in 2000.

The first bill, introduced by Rep. Kevin Elsenheimer, R-Bellaire, was inspired by the death of 16-year-old Heidi Steiner, of Bellaire, who was killed in a crash with Daniel Buffman, who was drunk.

Elsenheimer said Buffman got the full sentence of 93 days because he was tried as a first-time offender, even though he had nearly 10 offenses on

his record.

These previous offenses were over 10 years ago, and therefore could not be used in court, he said.

With the bill, "once you become a felon after drunk driving, any subsequent offense in your lifetime will also be a felony," he said.

Keeping OWI offenses on the record permanently has support from county officials and local crime enforcement.

Cass City Chief of Police Craig Haynes said keeping all OWI offenses active on someone's record would be helpful because "it shows the pattern of alcohol abuse."

Through detecting a person's patterns, it would be easier to determine what kind of treatment could be helpful, he added.

"Alcoholism is a treatable disease," he said. "And, obviously, if they have a couple of drunk driving offenses, I would say that person has a problem with alcohol abuse, and they should be looking at treatment."

Tuscola County Prosecutor Mark Reene said he would support the bill because the 10-year time limit is arbitrary and "never made any sense at all to me."

He added that there was one case in Tuscola County where a man had 7 or 8 OWI offenses, but none of them had occurred within the time frame making it felony.

"By the time you've committed the crime 6, 7, 8 times, you are a clear and present danger," he said. "The only reason you haven't killed someone is because you've been lucky."

Another supporter of the bill is Rep. Tom Meyer, R-Bad Axe, who said he would vote in favor of the bill should it make it to the House floor.

He said once a person has offended

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On the air

Gagetown pastor gets his radio station up, running

by Maggie Peterson
Staff Writer

The Rev. Duane Plonta said the first day on the job was rough.

"I didn't know what to say. And being a preacher, that's a hard thing to say," he joked.

Plonta, pastor at Farver Road Baptist Church and Gagetown resident, is the deejay on 88.5 WPEE-FM, a 3-month-old Christian radio station he started after first applying to the Federal Communications Commission 7 years ago.

"Our format is gospel - a religious,

Christian format," he said of the type of music and programs aired.

The station was scheduled to transmit at full power - 6,000 kilowatts - starting last week.

For the first 3 months, however, the 720 kilowatts it had been working with sent the signal through the Thumb and as far as Au Gres, Saginaw, Clio and Lapeer.

The station broadcasts all day, every day, from Noah's Ark in Gagetown to a potential listening audience of 400,000, Plonta said.

Despite the rough first day, Plonta seems to have settled into his new

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THE REV. Don Plonta sits in the studio of 88.5 WPEE-FM, a Christian radio station he started 3 months ago. Plonta, Gagetown resident and pastor at Farver Road Baptist Church, wanted to start the station because there was no Christian station in the area.

Holbrook Area News

Mrs. Thelma Jackson
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Mr. and Mrs. Jim Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Swanson, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Nicol, Elise and Ethan and Mrs. Fay Ballagh of Cass City attended a graduation open house Saturday for Evan Steig, son of Dale and Betty Steig of LeRoy, Mich.

Mrs. Curtis Cleland visited Mrs. Gerald Wills Wednesday.

Mrs. Ray Depcinski attended The Over 50 Club meeting at Oswald Hall in Bad Axe Tuesday, where the rosary was said before the potluck dinner was served. Later, the group played Bingo.

Dan Franzel and Allen Farrelly attended the Lions Club meeting at Bad Axe Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Depcinski were among a group who attended the graduation party for Steve Depcinski at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Depcinski Sunday.

Mrs. Ray Depcinski and Mrs. Allen Depcinski attended the funeral of their aunt, Margaret Guigar Maurer, at the Our Lady of Lake Huron Church at 11 a.m., Thursday at Helena.

Edith Jackson visited Mrs. Curtis Cleland Saturday.

Eleven members of The Greenleaf Extended Homemakers met at Gilligan's in Cass City for a luncheon meeting. The topic of discussion was Florida in the water. The next meeting will be at Northwood Meadows in Cass City with Gloria Grametbauer as hostess in July.

June Rutz of Sterling Heights, Allen Farrelly, Doris Western and Mr. and

Mrs. Dan Franzel had dinner at the Franklin Inn in Bad Axe.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Particka spent some time with Mr. and Mrs. William Godell, Laura and Amy, and Saturday afternoon went out to dinner for Amy's 11th birthday after attending Laura's 8th grade graduation.

Mrs. Gerald Wills and Mrs. Harold Ballagh visited Reva Silver Sunday.

Allen Farrelly and June Rutz were Sunday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel.

Eleven members of The Traveling Breakfast Club met at the Franklin Plaza Thursday morning. They will meet at the Coffee Cup Plus in Bad Axe next week.

Bernard Morley, Jack Kennedy, Claude Mestack, Ron Wolschlagler, Roger Kincaid, June Rutz and Allen Farrelly met at McDonald's in Bad Axe Wednesday morning.

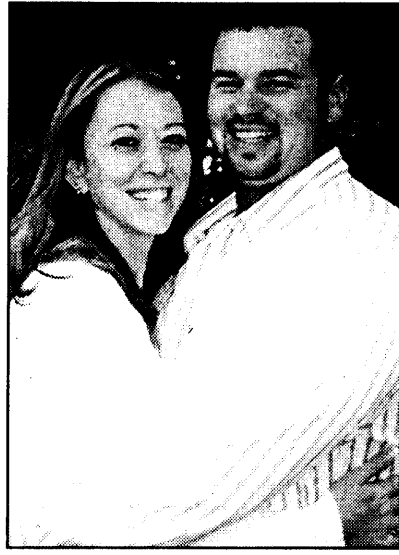
Those who visited Thelma Jackson last week were Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Hurford of Cass City, Jerry Hillaker of Snover, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson, Mrs. Jim Sweeney and Brian Sweeney.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski had supper at the Peppermill in Bad Axe Thursday evening and later visited Mr. and Mrs. Bob Zurek.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Particka were overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Matt Particka, Matt, Andrew and Jenny at Adrian.

Allen Farrelly came home from Sterling Heights after spending a few days with June Rutz and family.

Engaged



Melissa Bliss and Donald Patch, Jr.

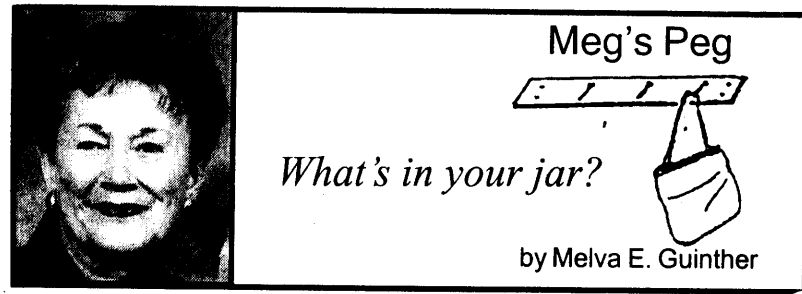
Chuck and Tammy Bliss of Cass City announce the engagement of their daughter, Melissa Mary, to Donald J. Patch, Jr., son of Darryl and Linda Metzger of Cass City and Don and Sandy Patch, Sr. of Harrison.

A Sept. 9, 2006 wedding is being planned.

4-H Camp slated for July 5-7

Youth entering grades 3 through 8 are invited to register for camp. Again this year, the Tri-County 4-H Camp will be held at Camp Stapleton, North of Lexington, July 5-7. Youth need not be in 4-H to attend.

This is an opportunity for youth from Huron, St. Clair and Sanilac counties to meet, to participate in team building exercises and to learn new skills. Youth will spend 3 days and 2 nights at the camp. The cost is \$50. Registration forms may be found in the Sanilac County MSU Extension Office, 37 Austin St., Sandusky. For more information call (810) 648-2515.



by Melva E. Guinther

This story has been around before, but it's worth repeating.

A professor began his philosophy class by wordlessly filling a large mayonnaise jar with golf balls. When he asked the students if the jar was full, they replied that it was.

Then he picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar a bit and the pebbles rolled into the spaces between the golf balls.

Once again, he asked if the jar was full. They said yes.

Next the professor picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up whatever space was left.

Once again he asked the students if the jar was full, and they unanimously answered yes.

He then produced 2 cups of coffee from under the table and poured them into the jar. The students laughed.

When the laughter subsided, the professor told them, "This jar represents your life. The golf balls are the important things - God, family, children, health, friends and favorite passions - things that if everything else were lost and only they remained, your life would still be full.

"The pebbles are the other things that matter, like your job, house and car.

"The sand is everything else - the small stuff.

"If you put the sand in the jar first, there is no room for the pebbles or the golf balls.

"The same is true in life. If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff, you will never have room for the things that are important to

you.

"Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness. Play with your children. Get medical check-ups. Take your partner out to dinner. Play another 18.

"There will always be time to clean the house and fix the disposal.

"Take care of the golf balls first - the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand."

One of the students raised her hand and asked what the coffee represented.

The professor smiled and said, "I'm glad you asked. It just goes to show you that no matter how full your life may seem, there's always room for a couple cups of coffee with a friend."

Isn't it just human nature to get bogged down with the small stuff?

This arrived via email just as I was hustling around trying to make sure everything was in order for our daughter-in-law and grandchildren's summer visit.

Beds, closet space, dresser drawers had to be freed up, rooms cleaned and shopping done.

After re-reading this message, I realized that the chores I was so concerned about were mostly sand.

Once 3 kids invade the house, nobody will notice or care if it was clean. And within a half hour you wouldn't be able to tell anyway.

What really matters is that they know how much we love them and enjoy having them around.

So if you see me out in the yard playing this summer when you think I should be doing housework, I'm just collecting golf balls for my life jar.

Owen-Gage Honor Roll announced

Owen-Gage Schools announce the 4th marking period honor roll.

4th Marking Period

Grade 3
Sidney Bencheck, Joey Littlepage*, Andrea McCreedy*, Rachel Mroz and Adam Retford*.

Grade 4
Ben Good and Richelle Scharf.

Grade 5
Andrew Fahrner, Jeremy Jamieson*, Tiffany Jamieson, Megan Lester, Courtney McCreedy, Chelsea Miller, Eric Rievert and Sarah Volk.

Grade 6
Hunter Champagne, Christin Harris, Erika Mroz, Amanda Muntz, Lacie Prich and Carli Warack.

Grade 7
Holly Errer, Megan McLaren*, Dylan Powell and Clyde Rhodes.

Grade 8
Amanda Franzel, Edward Fritz, Zachary Mroz, Kelsey Quick*, Ashley Rockefeller, Christine Schmidt*, Carin Seibel*, Erin Seibel and Jordan Sprague.

Grade 9
Stacie Dorsch, Amanda Faist, Mariah Francis, Drew Howard, April Miller, Cole Mroz*, Brandalyn Plowman, Lucas Powell, Samantha Radabaugh, Katie Rhodes, Stephen Roemer and Stephanie Scharf.

Grade 10
Kevin Bucholtz, Branden Edler, Bethany Kovach*, Courtney Lester, James Lyman, Nathan Minkler, April Nowaczyk, Brittany Parks, Josh Starks, Joshua Volk, Matthew Volk and Eric Zaleski.

Grade 11
Grant Champagne, Heather Collon, Andy Dronsella, Mindy Errer*, Rose Faupel, Randy Foskett, Kendra Guilds, Josh McLaren, Amber Pillsbury*, Rebecca Schmidt* and Jason Seibel.

Grade 12
Racheal Biebel, Michelle Brown*, Whitney Brown, Amanda Byrd, Barbie Littlepage, Floyd Morrish, Nicole Nowaczyk, Cassie Plowman and Amy Powell.

*Denotes all A's

Owen-Gage Schools announce the second semester honor roll.

2nd Semester

Grade 3
Sidney Bencheck, Joey Littlepage*, Andrea McCreedy*, Rachel Mroz* and Adam Retford*.

Grade 4
Ben Good* and Richelle Scharf.

Grade 5
Andrew Fahrner*, Jeremy Jamieson*, Tiffany Jamieson*, Megan Lester, Courtney McCreedy, Chelsea Miller, Justin Miller, Miranda Radabaugh, Eric Rievert and Sarah Volk.

Grade 6
Hunter Champagne, Jacob Fuller, Christin Harris, Erika Mroz, Amanda Muntz, Lacie Prich* and Carli Warack.

Grade 7
Holly Errer, Christy Fields, Lauren Mandich, Megan McLaren*, Dylan Powell and Clyde Rhodes.

Grade 8
Amanda Franzel, Zachary Mroz, Kelsey Quick*, Ashley Rockefeller, Christine Schmidt*, Carin Seibel*, Erin Seibel and Jordan Sprague.

Grade 9
Derek Bucholtz, Stacie Dorsch, Amanda Faist, Drew Howard, Alisha Kovach, April Miller, Cole Mroz, Brandalyn Plowman and Katie Rhodes.

Grade 10
Kevin Bucholtz, Branden Edler, Bethany Kovach, Courtney Lester*, James Lyman, April Nowaczyk, Brittany Parks, Josh Starks, Joshua Volk and Matthew Volk.

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

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VBS scheduled at Baptist church

The Cass City Church of the Nazarene, 6538 Third St., has announced plans for an exciting Vacation Bible School (VBS) June 26-30.

The VBS will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. each evening. The Rev. Judy Eskilsen is the pastor.

Rutkowski named to dean's list

Alysha Rutkowski of Cass City is among more than 375 students named to the dean's list at Alma College following the 2006 winter term.

To be named to the list, a student must earn a minimum 3.5 grade point average during a term while carrying at least 13 credit hours of coursework.

Rutkowski, a 2005 Cass City High School graduate, is the daughter of Mary Rabideau of Cass City.

The theme of the VBS is "The First Action Heroes - Experience God's Awesome Power." The primary goal is to teach children about heroes of the Bible, including David, Esther, Joshua, Joseph and the greatest hero of all, Jesus. Children will explore the super power God gave to each hero and make application of the Bible truth to daily lives. The daily schedule will feature great Bible stories, memorization, crafts, recreation, music and refreshments.

All children in the community from ages 3 through sixth grade are invited and welcome to attend this special week of activities.

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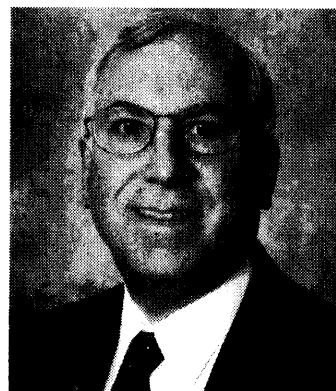
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Dr. Schinco will be available at the Cass City Specialty Clinic the first Thursday of every month.



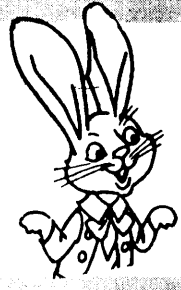
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Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

My first taste of authentic Japanese cooking was experienced at Solon, Ohio, a couple of weeks ago. It was at the Akera Hiback Restaurant.

I chickened out on the menu and settled for salmon, the women picked various items with Japanese names. None was brave enough to order one of the sushi items.

My 2 daughters used the chopsticks, no problem. I used a fork. After all, we only had one hour to eat.

The restaurant is upscale with prices to match. It appears to be a fine choice if ethnic food is your bag. No rating from this corner, it wouldn't be fair.

The community has a big plus with the walking trail that ends at the river and starts on the hill in the northwest section of the village.

Keeping it operational and enjoyable is a problem. After vandals removed several wood planks from the bridge, they were quickly replaced.

The trouble is that keeping it fit is a never-ending job. It has been cleaned of debris several times this spring, but the usual trash accumulated where cars can get to the river from the south marred the area again.

Last week a 2-wheel bike was tossed off the bridge and nestled in the middle of the river.

Everybody in the village should be aware of the problem with arsenic in the water. In addition to the many stories and the recent page advertisement in the Chronicle, water users were given a detailed explanation along with their water bill.

Russ Richards retired from Cass City High School in 1986 where he was the high school principle, but he did not retire from teaching. Now 71 years old he has served in 3 Christian Churches and currently Dr. Richards is the head administrator of the Foundation Academy in Florida.

The Academy is in the midst of building a new school building with ample space for building a sports complex around it. The enrollment at the school has jumped from 325 to 600 students. Since he will stay in charge during the transition and has no plans for retirement, chances are good that you will be reading another note about him when he reaches 75.

Russ and his wife Harriet are making one of their frequent visits and agreed, again, that Cass City was a great community to raise a family.



Russell Richards

Gagetown teen struck by auto

A recent Cass City High School graduate is recovering at home after being struck by a vehicle in the village Thursday night.

Levi H. Adams, 19, of Gagetown, was hit near the intersection of Ale and Huron streets at about 9:20 p.m., according to police reports. He was transported to Hills and Dales General Hospital, where he was treated for multiple injuries and later released.

"He had a concussion and stitches (near his) eye, and scrapes and bruises," said Adams' mother, Barb. "He's going to be fine."

Cass City Police Chief Craig Haynes said a vehicle driven by Kyle L. Keilitz, 16, of Cass City, was southbound on Ale Street when Adams attempted to flag Keilitz down to talk to him. Haynes said Keilitz swerved in an effort to avoid hitting Adams.

Huron Bean Queen sought

Candidates are currently being sought for the Huron County Bean Queen Contest to be held this summer.

If you are single, between the ages of 17 and 25 (as of Sept. 1, 2006), and the daughter of a Huron County bean grower, who has grown dry beans within the last 5 years, you are eligible to compete for the position.

This year's queen will be crowned Monday, Aug. 7, at the beginning of the Huron County Fair.

Candidates are judged on their farm background, knowledge of beans,

activities in school and community, as well as personality traits. Contestants do not need to be sponsored by a group or organization in order to participate. Every contestant receives a gift for participating. This year's queen will receive numerous monetary gifts from local agribusinesses.

The deadline for entries is Thursday, July 20. More information and an application form can be obtained at MSU Extension-Huron County, (989) 269-9949 located at 99 W. Soper Rd., Suite B, Bad Axe.

The Haire Net

I'm ready to travel again



I should be ready to stay home for a while, and I was, but this strange feeling lasted only a couple of days and I'm ready to take off again. As I write this, the projection for last weekend was temperatures in the 90s.

Now for most folks, especially those who reached senior citizen status years ago, leaving the comfort of air conditioning and television viewing from a favorite easy chair to swelter and fight voracious mosquitoes is not very inviting. I know lots of folks who feel that wanting to take off in these conditions is the start of age dementia.

As I said in the beginning, the need to go subsided for a couple of days early last week. That was after I returned from Solon, Ohio, east of Cleveland. It was a flying trip, down one day, back the next, made necessary by the passing of my brother-in-law. It was a sad occasion, of course, but did have redeeming features. My sister appreciated my attendance and I visited with my 2 daughters.

While mine was a flying trip, it was almost leisurely compared to the daughters who drove from Plymouth, attended the visitation Tuesday night and then drove home. It was one of those strange coincidences that the daughters and I were stopped at a traffic light and both of us were on the

way to supper. Even stranger, the kids insisted on paying for the meal.

The trip to Solon followed by about a week a trip to Madison, Wis. to attend a wedding. We were gone about a week and made the circuit through Chicago, to Madison and then returned via the Upper Peninsula.

All along the way to Cleveland the orange barrels popped up like mushrooms on every road. Despite the huge amount of road repair or construction underway there was no traffic backup to struggle with. That's luck, not planning. We saw traffic at a crawl traveling in the opposite direction and the road sign warned us to be prepared to stop.

Maybe our luck will hold when we take off again. The only traffic wait encountered this spring has been on M-81 on the way to Saginaw.

A trip to the cabin in Boyne City sounds inviting, but probably will be postponed and replaced by a leisurely jaunt along the Saginaw Bay coast.

It's almost a sure bet that we'll be enjoying what Michigan has to offer even if gas does cost \$3 a gallon.

I'm ready to go.



The back forty

by Roger Pond

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No, I haven't read the book, and I haven't seen the movie. A lot of people have, though.

News reports say folks are flocking to bookstores and theaters to buy Al Gore's newest book and see the movie, An Inconvenient Truth.

The movie features a slide presentation on global warming that Gore has been showing for years. One account even calls it a documentary.

I understand the film also contains snippets about Al's life and career. That's the part I'd like to see.

I know some folks might think the story of Al's life would be kind of dull, but I remember some of the funny stories he told during his presidential campaign.

There was the one about his Dad teaching him how to clean out hog pens with a shovel and a hose, for example. And the yarn about clearing land with a double-bladed ax and plowing with a team of mules. Those would make a great movie.

We could open with Al and his mules trudging across the slopes on the Tennessee farm. "Doggone it, Al," his dad would say. "If you don't quit plowing across those sidehills the mules will just keep rolling to the bottom!"

Then there was that story about his mother-in-law paying more for her medications than his Labrador retriever paid for his. That was a good one. Anytime someone compares his mother-in-law to a Labrador retriever, we know he has a keen sense of humor.

Back to the global warming, though.

Al suggests everyone should strive to become "carbon neutral." He claims everyone in his family is carbon neutral.

I'm not sure what that means, but I suspect he keeps track of the fuel burned in his car and then tries to produce an equal amount of gas with his next speech.

Al explains he's been preaching about global warming for 30 years. The main difference now is, "The debate is over. No more debate among serious people."

This reminded me of a friend's comment about environmental activists he dealt with years ago. "Their base of information seems to be 'everybody knows,'" he said.

It also reminded me of a recent column by Indiana broadcaster and columnist Gary Truit. Truit points out that much of what everybody knows just happens to be incorrect.

He says, for example, that several reputable scientific groups now believe the infamous hole in the ozone over Antarctica is shrinking rather than expanding — and may disappear by the year 2050.

He also says, "Data from the National Climate Data Center indicates that, instead of global warming, the earth is actually getting cooler." This data shows the earth got warmer from 1970 to 1998, but has gotten cooler since then.

So, maybe we should all buy Al's book and go see the movie? I suppose everybody knows I'm not going to do that.

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5-Day Local Forecast

Wednesday
Scat'd T-storms
High: 81 Low: 64

Thursday
Isolated T-storms
High: 84 Low: 63

Friday
Partly Cloudy
High: 78 Low: 57

Saturday
Partly Cloudy
High: 74 Low: 54

Sunday
Partly Cloudy
High: 73 Low: 52

In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a 50% chance of showers and thunderstorms, high temperature of 81°, humidity of 69% and an overnight low of 64°. The record high temperature for today is 93° set in 1953. The record low is 34° set in 1961. Thursday, skies will be partly cloudy with a 30% chance of showers and thunderstorms.

Upcoming Moon Phases

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Sunrise/Sunset Times

Sunrise today 5:51 a.m.
Sunset tonight 9:18 p.m.

Last Week's Local Almanac

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip
Monday	64	41	75/52	0.00"
Tuesday	68	43	75/53	0.00"
Wednesday	73	43	75/53	0.00"
Thursday	79	44	75/53	0.00"
Friday	88	56	76/53	0.00"
Saturday	91	70	76/54	0.00"
Sunday	81	66	76/54	0.00"

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CASS CITY POLICE Chief Craig Haynes and Officer Jake Dhyse presented a program on safety to children participating in the village's arts and crafts program Friday. Also pictured (standing) is arts and crafts worker Tessia Zawilinski.

Rotary fundraiser Circus coming to Cass City

The circus is coming to town! The Kelly Miller Bros. Circus will be in Cass City for 2 shows on Wed., June 28.
Cass City resident Alan Klco, a Cass City Rotary Club member, said the Rotary Club wanted to bring in the circus as a fundraiser.
"All the money ... we put right back into the community," he said.
The circus started in 1938, and now

has 24 animals, clowns and acts, like the Chimal Trio, which performs an aerial ballet.
The shows will be at 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. An hour before each show, elephant, camel and pony rides are offered.
The tent will be between the pool and the back pavilion of the Cass City Park.
Also, Klco added that anyone may

watch the elephants raise the circus tent for free at 9 a.m.
Tickets are available at all Cass City banks and many other banks in the surrounding areas.
Advanced tickets are \$9 for adults and \$5 for children 12 years old and younger. Tickets at the door are \$12 for adults and \$6 for children.
Klco said he encourages people to buy tickets in advance not only to save money, but also because the Rotary Club receives more money for

those ticket sales, which in turn is put back into donations and programs for the community.
The club's fund-raising committee decided to bring the circus to town because the last one, in 1989, was successful, he said, adding that the club has been attempting to bring a circus to town for the past 3 years, but there were no openings in the circus' schedule.
"I'd like to see a couple thousand people show up," he said.

Elkland board okays cemetery improvements

The Elkland Township Board last week approved several thousand dollars worth of improvements to the township cemetery.
Township Clerk Norma Wallace reported the board reviewed paving bids from 3 companies for work on the Center, East and South drives.
The board accepted a bid from Saginaw Asphalt for \$13,056 because the company's bid offered "a more complete estimate with more thickness to the asphalt," Wallace said.
The other bids were submitted by Yaroch (\$22,438) and Complete Asphalt (\$9,120).

In addition, Wallace reported, the board authorized Tom Sabo of Sabo Plumbing to furnish the materials and perform the labor necessary to install a one-half horsepower shallow well pump and a 20-gallon pressure tank in the cemetery pump house, and install 5 freezeless hydrants throughout the cemetery.
The work will include some 1,000 feet of trenching, installation of a three-quarter inch poly water line, and back filling trenches at a cost of \$3,178.
In other business during the Monday, June 12, monthly meeting, the board received a positive financial report from Gary Anderson of Anderson, Tuckey, Bernhardt and Doran, which conducted the township's 2005-06 audit.
Also, township Supervisor Dan Erla reported that roadside mowing will begin in about 2 weeks.

Church set to host vocalist

The community is invited to a concert at the First Baptist Church of Cass City featuring a Christian vocalist, Randy Brown.
Brown grew up in Cass City and now resides in Akron, Ohio.
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Letter to the Editor

Looking forward to next visit

I grew up in Cass City, went off to college, and now live the big city life. My immediate relatives (grandparents, parents, brother and his family) continue to live and prosper there. Every time I return for a visit, I envy them and everyone I see for the community in which they live in.
I was recently shopping around for a new vehicle. I shopped in Oakland County, Genesee County and Lapeer County. To all of them I was just a buyer.
I ended up having the best service and hospitality right there in Cass City. There I was not just a buyer, but also a person. The people at Curtis Chrysler and Thumb National Bank bent over backwards for me to ensure a speedy purchase. There really is nothing like the small town advantages of actually knowing who you are doing business with. Not only do I appreciate both of them for doing business with an "out of townner," I also want to commend all of you in the community for keeping Cass City just as I remember it—safe, friendly, and an enjoyable place to be. Myself, my wife and kids are looking forward to visiting again soon!

Sincerely,
Brad Gray
Flint

Letters to the Editor
The Chronicle welcomes letters to the editor.
Letters must include the writer's name, address and telephone number. The latter is in case it is necessary to call for verification, but won't be used in the newspaper.
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Several face charges

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

•Tracy L. Lutze, also known as Tracy L. Robinson, 34, Millington, was found guilty following a jury trial on charges of possession of marijuana, second offense, operating a motor vehicle while impaired, and possession of an open intoxicant in a motor vehicle Dec. 3 in Millington Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case and bond was continued at \$1,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•James E. Germain Jr., 37, Vassar, stood mute to 3 counts of first degree criminal sexual conduct during the commission of a felony (first degree home invasion) and/or involving the use of force or coercion and injury to the victim May 9 in Vassar. He is also charged with first degree home invasion.

A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled and the defendant was re-

manded to the custody of the sheriff's department.

•Michael J. Ratz, 48, Millington, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Feb. 18 in Millington Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$7,500. Sentencing is to be set.

•Brandon L. Stevens, 17, Vassar, pleaded guilty to breaking and entering a building, without breaking, with intent to commit larceny, and larceny in a building last April-May in Vassar Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$7,000 and the defendant was re-manded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Nichole A. Rose, 21, Saginaw, pleaded guilty to malicious destruction of property totaling at least \$1,000 but less than \$20,000 April 8

in Millington Township.

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

•Kenneth S. Mahan Jr., 18, Caro, received a one-year delayed sentence for his pleas of guilty to 2 counts of malicious destruction of property totaling at least \$1,000 but less than \$20,000 last October in Caro.

He was also ordered to pay \$1,660 in court costs and fines. Restitution is to be determined.

•Randy Dwayne-Walker Decker, 22, Caro, received a one-year delayed sentence for his pleas of guilty to 2 counts of malicious destruction of property totaling at least \$1,000 but less than \$20,000 last October in Caro.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,660. Restitution is to be determined.

•Delbert L. Williams Jr., 46, Silverwood, was sentenced to 365 days in the county jail (deferred) and 24 months probation for his pleas of guilty to possession of a firearm by a felon and possession of an untagged deer Dec. 19, 2004, in Dayton Township, and to being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convictions).

He was also ordered to pay \$500 in costs and fines.

•Amy P. Friedel, 27, Vassar, was sentenced to 90 days in jail and 24 months probation for her pleas of guilty to 2 counts of retaining/stealing a financial transaction device without consent of the device holder June 24 in Caro/Almer Township.

She was also ordered to complete 25 hours of community service and pay \$1,900 in costs and fines plus restitution of \$9.

•Frederick T. Engelhart Jr., 42, Akron, was sentenced to 180 days in jail (159 days deferred) and 18 months probation for his pleas of guilty to absconding or forfeiting bond Aug. 29 in Caro, and to possession of a stolen or false registration tab and driving while license was suspended or revoked, subsequent offense, May 23, 2005, in Vassar.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,165.

•Cory J. Creel, 26, Vassar, was sentenced to 36 months probation and 210 days in jail, with work release, for his pleas of guilty to uttering and publishing and writing a non-account check for \$250, drawn on Independent Bank, last October in Mayville, and to possession of a narcotic/cocaine, less than 25 grams, Nov. 8 in Vassar Township.

He was also ordered to pay \$1,250. Restitution is to be determined.

•Douglas W. Romain, 45, Kingston, was sentenced to 365 days in jail (180 days deferred), with work release, and 36 months probation for his pleas of no contest to manufacturing marijuana and possession of marijuana with intent to deliver June 22, 2005, in Koylton Township.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$4,140.

Down Memory Lane

By Harmony Doerr



5 YEARS AGO

School districts in Michigan trying to make the most of technology in the classroom will soon receive a helping hand from new education technology centers, thanks to a piece of legislation authored by Congressman Jim Barcia, D-Bay City. The National Mathematics and Science Partnerships Act of 2001, which passed the House Science Committee last week, includes many provisions designed to bring more support to K-12 science and math programs, including the formation of educational technology centers that will aid students, teachers and administrators.

Michigan's chance to break into the nation's emerging ethanol industry recently received a boost with news that an ethanol plant proposed for the state would be relocated to Caro, and California's request for a waiver from the federal oxygenate requirement for reformulated gasoline was denied. South Dakota-based Brion and Associates Inc. last week announced the company was moving forward with business plans for a \$50 million ethanol production facility in the Caro Industrial Park.

Rotary member John Haire received a rare honor at the Cass City civic club's annual installation dinner held at the Knights of Columbus Hall last week, a plaque recognizing 50 years of service.

10 YEARS AGO

According to the State Fire Marshal's office, arson and suspicious fires have declined 8 percent in Michigan. In the 3-county area, the good news is that suspicious fires declined sharply last year as compared to 1994. The bad news is that the number of arson cases increased dramatically. In Tuscola County, arson fires increased from 12 to 14 while suspicious fires dropped from 28 to 16. In Huron County, arsons went up from 2 to 15 while the number of suspicious fires remained the same at 7. In Sanilac County, the number of arsons increased from 7 to 9 while suspicious fires declined from 19 to 11. (From Rabbit Tracks)

A Cass City company earned honors in the first annual Healthy Workplace Awards, given jointly by the Michigan Chamber of Commerce and the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness, Health and Sports. Awards were announced June 7 by the Chamber of Commerce and the Governor's Council. Walbro Engine Management achieved a Gold award for its wellness program. "These awards demonstrate that businesses care about the health of their employees," said Charles Kuntzleman, chairman of the Governor's Council. "Healthy employees benefit everyone. We applaud their efforts."

Wet weather and bloodsucking mites have taken a toll on America's honeybee industry, as experts estimate more than 90 percent of wild colonies and perhaps 30 percent of domesticated bee colonies have been wiped out across the nation. Bees are critically important for pollinating many agricultural crops.

25 YEARS AGO

The Osentoski softball team of Cass City won a 19-team double elimination tournament last weekend in Flint. The players were undefeated until the championship game, but because it was their first loss, the same team had to defeat them again for the championship, but didn't. Osentoski played three games Saturday, defeating Star Lincoln-Mercury from Southfield, 4-2; Jomac's from Flint, 8-2; and Flint Merchants, 4-2. Brian Helwig won the first and third game, with Craig Helwig winning the second game.

Among the most important by-products of cattle, hogs and sheep are variety meats, reports the National Live Stock and Meat Board. In addition to adding interest to menu plans, variety meats such as liver, kidney and heart are excellent sources of many nutrients including high-quality protein, B-vitamins and the minerals iron and zinc. Liver stands out as an outstanding source of the vitamins A and C.

When students in the Cumber area climb on the bus this fall to ride to school in Ubyly, they will have a distinction like no others in Michigan. They will be the only students being driven by a state champion. Their driver is Leonard Schumacher, winner of the fourth annual Michigan Association for Pupil Transportation Championship Rodeo June 13 at

Harry Hill High School in Lansing. The students may even be driven by a national champion. In addition to winning a big trophy, Schumacher also won a free trip to Boston to compete in the national school bus rodeo.

35 YEARS AGO

Now they're building dresses like they build houses! Pre-cut houses have been on the market for some time and now pre-cut apparel is available to the home sewer. The self-contained kits will include pre-cut and marked fabric pieces, sewing instructions, and all notions, bindings and belts. Some pattern pieces might be pre-trimmed or decorated with stitching. Some kits will include pockets, bound buttonholes and pre-finished placket-type openings. This innovation in home sewing borrows a building construction term - it's called "modular" clothing. The kit for a man's necktie was quite popular this last winter.

Sp-4 Roger Erard, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Erard of Decker, has been cited by the military for service in Vietnam. Erard entered the service Jan. 1, 1970, and is due home July 9 after a year's duty in Vietnam. He was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds March 21 and the Air medal with V device for Nov. 15. He is with Troop C 16th Air Cavalry.

The Wenatchee Daily World in Wenatchee, Washington, printed a festival edition this spring of 102 pages. One of the key people in producing the edition, according to the editor, was Dave Kraft. Dave handled the recreation and industry sections. It's always nice to hear nice things about Chronicle alumni. (From Rabbit Tracks)

Rawson Library has new stuttering book

Parents eagerly anticipate the moment when their child first begins to talk. But for some parents, it is a time of anxiety because their child struggles to get words out.

As many as 5 percent of all preschoolers nationwide have repetitions and prolongations of sounds severe enough to be of concern to their parents.

A new DVD in English and Spanish, Stuttering and Your Child: Help for Parents, helps parents detect stuttering and take action toward helping their child and is now available at the Rawson Memorial Library in Cass City, and online via video streaming at www.stutteringhelp.org.

Produced by the nonprofit Stuttering Foundation, the film describes what kinds of stuttering young children may exhibit, how parents can help at home, and the role of a speech pathologist in evaluating and treating children who stutter.

"Stuttering typically begins between the ages of two and five," says Barry Guitar, Ph.D., professor and chair of Communication Sciences at the University of Vermont in Burlington. "It may begin gradually or suddenly, and many of these children outgrow their disfluencies naturally. However, if a child continues to stutter for several months, or appears to be frustrated

by it, parents should seek assistance."

These experts address common concerns that parents have about their child, such as how to help the child at home and whether to seek the advice of a speech pathologist.

Strategies parents can use to help reduce stuttering are given throughout the tape and include reducing the number of questions they ask the child, focusing on taking turns during conversations, and making time to read or talk with the child in a relaxed manner.

"Parents are relieved to discover that they are not alone and that other parents share their concerns," says speech pathologist Kristin Chmela.

"Stuttering remains a mystery to most people," notes Jane Fraser, president of the Stuttering Foundation. "Watching a young child struggle to speak can be devastating. Our latest DVD is designed to reassure parents and families that many preschoolers stutter, that they can be helped, and how parents can play a vital role in this process."

For more information about stuttering and a list of specialists in your area, write the Stuttering Foundation, P.O. Box 11749, Memphis, Tenn. 38111-0749, call toll-free 1-800-992-9392, or visit www.stutteringhelp.org.

Ask your neighbor

Congress needs to make troop decision

Question: Do you think there should be a deadline for withdrawing the troops from Iraq?



Stacy Crandall

The question of when troops should come home from Iraq recently has caused heated debates between Republicans and Democrats in the House.

Democrats favor withdrawal, while Republicans prefer to stay as long as needed. This is not the first time this question was asked; however, increased violence and a death toll of around 2,500 American troops have raised the question again.

Earlier last week, the Senate voted to table the decision to get troops out by the end of the year.

Cass City resident Stacy Crandall said she agreed with the Senate's decision.

"I think it was a good idea, but I think they still need to decide when to get them out by," she said.

The withdrawal shouldn't be immediate, but rather a gradual withdrawal until the deadline, she added.

"They (the troops) can't be over there indefinitely," she said.

Stacy Crandall is a Cass City resident. The 2006 Cass City High School graduate will attend Saginaw Valley State University in the fall, and will major in pre-law.

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Worship Service Sunday 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
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Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
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Cass City Missionary Church
4449 Koepfgen Rd., Cass City, MI 48726
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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service & Youth Group 6:30 p.m.
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P.O. Box 125, Cass City, MI 48726
872-3422
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(Summer 9:30 a.m.)
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Evangelical Free Church of Cass City
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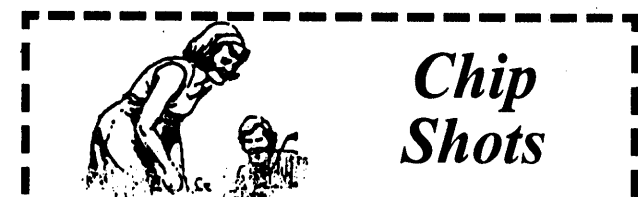


THE CASS CITY LITTLE League Tigers are the 2006 regular season and playoff champions. They are (front, l-r) Justin Zaleski, Braeden Perzanowski, Justin Summers, Alex Adams, Austin Deering, Shane Rasmussen; (middle, l-r) David Turbush, Cody Orban, Alex Zaleski, Austin Dunnuck, Dylan Bragg, Justin Kerkau; (back) Coach Tom Summers. Missing: Coach Mark Deering.



Minor League Tigers

THE CASS CITY MINOR League Tigers captured the 2006 playoff championship. They are (front, l-r) Shaede Perzanowski, Devin Vermeesch, Ryan Terbush, Kolton Cook, Alex Naegelle, Zachary McLachlan; (middle, l-r) Brett Deering, Bradley Thornton, Marshall Conley, Jacob Wright, Nicholas Cook, Matthew Steely; (back, l-r) Coach Brian Wright and Assistant Coach Dave Steely. Missing: Coach Scott McLachlan.



Wednesday Night 2-Man Golf League as of June 14

Division 1 - Early		Flight #4	
Chappel/Pasant	105	Corey Hodgkinson	83
Burns/Kritzman	99	Harold MacAlpine	81
Dillon/Tonti	97	Jeff Krol	78
Davis/Leeson	87	Duane Henn	77
Warner/Wallace	80	Asa Apley	69
Herron/Tuckey	79	Doug Laurie	68
Craig/Knight	79	Bruce LeValley	65
Henn/Peters	77	Charles Tunis	63
Burns/Hutchinson	73	Terry Hendrick	56
Berwick/Greenlee	72	Doug Lautner	54
Iwankovitch/Stickle	58	Mark Curtis	50
Bliss/Baker	53	Pat Davis	48
Glaspie/Strickland	49		
Jones/Marshall			
Division 2 - Late		Flight #5 (handicap)	
Tamlyn/Langley	97	Rocky Spear	99
Hool/Toner	90	David Allen	92
Priekorn/Repshinska	89	Jim Mastie	79
Doerr/Haire	85	Bob Stickle	69
Hillaker/Murphy	81	Chad Daniels	68
Bellew/Curtis	78	Bill Ewald	61
Martin/Robinson	77	John Agar	60
Corey/Paul Ulfig	77	Pat Casey	60
Bliss/Krol	77	Dennis Meck	60
Biddinger/Smith	72	Craig Innis	53
Osentoski/Schott	72	Bert Althaver	46
deBeaubien/Patrick	68	Thad Phelps	45
Hartel/Hartzell	59		
LeValley/Morgan	56		

Cass City Golf League as of June 18

Flight #1		Flight #2	
Ray Fox	82	Rick Coleman	90
Dieter Roth	78	Gary Robinson	75
Rick Salcido	77	Dave Hoard	71
Jerry Toner	76	Dave Weiler	69
Mark Swanson	73	Daryl Iwankovitch	67
Bill Kritzman	71	Corey Ulfig	63
Rich Tate	71	Jon Langley	62
Craig Helwig	70	Mike Lowe	60
Don Ouvry	68	Clark Erla	60
Erik Tamlyn	65	Jim Peyerk	59
Mike Falatko	53	Craig Bellew	54
Don Warner	53	Jim Apley	45
Scott Richards	44	Jon Zdrojewski	42
Fred Leeson	36	Russ Biefer	41
Flight #3			
Ed Knight	89		
Dan Curtis	85		
Dan Mosher	81		
Ernie Bellew	75		
Tom Lis	72		
Jack Hool	71		
Jim Hobbs	69		

Horseshoe tournament set July 1

The Cass City Parks and Recreation is looking for individuals interested in a horseshoe tournament Saturday, July 1, as part of the 4th of July festival. Anyone with experience or knowledge of horseshoe tournaments is asked to call the office at the Village of Cass City. Any help would be appreciated, so please call Nathan at 872-2911 or email recdirector@cass-city.net.

Slow pitch teams invited

Teams are needed for a men's class B and below slow pitch tournament scheduled for July 8 and 9 in Cass City. The entry fee is \$195. For more information, contact Doug Hyatt at (989) 872-4584. Registration deadline is Thursday, June 29.

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At Foundation Academy Richards, Raymond honored

Foundation Academy (FA), a private Christian school in Winter Garden, Fla., recently held its annual athletic awards ceremony, and the children of former Cass City residents were recognized for their athletic prowess during this ceremony.

Jessica Richards is a senior who was also selected to the FA homecoming court and on the National Honor Society with a 3.9 grade point average.

She was recognized as the most valuable player on her varsity volleyball team and varsity softball team (she was a top area batter as she batted .561 for the season and led her team in hits and runs batted in) and received the Total Release Award for varsity basketball. She was also selected as FA's outstanding female senior athlete. She will begin college in the fall and will probably become a schoolteacher.

Nathaniel Richards, a sophomore, also on the homecoming court and National Honor Society, received the Total Release Award for varsity basketball and varsity golf. On the varsity baseball team, he was one of the top hitters, played third base and shortstop and developed into the number one pitcher on the team.

Rebecca Richards, a seventh grade student, received the Total Release Award for varsity softball (she was the leadoff batter, finished second in steals, played third base and catcher, and as a pitcher set a new school

record by striking out 38 batters in the 36 innings she pitched). She was also an outstanding player on the varsity volleyball and varsity basketball teams.

Jessica, Nathaniel and Rebecca are the children of Michael Richards, a 1978 Cass City High School graduate, and Stacey Dutcher Richards, formerly from Caseville.

Sarah Richards, an eleventh grade student on the homecoming court and a member of the National Honor Society, carries a 4.0 grade point average, was selected as the most valu-

able player on the varsity basketball team and also received the Coach's Award for varsity softball. She carried a .450 batting average and led the team in steals, walks and runs. She is the daughter of Steven Richards, a 1980 Cass City High School graduate, and Suzy Brown Richards.

Zachary Raymond, an eighth grade student, received the Coach's Award for varsity golf. He is the son of Laura Richards Ingram, a 1983 Cass City High School graduate, and Benjamin Raymond.

Fowler Center to host special day camp for kids

The Fowler Center, long known for providing residential camping experiences to children and adults with disabilities, will host a special day camp this summer for children with disabilities ages 6 to 18.

The camp, which will be held on the grounds of The Fowler Center, will provide days of fun and learning for campers not able or willing to take part in a residential camp experience. Activities will include swimming, boating, creative arts, hiking, horseback riding and lots of sports and games.

The day camp is set for 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. Four sessions are available for the summer of 2006 - July 3-7, 10-14, 17-21 and 24-28. Registration is limited to 15 campers each week to insure plenty of personal attention by the well trained staff. Campers may register for multiple weeks as space allows.

The cost of the day camp is \$250 per child per week. Thanks to a grant from the Tuscola County Community Foundation, "camperships" are available to residents of Tuscola County.

The Fowler Center has been providing camping, recreation and respite services for children and adults with disabilities since 1957. Each year, some 3,000 individuals participate in horseback riding, creative arts, swimming, fishing, boating, gardening, challenge education and much more.

For more information, contact the Fowler Center, 2315 Harmon Lake Rd., Mayville, MI 48744, (989) 673-2050. Or see the website: www.thefowlercenter.org.

3 from area named to list

Three area residents were recently named to the dean's list at Northern Michigan University, Marquette, following the 2006 winter semester.

They are: Dara L. Iwankovitch, Cass City, who earned a perfect 4.0 grade point average, and Amanda L. Frederick and Cason Harris, both also of Cass City, who earned minimum 3.25 grade point averages.



PICTURED FROM left to right are Zachary Raymond, Nathaniel Richards, Jessica Richards, Rebecca Richards and Sarah Richards, grandchildren of Harriet and Russell Richards, former principal of Cass City High School.



THE 2006 Helen Stevens Memorial Pool staff: (back row, left to right) Zach Carter, Cameron Lautner, assistant director Paul Hoelzle, Becca Bennett, Amy Howard, Jessica Treiber, Jon Grady, Kyle Sieradzki, Adam Wentworth, (front row, left to right) Sarah Hobbs, Rebecca Hartel, Courtney Rabideau, Allie Hillaker, Megen O'Dell, Renee Maurer, director Katie Hacker.

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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola, MI, at 10:00 AM on June 29, 2006.

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

COMMENCING AT THE WESTERLY CORNER OF LOT 6 BLOCK 11 OF WILLIAM E SHERMAN ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE OF CARO; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY AT RIGHT ANGLES TO MONROE ST 8 RODS; THENCE NORTHWESTERLY PARALLEL WITH MONROE ST. 50 FEET; THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY AT RIGHT ANGLES WITH MONROE ST 8 RODS; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY TO PLACE OF BEGINNING BEING PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 3 TOWN 12 NORTH RANGE 9 EAST.

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

DATED: May 31, 2006

Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C. 401 South Old Woodward Avenue, Suite 300 Birmingham, MI 48009-6616

ATTORNEY FOR: DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE FOR FIRST FRANKLIN MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2005-FH3, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-FH3 Assignee of Mortgage

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5-31-4

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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on July 6, 2006.

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

The West 8 rods of the South 20 rods of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 20, Township 10 North, Range 7 East.

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

Dated: June 7, 2006

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC S (248) 593-1304
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Attorneys for Servicer
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Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
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6-7-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Brian Gilmore, a married man, and Stacy L. Gilmore, a married woman, husband and wife to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for Washington Mortgage Company, a Michigan Corporation Mortgagee, dated October 31, 2003 and recorded February 9, 2004 in Liber 978, Page 629, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was subsequently assigned to JP Morgan Chase Bank as Trustee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy Thousand Four Hundred Sixty-Four Dollars and Ninety-Two Cents (\$70,464.92), including interest 9.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, front entrance of the Circuit Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, July 6, 2006.

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

Beginning at a point on the centerline of East Dayton Road which is East 489 feet along the East and West one-quarter line of Section 2, Town 12 North, Range 9 East, and North 71 degrees 47 minutes 30 seconds East 981.79 feet along the center line of said Highway from the West one-quarter corner of said Section 2; thence continuing along said centerline 50 feet; thence North 16 degrees 25 minutes 30 seconds West 240 feet; thence South 71 degrees 47 minutes 30 seconds West 63 feet more or less to a point that is North 19 degrees 42 minutes West from the point of beginning; thence South 19 degrees 42 minutes East 240 feet more or less, to a point of beginning and being a part of the Northwest quarter of Section 2, Town 12 North, Range 9 East.

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Dated: May 26, 2006

JP Morgan Chase Bank as Trustee Assignee of Mortgage

Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123
Our File No: 06-48635

6-7-5

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Robert W. Streeter, an unmarried man, and Bonita L. Taylor, to Argent Mortgage Company, L.L.C., A Delaware Limited Liability Company Mortgagee, dated March 25, 2004 and recorded May 4, 2004 in Liber 991, Page 39, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was subsequently assigned to: Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee of Argent Securities Inc., Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-W8 under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of May 1, 2004, without recourse, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-One Thousand Forty-Five Dollars and Ten Cents (\$81,045.10), including interest 9.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, front entrance of the Circuit Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, July 6, 2006.

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

Commencing 18 rods and 6 feet South of the Northwest corner of Section 21, Town 13 North, Range 8 East; thence East 15 rods; thence South 6 rods; thence West 15 rods; thence North 6 rods to the place of the beginning. Being the same property conveyed to Robert W. Streeter and Bonita L. Taylor, as joint tenants with full rights of survivorship and not as tenants in common by deed dated 12-23-96 and recorded 1-07-97 in Deed Book 703, Page 796, in the Office of Recorder of Tuscola County, Michigan.

Commonly known as 1956 South Main, Fairgrove MI 48733.

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

Dated: June 1, 2006

Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee of Argent Securities Inc., Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-W8 under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of May 1, 2004, without recourse Assignee of Mortgage

Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123
Our File No: 06-48797

6-7-5

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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 Lori Kolman and Steve Hill, in joint tenants with full rights of survivorship, original mortgagors, to Great American Acceptance Corporation, Mortgagee, dated March 12, 2004 and recorded on June 2, 2004 in Liber 994 on Page 1137, and assigned by mesne assignments to Franklin Credit Management Corporation as assignee by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Five Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-Six and 29/100 Dollars (\$65,996.29), including interest at 10% 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 July 6, 2006.

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

Lot 115 of Oak Grove Subdivision No. 1, Township of Albers, Tuscola County, Michigan, according to the plat recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 44.

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

Dated: June 7, 2006

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC D (248) 593-1309
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #087691F0

6-7-4

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by William Leiner, married to Pauline Leiner, his wife, of Tuscola County, Michigan, Mortgagor to Long Beach Mortgage Company dated the 20th day of July, A.D. 2004 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 9th day of February, A.D. 2005, in Liber 1027 of Tuscola Records, on page 5, which said mortgage was assigned to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, As Trustee for Long Beach Mortgage Loan Trust 2004-4 Investor ID: H30, thru mesne assignments, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal of \$123,343.58 (one hundred twenty three thousand, three hundred forty three dollars and fifty eight cents), plus accrued interest at 7.50% (seven point five) percent per annum.

And no suit proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on, the 20th day of July, A.D., 2006, at 10:00 o'clock said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage.

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

COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 7, TOWN 11 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST, TOWNSHIP OF VASSAR, COUNTY OF TUSCOLA AND STATE OF MICHIGAN, THENCE NORTH 360.7 FEET ALONG THE EAST SECTION LINE TO THE CENTERLINE OF HIGHWAY M-38; THENCE NORTH 76 DEGREES 23 MINUTES WEST, 627.20 FEET FEET ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF HIGHWAY M-38 TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 76 DEGREES 23 MINUTES WEST 200.00 FEET ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF HIGHWAY M-38; THENCE NORTH 5 DEGREES 24 MINUTES 50 SECONDS EAST, 264.0 FEET; THENCE NORTH 76 DEGREES 23 MINUTES EAST, 200.0 FEET PARALLEL TO CENTERLINE OF HIGHWAY M-38; THENCE SOUTH 5 DEGREES 24 MINUTES 50 SECONDS WEST, 264.0 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

Commonly known as: 999 E. Huron Avenue

Tax ID: 051-007-000-2300-00

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

Dated: June 14, 2006

WELTMAN, WEINBERG & REIS CO., L.P.A.
By: Daniel E. Best, (P-58501)
Attorney for Assignee of Mortgagee
Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A.
2155 Butterfield Drive, Suite 200-S
Troy, Michigan 48064
WWR#05076889

6-14-5

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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 William Eldridge and Betty Eldridge, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Amerquest Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated September 18, 2004 and recorded on October 18, 2004 in Liber 1012 on Page 868 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee of Amerquest Mortgage Securities, Inc. Asset Backed Pass through Certificates, Series 2004-R11 under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of December 1, 2004, without recourse, as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Six Thousand Four Hundred

Fifty-One and 35/100 Dollars (\$106,451.35), including interest at 7.35% 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 July 13, 2006.

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

Lot 7 of Curtis Addition, Village of Newberry, Now Known as Village of Kingston as Recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 38A.

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

Dated: June 14, 2006

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC H (248) 593-1300
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #095370F01

6-14-4

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jeffrey L. Fryers, a single man, original mortgagor, to The Prime Financial Group, Inc., Mortgagee, dated November 21, 2003 and recorded on January 5, 2004 in Liber 971 on Page 261 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred One Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-Two and 08/100 Dollars (\$101,832.08), including interest at 5.875% 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 July 13, 2006.

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

Commencing at the Southwest corner of Section 7; thence East 520 feet; thence South 420.75 feet; thence West 520 feet; thence South 420.75 feet the point of beginning.

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

Dated: June 14, 2006

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC D (248) 593-1309
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #095459F01

6-14-4

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by William Besaw III, a single man, original mortgagor, to Irwin Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated February 24, 2005 and recorded on February 28, 2005 in Liber 1028 on Page 1256, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Frankennuth Credit Union as assignee by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Six Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-Two and 46/100 Dollars (\$56,262.46), including interest at 7% per annum.

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

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

Lot 18, Block 7 of Charles Montague's Subdivision, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 10, now being Page 11A, Tuscola County Records.

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

Dated: June 14, 2006

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC G (248) 593-1310
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #076629F03

6-14-4

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Johnnie Lee Carpenter, a married man, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns. Mortgagee, dated May 28, 2003, and recorded on June 2, 2003 in Liber 933 on Page 1103 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety-One and 03/100 Dollars (\$69,791.03), including interest at 6.125% per annum.

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

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

Parcel 1: Commencing 20 rods South of the Northeast corner of Section 14, Town 12 North, Range 8 East; thence South 4 rods; thence West 20 rods; thence East 20 rods to the point of beginning.

Parcel 2: Commencing 24 rods South of the Northeast corner of Section 14, Town 12 North, Range 8 East; thence South 5 rods; thence West 16 rods; thence North 16 rods; thence East 12 rods to the point of beginning, Tuscola County Records.

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

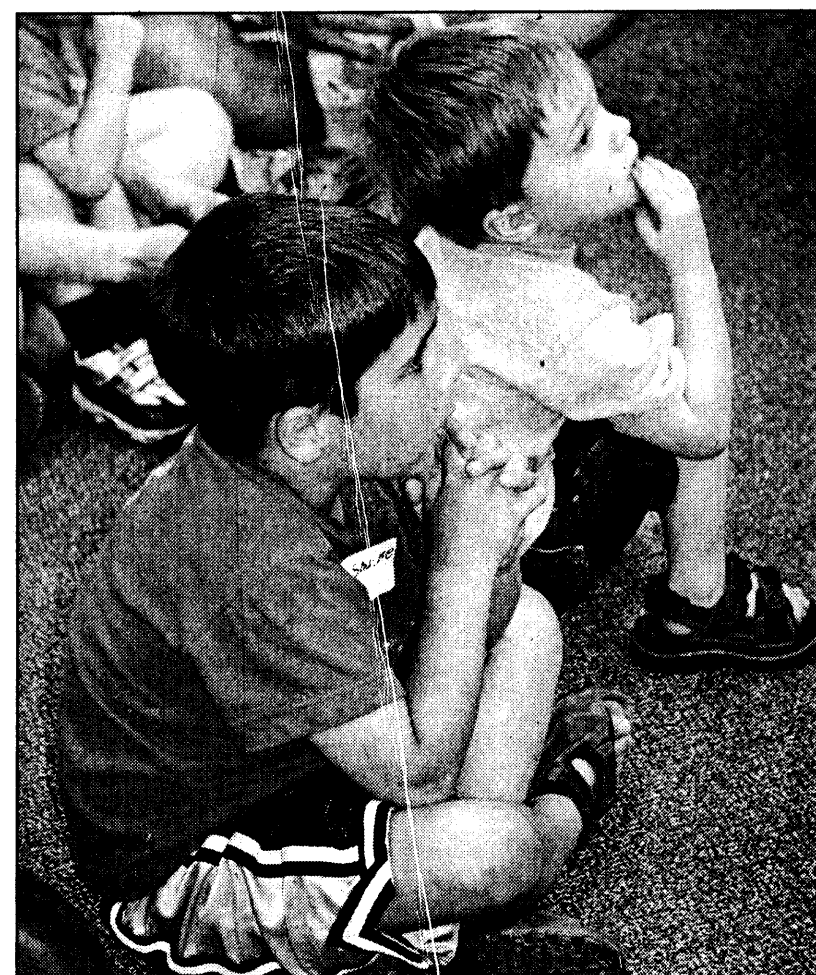
DATED: June 21, 2006

Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C. 401 South Old Woodward Avenue, Suite 300 Birmingham, MI 48009-6616
ATTORNEY FOR: IRWIN UNION BANK AND TRUST COMPANY Assignee of Mortgage
For More Information Call: (248) 540-7701

6-21-4



LIBRARY VOLUNTEER Val Kemp reads "Minerva Louise and the Red Truck" to children and their families at Thursday's story time at Rawson Memorial Library. Kemp used sound effects and facial expressions when reading to keep the children's attention.



CAUGHT UP in the story, 5-year-old Shane (left) and 3-year-old Owen Hoppe listen as Val Kemp reads. They participated in Rawson Memorial Library's story time, where they heard 3 stories and afterward made crafts.

Legal Notices

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Vincent R. Gilkerson, a married person, original mortgagor, to Cendant Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated December 15, 1999 and recorded on December 16, 1999 in Liber 790 on Page 1049 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Five Thousand Thirty-Nine and 50/100 Dollars (\$85,039.50), including interest at 8% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on June 29, 2006.

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

Commencing at the Southeast corner of the West 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 23, Town 10 North, Range 9 East; thence North 218.00 feet; thence West 200.00 feet; thence South 218.00 feet; thence East 200.00 feet to the point of beginning.

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

Dated: May 31, 2006

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
FC F (248) 593-1313
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #053139F03

5-31-4

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Jeremy Wilson, a married man, sole and separate property of Tuscola County, Michigan, Mortgagee to Long Beach Mortgage Company, A Corporation dated the 31st day of August, A.D. 2005, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 3rd day of October, A.D. 2005, in Liber 1056 of Tuscola Records, on page 208, which said mortgage was assigned to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Long Beach Mortgage Company, thru mesne assignments, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal of \$130,675.86 (one hundred thirty thousand, six hundred seventy five dollars and eighty six cents), plus accrued interest at 9.15 % (nine point one five percent) per annum.

And no suit proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on, the 29th day of June, A.D., 2006, at 10:00 o'clock said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage.

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

PART OF THE WEST HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 23, TOWN 10 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST, DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION; THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 18 MINUTES 34 SECONDS EAST, 454.99 FEET ALONG THE SOUTHLINE OF SAID SECTION TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 01 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 20 SECONDS EAST, 60.00 FEET PARALLEL WITH THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION; THENCE NORTH 25 DEGREES 24 MINUTES 05 SECONDS EAST, 674.43 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 18 MINUTES 34 SECONDS EAST, 439.94 FEET PARALLEL WITH THE SOUTHLINE OF SAID SECTION; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 36 SECONDS WEST, 677.57 FEET TO A POINT ON THE SOUTHLINE OF SAID SECTION; THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 18 MINUTES 34 SECONDS WEST, 720.64 FEET ALONG THE SOUTHLINE OF SAID SECTION TO

THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

Commonly known as: 3942 Birch Run Road
Tax ID: 017-023-000-1400-02

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

Dated: May 24, 2006

WELTMAN, WEINBERG & REIS CO., L.P.A.
By: Daniel E. Best, (P-58501)
Attorney for Assignee of Mortgage
Welman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A.
2155 Butterfield Drive, Suite 200-S
Troy, Michigan 48064
WWR#05234038

5-24-5

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Randy Scott Soyka and Tina Kaye Soyka, his wife, to Option One Mortgage Corporation, a California Corporation, Mortgagee, dated April 4, 2003 and recorded July 14, 2003 in Liber 941, Page 989, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by LaSalle Bank National Association, as Trustee for Structured Asset Investment Loan Trust Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2003-BC7 by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Ten Thousand Thirty-Four and 41/100 Dollars (\$110,034.41), 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 of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on JUNE 22, 2006.

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

The South half of the Southwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 32, Township 10, Range 9 East, except the North 5 acres thereof and also except the South 205.60 feet.

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

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

Dated: May 24, 2006

Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 457-1000
File No. 221.1982

5-24-5

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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 Marc Vanpetten, a single man, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated November 22, 2005 and recorded on December 15, 2005 in Liber 1064 on Page 900 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Wells Fargo Bank, NA as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Sixteen Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty-Two and 83/100 Dollars (\$116,732.83), 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 June 29, 2006.

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

The Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 7, Town 13 North, Range 7 East, Gilford Township, Tuscola County, Michigan.

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

Dated: May 31, 2006
FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
FC D (248) 593-1309
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #093544F01

5-31-4

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by JOSHUA R. BAILEY, A MARRIED MAN, AND MEAGAN L. BAILEY, A MARRIED WOMAN, to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INC., ACTING SOLELY AS NOMINEE FOR LENDER AND LENDERS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS; LENDER IS MAC-CLAIR MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Mortgagee, dated August 24, 2004 and recorded on September 02, 2004, in Liber 1007, on page 273, in TUSCOLA County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said mortgagee to WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK F.A., now known as WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK A FEDERAL ASSOCIATION, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of sixty two thousand nine hundred ninety eight and 66/100 Dollars (\$62,998.66), including interest at 6.750% per annum.

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

a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola, MI, at 10:00 AM on July 06, 2006.

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

PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 6, TOWN 14 NORTH, RANGE 10 EAST, DESCRIBED AS BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE SOUTHLINE OF SAID SOUTHEAST QUARTER WHICH IS SOUTH 89 DEGREES 26 MINUTES 03 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE 1850.71 FEET FROM THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 6; THENCE CONTINUING SOUTH 89 DEGREES 26 MINUTES 03 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE 135.17 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 23 MINUTES 43 SECONDS WEST, 144.43 FEET; THENCE NORTH 87 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 07 SECONDS EAST 134.30 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 45 MINUTES 58 SECONDS EAST 148.96 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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

DATED: June 07, 2006

Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C.
401 South Old Woodward Avenue, Suite 300
Birmingham, MI 48009-6616
ATTORNEY FOR: WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK Assignee of Mortgage
For More Information Call:
(248) 540-7701

6-7-4

L. Raymond completes basic training

U.S. Army Private Levi G. Raymond recently graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the 9 weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, the military justice system, basic first aid, and field training exercises.

Raymond is the son of Dave Raymond of Deford.



LIBRARIAN RUTH Steele tells the children the difference between green "Go," red "Stop" and yellow "Caution" signs during story time at Rawson Memorial Library. Steele is the coordinator of story time, whose theme this summer is "Hit the Road - Read!"



THROUGH THE microphone in front of him, the Rev. Don Plonta broadcasts his radio station, WPEE-FM, to a potential listening audience of 400,000 people. The equipment around him helps transmit the Christian programming of the station.

Pastor gets station up, running

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position.

"I don't think about all the people I'm reaching out there (when on the air)," he said, but, rather, it's more like a one-on-one conversation. "It's just like talking to that person right there - that microphone," he added.

There were many things on the to-do list before starting, including building the soundproof broadcasting room and getting engineers to find out what equipment to buy, set it up and get the station ready to transmit its signal.

In the corner of the Noah's Ark gift shop, Plonta built the soundproof room himself, which contains carpeted walls, a desk, a couple of chairs and computers to broadcast.

Another preparation to broadcast was picking out the call letters WPEE, which Plonta calls a "rough ordeal."

After getting many suggestions from the FCC because his original ideas were already taken, WPEE came up. "Don't ask me why I picked this - Whoopee," he joked.

Former deejay Jack Thomas, of Bad Axe, who worked for WLEW for 32 years, has been helping Plonta with the station.

He was looking at the FCC Web site one day and came across news of WPEE.

In a letter, he offered to help Plonta set up the station because he liked the focus on the community and programming, not advertising.

"If the reverend wants to broadcast from the Sugar Festival, he can do it for the sake of being there, rather than for the sake of advertising," Thomas said.

Inspired by a lack of Christian radio in the area, Plonta decided he wanted to start a station to "let them (listeners) know there was a savior/Savior," he said.

Another of the main ideas the station focuses on is bringing different Christian denominations together.

"There's one God," Plonta said.

Thomas said this emphasis on serving the public was another aspect that attracted him to WPEE.

"I just look forward to a new radio station and a new look on how the

public should be served," he said.

Like many things on Plonta's property, the station is funded by money made from the Realistic Riser, an invention of his, which consists of pieces of plastic placed under a toilet seat to raise the seat to the handicapped level.

"We had some women in our church...they used to sit down and couldn't get up," Plonta said.

From this, Plonta devised the riser, which is assembled in a small room attached to the Noah's Ark gift shop.

The Realistic Riser, along with listeners' donations, has helped to fund the radio station and much of Noah's Ark.

Plonta said he wanted to spend the money he made on people, because they are worth it.

Noah's Ark began when he started

building an ark into a building on his property, and from there it has grown to a mini-amusement park, complete with 18-hole putt-putt golf, indoor rides, the Tomb of the Lord and a train ride around a lake.

"This is my treasure," he said. Plonta's wife, Wannetta, can often be heard giving Sunday School lessons, as the lessons and the church services are broadcast live on the station.

About his wife of nearly 40 years and the radio station, Plonta said she has been helpful, supportive, and someone he can depend on.

He added that Noah's Ark and the radio station have taken a lot of time and money, but he doesn't seem to mind.

"Has it been worth it?" he asked. "Oh, yeah!"

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Exhibition: Knobby Class & Quads - After Main Race

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Talley Trio slated to appear during festival

Roger, Debra and Lauren Talley are a musical family devoted to God and each other.

While their roots are in southern gospel music, the east Tennessee family has developed a unique, progressive sound that combines southern gospel with praise and worship, hymns, inspirational, and many other styles. The hallmarks of the "Talley" sound are their lush arrangements, closely-knit harmonies, and powerful vocals.

The Talley Trio has enjoyed a total of 7 number one singles, with 6 of them occurring consecutively. The Talley Trio travels in excess of 100 dates per year, which range from

church settings to the Gaither Homecoming Concert Tour, Praise Gathering, cruising with Pastor John Hagee and Jesse Duplantis, and overseas tours to Northern Ireland and Italy.

Roger and his wife, Debra, began their individual careers with other groups in the 1970s and sang with Roger's brother, Kirk, as The Talleys from 1984 to 1993. Their daughter, Lauren, began performing together on a limited basis in 1996 as the Talley Trio. At 22, Lauren has already won 3 Singing News Fan Awards for Favorite Young Artist.

The Talley Trio will be at the football stadium at Cass City Recreation Park Friday, June 30, at 8 p.m. as part of the Cass City Fourth of July Festival. The public is welcome. Bring your lawn chairs. A freewill offering will be taken.

More information is available by contacting Arthur Severance at (989) 872-3530.

Read Meg's Peg

Campbell Honor Roll announced

Campbell Elementary School announces the 6th marking period honor roll.

Grade 4

Alex Adams, Rachel Bartnik, Madison Brinkman, Lauren Bukoski, Taylor Burleson, Curtis Dickinson, Cecelia Dunn, Jodi Engel, Kristin Ewald, Drew Field, Ian Habicht, Jacob Hacker, Katelyn Hacker, Dakota Hartel, Chelsea Hoppe, Ashtyn Janiske, Tyler Kamrad, Samantha Krueger, Katherine Manwell, Elisabeth Milligan*, Brett Morrish, Michael Mulligan, Ayesha Nichols, Elisa Norcross, Jacob Perry, Braeden Perzanowski, Liberty Ann Quijas, Lakin Radeka, Shane Rasmussen, Kara Reif, Alex Robinson, Michaela Romain, Erin Schuette, Alex Tabar, Audrey VanAuken*, Miranda Williams, Dakota Wilson, Brenna Winter, Justin Zaleski and Kayla Zmierski.

*Denotes all A's

Dean's list

Bethany Langlois of Gagetown has been named to the fall 2005 dean's list and the winter 2005 president's list at Delta College.

Langlois earned a spot on the dean's list with a grade point average of 3.65. She achieved a perfect 4.0 grade point average during the winter semester.

A 2005 graduate of Cass City High School, Langlois is majoring in dental hygiene. She is the daughter of Michael and Ruth Langlois of Gagetown.

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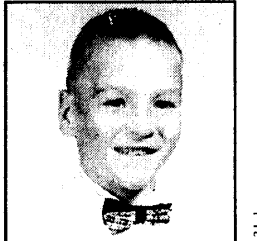
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3 times, they have clearly not learned from the first 2 offenses, and "should pay the price."

Meyer said he has heard of the second proposal, however, he does not see the validity of the bill.

"I don't think much of it," he said, because anyone can have a friend blow into the ignition interlock and then drive drunk.

The interlock is a device attached to the ignition, making it impossible to start the car if the person's blood-alcohol content is above 0.025.

District Judge Kim Glaspie said the ignition interlock has been used as part of a sentence, but it often creates a financial burden on the offender and is not always effective.

"Another problem is that even though they have ignition interlock on their vehicles, they use other family members' or friends' vehicles and the concept of ignition interlock is thwarted," he said.

According to Haynes, it is illegal for a person required to use an interlock to drive a car without one, and it is listed on the person's record.

He said he would favor the interlock measure because "the interlock would keep the vehicle from being operated by a drunk driver."

Reene was also in favor, saying that with a level of 0.15 a person is "a high risk walking down the sidewalk," let alone when driving.

Glaspie added that despite making laws tougher in the past, the numbers for Tuscola County have remained fairly constant during his 17 years on the bench.

"They (tougher laws) don't seem to deter people," he said. "They still seem to drink drive illegally."

Despite skepticism about the impact of tougher laws, the numbers of Had Been Drinking fatalities, injuries and fatal crashes are down since 1995, according to the Michigan State Police Web site.

Fatalities in 1995 totaled 566, but in 2004 were at 364.

Injuries were almost cut in half, going from 16,190 in 1995 to 8,096 in 2004.

Fatal crashes went from 512 in 1995 to 338 in 2004.

Haynes, who has been a police officer for 30 years, said he found the tougher laws to make a difference.

One such law was in 2003, when the legal blood-alcohol content limit was changed from 0.10 to 0.08.

In Cass City in 2003, there were 20 OWI arrests. Both 2004 and 2005 had 9 arrests, and there are 4 to-date for 2006, said Haynes.

"I think we have seen a decrease in drunk driving arrests because people understand that the laws are tougher," he said.

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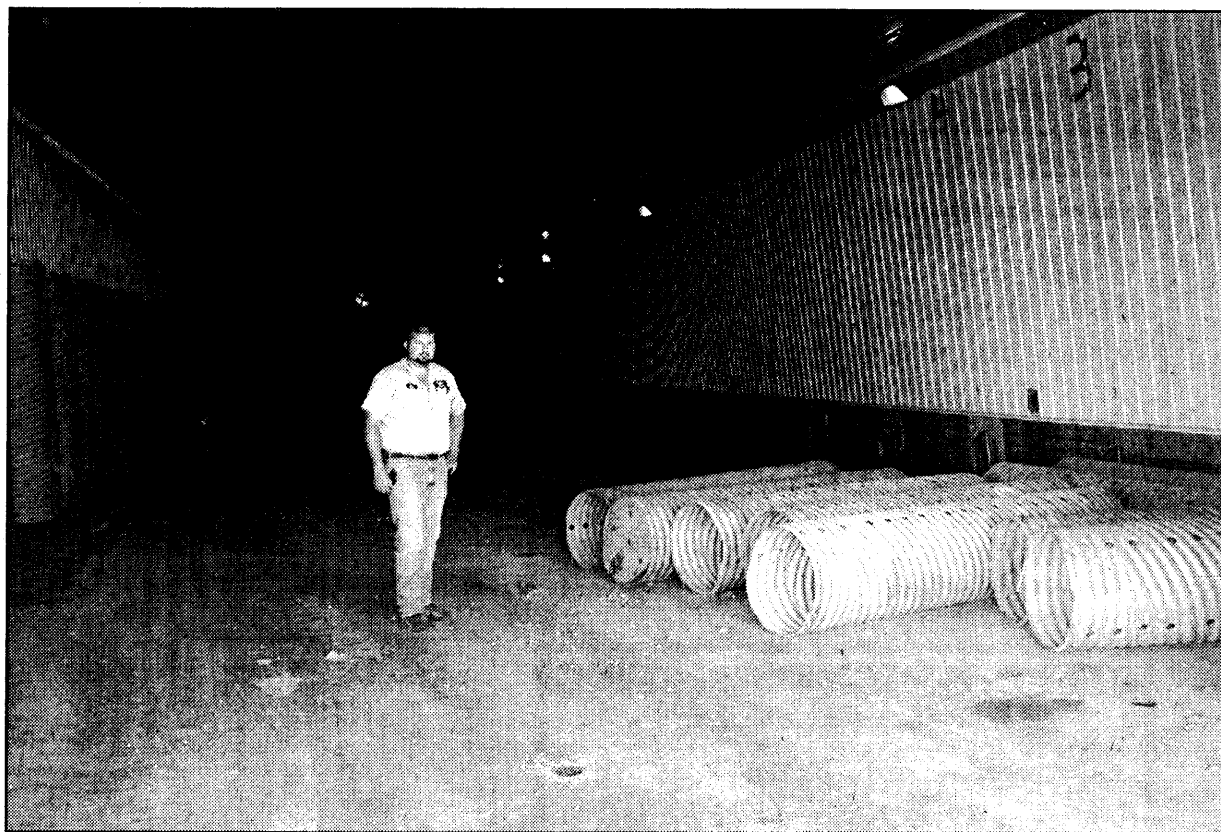
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 Everything collected will be donated to charitable causes. There will be numerous items for sale.



WALTHER FARMS can store thousands of 100-pound bags of potatoes in their Cass City storage facilities. Above, Storm stands inside one of them. The steel tubes at right are placed about 10 feet apart under the potatoes to promote air circulation.

Potatoes a farming tradition

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down to is, pretty much you have 2 options: contract with the chip-fry market, or (sell) on the open market, and the open market over the past few years has just struggled," Storm said.
 Walther Farms has both storage and fresh crop contracts. Potatoes grown in southern Michigan along with Indiana and Florida are sold on fresh crop contracts. "Pretty much everything in central Michigan goes into storage," Storm said, adding those

potatoes are shipped to Lynchburg, Va., and Charlotte, N.C., for processing over the course of the year, from November through June or July.
 Storm said the Walthers have several storage buildings, with a capacity of 275,000, 100-pound bags at the Cass City farm, 135,000 to 140,000 bags in Hemlock, and 55,000 to 60,000 bags in Clio.
 All of the storage buildings are insulated, and workers pay very close attention to maintaining proper temperature (heating in the winter and

air conditioning in the summer) and humidity, which is maintained at 98 to 99 percent.
 It takes a great deal of effort and attention to detail, according to Storm, who indicated he couldn't be happier doing what he's doing.
 "You couldn't ask for better, nicer people to work for," he said of the Walther family.
 "Farming is...I think it's got to be in your blood because of the long hours," Storm added. "But I couldn't honestly see myself doing anything else."

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Calendar of Events

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

Thursday, June 22

Attic Treasure & Bake Sale, Millennium Industries, 6285 Garfield Ave. (north end). Proceeds will be donated to charitable causes. Story Time, 1:30 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library.

Friday, June 23

Attic Treasure & Bake Sale, Millennium Industries, 6285 Garfield Ave. (north end). Proceeds will be donated to charitable causes.

Monday, June 26

Alcoholics Anonymous, "Monday at a Time," 8 p.m., Parkside Cafe, 2031 Main St., Ubyly. For additional information, call Angela R. at (989) 658-2319.
 Cass City School Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.
 Owen-Gage School Board meeting, 7 p.m.
 Hills and Dales General Hospital Auxiliary meeting, 11:30 a.m., Gilligan's in Cass City.
 Tuscola County Right to Life Organization meeting, 6:30 p.m., Caro Library.
 Cass City Village Council meeting, 7 p.m., municipal building.
 Children's Movie, "Valiant," 1:30 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library.

Wednesday, June 28

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

Obituaries

Mae Grifka

Mae C. Grifka, 43, of Snover, died Thursday, June 15, 2006 at Hills and Dales General Hospital, Cass City.
 She was born Nov. 14, 1962 in Cass City, the daughter of Olive (Stepka) Grifka and the late Alex Grifka.
 Grifka was a 1980 graduate of Ubyly High School. She was a lifelong parishioner at St. Ignatius Catholic Church in Freiburg, where she served on the parish council, was a CCD instructor, and a Eucharistic minister to the sick. Grifka worked at Regency Plastics for several years and at the Sandusky Wal-Mart for over a year.
 She is survive by her mother, Olive Grifka of Snover; 6 brothers: Tony (Jean) Grifka of Ubyly, Bill (Mary) Grifka of Chelsea, Ron (Audrey) Grifka of Snover, Jim (Elaine) Grifka of Caro, Lee (Sandy) Grifka of Deckerville, and Tom Grifka of Sandusky; 2 sisters: Kay Muma and Ann (Walter) Shatto, all of Snover; foster siblings: Carl Peters, Mike Lattner, and Leona Kanaby; and several nieces, nephews and godchildren; and a lifelong friend, Mary Walsh Satche.
 Grifka was preceded in death by 2 brothers, Richard and Alan Grifka; a sister-in-law, Joan Grifka; a brother-in-law, Ray Muma; and a niece, Anna Muma-Doyle.
 A funeral mass was held Monday, June 19, at St. Ignatius Catholic Church in Freiburg, with the Rev. Joseph Griffin, pastor, officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery. Arrangements were made by Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home, Ubyly.

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Mia Rain Pasanski

Mia Rain Pasanski, 2 months and 3 days, died Thursday, June 15, 2006 at home in Bad Axe.
 She was born April 12, 2006 in Huron Medical Center, Bad Axe, the daughter of Shentelle Pasanski.
 Mia is survived by her mother, Shentelle; an aunt, Jamie Pasanski; a cousin, Christopher Bukoski; and grandparents: John and Connie Rock, and Steve and Dawn Pasanski.
 Funeral services were held Monday, June 19, at Thabet Funeral Home, Cass City, with Scott Mills officiating.
 Graveside services were held immediately following the funeral services at Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City.

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