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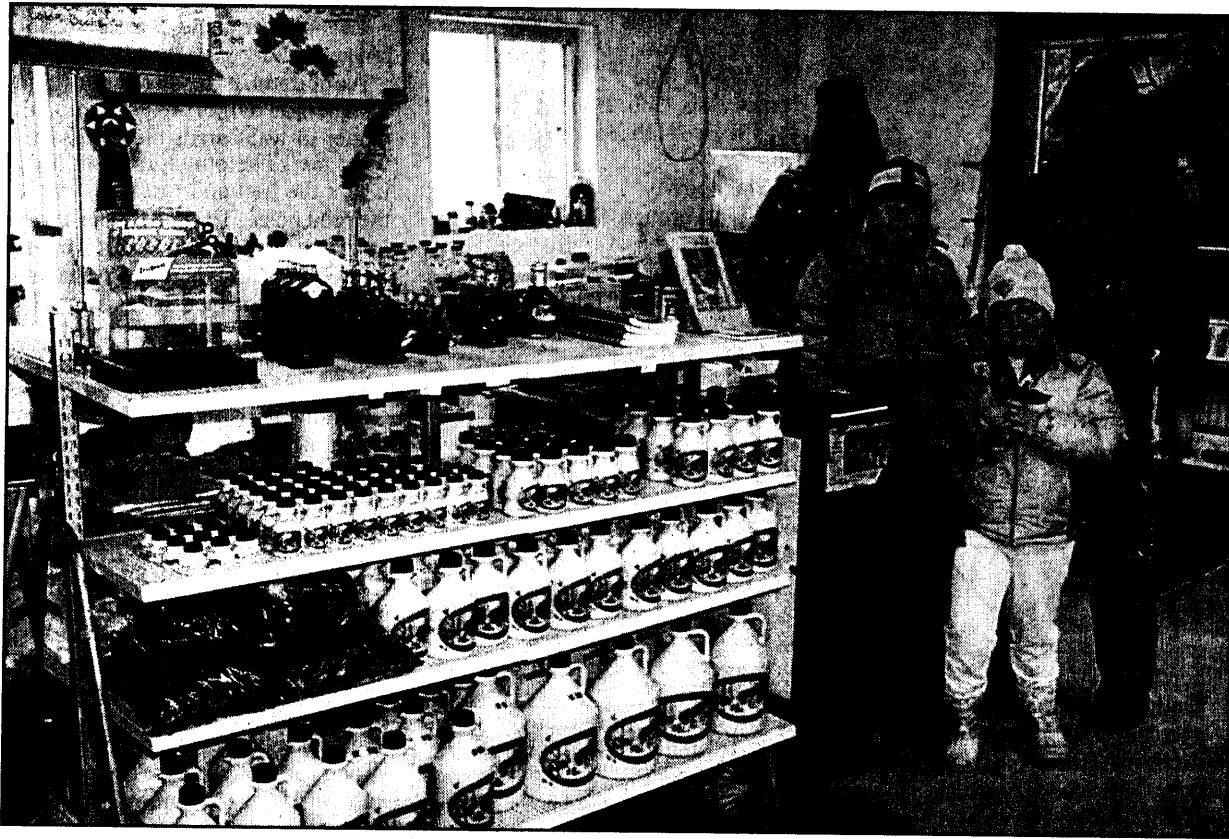
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**THE RICK AND Karen Peters family stands inside their sugar shack on M-53, where they sell their pure maple syrup in various sized jugs along with maple sugar, candy and maple cream. The family taps some 2,000 trees each spring and then processes the raw sap.**

## Sugar shack sweets

**Area family harvests sap for pure maple syrup**

If Rick and Karen Peters were farmers, the Cass City area couple probably wouldn't be looking for a banner crop this year.

Still, the harvest is underway and they're holding out hope that things will pick up as they did over the weekend.

The Peters, with a little help from a few family members and friends, and their children, Kelsey, 7, and Peyton, 4, harvest maple sap each spring and transform the watery substance into sweet, pure maple syrup along with maple sugar, candy and maple cream. The couple, who own and operate

Rick's Sugar Bush and Supply, LLC, also sell a complete line of D&G and Marcland maple syrup product supplies and equipment from their business on M-53, just north of Seeger Road.

"I bought the property in the fall of '92, and I believe it was the spring of '93 when we started," Rick Peters recalled Friday morning. "My dad said, 'gee, if I had all these maple trees, I'd make maple syrup, and that's how it all started."

"When we started out, we barely made 100 gallons and had 50 taps," Peters said. "Now, we're running

2,000 taps, and that still isn't enough - we need to run 5,000 taps with the unpredictable weather we have here."

This spring hasn't offered ideal conditions - frost/freezes at night and sunny days with temperatures hitting 35 to 40 degrees.

"It all revolves around the weather," Peters said. "When you don't have good weather, you don't have good (sap) runs and you don't have good syrup."

"We should have had 300 or 400 gallons of syrup by now, and we've only made 162 so far this year," he continued. "Last year we boiled for a week. We only boiled 5 times and made just under 500 gallons."

"But the weather conditions were prime," Karen Peters added. The Peters' operation is state-of-the-art and automated - a must with such a small crew to work it. The couple also have full-time jobs; he sets modular homes and she is a dental hygienist.

Rick Peters said the family taps trees in 3 different wood lots ranging from 7 to 15 acres. Most of the trees are connected to a network of tubing that connects to a pumping station. The pump draws out the sap like a vacuum, then transfers the sap to a 6,500-gallon stainless steel tank.

"We can get 4,500 to 5,000 gallons

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## Local book club to chat with author

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Rawson Memorial Library Director Kate VanAuken is always on the lookout for new ways to spice up the programs and guests featured at the Cass City library.

But VanAuken was a bit stumped early on as to how to attract popular authors to the village.

"At first I thought the only way I'm going to get an author here is if I write a book, and I don't think that's going to happen," joked VanAuken, who has not only found a way to bring authors to the library, but she has also managed to arrange a visit by a New York Times best-selling author.

However, this won't be a typical

visit.

VanAuken arranged for Author Alice Hoffman to "visit" with a local book club, called the Ravenous Readers, by phone. The "group chat" is scheduled for today (Wednesday) starting at 12:30, and anyone interested in joining the group is welcome.

The session will focus on Hoffman's book, "The Ice Queen", described as a "searing, first-person account of a dark fairy tale world where anything is possible."

"Many authors are trying to reach out to their audiences in this unique way, and phone chats with book clubs have become very popular in the past few years. I would say, maybe in the last 5 years it has really blossomed," VanAuken said.

"With something like this, they (author) can actually talk one-on-one with the public, with groups that read their work. This gives the author a chance to connect with groups they may never have the opportunity to travel to and meet in person."

This isn't the first time Rawson Memorial Library has hosted an author via telephone, according to VanAuken, who said the library was the winner of a group chat last year with Elizabeth Noble, a British author who phoned the club from her home in England.

"We basically sat around a table and put a phone in the middle," she recalled. "She (Noble) said she had gone on Mapquest and found out where Cass City is, and asked about

the weather. She was just very accommodating. It was fun, a lot of fun."

Later, VanAuken learned that Hoffman is also an enthusiast of group chats.

"I was looking in the New York Times Book Review, and there are write-ups and articles about new books out there," she said, adding an advertisement for "The Ice Queen" offered interested groups to host discussions with Hoffman by phone.

Hoffman's resume is impressive. The New York City native, who now lives outside Boston, has published a total of 15 novels, 2 books of short fiction, and 6 books for children.

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## Village DDA set to buy NAPA building

The Cass City Downtown Development Authority (DDA) is going into the real estate business in hopes of bolstering activity in the village's downtown district.

A plan to purchase a vacant Main Street building received the unanimous approval of the Cass City Village Council during its regular monthly meeting Monday night.

Village Manager Peter Cristiano explained the plan to purchase the former NAPA building at the southwest corner of Main and Oak streets is within the authority and responsibilities of the DDA in its efforts to induce, assist and enhance the infrastructure of the business district.

Cristiano said the 2-story NAPA building has been vacant several years but will soon be occupied.

"Dave and Mimi Nicol have had a business in the township for 20 years. He is a designer and builder of custom architectural pieces. Mimi is well known for her stained glass products," he said. "They will be opening a retail business, with an artisan's finish workshop in the rear of the building. The second floor is tentatively planned to be an incubator for artisans."

"Improvements to the NAPA building would be borne by the Nicols, including taxes, insurance and utilities," Cristiano continued. "The building will be leased to them for the first 2 years with the option for them to buy it at the purchase price plus accumulated interest at the end of the 2 years."

During a special meeting held March 23, the DDA board approved purchasing the building for a price of \$85,000. The lease payments will be \$300 a month for the first year and \$500 a month in the second year.

"We believe this is a first step in revitalizing the downtown business district in Cass City," Cristiano said.

Village President Bert Althaver agreed. "This is certainly a first step, and I think these individuals are to be applauded," he said, referring to the Nicols, Cristiano, the DDA and the planning commission, which has also offered its support.

"I think Dave (Nicol) said it best when he first addressed the DDA and he said, 'we've got to find a way to get people to turn left when they're coming north on highway M-53.'"

In related matters, Cristiano noted that a local couple is continuing its efforts to buy and open the former Hardee's building.

"We believe they will be successful in opening a new restaurant. We have (also) been contacted regarding a Quick Lube business at the west entrance to the village," Cristiano said,

adding another contact involved possibly opening a billiard hall in another vacant Main Street business.

He lauded Baker College officials in their efforts to assist new, prospective business owners by preparing their business plans and financial forecasts.

### IN OTHER BUSINESS

In other business Monday, the council:

- Approved several expenditures, including a low bid of \$77,827 from Albrecht Sand & Gravel, Snover, to complete the village's 2006 street paving program. In all, 4 contractors submitted bids, with the high figure totaling \$84,553.

- The work will include: Houghton Street, Brooker to West; Pine Street, Brooker to West; Leach Street,

- Garfield to Pine; Ale Street, Garfield to Third; and driveway and parking improvements at the wastewater treatment plant.

- Approved the budgeted purchase of a used, 1997 GMC Altec bucket truck at a cost of \$49,000 from Larry Blansford Sales in St. Charles, Mo. The purchase will be finalized pending a final inspection by the local DPW crew and a mechanic.

- Approved the low bid of \$26,960 submitted by Booms Construction Inc. for construction of the new influent screen building addition at the wastewater treatment plant. A total of 8 bids were submitted for the project ranging as high as \$55,800.

- Approved hiring Philip W. Dondero of St. Clair Shores to serve as a planning consultant for future

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## Micklash attends his final school board meet

Supt. Ronald Wilson revealed a plan for his first 90 days at the helm of the Cass City School District and retired superintendent Ken Micklash attended his final meeting as a school official Monday night at the regular board meeting at the high school.

Although he will not attend future meetings he will be honored for his 22 years in service as board member,



**Ken Micklash**

After telling that in his career in Cass City he has attended over 500 school-related

meetings and that he found each of the boards he worked with very cooperative and uniformly devoted to caring for the kids he was given a round of applause.

Wilson presented an agenda for his first 90 days on the job. Most of the time will be spent in establishing the strengths and possible weaknesses at the school by holding community forums with faculty, staff, students, parents, community leaders and business leaders.

The school board is planning an open house, date to be determined, to introduce the new superintendent to the community. Key elements of the 90-day plan are published in this issue.

### OTHER BUSINESS

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## Cass City's annual chamber dinner set

Tickets are still available for the Cass City Chamber of Commerce's annual dinner, slated for Saturday, April 1, starting at 5:30 p.m. at Northwood Meadows, 6086 Beechwood Dr.

The event honors Cass City Citizen of the Year and Junior Citizen of the Year, but there are a host of other activities and entertainment planned this year, according to chamber Director Cristi Smith.

"New this year will be a silent auction for art pieces done by the Cass City High School art students of Judy Hoelzle," Smith said, adding entertainment for the evening will be provided by students from Cass City Middle School.

Cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres will be served early in the evening, followed by the program at 6 p.m., when Norma and Dick Wallace, winners of last year's Citizen of the Year award, will present this year's top citizen(s). Jim Luth will present this year's list of Junior Citizen of the Year candidates.

The finalists for that honor are: Nicole Froede, daughter of Gloria Froede; Ashley Hendrick, daughter of Chuck and Kelli Hendrick; Derrick Mallory, son of Brian and Renee Mallory; Philip Nahernak, son of Dr. Nicholas and Veronica Nahernak; Ashley Puterbaugh, daughter of Denise Puterbaugh; and Jeff Stoutenburg, son of Ed and Susie Stoutenburg.

Smith said there will also be a special presentation made to the Elkland Township Fire Department. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. and will feature prime rib and herb-roasted turkey.

The evening will conclude with the annual "state of the chamber" address and the announcement of 2 new chamber board members.

Tickets cost \$18 for chamber members and \$20 for non-members, and they can be purchased at Thumb National Bank, Chemical Bank or Independent Bank, or at the door.

**High School**  
Friday, April 7 ~ Community Service, 10:00 a.m.  
Saturday, April 8 ~ Children's Service, 10:00 a.m.  
Children's Fun Fair after Church  
Sunday, April 9 ~ Not Ashamed Pre-Service, 10:00 a.m.  
Community Service, 10:00 a.m.

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Rick Shuart, Bernard Morley, Jack Kennedy, Claude Mestack, Ron Wolschlagler, June Rutz and Allen Farrelly met at McDonald's in Bad Axe Thursday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Doerr and Mrs. Curtis Cleland were Sunday supper guests of Leone Doerr of Argyle. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Depcinski, Greg and Susan Krozek, Samantha and Ryan, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Osentoski and Brad, Charles Depcinski and Nicole, Donald and Carolyn Carpenter and Dave of Caro attended a birthday party for 13-year-old Timothy Carpenter at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Carpenter and family of Caro. Timothy received gifts and some money. Games were played, and birthday cake and ice cream were served. Later, Mrs. Bob Osentoski made and decorated the birthday cake. Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel, June Rutz and Allen Farrelly visited Jim Summerville at a Port Huron Hospital. The Young Ideas Farm Bureau group met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wolschlagler Thursday evening. After the meeting, cards were played and high prizes were won by Mrs. Ray Depcinski and Stanley Heleski. Low prizes were won by Delores Bouchard and Ray Depcinski. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Bouchard April 20. Sarah Pitcher, Arianne Hoyt and Savana Doerr spent Sunday afternoon

at Jim Doerr's sugar bush in the woods. Mrs. Bryce Hagen visited Mrs. Harold Ballagh in Cass City Monday. Vera Deering of Elkton and Mrs. Ray Depcinski attended the cancer support group meeting at Scheurer Hospital in Pigeon from 1 to 2 p.m. Tuesday. They were given wish books to fill out. The guest speaker was Ardith Doorenbosc, RN, PHG on living wills and durable power of attorney. Mrs. Martin Sweeney and Brian and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson visited Thelma Jackson Wednesday. Mrs. Curtis Cleland and Mrs. Jim Doerr visited Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Cleland Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel, Dennis and Cindy Rutz, Allen Farrelly and June Rutz went to Mario's in Imlay City for BBQ ribs for June Rutz's birthday. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Depcinski, and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Depcinski had a pizza supper at Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cavin's Sunday. Allen Farrelly came home Monday after spending a few days with June Rutz and family of Sterling Heights. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bailey of Port Hope were Saturday guests of Mrs. Curtis Cleland. Another evening guest was Marge Murdick of Snover. June Rutz of Sterling Heights, Allen Farrelly, and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel went to the Franklin Inn in Bad Axe for dinner where they celebrated June Rutz's birthday.



Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Hobart

Hobarts celebrate 50th anniversary

A celebration of the 50th wedding anniversary of Marilyn (Keast) and Marvin Hobart, hosted by their children, was held at the Cass City United Methodist Church in the fellowship hall March 19, 2006. The bride and groom were married in a ceremony performed by the Rev. Joseph Dibley March 17, 1956 in the former Caro United Methodist Church. Their children are Peggy (Douglas) Osborne of Lake Orion, Mark (Michele) Hobart of Orion, and Becky (Charles McCormick) Hobart of Fruita, Colo. They have 2 grandchildren: PFC Jesse Osborne and Cameron Osborne. The couple reside in the Cass City-Caro area and are 1953 graduates of Caro High School.

Meg's Peg Warm weather songs by Melva E. Guinther

- 21. Down The River
22. Gone (There's a sign upon the door)
23. There'll be a in the old town tonight
24. in the sand
25. Let a be your umbrella
And here's another interesting, though not life-changing item:
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Aoccdrrnng to rscheearch at Cmabrigde Uinervtisy, it deosn't mttaer in wait oredr the ltteers in a wrod are. The olny iprmoatnt thing is taht the frist and lsat ltteers be in the rghit pclae. The rset can be a taotl mses and you can siltl raed it wouthit a porbelm. This is bcuseaz the haumn mnid deos not raed ervey lteer by istlef but the wrod as a wlohe. Amzanig, huh?
Reading it wasn't a problem, but try typing it! Besides being a painstakingly slow process, the computer kept correcting my spelling!
Time; 24-Love Letters; 25-smile.
21-Cruising; 22-Fishin'; 23-Hot Summer; 19-Sun; 20-Sunshine; 21-Flowers; 22-Bluebird; 23-Bluebird of Happiness; 13-Summer; 14-Four Grass; 11-My Valley; 12-Bluebird of Happiness; 8-The Rockies; 9-Ber Spring; 10-Sunshine; 6-Tippec; 7-April Show-er; Red Robin; 4-Apple Blossom; 3-Answers: 1-April; 2-The Lilacs; 3-

Calendar of Events
Deadline for submitting items in the calendar is the Friday noon before publication.
Saturday, April 1
Young Adult (YA) Book Club, 11 a.m., Rawson Memorial Library.
Monday, April 3
Alcoholics Anonymous, "Monday at a Time," 8 p.m., Parkside Cafe, 2031 Main St., Ubyl. For additional information, call Angela R. at (989) 658-2319.
Novesta Township Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 5
Preschool Story Time, 10 a.m., Rawson Memorial Library. Please call to register, 872-2856.

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Bryan Walsh and Susan Kay Walsh, both of Cass City, announce the engagement of their daughter, Andrea Marie Walsh, to Nicholas David Bowerman, son of David and Mona Bowerman of Snover. Andrea is a 2000 graduate of Cass City High School and a 2004 graduate of Oakland Community College. She is currently employed at Tri-County Equipment of Sandusky. Nicholas is a 1996 graduate of Sandusky High School. He is currently employed at Gauthier Corporation of Auburn Hills. A March 3, 2007 wedding in Hawaii is being planned.



Mr. and Mrs. David Parsons

Parsons exchange vows in Lexington

David Michael Parsons and Shanna Nicole Gibson, both of Cass City, announce their marriage Dec. 10, 2005 at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Lexington. The bride is the daughter of Judi (Kevin) Martin of Crosswell and the late Ken Gibson. The groom is the son of Bernard and Joan Parsons of Cass City. Chris Gibson, the bride's brother, gave her away. The maid of honor was Melissa Hrbcek of Lexington, friend of the

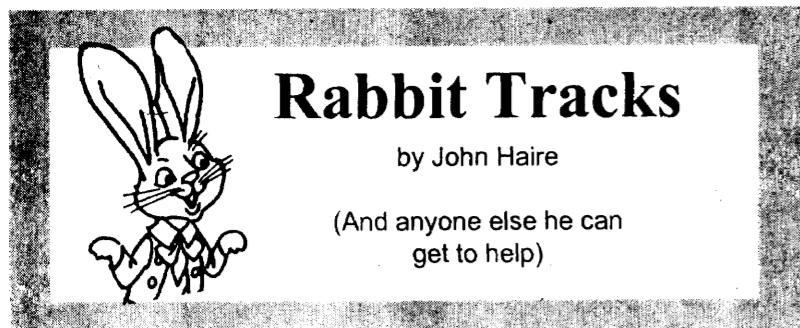
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## Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Accurate watches will be an absolute necessity at Cass City Schools now until the end of the school year.

The school board has determined that an additional one minute must be added to the beginning and one minute to the end of the school day for 44 full days left at school. In addition, a half-day release slated May 26 is cancelled. That's making every minute count to meet the state-mandated minimum number of hours at school.

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Janie Kus, Cass City, received recognition from the Cass City School Board Monday night for her work the last 4 years at the annual Campbell Bookfair.



Janie Kus

She spends an estimated 60 hours and attends the Bookfair every day that it runs including a 12-hour stint on family night.

Kus says that it's a rewarding experience to meet other parent volunteers and helps to get to know the other kids.

The school board and the administration outlined her achievements: "Mrs. Kus has organized Campbell's Bookfair for the past four (4) years. She contacts the company to schedule the dates for the fair, organizes its set up, enlists and organizes the volunteers who help run the fair and handles the bookkeeping for the sales."

"Then when the fair is over, she oversees everything being packed up for shipment back to the company. It's not an easy task, but she is extremely competent, and the Bookfair is a success year after year.

"The profits that she helps us earn are used to help support our Literacy Library, purchase books for the Media Center, provide books for the Teacher's As Readers program."

## "Revive '06" coming to high school April 7, 8, 9

Members of the Cass City Missionary Church are gearing up for their second year of organizing its "Revive" ministry.

Revive '06 is scheduled for April 7-9 at Cass City High School. This year's slate of activities offers something for the whole family, including live music and a Children's Fun Fair.

The activities begin Friday, April 7, with a community service at 7 p.m. and coffee after. On Saturday there will be a children's service at 10 a.m., followed by the fun fair. The event is free and includes hot dogs, cotton candy, snow cones, face painting and inflatables. A community service is planned for 7 p.m. Sunday will feature a concert by Not Ashamed at 9:30 a.m., followed by a family service at 10 a.m.

This year's guest speaker is evangelist Adrian Despres of Kingdom Building Ministries. Despres, who lives in Columbia, S.C., also serves as chaplain for the University of South Carolina Football Team.

Returning this year will be musician Keith Conner and his band, K.C. and the Glowworms.

According to the Rev. Bob Sweeney,

pastor of the Cass City Missionary Church, Revive is all about reaching out to the community.

"We want to communicate to people that, here's Jesus and you can have a relationship with him, and he can change your life," Sweeney said, adding the high school was selected as the site for Revive in hopes of attracting more people.

"We didn't want it to come across as just a church event," he said. "It's a community event. We want to show people that church isn't about a building; it's about people."

Members of the committee organizing the event are also hoping other area churches will get involved. "It's trying to bring together as many churches as are willing, and say, we can do this together," Sweeney said.

Sweeney noted last year's inaugural Revive meetings were well attended and had a personal impact on a number of lives.

"It went great. Just in terms of responses, we had 37 people say that they gave their lives to Christ for the first time, and another 37 people indicated a recommitment (of their lives) to Christ," he added. "I was impressed."

## The Haire Net

Proposed TV fines should be for all



When I read the headlines of a pair of stories, one in the Bay City Times and the other in the Detroit Free Press, I immediately concurred, figuring it's about time.

After reading the story in detail, my opinion switched. One was approved and the other not wholeheartedly endorsed.

The one that I figured was a step in the right direction was to charge an additional \$15 for certain specified exit or aisle seats on Northwest Airlines domestic flights. It follows a trend that includes paying for a meal instead of providing a free meal, a perk that dates back to the early days of air travel.

Today any travel within the continental United States can be concluded within 5 hours or so and furnishing a meal is not really necessary, nice, but not necessary.

A charge for baggage by the pound is fair. If a soft drink and a bag of peanuts are wanted, let the users pay. Keep the price of a ticket as low as possible and the extras available at a price.

The second proposed charge is \$3.9 million in fines for indecent TV programming. In its present form it's not fair and has to be ineffective. When I read the headlines I mentally fig-

ured here was a step forward, when I read the story I saw that it was only a half step and appeared to discriminate in favor of cable and satellite.

The rules bar stations from broadcasting indecent material that refers to sex or excretions (including the four-letter "F" and "S" words) between 6 a.m. and 10 p.m. The FCC and the Federal government prohibit the airing of sexual conduct in a patently offensive way at any time.

All of these constraints receive my wholehearted approval and certainly are on the approval list of the vast majority of families.

Nearly buried at the end of a report that I read is that the rules do not apply to cable or satellite.

The reason, I suspect, is a legal technicality that provides a loophole for cable and satellite transmission. If that's the case, the law should be adjusted so that any program that subjects the networks and the stations to fines and censure also subjects cable and satellite to the same treatment.

That's only fair and also helps all of us who don't feel obscene material belongs in programs, especially those that are watched by children.



## The back forty

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by Roger Pond

I'm trying to get excited about the government wiretapping scandal. It seems some people are extremely concerned that the government might be listening-in on their telephone conversations.

Apparently the same folks who make cell phone calls on the bus want to be sure their privacy is protected.

This wiretapping thing must be an urban phenomenon. I can't see anyone in a rural community being concerned about such a thing. We don't need wiretaps around here.

I was standing around a store in town a few weeks ago when one fellow's wife asked if he had picked up the newspaper. This man said he would get the paper on his way home.

Then he turned to me and said, "I already know what everybody did. I just buy the newspaper to see who got caught."

No one who grew up in the days of the old party lines is going to worry about wiretaps: That's for sure. In those days everybody knew whatever was said on the telephone might as well be broadcast on the radio.

Each household had their own ring on the old party lines. One ring was the neighbor's, two rings was yours, and three rings was another neighbor. It was well known that some folks answered more of their neighbors' calls than they did their own.

Sometimes we would stop and ask, "Is that you Mildred? We can hear you breathing."

A few people even planted stories, just to see how far they might go. An FBI wiretapper would have been laughed out of the county in those

days. I can remember talking to the operator to make a call. We told the operator who we wanted to call, and she connected us.

If the operator thought that person might be kind of busy, she might suggest we call back later. "Maybe after harvest."

Or, "You just talked to Nancy 20 minutes ago. Don't you think someone else might want to use the phone line?"

(I made those up, but it could have happened.)

This wiretapping hullabaloo reminds me of a letter to a Canadian farm paper several years back. The letter writer says, "I will not utter a challenge for you to print this letter. If you do, thank you, and please withhold my name and address because I fear a police raid on my premises."

"Hey, lighten up!" I thought. "If the government or the mental health officials got names out of the newspaper I would have been locked up a long time ago."

(How would you like to bet everyone within 100 miles knows exactly who this guy is?)

I'm also reminded of two fellows who wanted to sing their opinion at a local hearing several years ago. Many in the audience thought singing an opinion was disrespectful of the hearing process.

"Hey, let 'em sing," I thought. "We already know their opinion. They could hum it if they wanted to."

I suppose we could tap these guys' phones, but what would we learn from that?

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# Red Hawk Talks

by Donna Bushong

With spring break in action there has been a break in the action. Other than a few sports practices, there wasn't a lot going on in the school. One program that has had some activity is the band program.

On March 25, around 20 members of the band traveled to Walled Lake Northern High School for State Solo and Ensemble Festival. This was one of 7 sites across Michigan attended by 11,000 students who received a Division I rating at their district festivals.

State Solo and Ensemble Festival runs a little bit differently than district festival. Before the festival, soloists were assigned a proficiency level. Ninth grade soloists are exempt from the proficiency. First-time goers perform in Proficiency 1. If a Division I rating is received at the first proficiency level they move on to the next. There are 3 levels of proficiency in all. For ensembles, state festival is the same as district festival.

At each proficiency level there are a number of scales that must be performed and at each level the scales

get harder. Students were given the scales they had to do before hand so they could learn them. The scales had to be memorized in a certain rhythm and different articulations.

Before their performance, students have approximately 30 minutes of warm-up time (more or less dependent on the room supervisor). After the warm-up, the student or students enter their designated performance room somewhere around their assigned performance time. In the performance room, soloists must play their solo, scales, and must sight read for a judge.

The sight-reading is based on proficiency level. At state festival, students are given points on how well they perform all 3 things. The points add up to decide on a rating. A score of 85 or above is equal to a Division I rating.

Cass City students did extremely well at state festival this year. There were 11 events total. Nine of those events earned Division I ratings. Now it is time for those students to rejoin their fellow band members and get to work as state band festival takes place in one month.



**CASS CITY TEACHERS** awarded DTE Energy Foundation grants are (front row, from left) Paula LeValley, Kathy Dorland, Cathy Cooper-Stickney, Jenifer Green and Barbara Kirn. Also pictured are (from left) Ray Bollaert, DTE Energy community relations representative, and Rob Parker, Tuscola ISD representative.



**THE DTE ENERGY** Foundation recently awarded grants to 21 Tuscola County teachers. Pictured above are (standing, from left) Rob Parker, Tuscola ISD representative; Marci LaValley, Pioneer Work and Learn Center (PWLC); Kathy Dorland and Cathy Cooper-Stickney, Campbell Elementary School; Mary Ann Safraneck, Kingston High School; Rich Tinsley, Tim Loney, Mike Caldwell and Jim Dobbertien, Tuscola Technology Center; Jan Finkbeiner, Schall Elementary School; Paula LeValley, Campbell Elementary School; Mickie Kujat, Glaza-Kirk Elementary School; Sarah McKether, PWLC; Carole Miklovic, USA Elementary School; Ray Bollaert, DTE Energy community relations representative; (seated, from left) Jenifer Green, Cass City Middle School; Cindy Engelhard, Christ the King Lutheran School; Barbara Kirn, Cass City Middle School; Diane Reed, Schall Elementary School; and Conni Sharp and Janice Hart, PWLC.

# Foundation gives grants to Tuscola educators

The DTE Energy Foundation recently awarded \$5,250 to 21 Tuscola County teachers to fund hands-on energy-related projects designed to encourage students' curiosity and excitement about science, energy, math and the environment.

The foundation's Mini-Grants for Educators program was established in 1990 to promote science and energy studies for K-12 students. Since then, the program has awarded more than \$700,000 to public and private school teachers in DTE Energy's service territory.

"This year the program will award more than \$35,000 to Michigan teachers for creating energy-related projects to supplement their lesson plans," said Carol Moore, DTE Energy Education and Community Relations representative.

"These grants provide funding for special projects that school budgets typically cannot afford."

To apply for the mini-grants, teachers submitted proposals to their intermediate school districts for consideration. Judges looked for projects that encourage problem-solving, decision-making and critical thinking, while helping students to understand energy and the energy industry.

This year's Tuscola County recipients include:

\*Cass City Middle School teachers Jenifer Green and Barbara Kirn.

Green will use her \$209 mini-grant to purchase an electronic weather station for her fifth grade students.

Kim plans to use her \$276 mini-grant to purchase materials for her students' geology unit. They'll learn how to identify different types of rocks and will build a replica seismograph.

\*Campbell Elementary School teachers Paula LeValley, Kathy Dorland and Cathy Cooper-Stickney.

LeValley will use her \$254 mini-grant to teach her first grade students how to improve and create habitats for animals, insects and other creatures.

Dorland and Cooper-Stickney each received \$172 mini-grants for a project that will increase their second-graders' understanding of wind power. As part of the unit, students will construct and launch a model hot air balloon.

\*Kingston High School teacher Mary Ann Safraneck will use her \$100 mini-grant to fund a "photo scavenger hunt" her students will undertake as part of their environmental studies. Students will search for various habitats, flora and fauna as part of the project.

\*Kingston Elementary School's Doug Kramer received a \$500 grant to fund a "science day" for the school that will feature 16 different science activities and a one-hour "Science of Light" presentation.

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

•Robert J. Ciure, 62, Kingston, received a one-year delayed sentence for his pleas of guilty to conspiracy to possess marijuana with intent to deliver, possession of marijuana with intent to deliver, indecent exposure,

possession of marijuana and conspiracy to possess marijuana May 4, 2003, in Dayton Township.

He was also ordered to serve 12 months probation and pay court costs and fines totaling \$1,080.

•Danny L. Nixon, 50, Kingston, received a one-year delayed sentence for his pleas of guilty to conspiracy to possess marijuana with intent to deliver, possession of marijuana with intent to deliver, possession of marijuana and conspiracy to possess marijuana May 4, 2003, in Dayton Township.

He was also ordered to serve 12 months probation and pay \$1,140 in costs and fines.

•Mariellen P. Russell, 50, Flint, was sentenced to 180 days in the county jail (80 days deferred), with work release, for her plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, July 27 in Arbelva Township.

She was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$3,120 plus restitution of \$295.

•David L. Thornington, 50, Gladwin, was sentenced to 60 months probation and 180 days in jail for his pleas of guilty to failure to pay child support from Nov. 1, 2002, through June 1, 2005, and to being an habitual offender (2 prior felony convictions).

He was also ordered to pay \$720 in costs and fines plus restitution of \$40,403.59.

•Robin A. Maitland, 45, Vassar, received a one-year delayed sentence for his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor - with an occupant under the age of 16 years Aug. 21 in Vassar.

He was also ordered to complete 60 days of community service and pay costs and fines totaling \$620.

•Melissa M. Prueter, 38, Birch Run, pleaded guilty to writing no account checks of \$63.49 July 26 in Tuscola Township and \$65.66 Oct. 27-30 in Millington.

A pre-sentence investigation was

ordered in the case and bond was continued at a combined \$16,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Cory J. Creel, 26, Vassar, pleaded guilty to attempted possession of a narcotic/coaine (less than 25 grams) Nov. 8 in Vassar Township, and to uttering and publishing and writing a no account check for \$250 in October 2005 in Mayville.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at a combined \$30,000. Sentencing is to be set.

•Judith M. Salgat, 30, Akron, was sentenced to 113 days in jail and 18 months probation for her pleas of guilty to 2 counts of uttering and publishing involving a \$480 check drawn on Chemical Bank and Trust Co. April 29, 2004, in Vassar.

She was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,300.

# Several appear on charges

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# Candidates invited to April 6 meal

Candidates running for state Rep. Tom Meyer's (R-Bad Axe) seat have been invited to attend this year's Huron County and Tuscola County Republican Party Lincoln Day Dinner.

The event is scheduled for Thursday, April 6, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Franklin Inn in Bad Axe. Dinner is slated to begin at 6 p.m., with the speakers addressing the audience starting at about 6:45 p.m.

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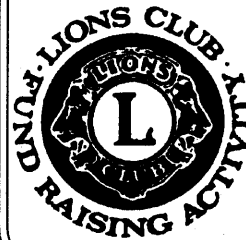
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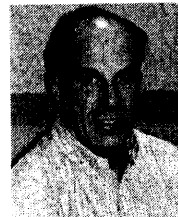
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# Cass City Quiz Bowl teams wrap up season

The Cass City High School Varsity Quiz Bowl A Team took third place during the winter 2006 season of the Thumb Area Quiz Bowl League.

The Cass City squad finished with an overall mark of 15-6 in 7 meets behind the Sandusky A Team and the Bad Axe B Team, which tied at 20-4.

The Bad Axe squad claimed first place in the league by a mere 22 points (8,405 to 8,383), while Cass City scored 5,512 points during the season and brought home 4 trophies.

The Cass City B Team, meanwhile, ended its season at 5-16 and 3,596 points. The Most Valuable Players for the Cass City Varsity Quiz Bowl Teams were Philip Nahernak, Lysa Knight and Kaylin Tack.

Up next for the varsity team is the state championship scheduled for April 21-22 on the campus of Michigan State University.

The Cass City C Team was recently awarded first place in the junior varsity division of the Thumb Area Quiz Bowl League.

The squad had the best record in the league at 19 wins and just 2 losses in 7 meets between January and March. The team won 5 first-place trophies and 2 runner-up trophies. Named Most Valuable Players were Rob Packard and Andrew Deering.

The Uby High School Junior Varsity C Team finished in second place, with the Bad Axe C Team in third place and the Sandusky C Team receiving fourth place.



**THE CASS CITY Quiz Bowl A Team took third place during the winter 2006 season of the Thumb Area Quiz Bowl League. Team members are (left to right) Ashley Puterbaugh, Lysa Knight, Philip Nahernak and Adam Kranz.**



**CLINCHING FIRST place in the junior varsity division of the Thumb Area Quiz Bowl League was the Cass City C Team composed of (left to right) Ben MacGown, Rob Packard, Andrew Deering, Evan Bushong and (not pictured) Joe Packard and C.J. Warmbier.**

# Down Memory Lane

By Harmony Doerr



### 5 YEARS AGO

In a cooperative effort, a new dug-out/press center for the Cass City Little League will be erected this spring. The new building is needed so Little League tournament games can be hosted. It was made possible by a \$5,000 grant from the family in memory of Ryan Hartwick, \$2,000 from the village and \$5,000 from Cass City Rotary Club. (From Rabbit Tracks)

Michigan Sugar Beet Growers, Inc., a new Michigan agricultural grower-owned cooperative, announced Thursday that it has signed a letter of intent with Imperial Sugar Company to acquire the capital stock of Michigan Sugar Company. The letter of intent provides for the proposed purchase to be submitted to the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Delaware for approval. "We are pleased that we have been able to reach agreement on the letter of intent," said Richard Maurer of Ruth, a grower and chairman of the board of the new cooperative. "Growers will now be able to plant their 2001 crop with the confidence that the factories will operate and process this year's sugar beet crop."

Shelly Ulfig, Alma College sophomore, has had few problems adjusting to college life. Especially on the basketball court. The 1999 graduate of Cass City was an aggressive rebounder that propelled herself to become the lone player in Lady Red Hawk basketball history to topple the career 1,000-point plateau. Ulfig finished her high school career with 1,223 points while leading Coach Jim Mastie's Red Hawks to the Greater Thumb West championship in her senior season. Her success on the hardwood floor has continued at Alma College. Ulfig was recently named to the All-Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association Dream Team. The first team selection led the MIAA in rebounding with an 8.3 average per game and tallied a season total of 116.

### 10 YEARS AGO

Two for the road - He's no James Dean, but "Bubba" the biker dog loves to feel the wind in his face as much as any "hog" enthusiast. The golden retriever belongs to Cass City's Don Dohn, who says a ride on the bike is dog heaven for his faithful companion.

Dan and Pat Allen along with their youngest daughter, Melannie, 14, left Michigan Sunday en route to Togo, West Africa, where they'll work at the Carolyn Kempton Memorial Christian Hospital. This is the third trip there for Dan, owner of Dan's Power and Stove in Cass City. He previously volunteered for 2 months in 1991 and

a month in 1987. "Our youngest daughter turned 10 out there the last time, and she will turn 15 this time," Allen recently commented. He noted his wife and daughter will be volunteers at the hospital while he helps to insure the hospital continues to have a dependable source of electricity. "My main concern, my main focus is to rebuild the diesel generators that supply power for the hospital complex," he explained.

Kareem Khoury of Cass City is among 305 Michigan students who were recently offered Recognition of Excellence Scholarships from Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti. The scholarships, valued at about \$6,000 each, provide in-state tuition and fees for 12 credit hours annually for 4 years. They are offered to students based on scores earned in EMU's annual \$2.9 million Presidential Scholarship Competition, to academically talented high school students based on their American College Test Scholarship Aptitude Test scores and high school grade point averages.

### 25 YEARS AGO

Legal blindness is determined by a central visual acuity for distance of 20/200 or poorer in the better eye with correction, or a field of vision no greater than 20 degrees in its widest diameter. An estimated 47,000 - one person every 11 minutes - become blind each year.

Jim Kuhr, a senior at Owendale-Gagetown High School, is one of four recipients of Michigan High School Football Coaches Association Scholarships. Each year, the association awards four \$300 scholarships to high school football players, based on scholarship and testing, leadership and character, and financial need. The money is sent to the college of their choice to be used in their freshman year of enrollment. Kuhr is the son

of Deacon and Mrs. Lambert (Bud) Kuhr of Gagetown. Owen-Gage football coach Arnie Besonen is the association's scholarship chairman.

The week-long centennial conference, which was to end this Wednesday marked the beginning of activi-

ties this year to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the First Baptist Church of Cass City. The church on Houghton Street traces its beginnings back to January 1880, when a small group of Christians met for worship and fellowship under the leadership of the Rev. James McArthur. The church was formally organized in the spring of the following year with the election of officers and the calling of the Rev. McArthur as pastor. He was the first of 25 pastors to serve the church over the 100 years.

### 35 YEARS AGO

Mrs. Dorothy Stahlbaum this week announced the grand opening of the Clothes Closet, a store specializing in clothes for pre-teens and young ladies. The store, at the corner of Maple and Main, will give prizes during the opening to winners of a free drawing. The grand opening will last for three days, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Folks around town were doing a double take the last few weeks as they drove west of Cass City on M-81. It was because of a barn, about two miles from the village. You've heard about trees swaying in the wind...well this barn did (does) also. It leaned one way during the most recent snowstorm and when a strong wind came up it swayed back in the opposite direction. The consensus of the coffee table pundits is that it has now swayed its last and the only way it will move next will be straight down as it topples. (From Rabbit Tracks)

Technical Sergeant Don A. Simmons was presented an engraved plaque for selection of Outstanding Noncommissioned Officer of the Quarter in his unit at Binh Thuy Air Base, Vietnam. The sergeant is a radio repair technician and was selected for his outstanding performance of duty, leadership and exemplary conduct. Sgt. Simmons is on his second tour of duty in Vietnam. He's been there since June 1970, and also served four years ago. The son of Mrs. Maude Hagar of Cass City and the late Elmer Simmons, he is a 1954 graduate of Cass City High School.

# Kranz qualifies for recertification

Debra Kranz of Cass City recently qualified for re-certification of the designation of Certified Funeral Service Practitioner (CFSP) by the Academy of Professional Funeral Service Practice (APFSP).

Kranz, owner of Kranz Funeral Home in Cass City and Kingston, is a lifetime member of the academy.

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**REPRESENTING the Tuscola County Farm Bureau at the 2006 Michigan Farm Bureau Washington Legislative Seminar in Washington, D.C., were (from left) Jeffrey Healy of Cass City and Michael Findlay of Caro.**

# Healy, Findlay attend seminar

Some 130 farmers from Michigan representing 52 county Farm Bureaus descended upon Washington, D.C., from March 15-17 for the 2006 Michigan Farm Bureau (MFB) Washington Legislative Seminar.

The annual seminar is an opportunity for Michigan farmers to discuss priority issues with U.S. lawmakers and hear from national leaders on issues affecting the agriculture industry. This year's lobbying efforts were focused on the need for a temporary guest-worker program as part of immigration reform, domestic energy production, agricultural trade and spending, and permanent repeal of the estate tax.

Among the seminar's highlights was a group meeting where county Farm

Bureau members conversed with their representative and/or their representative's key legislative aides over breakfast. The dialogue continued later that same day when county Farm Bureaus, grouped by congressional district, visited their representative's office on Capitol Hill.

In a second group breakfast, Senators Debbie Stabenow and Carl Levin addressed the crowd. In addition, members heard from Chuck Conner, deputy secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, as well as officials representing the office of the U.S. Trade Representative. MFB is the state's largest general farm organization, representing more than 47,000 farm families statewide.

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Bible Study Sunday 10:00 a.m. & Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

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

**Cass City Missionary Church**  
4449 Koepfgen Rd., Cass City, MI 48726  
989-872-2729  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Service & Youth Group 6:30 p.m.  
Wednesday Family Night 6:30 p.m.  
Pastor - Bob Sweeney  
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**Cass City United Methodist Church**  
5100 N. Cemetery Rd.,  
P.O. Box 125, Cass City, MI 48726  
872-3422  
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Sunday School - Sept.-May 9:30 a.m.  
Community Dinner - Monthly (2nd Wed. at noon)  
Pastor: Rev. George F. Ward

**Evangelical Free Church of Cass City**  
6430 Chestnut Blvd., Cass City, MI 48726  
Phone: 872-5060  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Midweek Bible Studies  
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**First Baptist Church**  
6420 Houghton St., Cass City, MI 48726  
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Sunday Evening Service 6:30 p.m.  
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**Men's summer basketball league slated**  
 The Cass City Parks and Recreation is running a summer basketball league for men 16 and older starting the week of June 19.  
 There will be a league meeting for those interested Tuesday, April 4, at 7 p.m., at the Cass City Municipal Building, located at the corner of Main and Seeger streets.  
 For more information, call Nathan at (989) 872-2911 or email recdirector@cass-city.net. The entry fee is \$25 per team.

**Obituary**  
 Sydney LaJoie  
 Sydney Lynn LaJoie, newborn, of Sandusky, died Friday, March 24, 2006 at McKenzie Memorial Hospital, Sandusky.  
 She was born March 24, 2006. Sydney is survived by her parents, Eric and Kristen (Sanderson) LaJoie of Sandusky; grandparents: Harley and Virginia Sanderson of Sandusky, Elaine LaJoie of Cass City, and Henry and Etta LaJoie of Lapeer; great-grandmother, Agnes Maynard of Sandusky; and aunts and uncles: Michael and Patricia Sanderson of Sandusky, Karie and Ernest Durham of Dayton, Ohio, and Brian and Teri LaJoie of Lapeer.  
 Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, April 1, at Sandusky Church of God, with Pastor Ken Norcross officiating.  
 Burial will be in the Marlette Cemetery, Marlette.  
 Memorials may be made to the family.  
 Arrangements were made by Hacker Funeral Parlors, Sandusky.

**USA's Bitzer recognized for hoop play**  
 Senior Jordan Bitzer, Unionville-Sebewaing Area Schools, has been recognized as among the best young basketball players in the country through his nomination to the 29th annual McDonald's All American High School basketball team.  
 Nominees will be considered for one of the 24 slots on the final McDonald's All American High School team that will tip off at San Diego State University on Wednesday, March 29th.



**HILLS & DALES HOSPITAL CEO, Mike Falatko (left), congratulates Merry Gebauer who recently won the grand prize of \$3,000 at the "Hollywood Nights" fundraiser held at Northwood Meadows. The biggest winner on the night, however, was the Cass City hospital that raised over \$16,000 to aid their current renovation projects.**

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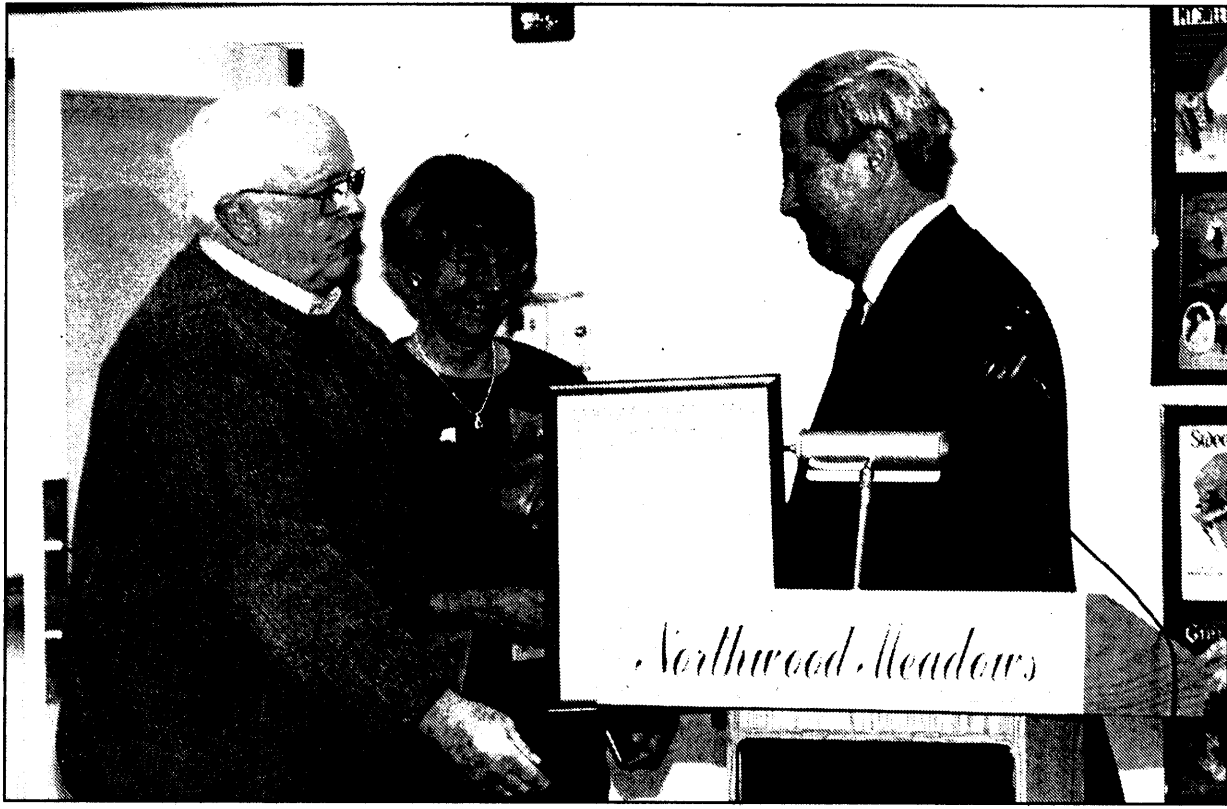
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**STATE SENATOR JIM Barcia (right) presented Cass City's Citizen of the Year award to Norma and Dick Wallace last year, while Krista Homakie was honored as Junior Citizen of the Year. The 2006 chamber dinner is slated for Saturday, April 1. (See story, page one)**

## Family harvests sap for maple syrup

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 of sap a day on a good day with good runs," Peters noted. The raw sap is later transferred to a reverse osmosis machine. Peters ex-

plained the specialized equipment removes much of the water content, increasing the concentration of sugar from around 2 percent to 8 percent. "It takes 43 gallons of (raw) sap to make one gallon of syrup. With an 8

percent sugar concentration, it takes 10.75 gallons of sap to make one gallon of syrup," Peters said. The sap is then poured into an evaporator where it is boiled at a temperature of 219 degrees. Peters explained the temperature must be 7 degrees above the boiling point. The problem, he said, is that the boiling point fluctuates with the barometric pressure, so he uses specialized equipment to measure the pressure and adjusts the boiling temperature accordingly. After boiling, the mixture is transferred to a filter press, which removes grit and any other particles. Finally, the syrup is poured into a canner, where it is reheated to 190 degrees before being stored in 40-gallon drums.

The final product is pure maple syrup. There are no additives or preservatives, so the syrup must be refrigerated after being opened, Peters said. The family has sold and shipped their syrup as well as maple syrup making supplies across the country and around the globe. They also sell the syrup, sugar and candy from inside their sugar shack. Customers can buy a little (a 1.36 ounce jar costs \$1) or a lot (the gallon size costs \$38). Although the weather hadn't been cooperating as of Friday morning, Peters indicated he still had hope things would turn around. "We've still got time," he said. "The trees haven't budded yet."

*Editor's note: Anyone interested in learning more about the Peters' operation or who would be interested in purchasing supplies from them can reach the family at rpeters@bournemouth.com, or visit their website at www.ricksugarbushandsupply.com.*

## Local book club to chat

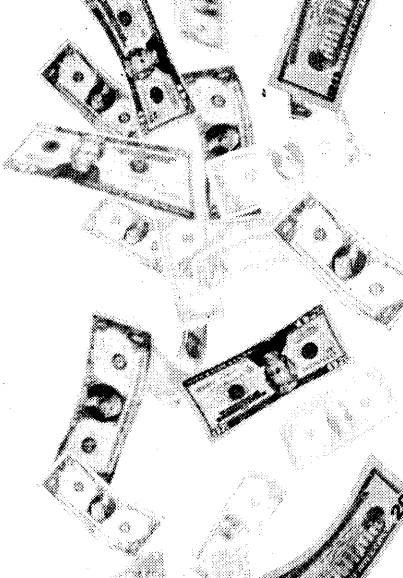
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 Hoffman's novel, "Here on Earth" an Oprah Book Club choice, was a modern reworking of some of the themes of Emily's Bronte's masterpiece, "Wuthering Heights". Her most recent books are "Green Angel", a novel for teens; "Moonfog", a picture book written with her son; and The New York Times bestsellers, "The River King", "Blue Diary", "The Probable Future", and "Blackbird House". Hoffman's work has been published in more than 20 translations and more than 100 foreign editions. Her novels have received mention as notable books of the year by The New York Times, Entertainment Weekly, The Los Angeles Times and People Magazine. She has also worked as a screenwriter for many years and is the author of the original screenplay, "Independence Day", a film starring Kathleen Quinlan and Diane Weist. VanAuken along with other mem-

bers of the local book club have already read "The Ice Queen" and are looking forward to sharing their thoughts as well as asking a question or 2 of Hoffman. "Her writing is - I can't do justice with my words - just beautiful, descriptive. You really get the feeling for what she's trying to convey," VanAuken said. "It's (group chat) exciting," she added. "I'm excited to take part in it." Hoffman indicated she is also looking forward to the chat. "Meeting with readers over the phone feels very much as though I'm attending their book clubs. What is wonderful for me, is that it's a way to connect personally with my readers," Hoffman said. "I think what's really satisfying is that they get to ask the questions they are most curious about, and I get to speak with highly intelligent people about my work," she added. "Most of all there is a sense of the wall between writer and reader disappearing. We are people talking about issues and themes that interest us. It's no longer a surprise to me that nearly all the time I feel that I know my readers, feel comfortable with them, feel as though I am really part of the book club. My hope is they feel the same way."

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# Micklash attends last meet

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 over the conduct of a school bus driver and the driver's subsequent suspension. He said he wasn't going to go into details, but if something isn't done about this driver he threatened the school could be missing 10 students next year. Micklash said the

matter is being looked into. Because 2 payments in state aid are expected to be paid in the 2006-07 school year the board may be borrowing more than in previous years. The board authorized that the line of credit at Thumb National Bank be increased \$250,000 to \$750,000 from the previous maximum of \$500,000. The forensics multiple group, coached by Chad Daniels, performed a skit depicting the results of wars and moved in unison without looking at

each other. It was another of the impressive presentations by students of Daniels that has been enjoyed by the board in recent years.

The board voted to not accept the \$40 that is the token salary that is paid for service on the board for a full school year.

Cass City will host the Tuscola County School Board meeting April 4. Board members to attend have not yet been determined.

## Letter to the Editor

### How about manager moving here?

Village Manager Peter Cristiano, in conjunction with the county's MSU Extension Service, are discussing the concept of a dairy cheese plant (coming to Cass City). Note: The cheese factory in Frankenmuth closed (failed) with its hundreds of thousands of visitors yearly it failed. I like the last one coming out of city hall better. Village Manager Peter Cristiano in discussion with grant provider to provide grant money that is available to the new owners of the Nestle Building to tear it down. A year later and we are still waiting on that one. How about something simple like Village Manager moves to Cass City. God bless Cass City!

Ray Donaldson,  
Cass City

## Village DDA

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 projects, including developing a master plan, updating 5-year plans, and attending to zoning requests that are anticipated over the next 10 months. He will be paid \$50 per hour on a contract basis plus reimbursement for expenses such as mileage. \*Approved spending about \$7,000 for chalk lining and red brick dust for athletic fields in the park.

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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 Christopher A. Huizar II, a single man, original mortgagor, to DMR Financial Services, Inc., a Michigan Corporation, Mortgage, dated July 17, 1998 and recorded on July 22, 1998 in Liber 745 on Page 694, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Alliance Mortgage Company 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-Four Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-Two and 95/100 Dollars (\$54,622.95), including interest at 7.5% per annum.

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

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

Lot 11, Block 1 of Agar Subdivision, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 86, now being Page 36B.

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

Dated: March 8, 2006

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:**  
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 Attorneys for Servicer  
 30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200  
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 File #086051F01

3-8-4

**AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTIFY US AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.**

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

Sears and Betty A. Sears, Mortgagors, to Greeneck Bank, a Michigan Corporation, Mortgage, dated the 5th day of June, 2000 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 22nd day of June, 2000 in Liber 804 of Tuscola County Records, page 296, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Fifty Seven Thousand One Hundred Thirty Seven and 58/100 (\$57,137.58), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof.

Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 20th day of April, 2006 at 10:00 o'clock am Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, front entrance of the Courthouse in Village of Caro, Tuscola County MI (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Tuscola is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid said mortgage, with interest thereon at 14.25% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises.

Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land, including any and all structures, and homes, manufactured or otherwise, located thereon, situated in the Town of Vassar, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit:

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

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

Dated: March 22, 2006

**Greenlee F/K/A Conesco Bank, Inc. Mortgage**  
**FABRIZIO & BROOK, P.C.**  
 Attorney for Greenlee F/K/A Conesco Bank, Inc.  
 888 W. Big Beaver, Suite 1470  
 Troy, MI 48064  
 248-362-2600

3-22-4

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

Case No. 04-22743-CH

**CIRCUIT COURT SALE**

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dated: January 11, 2006

THOMAS T. KERN, Sheriff  
 TROTT & TROTT, P.C.  
 By: Christopher S. Asfalk, P53129  
 Attorneys for Plaintiff  
 30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200  
 Bingham Farms, MI 48025  
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 T&T #200118929

3-8-7

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

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

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

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

Part of Section 7, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, beginning at the East 1/4 corner of said Section 7; thence North, 175 feet to the point of beginning; thence West, 511 feet; thence North, 150 feet; thence East, 511 feet; thence South, 150 feet to the point of beginning.

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

Dated: March 29, 2006

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:**  
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 Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822  
 File #088080F01

3-29-4

**MORTGAGE SALE - Default** has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Chuck Dailey, a married man, a/k/a Charles Dailey, and his wife, Judith Dailey, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. Mortgagee, acting as nominee for Lender Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., dated September 24, 2002 and recorded on October 30, 2002, in Liber 900 on Page 685, Tuscola County Records, Michigan on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety One Thousand, One Hundred Forty Eight and 56/100 Dollars (\$91,148.56), including interest at 6.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Michigan, at 10:00 o'clock A.M., on April 6, 2006.

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

Commencing at the Northeast Corner of Section 14, Town 12 North, Range 8 East; thence West on the Section Line 20 Rods; thence South at Right Angles 12 Rods; thence East 20 Rods; thence North 12 Rods to the Place of Beginning, commonly known as: 3505 W. Caro Road.

Tax Parcel No.: 79-014-014-000-0200-00

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

Dated: February 24, 2006

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.  
 P.O. Box 2026  
 Flint, Michigan 48501  
 Mortgage, nominee for Lender Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., 4500 Park Granada, Calabasas, California 91302-1613

Prepared by: Brandon K. Buck, Esq., Maddin, Hauser, Wartell, Roth & Heller, P.C.  
 28400 Northwestern Highway, 3rd Floor  
 Southfield, MI 48034

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

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

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

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

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

Commencing at a point 12 1/2 rods South of the Northeast corner of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 33, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, Vassar Township, Tuscola County, Michigan; thence South 15 rods; thence West 13 rods; thence North 15 rods; thence East 13 rods to Place of Beginning.

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

Dated: March 29, 2006

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**MORTGAGE SALE - Default** has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Glen H. Brown, an unmarried man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., mortgagee, dated March 11, 2004 and recorded March 26, 2004 in Liber 985, Page 1341, Tuscola County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Eight Thousand Eight Hundred and 73/100 Dollars (\$138,083.73), including interest at the rate of 6.88% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on April 27, 2006.

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

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

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

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

**ORLANDS ASSOCIATES PC**  
 Attorneys for Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee  
 P.O. Box 5041  
 Troy, MI 48007-5041  
 (248) 457-1000  
 File No. 310,0697

3-29-5

**PETER M. SCHNEIDERMAN & ASSOCIATES, P.C.** IS 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 SCOTT D. KREIL and DOROTHY SUE KREIL, HUSBAND AND WIFE, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns. Mortgagee, dated July 3, 2003 and recorded on July 11, 2003, in Liber 941, on Page 621, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty-Three Dollars and No Cents (\$97,933.00), including interest at 7.000% per annum.

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

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

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

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

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

Dated: March 15, 2006

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns  
 Mortgagee/Assignee  
 Peter M. Schneiderman & Associates, P.C.  
 23100 Providence Drive, Suite 450  
 Southfield, MI 48075  
 Client I.D. GMAC.0727

3-22-4

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dated: March 15, 2006

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**MORTGAGE SALE - Default** has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jeffrey D. Loree and Tina M. A. Loree, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns. Mortgage, dated March 15, 2004 and recorded on March 18, 2004 in Liber 984 on Page 1104 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Chase Home Finance LLC as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Sixty-Five Thousand Six Hundred Forty-Two and 40/100 Dollars (\$165,642.40), including interest at 6.25% per annum.

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

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

The West 21-96 acres of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 8, Township 11 North, Range 9 East.

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

Dated: March 22, 2006

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

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

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



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An ordinance to establish charges for fire department services under Michigan Public Act 33 of 1951, as amended (MCL 41.801 etc.), and to provide methods for the collection of such charges and exemption therefrom.  
The Township of Elkland, Tuscola County, Michigan ordains:  
**Section 1: Purpose**  
The within ordinance is adopted for the purpose of providing financial assistance to the township in the operation of a fire department from those receiving direct benefits from the fire protection service. It is the further purpose of the within ordinance to provide for full funding of the fire department operation which remains, in part, an at-large governmental expense based upon the general benefits derived by all property owners within the township from the existence of a township fire department and its availability to extinguish fires within the township and perform other emergency services.  
**Section 2: Charges**  
The following charges shall hereafter be due and payable to the township from a recipient of any of the following enumerated services from the township fire department:  
A. Structures & others \$750.00 first hour, \$250.00 additional hours, \$1,000.00 maximum  
B. Vehicular \$150.00 first hour, \$150.00 additional hour, \$300.00 maximum  
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**Section 3: Time for payment for run**  
All of the foregoing charges shall be due and payable within 30 days from the date the service is rendered, and in default of payment shall be collectible through proceedings in district court or in any other court of competent jurisdiction as a matured debt.  
**Section 4: Exemptions**  
The following properties and services shall be exempt from the foregoing charges:  
A. False alarms;  
B. Fires involving township buildings, grounds and/or property, and  
C. Fire service performed outside the jurisdiction of the township under a mutual aid contract with an adjoining municipality.  
**Section 5: Collection of charges**  
The township may proceed in district court by suit to collect any monies remaining unpaid and shall have any and all other remedies provided by law for the collection of said charges. Townships shall be billed for all fire runs from their townships that are not able to be collected by Elkland Township.  
**Section 6: Non-exclusive charge**  
The foregoing rates and charges shall not be exclusive of the charges that may be made by the township for the costs and expenses of maintaining a fire department, but shall only be supplemental thereto. Charges may additionally be collected by the township through general taxation after a vote of the electorate approving the same or by a special assessment established under the Michigan statutes pertinent thereto. General fund appropriations may also be made to cover such additional costs and expenses.  
**Section 7: Multiple property protection**  
When a particular service rendered by the township fire department directly benefits more than one person or property, the owner of each property so benefited and each person so benefited where property protection is not involved shall be liable for the payment of the full charge for such service herein before outlined. The interpretation and application of the within section is hereby delegated to the township fire chief subject only to appeal, within the time limits for payment, to the township board and shall be administered so that charges only be collected from the recipients of the service.  
**Section 8: Severability**  
Should any provision or part of the within ordinance be declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, the same shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the balance of this ordinance which shall remain in full force and effect.  
**Section 9: Effective date**  
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# Warning!

## Emergency services, fire departments gearing up

There's still a chill in the air, but Tuscola County Emergency Management Director Pat Finn has severe weather on his mind.

The Michigan Committee for Severe Weather Awareness and Gov. Jennifer Granholm have declared March 26-April 1 as Severe Weather Awareness Week for 2006, and Finn said local emergency management officials will host a Severe Weather/Tornado Spotter workshop, while area fire departments will begin monthly siren testing.

The spotter workshop is scheduled for Wednesday, April 19, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the training room at the Caro Fire Department.

Individuals completing the program will become weather spotters with the National Weather Service and the Tuscola County Emergency Management Office.

There is no charge for the class. To register or learn more, call 1-800-472-6225.

In keeping with the declaration, all Tuscola County Fire Departments will be testing their tornado sirens Saturday, April 1, at 1 p.m. Finn said the fire departments will continue to test their sirens on the first Saturday of each month at 1 p.m. during the severe weather months, April through October.

A tornado warning is announced with a 2-minute siren blast. The all-clear signal is 3 short blasts.

Finn said a tornado watch is issued whenever conditions exist for severe weather or a tornado to develop. A warning is issued when severe weather or a tornado is indicated on radar or when a funnel cloud has been sighted.



**TALL ORDER - TotalCom employees repair antennas damaged by lightning on their tower in Cass City last week. The work required them to be lifted by a crane to a height of some 186 feet.**

## Workers tower high above to fix antennas

A recent lightning strike sent a couple of TotalCom-RadioShack employees to new heights - literally.

Area residents may have noticed that the Cass City business' 165-foot tower, located at CR Hunt Construction on West Street, was undergoing repairs last Wednesday and Thursday.

"The work done to the tower was a combination of repair of lightning damaged antennas to the upper 3 of a total of 7 wireless systems running on the tower, and normal maintenance," TotalCom owner Jeff Doerr explained.

"TotalCom employees Chris Heckroth and Mathew Bock spent just over 12 hours in the (crane) basket, reaching heights of 186 feet during the 2-day process," Doerr said.

"Using the crane from d/s Services made the work much easier and safer. Normally, (the) work would have been done by climbing up and hoisting equipment by hand, but the high winds made this type of work impossible these last few days."

Doerr didn't have to look far when he needed a crane, as d/s Services is owned by Cass City resident Jeff Parsell.

"We own and operate 2 Mobile Hydraulic Grove cranes, a 33-ton truck crane, and the one that was used for the tower, a 55-ton RT (rough terrain) Grove Crane," said Nathan Fritz of d/s Services. "Our 55-ton machine has a peak height of 186 feet and every bit of that was used for the tower."

"Normally, due to seasonal load restrictions this time of year on state and county roads, our machine is stranded at one site. That job site happened to be Hills and Dales General Hospital," Fritz noted. "However, because of Internet problems and thanks to the village and MDOT, we were granted a permit to drive our machine down from the hospital to the CR Hunt tower site."

Fritz said d/s Services bought its first crane about 13 years ago primarily to do its own work in the grain handling equipment sales and service areas.

"Over the years the crane business has grown and we have since added a second machine," Fritz added. "Some of the other things we rent out our machines for are to steel erectors for hospital additions, building schools and business buildings, etc., to set air conditioners or heating units for contractors, setting trusses, (and) lifting fertilizer or fuel tanks."

## Chapter to meet

Kedron Chapter #33 of Caro will meet for its next regular meeting Tuesday, April 4, at 1 p.m., at the Masonic Temple in Caro.

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Thumb Christian Outreach Ministries, along with Family Life Radio and Thrivent Financial Care, are sponsoring Leman's appearance at the 25th annual Christian Parent Day, slated for Saturday, April 1, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Laker High School. This event is for both men and women and will feature a full day of activities for children.

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