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## Big tank

CASS CITY DPW Supt. Gary Barnes stands next to the 53,000-pound tank that will handle treatment of the village's water supply for arsenic in the near future. Village officials expect the system to be online in about 3 months.



## Online by spring

## Arsenic treatment plant on track

The walls and roof are up and workers are busy completing the interior of Cass City's arsenic treatment plant/department of public works (DPW) facility. Officials say the plant should be online by spring.

A key piece of equipment - the large tank in which the actual treatment process will take place - arrived last week from South Dakota and workers, using a computerized, million dollar crane, set the 52,000-pound tank in place.

"That's the major component. That's upwards of a half-million dol-

lars," Cass City Village Manager Peter Cristiano said of the 34-foot by 10-foot tank, which has a flow capacity of 765 gallons of water per minute.

Cristiano explained that the tank, installed inside the 12,000-square-foot facility, is basically a "giant filter". Once the plant is up and running, water from the village's 3 wells will be pumped into the tank, filtered to remove arsenic, and then returned to the water distribution system.

Linda Zmarthie, lead engineer on the project and a professional engineer with Spicer Group, the village's engi-

neering firm, explained the process, saying once water is inside the tank, oxidation takes place of the arsenic, changing it to a different form that can bind onto the iron that is in the water.

The new chemical formed from arsenic joining iron creates a larger molecule that can easily be filtered out as water moves through the filter, she said.

There are 3 layers to the horizontal pressure filter, according to Zmarthie.

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## B and E suspect pleads

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

One of 2 suspects in a string of residential burglaries in Cass City last winter appeared in Tuscola County Circuit Court last week on several charges.

Justin D. Sturm, 4351 Rescue Rd., pleaded guilty to 2 counts of second degree home invasion between Feb. 3 and March 16. Court records state the charges stem from burglaries of homes at 4615 Oak St. and 6617 Huron St.

Second degree home invasion is a felony punishable by up to 15 years in prison and/or a \$3,000 fine.

Dismissed in the case were charges of second degree home invasion stemming from a burglary at 4708 Huron St., attempted home invasion of a residence at 4716 Hunt St., and 2 counts of larceny in a building.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case, bond for Sturm was continued at \$10,000 and he was remanded to the custody of the Michigan Department of Corrections. A sentencing date is to be scheduled.

According to Mark Reese, last week's pleas were just the latest in a long string of convictions for Sturm. "He is the guy, if you see him in the neighborhood, you'd better lock down," said Reese, who added

Sturm's record includes convictions of second degree home invasion and larceny in a building last May in Tuscola County Circuit Court, and convictions of first and second degree home invasion and breaking and entering last fall in Huron County Circuit Court.

Sturm is currently serving a prison term of 7 to 20 years for first degree home invasion. "He got some major time with all of these home invasions that were committed. He'll be doing at least the 7 years," Reese said.

Sturm's co-defendant, Amber N. Burns, 18, also of Cass City, was arrested on a 6-count felony warrant last November. She faces the same charges as Sturm.

Burns has waived her arraignments in both district and circuit court and is currently awaiting a pre-trial hearing next month.

Cass City Police Chief Craig Haynes said the pair's crime spree was solved through a cooperative effort between his department and troopers from the Michigan State Police post in Bad Axe.

"All these complaints started in early February," Haynes said. He explained that the suspects in most instances would knock on a door and, if no one appeared to be home, they would enter the residence. "The majority of the homes were left unlocked, but not all," he said.

## Motorist charged in death of area senior

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Tuscola County prosecutors are charging a Kingston woman in the traffic death of a Kingston High School senior last spring.

Pamela R. Weidman faces one count of negligent homicide in the death of Kenna Lynne Peet, 17 of Silverwood. Negligent homicide is a felony punishable by up to 2 years in prison.

A preliminary examination in the case is scheduled for Friday morning. Weidman is free on bond.

Tuscola County Prosecutor Mark Reese said the decision to charge Weidman was made after examining all of the circumstances in the case, including the fact that Peet evidently did all she could to avoid the colli-

sion by moving to the right as far as she could without driving into a ditch. "She (victim) slowed down and still took the collision," he added.

"(Weidman's) vehicle was completely in the wrong lane," Reese said. "It's one of those situations where, if you're going to choose to get behind the wheel, you're going to be held accountable for maintaining control of that vehicle."

"It's a tragedy for the family - the age of this girl. It's a tragedy for any family."

The accident occurred last May on Hurds Corner Road, just north of Harmon Lake Road in Dayton Township.

Tuscola County Sheriff's Department investigators said Peet was

northbound on Hurds Corner Road when her vehicle was struck head-on by a vehicle driven by Weidman, 48, who at the time worked as director of the Kingston Elementary School Daycare Program. Deputies said that Weidman crossed over into the northbound lane just prior to the crash.

Peet, who was on her way to work in Caro when the crash occurred, was pronounced dead at the scene. Weidman suffered serious injuries and was transported by helicopter to Hurley Medical Center in Flint. A passenger in Weidman's vehicle, Erin Weidman, was transported to Hills and Dales General Hospital for treatment of minor injuries, according to reports.

## Cass City graduate

## USA teacher investigated

Unionville-Sebewaing Area (USA) School officials last week suspended a middle school teacher and coach for alleged inappropriate conduct involving some female students.

Josh Brinkman, a Cass City High School graduate now living in the Fairgrove area, was placed on administrative leave with pay.

According to published reports, school Supt. Kip Walker confirmed the suspension, saying Brinkman, 26, allegedly had female students, including some members of the varsity girls' basketball team, at his home earlier this month, and that the girls discovered a video camera that had been taping them undressing there. The girls turned the tape in to police.

Brinkman serves as coach of the girls' varsity team as well as the freshman boys' basketball team.

Brinkman has not been arrested or charged.

Troopers at the Michigan State Police post in Caro are investigating the alleged incident. First Lt. Doug

Lautner, commander of the post, confirmed there is an on-going investigation, but declined to release any details at this time.

Tuscola County Prosecutor Mark Reese also confirmed an on-going investigation, but declined further comment.

## Fewer school days boosts fund balance

Last week's special Cass City Board of Education meeting resulted in not only saving a teaching position and adding a few minutes to the school day at all grade levels, it also boosted the district's fund balance by about \$20,000.

That was news school Supt. Ron Wilson offered during a brief budget update during Monday night's regular board meeting.

Wilson presented an updated budget showing 2006-07 revenues at \$12.6 million and expenses at \$12.1

million and a fund balance of more than \$484,000. After erasing last year's red ink, he said, the fund balance should total about \$250,000 at the end of this fiscal year, provided the state comes through with a promised funding increase of \$210 per student.

The school board last week learned that a Tuscola County Intermediate School District (ISD) grant awarded to several districts in the county paved the way for 3 laid-off Cass City teachers to be hired as consultants for the remainder of the school year, saving Cass City Schools roughly \$15,000 in unemployment costs.

The re-hired teachers will be assisting county districts in implementing the grant program, which focuses on positive behavior, with a language arts emphasis.

At the time, Wilson figured the savings would enable the Cass City board to reinstate a third grade teaching position at a cost of roughly \$10,000.

However, an agreement with the local teachers' union, increasing the school day by a few minutes, effectively erased that cost, Wilson said Monday night.

The agreement added 10 minutes to the beginning and end of the day at Campbell Elementary School, and 12 minutes to the end of the day at both the middle and high schools.

That agreement cut 3 days off of this school year. In addition, he said, one school day has been eliminated in February (Feb. 12), and there were 2 "teacher work days" early this week. Wilson explained that the district will realize a savings of nearly \$5,000 for each of those days, in part because there are not support staff costs.

As for the teaching position, although a number of parents protested the loss of third grade teacher Lori Kemp, the seniority and other rules in the union contract required school officials to offer the position to former middle school special education teacher Kathy Kappen, who is also certified as an elementary instructor.

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## ROYAL COUPLE

**Owen-Gage seniors Mike Mentor and Amber Pillsbury were crowned Owen-Gage's 2007 Snowball King and Queen Friday night. Mentor is busy these days, juggling band gigs and preparing for a career with the FBI.**

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## Holbrook Area News

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Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski attended and worked at the K of C fish fry at the K of C Hall in Bad Axe Friday.

Wendy Rickett was a Sunday afternoon guest of Mrs. Curtis Cleland.

June Rutz of Sterling Heights and Allen Farrelly attended a birthday party for 18-year-old Kelly Salowitz at the Over Cluster Restaurant at M-59 and M-53. Around 30 guests attended the party. Others attending were Doris Farrelly and Katie Koroleski.

Carol Fibrantz of Bad Axe visited Thelma Jackson Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Sweeney came

home Wednesday after visiting their son and daughter-in-law, Douglas and Beth Sweeney of Clearmont, Fla., for a few days.

Mrs. Ray Depcinski and Mrs. Allen Depcinski visited Leona Masaulf at Harbor Beach Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski attended the card party at Ruth Sunday and later visited Mr. and Mrs. Bob Zurek.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rumpitz and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson visited Thelma Jackson this week.

Twelve members of The Traveling Breakfast Club met at the Peppermill Thursday. Next week they will meet at Big Boy in Bad Axe.

## Engaged



Mary Peters  
Chad Tate

Mr. and Mrs. John Peters of Evans City, Penn., announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary E. Peters, to Chad R. Tate, both of Palm Coast, Fla. Chad is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Tate of Cass City.

Mary is a 2005 graduate of the University of Pittsburgh, where she received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in the history of art and architecture and historic preservation for architecture.

Chad is a 2002 graduate of Ferris State University, where he received a Bachelor of Science Degree in professional golf management.

They are both employed by the Ginn Development Company in Palm Coast, Fla. The couple will marry in late August 2007.



Paula and Norris Lounsbury

## Klosowski and Lounsbury wed

Paula Sylvia Klosowski and Norris Lynn Lounsbury were married July 15, 2006. Father Barney Janowicz officiated the outdoor ceremony, which was held at Harland Lounsbury's home, grandfather of

the groom.

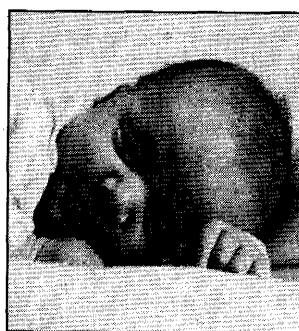
The bride is the daughter of Rosa and John Klosowski of Elkton. The groom is the son of Juanita Lounsbury and the late Norris Lounsbury of Cass City.

The matron of honor was Sarah Honsinger, friend of the bride. The flower girl was Joie Chippi, niece of the groom.

The best men were: Jason Klein, friend of the groom, and Keith Lounsbury, son of the groom.

The couple greeted guests at the Knights of Columbus in Bad Axe before honeymooning on an Alaskan cruise. They currently reside in Tuscola County.

## It's a boy!



Trent Patrick

Al and Ashley Patrick of Cass City announce the birth of their second son, Trent Thomas.

Trent was born Nov. 13, 2006 at McKenzie Memorial Hospital. He weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces and was 21 inches long.

He was welcomed home by his big brother, Carter.

His grandparents are Sam and Barbara Patrick of Sand Point, and Tom and Susan Ruby of Orlando, Fla. Great grandparents are Bess Patrick of Marlette, Phoebe Ruby of Orlando, Fla., and Dan and Laverne Daniel of Orlando, Fla.

## Winter Uplift Retreat set

Area men, women, and teens are invited to "warm up" with God's word at the annual Thumb Christian Outreach Ministries Winter Uplift Retreat Friday, Feb. 2, from 7 to 9 p.m. and Saturday, Feb. 3, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Elkton Missionary Community Outreach Center, 220 N. Main St., Elkton.

Back by popular demand will be featured speaker Mary Selzer, who will be teaching on the theme, "Finishing Strong!" based on Hebrews 12:1-2. Selzer has a Middle Eastern background and shares her knowledge of the Bible along with using personal and often humorous illustrations from her own life.

There is no registration fee for this event. A free will offering will be taken. A hot lunch is available by reservation. Send money and reservation to: TCOM, P.O. Box 286, Pigeon, MI 48755. The deadline for lunch reservations is Jan. 27.

For more information, call Bernice at (989) 269-8443 or Patty at (989) 453-2558, or visit the website, [www.thumbmin.org](http://www.thumbmin.org).

## Calendar of Events

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

### Thursday, January 25

Re-scheduled AYSO Board meeting, 7 p.m., Charmont. Seniors' Lunch, noon, Shabbona United Methodist Church.

### Friday, January 26

Christ-centered 12-step recovery: pain management, addictions, divorce, "Celebrate Recovery," 7-9 p.m. New Creations Church, 114 N. Almer St., Caro (across from Caro Post Office). For more information, call (989) 673-3274 or visit [www.colwood.org](http://www.colwood.org).

Closed Al-anon meeting for family and friends of alcoholics, 7 p.m., United Methodist Church, Elkton. For more information, call (989) 872-4042.

### Saturday, January 27

Young Adult (YA) Book Club, 11 a.m., Rawson Memorial Library.

### Monday, January 29

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

Cass City Village Council meeting, 7 p.m., municipal building.

### Tuesday, January 30

Traveling Place for Peace, 10-2 p.m., Cass City United Methodist Church. For additional information, call (989) 325-0024.

## Girls' Little League Sign-up!

T-Ball - grades K-second ~ Minor League - grades 3-5  
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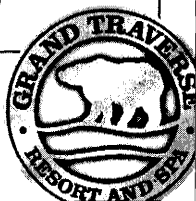
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Trips take place each Thursday in February from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the Pinney Room at the library.

Travel to a different country each week: hear stories, play games, listen to local music, and sample delicious cuisine.

You will need a passport for this once in a lifetime trip, so come to the library Thursday, Jan. 25, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. to get your picture taken, and to fill out necessary forms! All fees have been prepaid, so there's no cost to you! Plan now to travel along on these exciting journeys!

To sign on for this worldwide tour, or if you have any questions about the itinerary, please contact your travel agents at the library at 872-2856 or [librarian@rawson.lib.mi.us](mailto:librarian@rawson.lib.mi.us).

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## Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

The story about the change in address of the Decker post office sparked a memory. A good many years ago there was a post office in Tyre. It wasn't moved and was finally closed.

There have been significant changes in the postal service in Cass City. In my early days in Cass City there was no home delivery in the village. That changed without a great amount of comment along Main Street. That reaction was different from the time that the traditional post office building, that nestled between 2 drug stores on Main Street between Seeger and Leach streets, was moved to its present location.

The post office was a major attraction, bringing potential customers to Main Street stores.

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The grant from the Pinney Foundation to the Elkland Fire Department to equip a new fire truck was, of course, not unexpected. I couldn't think of one major public service group that hasn't been helped over the years.

Off the cuff, I can think of major help that has been given to Rawson Memorial Library, Cass City Schools, Hills and Dales General Hospital, Cass City Village, Elkland Township Fire Department, various civic club projects and Octagon Barn programs.

I won't be surprised at all if I missed a few. Let me know and I'll include them in another Rabbit Track item.

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The improved sledding hill in the recreational park was full of action this weekend. While most of the young, and old, sliders said they enjoyed the longer and faster runs down the face, care must be exercised as sleds easily travel across the road behind the Little League diamonds.

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### 5-Day Local Forecast

**Wednesday**  
Snow Possible  
High: 28 Low: 13

**Thursday**  
Snow Possible  
High: 19 Low: 5

**Friday**  
Partly Cloudy  
High: 19 Low: 15

**Saturday**  
Partly Cloudy  
High: 27 Low: 17

**Sunday**  
Mostly Cloudy  
High: 26 Low: 12

### In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a 40% chance of snow, high temperature of 28°, humidity of 93% and an overnight low of 13°. The record high temperature for today is 48° set in 1967. The record low is -13° set in 1963. Thursday, skies will remain mostly cloudy with a 40% chance of snow, high temperature of 19°.

### Upcoming Moon Phases

First 1/25 Full 2/2 Last 2/10 New 2/17

### Sunrise/Sunset Times

Sunrise today 7:57 a.m.  
Sunset tonight 5:33 p.m.

### Last Week's Local Almanac

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip
Monday	30	21	27/13	0.00"
Tuesday	23	16	27/13	0.00"
Wednesday	25	3	27/13	0.00"
Thursday	30	14	27/13	0.00"
Friday	28	18	27/13	0.00"
Saturday	18	-2	27/13	0.00"
Sunday	25	-2	27/13	0.00"

Precipitation 0.00"  
Normal precipitation 0.42"  
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FIVE STAR

## No passport, no spring break?

Kingston Post Office officials are reminding area students and their parents about new passport requirements which, if ignored, will put an early end to spring break outings this year.

"The requirements have changed for travel outside of the USA as of Jan. 23," explained Kingston Postmaster Mike R. Godard Sr. "All persons traveling by air between the United States and Canada, Mexico, Central and South America, the Caribbean and Bermuda will be required to present a valid passport, Air NEXUS card, a U.S. Coast Guard Merchant Mariner Document, or an Alien Registration Card (Form I-551) if applicable."

The Kingston Post Office is an authorized passport agent in the Thumb area and can process passport applications Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Anyone interested is asked to call (989) 683-2710 to make an appointment.

Godard said every applicant must have a certified copy of their birth certificate, previously issued passport or Certificate of Naturalization; 2 passport photos; a driver's license or state issued ID; the passport application fee of \$67 (check or money order); and an execution fee of \$30 (cash, check or credit card).

All applicants, including children, must appear at the time of processing. Passport applicants for those under the age of 14 years must be signed by both parents, who must also be present.

Godard said the passport application process generally takes 6 to 8 weeks from the time of submission. Expedited passports are processed within 2 weeks for an additional fee.

## Historical society to meet Feb. 13


The Watrousville-Caro Area Historical Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13, at the Juniata Township Hall, 1871 Ringle Rd., just north of M-81.

After a brief business meeting, historian Mark Keller will present a program on Indians in the Thumb.

There will be light refreshments and the public is invited. No admission will be charged.

## The Haire Net

Worried about gas prices?



The headline on the front business page of Thursday's Detroit Free Press read, "Cheaper gas cause for worry." Tom Walsh wrote the story.

My first thought was how true, everyone is worrying that the gas price respite will be very brief as they rush down to fill up for less than 2 bucks a gallon.

The same day an article written by Henry Payne in the Detroit News claims that diesel has already won the race as the energy alternative.

He says that the new diesel, in a test run, outperformed gasoline-electric hybrids with 49 to 42 miles per gallon advantage. The article goes on to say that corn-based ethanol only exists as a sop to America's powerful farm lobby. He glosses over the most glaring defect in diesel fuel-its pollution. He cites the standard in Europe that is at a low 50 parts per million and compares it to the United States standard of 15 now and is mandated to be 5 in 2009.

He claims designing engines to meet the U.S. standards is challenging, but doable.

Payne bases his claim that diesel has won the race because presently it will run faster and more efficiently than fuels available today.

He conveniently ignores the problem of global warming that ultimately, scientists warn, is a much more serious problem.

Walsh's primary worry is not the pollution created by today's engines. It's that the big cut in gas prices will decrease the pressure for a change in the energy policy in the United States.

He feels that with the cut in gas prices, the government will have less pressure to do something to find solutions to our dependence on imported oil. He points out that the 2003 pledge by President Bush to spend \$1.2 billion on hydrogen research is \$800 million less than the country spends each week in Iraq.

Despite Payne's belief that diesel is the answer, many experts disagree, feeling that long-term hydrogen, ethanol or electrical systems will win out.


Meanwhile, most of us will worry about this cut in gas prices. Worry...worry that the price will jump before we get to the station.

Or, worse yet, have it go down a dime a gallon a couple hours after we have filled the tank.

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## The back forty

by Roger Pond

Winter storms around the country expose our ambivalence about snow. Those who see lots of snow seem to take it in stride and learn to deal with it, while those who don't may become giddy and forget this stuff is slick and dangerous.

News reports of snow storms always remind me of a story I received from a woman in the Northeast many years ago. It was called "The Snow Shoveler."

I can't find the story, but I'd have to clean it up a little, anyway. It went something like this.

Harold and Lucille grew up in the South but moved to Vermont when they retired. Harold had only seen snow twice in his life. He was really looking forward to a Vermont winter.

Harold's kids were surprised when he wound up in the asylum, but his journal explains quite a bit.

A journal entry on October 15 states: Talked with my neighbor, Jack, today and told him how much I was looking forward to winter. Jack is a great fellow and fun to talk to. He grew up here, but says he gets tired of the snow sometimes. I find that hard to believe.

October 17: Had a nice talk with our mailman today. I just love the people around here. They are all so friendly and helpful.

October 30: Snowed six inches last night. Lucille made some martinis, and we watched the snow from the hot tub. Lucille's a wonderful woman. Don't know what I would do without her.

October 31: Snowed another 14 inches today, so I shoveled the walk again. Noticed the neighbors throw the snow 10 or 15 feet away from their sidewalks. I don't know why they do that.

November 14: We had 32 inches of snow this week. I got the walk shoveled. Now I have a six-foot bank of snow on each side of the sidewalk. Have to throw snow over the top.

December 5: Shoveled the walk and the driveway again. Who knows how much snow we've had so far? Broke the #@\$%\$@ shovel and can't get out of the garage to go buy a new one.

December 23: Another 18 inches of snow today. I asked Jack how long the winters last around here, and he just laughed. He is such a Moron!

January 4: Snowed 16 inches last night, and the power went out. Had peanut butter sandwiches for dinner.

January 5: Told Lucille she could shovel the stupid sidewalk herself if it was that important to her. All she does is sit around and whine, anyway.

January 11: That idiot mailman ran into my mailbox again. I told him he was going to have to buy me a new one. He just laughed. The stupid hyena.

January 24: Lucille left me today. I hope she goes to her mother's. It would serve them both right.

February 1: The mailman dropped one of my letters in the snow, so I beat up his car with my shovel. Dented it up pretty good. Maybe he'll be a little more careful next time?

The last journal entry was February 2: Somebody called those bonehead cops again. Why don't they go arrest some of those lunatics we've got running around here, instead of harassing me all of the time?

## Letters to the Editor

### I'm sure everyone will miss Guinther's column

Dear Editor,

Welcome from the Valley of the Sun. Since leaving Cass City in 1995, this will be our 12th winter in Arizona. We spent six summers in Clovis, New Mexico, much cooler there.

We live in Pioneer R.V. Park, which is 30 miles north of Phoenix on I-17. This park has 583 lots and there are several hundred snowbirds (mostly Midwest) here in winter, but less than a hundred in summer.


We enjoy living here very much. There are activities every day if you want to participate. I play horseshoes nearly every day and golf at least once a week. Joyce does a lot of reading and communicating with our daughter and her family in Surprise, Ariz.

Joyce and I are 2 of many thousands that I am sure will miss "Meg's Peg." Every February our park has a variety show. You can sing, play an instrument, or whatever. I have read several of Melva's "Meg's Peg" writings to several hundred people in the past years. As the saying goes, most good things come to an end. Great job, Melva.

I enjoy receiving the Chronicle, usually on Friday. Keeps us up-to-date on what is happening in our old home town.

Sincerely,  
Joyce and Dick Hampshire

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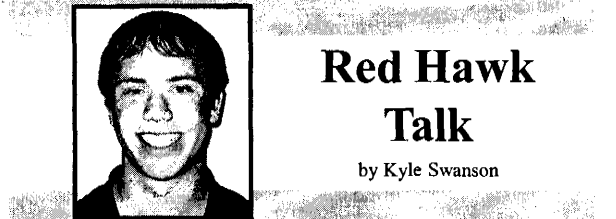
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Today marks the first day of the second semester for students in the Cass City Public School District.

As most parents are aware this means that several changes have taken place. I reported a few weeks ago about the new schedule for the

## Mentor top senior at Owen-Gage



Mike Mentor has been named Owendale-Gagetown High School's "Senior Student of the Month" for January.

Mentor has been a member of the golf and baseball teams throughout high school. He was named Owen-Gage's most valuable player in golf the last 3 years and received First Team All-Conference honors. He was also a member of the basketball team as a sophomore and senior.

Mentor served as treasurer of his class during his freshman and sophomore years. He was named a "focus" student of the month his sophomore year and received the "Good Dawg" Award as a freshman. Currently, he serves as a teacher's aide, and was chosen as a king candidate for Owen-Gage's Snowball festivities this year.

Mentor plays guitar and sings in the Christian Rock Band, Any Given Hour. As a member of the band, he has performed at many shows to help raise money for Hurricane Katrina, Relay for Life and Toys for Tots.

Mentor is the son of Joy and Dave Mentor of Owendale. He plans to attend Oakland University, where he will major in criminal justice and minor in human resources starting next fall.



CASS CITY HIGH SCHOOL Band students (left to right) Evan Bushong (trumpet), Lysa Knight (trumpet), Danielle Delamarter (flute), Ashlee Spencer (trumpet) and Alyssa Nicol (bass clarinet) recently competed in the MSBOA District III Honors Band at Brandon High School in Ortonville. The students were chosen based on last year's solo and ensemble ratings. Also selected to perform was Lauren Hudson (baritone), who was unable to attend the Jan. 20 concert.

## Red Hawk Talk

by Kyle Swanson

high school, however, due to recent changes within the district, I wanted to be sure to report the most recent and accurate information.

Students at Cass City Public Schools will see an increased school day. The district has added minutes to each school day, and has cut the number of days of school for students. Campbell Elementary School will now begin at 7:56 a.m. and dismiss at 3:22 p.m. Additionally, Cass City Middle School will begin at 8:15 a.m. and dismiss at 3:21 p.m. Finally, Cass City High School will start its day at 8:20 a.m. and continue until 3:25 p.m.

The change in start and stop times will save the district money, as school will not have to run as many days.

Due to the new start and end times of school, the high school has also adopted a new period schedule.

The schedule is as follows: first hour 8:20-9:13, second hour 9:17-10:10, third hour 10:14-11:07, A lunch 11:07-11:37, fourth hour for students with A lunch 11:41-12:34, fourth hour for students with B lunch 11:11-12:04, B lunch 12:04-12:34, fifth hour 12:38-1:31, sixth hour 1:35-2:28, and seventh hour 2:32-3:25.

The added time also means that students will get a few more days off from school. In addition to having yesterday and Monday off, students will also see a few more additional days of vacation this year. In addition to the days that were already scheduled as vacation, students throughout the district will now have Monday, Feb. 12 off. Also good news for students eager to get out of school is that school will now end on Tuesday, June 5.

There was also another change that was put into affect before this latest batch of changes. Non-junior students at Cass City High School will also have March 14 and 15 off. This is due to the new state standardized test, the Michigan Merit Exam. This will only affect freshmen, sophomores and seniors at the high school. All other schools and grade levels will still have school on these days.

This change was made to accommodate the new state testing requirements and provide the best environment possible for students who will be testing.

Certainly, the new semester has brought many new classes for students and many other changes, but it seems that most students are excited. After all, the start of the second semester symbolizes that the year is more than half over. In fact, it won't be long before students are counting down to spring break and eventually summer vacation!

# Several appear in circuit court

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

- Thomas W. Rinnert Jr., 22, Gagetown, pleaded guilty to breaking and entering a building, without breaking, with intent to commit larceny Aug. 17-18 in Gagetown, and to being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).
- A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case and bond was continued at \$10,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.
- Matthew J. Slater, 40, Traverse City, pleaded guilty to absconding or forfeiting bond July 17 in Caro.
- A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$10,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be set.
- Michael W. Swoffer, 34, Caro, pleaded guilty to fleeing and eluding a police officer and driving while his license was suspended or revoked Nov. 8 in Mayville, and to being an habitual offender (2 prior felony convictions).
- A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$5,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.
- Ryan J. Pietrzykowski, 25, Kingston, pleaded guilty to writing no account checks for \$160.41, \$95.62 and \$79.57 Aug. 16-17 in Caro.
- A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at a combined \$15,000. Sentencing is to be set.
- Jason D. McKenzie, 33, Lansing, pleaded guilty to assaulting a police officer Oct. 21 in Akron, and to being an habitual offender (3 or more felony convictions).

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

•Sarah E. Arnott, 23, Caro, pleaded guilty to larceny of \$1,000 to \$20,000 Aug. 29 in Cass City.

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

•Jason T. Walker, 24, Caro, was sentenced to 180 days in the county jail and 24 months probation for his plea of guilty to possession of a narcotic/cocaine (less than 25 grams) Oct. 9 in Caro.

He was also ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$120 plus \$300 in attorneys fees.

•Roxann M. Morris, 30, Millington, received a one-year delayed sentence for her pleas of no contest to interfering with electronic communications (telephone or telephone line) and domestic violence Sept. 26 in Millington.

She was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,460.

•Jeremy L. Sharp, 25, Reese, was sentenced to 365 days in jail, with work release, and 24 months probation for his pleas of guilty to 2 counts of delivery/manufacture of marijuana, subsequent offense, Aug. 29 in Denmark Township, and to being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

He was also ordered to enter residential substance abuse treatment and pay \$1,640 in costs and fines.

•Stephanie L. Spencer, 25, Caro, was sentenced to 180 days in jail and 12 months probation for her pleas of guilty to assaulting a police officer and operating a motor vehicle while

under the influence of liquor, second offense, June 23 in Caro.

She was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,960.

•Daniel F. Stomber Jr., 24, Waterford, stood mute to a charge of violating the Sex Offenders Registration Act by failing to notify law enforcement of an address change within 10 days between February 2005 and October 2006 in Caro.

A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled and bond was continued at \$10,000.

•Scott R. Barclay, 40, Otter Lake, pleaded guilty to unlawful use of a motor vehicle between September and October in Indianfields Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$2,500 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Jeffrey B. Preston, 27, Fairgrove, stood mute to charges of carrying a dangerous weapon (shovel) with unlawful intent, assaulting a police officer, domestic violence and malicious destruction of a building totaling less than \$200 in damage Dec. 13 in Fairgrove.

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

•Thomas R. Burnham, 29, Caro, stood mute to a charge of possession of marijuana, subsequent offense, Dec. 9 in Indianfields Township.

A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled and bond was continued at \$3,000.

## Deadline near to run for area board of education seats

Area residents interested in serving on their local board of education have about 3 weeks to file nominating petitions and other necessary documentation.

The deadline to file is 4 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13. The annual school elections will be held Tuesday, May 8.

In the Cass City School District, 2 board members' terms are expiring this year.

Teresa Rabideau, who is completing her second, 4-year term on the board, has indicated she will not be seeking reelection. Veteran board member Jim Turner's term is also expiring.

He has not said whether or not he will run again.

Residents interested in seeking one of those seats can pick up nominating petitions from Elkland Township Clerk Norma Wallace or the Tuscola County Clerk's Office.

In other area districts:

Owen-Gage School District voters will fill one 4-year term now held by Brenda Kretzschmer.

District residents can pick up nominating petitions at their local township office or at the Huron County Courthouse.

Likewise, Kingston Community School voters will fill one seat. The 4-year term of board member Ray Wolak is expiring.

Nominating petitions in the district may be picked up at the Kingston Township Clerk's Office.

In the Uby Community Schools, 3 terms are expiring, including 4-year terms being completed by J. Kevin O'Connor and Carol Fess. In addition, John Rutkowski's 3-year term is expiring.

Residents can pick up nominating petitions at any township office, the school business office, or the Huron County Clerk's Office.

## Rep. Brown's office ready for business

The Lansing office of state Rep. Terry Brown (D-Pigeon) is open and ready for business.

"I'm here to serve the people of Huron and Tuscola counties - that's my sole purpose for being in Lansing," said Brown, who began his first term in the Michigan House of Representatives last Wednesday.

"I'm proud that our residents have faith in me and believe that I can help change things for the better," Brown added. "I encourage anyone with any issues or concerns that I may be able to help with to contact me. I'm here to listen to you and represent you in our state Capitol."

Brown represents the 84th District, which covers both Huron and Tuscola counties. His office is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

He can be reached by phone - (517) 373-0476 or (888) 254-5284; by e-mail at [terrybrown@house.mi.gov](mailto:terrybrown@house.mi.gov); or by mail at State Rep. Terry Brown, P.O. Box 30014, Lansing, MI 48909.

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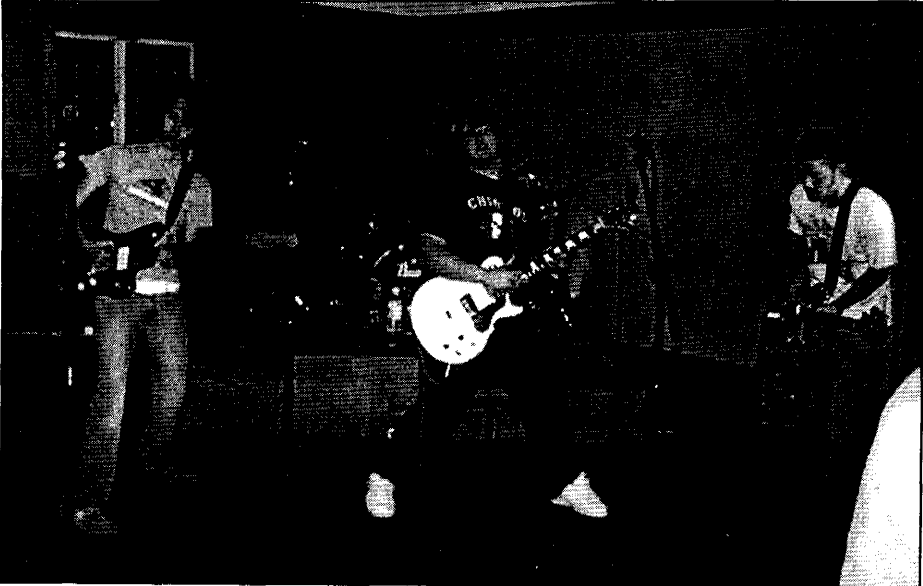
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MEMBERS OF THE band, Any Given Hour - Mike Mentor (center), Jason Seibel (far left), Josh McLaren (far right) and drummer Josh Starks in action. All 4 band members attend Owen-Gage High School.

# O-G senior juggling band, plans for career in FBI

It's been a nice week or so for Mike Mentor.

The Owen-Gage High School senior was honored as "Student of the Month" for January, and was crowned Owen-Gage Snowcoming king during Friday night's basketball game between the Bulldogs and C-PS.

Ask the 17-year-old Owendale resident, however, and he'll tell you the highlight of his life these days is his music, and the Christian rock band he helped form a couple years ago.

Mentor, the son of Joy and Dave Mentor, plays rhythm guitar and is lead vocalist of the band, Any Given Hour, which also features 3 other Owen-Gage High School students - Jason Seibel, 17, of Bach, on lead guitar and back-up vocals; Josh McLaren, 17, of Owendale, on bass; and Josh Starks, 16, also of Owendale, on drums.

The group, formerly known as the Pedestrians, is currently recording their third album in a home studio in Bad Axe, according to Mentor, who said formation of the band was the result of the members' shared interest in music and their backgrounds.

"Pretty much, there's a bunch of

(live band), shows going on in town, and we all pretty much had the talent and the musical backgrounds," he explained. "My mom and my whole family's been playing guitar and piano for years. I started playing guitar when I was 5 years old. My mom had a lot of guitars lying around, and I used to jam on them.

"All of our families are Christian - they're all involved in churches, and that just came with us along the way," Mentor added.

"It's really fate - how small our school is, with 15 kids in every class, to find a bass player, a drummer, guitar player and vocalist.

"We usually play every other weekend. During the summer it's every weekend," Mentor said of the group's performances. "We've played everywhere from Cass City to Merrill to New Lothrop to Pigeon."

Members of the band don't earn a lot of money. In fact, they typically ask for gas money. But they have earned as much as \$300 a night after expenses. And, they sell copies of their past recordings at various concerts.

The group has also volunteered its time and talent for concerts to ben-

efit causes such as Toys for Tots, Relay for Life and Hurricane Katrina victims. "It's for a good cause, so we say, let's do it," Mentor said.

Although music has always been and continues to be a driving force in Mentor's life, he's turning his attention to the future these days, including his own plans to attend Oakland University next fall to major in criminal justice and minor in human resources.

His goal is to join the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI).

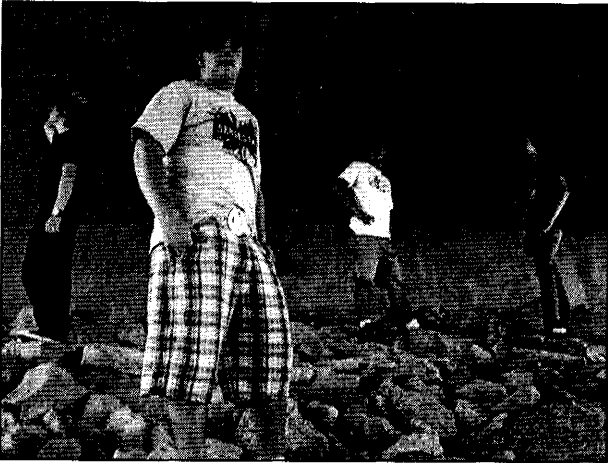
"My uncle has been a cop his whole life. He's chief of the Macomb County's Sheriff's Department," Mentor said, referring to Chief Rick Kalm. "He's head of the SWAT team, he's the head of the dive team. He's a member of the FBI, too.

Mentor said he and his uncle also share a love of deer hunting, and they hunt together each year. "He's pretty much my main man."

For now, Mentor's content to enjoy what's left of the band's time together, and is getting ready for the next chapter of his life.

"I'm pretty much doing my studies and worried about getting into college," he said, adding the future of the band is uncertain, with the members preparing to pursue their own post-high school plans next summer. In spite of that uncertainty, members of the group hope to reunite sometime in the future.

"Right now we're just recording and doing as many shows as we can," he said. "We want to go out with a bang."



MENTOR AND HIS band mates are currently recording their third album. The Huron County-based group has performed all over the Thumb, including Club Classic in Cass City.

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## Down Memory Lane

By Harmony Doerr



### 5 YEARS AGO

Chad Daniels took just 11 students to a forensics tournament hosted by Chelsea High School Saturday, but all 11 made their mark in the competition. "The entire team broke the semi-finals," said the Cass City High School Forensics Coach, who noted the tournament featured about 15 schools and 200 to 300 competitors. "We finished in second place." Cass City sophomore Jamie Robinson finished second overall in oratory, while sophomore Eric Hanby was third in sales speaking, and senior Jeremy Weippert finished in fourth place in the prose competition. Breaking into semi-final competition were senior Autumn Holland (prose), sophomores Janny Sweeney and Kaylene Ziehm (duo interpretation), junior Kristen Wiles (oratory), and freshman Angela Stoeckle (prose).

Michigan Athletic and Rehabilitation Center (MARC) officials in Cass City have added to the free-weight selection for their community fitness program. A "Smith machine" has been added to allow users to lift Olympic weights on a counter balanced bar system, which provides a safer alternative to traditional barbell lifting. The machine comes with a moveable incline/decline/flat bench. Users may lift weights in increments between 55 and 340 pounds. In addition, hexagon dumbbells have been added to complete a system offering weights from 3 through 50 pounds.

The soybean came from Asia to the United State in 1829 for the production of soy sauce. In the 1900s, Henry Ford began to find many uses for soybeans. One of the more widely known products he made from soy was an auto trunk lid. Ford even hit the lid with an axe to show durability.

### 10 YEARS AGO

A few weeks ago we told you that Jerry Stilson was my across the street neighbor. He moved in last summer. Well, that was a few weeks ago. He has moved and lives at a new location in a new home that he says he always kind of liked on Third Street. He was still living there Monday afternoon. Today, who knows? That's move number 52 for Cass City's traveling man. (From Rabbit Tracks)

The number of U.S. dairy farms took a hit in 1996, dropping by 5.3 percent or 5,887 individual farms, according to an American Farm Bureau Federation survey. AFBF found there were a total of 106,045 farms in the U.S. selling either Grade A or manufacturing grade milk. The Midwest led the way with 63,762 total dairy farms, followed by the northeast, the south and then the west regions. The Owen-Gage Bulldog volleyball team kept their record unblemished

last week (16-0 overall, 5-0 NCTL) with easy wins over North Central Thumb League foes Kingston and Carsonville-Port Sanilac. Coach Judy Campbell's spikers will now prepare for this Saturday's weighty Laker tourney with a home make-up tilt Thursday with conference foe North Huron. The Laker tourney will serve as a measuring stick to Coach Campbell, as they will face several of the area's elite teams. If last week's tilts are any indication, Campbell will need a large stick.

### 25 YEARS AGO

The planned sale by Wickes Corp. of its Agriculture Division to the Pillsbury Co. shouldn't mean any changes in local operations in the near future. Included in the proposed sale will be the Wickes elevators in Cass City and Owendale. Wickes announced from its San Diego, Calif., headquarters Friday that it has reached agreement in principal to sell the division to Pillsbury, which is based in Minneapolis, Minn. The sale is still subject to writing of a "definitive agreement" spelling out the details, which then must be approved by the boards of directors of the two firms.

A well drilled in Novesta Township in December turned out to be a dry hole. The well of Reef Petroleum of Traverse City was off Warner Road, south of DeLong Road. The 3,623-foot depth was reached Dec. 2. With more than \$200,000 invested at that point, the next step after analyzing the data was called perforation. That was done last week. It involved use of special equipment to inject acid through perforations in the pipe at a depth where it was thought oil or gas might be found. If there were any, the acid would have caused it to flow into the pipe. The result of the testing, according to Reef Vice-President Larry Kughn, was negative, a dry hole. The well, on property owned by William Krawczyk of Imlay City, has now been plugged and aban-

doned.

Thumb Electric Cooperative and its members' moment of national glory Sunday was a brief one - so brief they weren't even mentioned. The NBC news department, in preparation for a documentary on the life of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of his birthday, had a crew in the Uby area for two days in November. A total of 1 1/2 hours of film was shot, of which cooperative Manager Michael Krause expected no more than five minutes would be shown Sunday during the one-hour program. There wasn't even that much. Although long-time co-op members Martin Fisher and Henry and Grace Peruski were interviewed as to what it was like before they had electricity, none of that appeared.

### 35 YEARS AGO

After a 5-hour negotiation session Thursday night Rob Alexander, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Alexander of Cass City, signed a five-figure bonus contract with the Milwaukee Brewers. The young fireballing pitcher also will receive an incentive bonus if and when he reaches the major leagues. The bonus amounts were not announced. Alexander will report to Tempe, Ariz., Mar. 18 for spring training with the parent club before leaving for Danville, Ill., to join the Class A farm club of the Brewers. The contract is for one year, Alexander reported. The young prospect was signed by Jim Wilson, head of player development, who met with the Alexanders in Port Huron.

No Winners - Don't gamble in traffic - your life is at stake as well as those of many others.

Small world department: In the past year we haven't seen the Lex Tetreus once in Cass City even though they live directly to the east of our home. But when we rambled out to Las Vegas last week, you know who we saw first...the Tetreus who had been sight-seeing there for a week. (From Rabbit Tracks)

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Evening Service 6:00 p.m.  
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### Cass City Church of Christ

6743 E. Main St., Cass City, MI 48726  
Contacts 872-2367 or 872-3136  
Worship Service Sunday 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.  
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### Cass City Church of the Nazarene

6538 Third St., Cass City, MI 48726  
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Worship Service 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study  
& Children's Activities 6:00 p.m.  
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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.  
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  
Worship: 11:00 a.m.  
(Summer 9:30 a.m.)  
Sunday School - Sept.-May 9:30 a.m.  
Community Dinner - Monthly (2nd Wed. at noon)  
Pastor: Rev. Paul G. Donelson

### Evangelical Free Church of Cass City

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



### First Baptist Church

6420 Houghton St., Cass City, MI 48726  
989-872-3155  
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Sunday Evening Service 6:30 p.m.  
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Sunday School - Sept.-May 10:45 a.m.  
Worship Service 10:45 a.m.  
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Pastor: Keith Misany

### Novesta Church of Christ

2896 N. Cemetery Rd., Cass City, MI 48726  
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Worship Service 9:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.  
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Pastor: F. Robert Tucker

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4618 South St., Gagetown, MI 48735  
665-9966  
Sunday Mass 10:30 a.m.

### St. Pancratius Catholic Church

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## Cass City wrestlers earn pair of home victories

Cass City continued its quest towards the Greater Thumb Conference wrestling crown Wednesday night with a pair of victories over guests Saginaw Nouvel and Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port.

The Red Hawks remained undefeated in GTC matches, 14-8 overall, with easy wins of 66-12 over the Panthers and 72-6 against the Lakers during the Parent's Night meeting.

The Hawks will now travel tonight (Wednesday) to Bad Axe where they will challenge both the Hatchets and Marlette. If, as expected, Cass City can defeat both GTW opponents it will set up a showdown meeting with defending champion Mayville on Jan. 31.

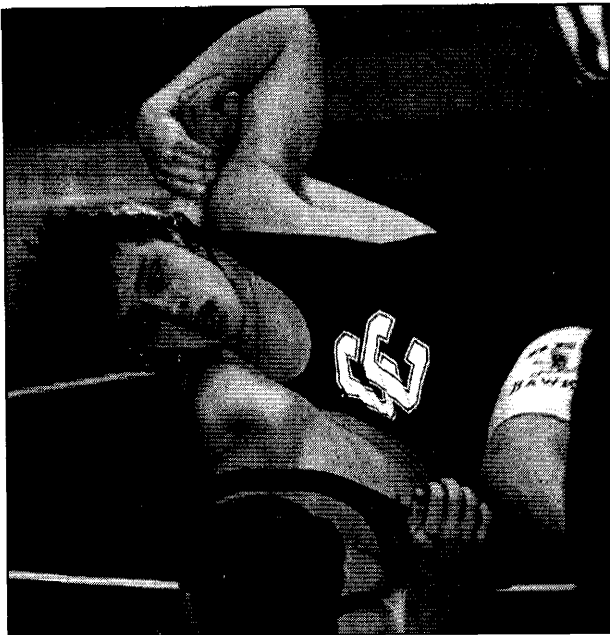
"Mayville is rated number 7 in Division 4," coach Don Markel said. "I think they stand at 24-3 on the year."

Double winners in the host's only home meet of the season included: Zack McCreedy (103 lbs.), T.J. Marker (112 lbs.), Travis Mabe (119 lbs.), Andrew Peruski (130 lbs.), Kyle Reif (145 lbs.) and Dennis Bowen (189 lbs.).

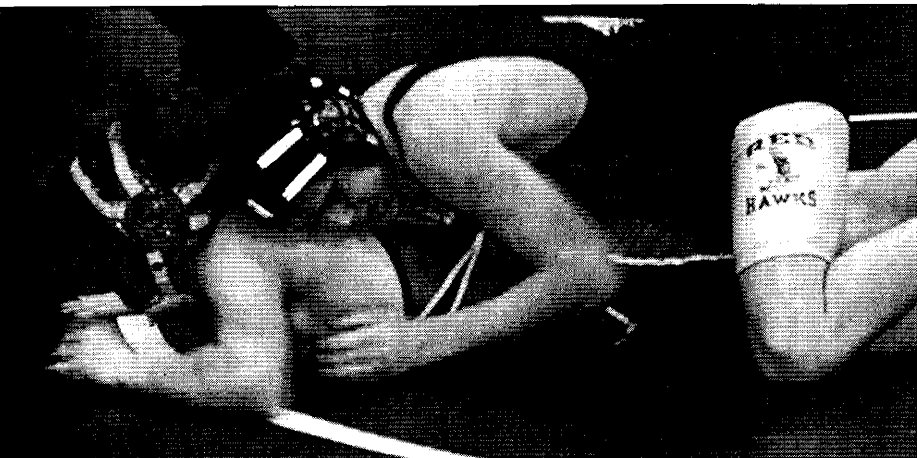
### SPARTAN INVITE

On Saturday, the Hawks traveled to Imlay City and finished 7th in a very tough 12-team field. The final team standings, and their point totals, were: Durand 200.5, Ogemaw Heights 153, Oxford 152, Capac 124.5, Imlay City 121.5, Lapeer West 68, Cass City 60, Brown City 51, Almont 44.5, Sandusky 27, Saginaw Nouvel 23 and Burton Bentley 10.5.

A trio of Hawks earned medals on the day, led by Sieradzki's runner up finish, while Mabe and Reif both finished fourth.



**CASS CITY'S Chris Wingett takes control in Wednesday's Parent Night outing against his Saginaw Nouvel opponent in the 171-pound match.**



**RED HAWK Ken Grady (top) posted victory in Wednesday's home match against Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port.**

## Memphis visits Thursday

# Owen-Gage spikers struggle in annual CPS invitational

Just like a Cedar Point amusement park ride, the Owen-Gage volleyball team had a roller coaster-type effort Saturday at the annual Carsonville-Port Sanilac Invitational.

The Bulldogs, who sit on top of the North Central Thumb League - North standings, struggled to a 4-4 record on the afternoon, including a 2-4 mark against teams from the North Central Thumb League - South division.

Coach Ashley Pawlak's squad opened the tourney splitting games with Dryden (15-11, 13-15) and Peck (15-13, 12-15) before being dominated by the hosts 15-9 and 15-6. All 3 schools belong to the NCTL-S division.

Owen-Gage's day ended winning a pair (15-10, 15-11) against NCTL-N foe Caseville.

Bethany Kovach led the Bulldogs with 17 points, 2 aces and 11 digs,

while Amanda Faist had 14 points, 5 aces, 18 kills, 9 digs, Stacie Dorsch 16 points, 7 aces, April Nowaczyk 47 sets, 10 assists, 12 kills, 10 digs and

Becky Schmidt 37 sets, 7 assists, 13 kills 4 saves.

The Bulldogs will entertain Memphis this Thursday in Owendale.

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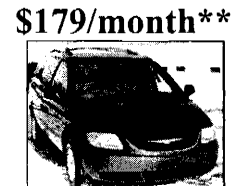
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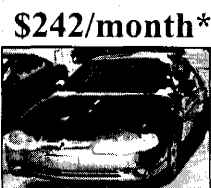
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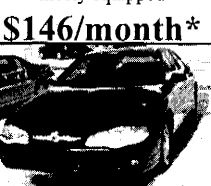
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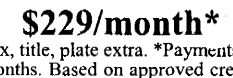
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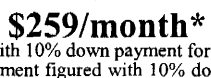
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## Bulldogs rally to top CPS in Snowball tilt

Big games make big players. And nobody stepped up more than Owen-Gage juniors Eric Zaleski and Brandon Dubs in Friday's North Central Thumb League crossover war in Owendale.

The Bulldogs mounted a fierce fourth quarter comeback over visiting Carsonville-Port Sanilac to improve to 7-1 in NCTL play with an exciting 52-47 crossover victory.

The Bulldogs will now attempt to record their second straight win against an NCTL-S foe Friday when dangerous Memphis invades Owendale to kick off the second half of NCTL play.

Trailing 38-31 entering the final quarter, the hosts went on a 9-2 run to pull even with the Tigers. Dubs fueled the Bulldog offense in the final stanza where he posted 11 of his 17 markers.

Dubs' antics helped the Bulldogs take a 44-40 edge, only to see CPS close to within a single point, 48-47, on Matt Quintano's fourth triple with less than a minute to play.

However, with the game on the line, Brent Reil and Josh Howard calmly stepped to the foul stripe and made good on 4 attempts to preserve the Bulldog victory.

Defense played a key part of the Bulldog victory as a strong man-to-man effort held CPS' high scoring Chais Fleming to a season-low 4 points, all recorded in the opening half.

In the early going, the Tigers built a double-digit margin and were on the verge of putting the game away. However, Zaleski helped draw the Bulldogs to within 29-23 at the intermission with 14 of his season-high 22

tallies. Owen-Gage connected on just 7 field goals before the break, all but one coming from the hands of Zaleski.

Another key to the Bulldog win was a huge advantage from the foul line. On the night, CPS connected on just 2 of 5 freebies, while Owen-Gage converted 12 of 22 attempts.

### CASEVILLE

Earlier in the week, on Tuesday, the Bulldogs traveled to face winless Caseville and returned home with a 74-60 victory.

The visitors jumped out to a 21-11 lead and never looked back.

Andy Dronsella paced the winners with a season-best 22 markers, while Dubs added 14 points and Aaron Gaeth, 13.

Cody Quinn scored a game-high 24 points to pace the Eagles.

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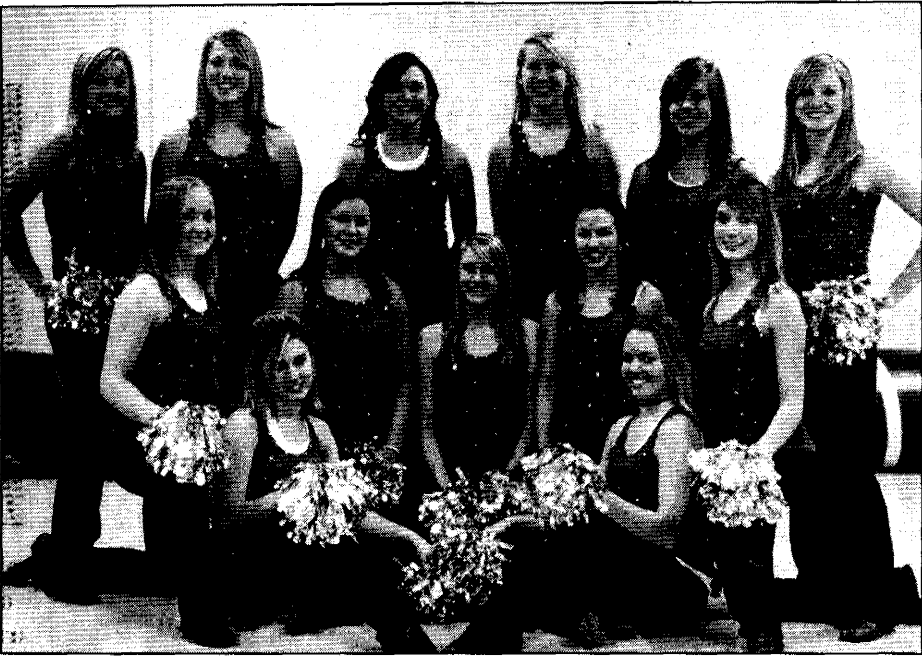
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THE 2007 CASS CITY Pom squad members, who preform at the halftime of varsity home basketball games, include: (front, l-r) Danielle Johnson, Cassie Simpson (middle, l-r) Megan VanVliet, Amanda Langenburg, Megan Zawilinski, Kelli Lautner, Brooke Mika (back, l-r) Allie Richards, Caitlyn Rickett, Whitney Ganley, Kati Hill, Brittany Carr-Huizar and Jennica Richards.

## Hawk gymnasts shine at Vassar

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#### ATHLETES of the WEEK

Cass City gymnasts Allie Richards and Caitlin Sorenson are this week's recipients of Schneeberger's Athletes of the Week honor.

The pair recorded the Red Hawks' only first place finishes on Wednesday at Vassar. Richards captured the floor exercise with a mark of 8.55.

On the vault, Richards and Sorenson tied for the top spot with scores of 8.2.

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Coach Kathy Bouverette's Cass City gymnastic squad turned in its best showing of the year Wednesday night at Vassar, resulting in its highest team score of the season.

Still, the Red Hawks couldn't come away with their maiden victory as the Vulcans recorded a 119.25 - 107.8 decision.

While there is no doubt Bouverette would like to see her ladies come out on top, it has never been the team's main goal at the beginning of the Hawks' gymnastic campaign. That goal is to qualify as many gymnasts as possible for individual regional competition, which requires 4 scores equal to or better than the regional standard in each event.

"So far this year we have Caitlin (Sorenson) with 3 qualifying scores on the vault and 2 on the bars," Bouverette said. Adding, Allie (Richards) has qualified once on the floor and once on the bars and 3 times in the vault; Taryn (Vatter) once on the vault, Allie (Hillaker) once on the beam, Ashley (Weiss) 3 times on the vault and Theresa (Imgraben) 3 times in the vault.

A pair of first place finishes highlighted the Red Hawk effort. Allie Richards captured the floor exercise with a score of 8.55. The Red Hawk senior also tied with teammate Caitlin Sorenson for the top spot on the vault. Both registered marks of 8.2. Also earning points for the visitors on the vault were Imgraben, who placed third, and Weiss, fifth.

On the uneven bars, Sorenson posted the Hawks' best mark, 7.45, resulting in a runner-up finish, while Ashley Weiss placed fourth with a score of 5.8.

Rounding out the point winners for Cass City were Hillaker and Kelli Pettit who placed 4th and 6th, respectively, on the balance beam. Hillaker posted a score of 7.05 and Pettit recorded a mark of 5.4.

Cass City's final home meet of the season is scheduled for next Tuesday against Midland.

Cass City Bowling	
Sunday No Rollers as of Jan. 7	
Pinheads	5
Jebco	5
Gutter Gods	4.5
Sometimers	4
Par-T-Ranch	3.5
Damn Near Last	2
Individual High Games & Series: R. Wright 253-233 (664); J. Baker 213; B. Montgomery 209 (572); C. Wright 211 (544); S. Baker 212; D. Silance 205 (504).	



THE KNIGHTS OF Columbus Free Throw winners representing Cass City Schools are: (front row, from left) Marie Jacobs, Adrianna Pena, Kendra Kerkau, Bradley Thornton, Kyle Ross, Erin Zdrojewski, (back row, left) Daniel Deering, Logan Rowell, Kyle Hanby, Theron Bogart and Cody Orban.

CASS CITY BOWLING LEAGUES		Thursday Nite Trio as of Jan. 18	Merchanettes as of Jan. 18	Merchants as of Jan. 17
Gagetown C. Corners 14		United Building Centers 20	Individual High Games & Series: D. Miller 259 (638); T. Lis 258 (625); E. Schmalz 244-225 (621); M. Frappart 236-211 (599); J. Hacker 231 (596); T. Summers (576); M. Cox 244.	T. Furness Builders 6
Osentoski Reality 14		Jebco Consulting 16	Awards: M. Cox - 75 Pins Over Average (Game) (244-160=84); M. Cox - 200 Game (160 Avg. or Less) 244; G. Wichert - 500 Series (140 Avg. or Less) 508.	R & H Body Shop 5
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				Lee Morgan Painting 2
				Individual High Games & Series: R. Hull (589); G. Wichert 244; E. Bullock 211.
				Awards: G. Wichert - 75 Pins Over Average (Game) (244-157=87); G. Wichert - 200 Game (160 Avg. or Less) 244; E. Bullock - 200 Game (160 Avg. or Less) 211; D. Curtis - 200 Game (160 Avg. or Less) 209.
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## TOWNSHIP OF GREENLEAF

### BLIGHT ORDINANCE

#### Ordinance No. 2007-01

An ordinance to protect the public health, safety and general welfare by eliminating blight within Greenleaf Township; to define and prohibit blight; and to provide penalties for violation hereof.

#### THE TOWNSHIP OF GREENLEAF ORDAINS:

##### ARTICLE I

###### Blight Defined and Prohibited

**Section 1.1.** It is hereby determined that the uses of land described in this Article constitute blight which, if allowed to exist, will result in unsafe, unsanitary and undesirable conditions.

**Section 1.2.** No person shall maintain or permit to be maintained any of the following types of blight upon any premises owned, rented, or occupied by such person:

- (a) The outdoor storage of any junk motor vehicle. The term "junk motor vehicle" shall include any motor vehicle which is not currently licensed, and which has been inoperable for any reason for a period in excess of thirty (30) days.
- (b) The storage or accumulation of garbage of any kind, except domestic refuse originating on the premises and stored in a sanitary manner for a period not to exceed fourteen (14) days. The term "garbage" shall include food waste matter and discarded food containers, as well as any other household refuse.
- (c) The outdoor storage or accumulation of junk. The term "junk" shall include machinery parts, tires, containers, motor vehicle parts, tin cans, unused appliances, metal remnants, cast-off materials, inoperable farm machinery, discarded building materials, and any other inoperable or discarded machinery or materials. This section shall not apply to farm machinery in which is located on a bonafide operating farm, provided the farm machinery is used for farming operations.
- (d) The dumping or landfilling of any junk, garbage, or junk motor vehicles. The term "dumping or landfilling" shall include burying or otherwise disposing of items on property not licensed as a landfill pursuant to the Michigan Solid Waste Management Act.

**Section 1.3.** This Ordinance shall not apply to junkyards, salvage yards, or equipment and Ordinance. Such junkyards, salvage yards, and equipment and motor vehicle facilities shall also fully comply with the Greenleaf Township Junkyard, Salvage Yard, and Equipment/Motor Vehicle Facility Ordinance.

##### ARTICLE II

###### Penalties and Enforcement

**Section 2.1.** Any person, firm, or corporation, or anyone acting on behalf of said person, firm or corporation, who shall violate any of the provisions of this Ordinance, shall upon conviction thereof be subject to a fine of not more than Five Hundred and no/100 (\$500.00) Dollars and court costs, or by imprisonment in the County Jail for a period of not to exceed ninety (90) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment. Each day such violation continues shall be deemed a separate offense. The imposition of any sentence shall not exempt the offender from compliance with the requirements of this Ordinance.

**Section 2.2.** As an alternative to criminal proceedings under section 2.1, the Township may seek injunctive relief through Circuit Court to abate the violation and clean up the property.

**Section 2.3.** Any violation of this Ordinance shall constitute a public nuisance.

**Section 2.4.** Any person found responsible for blight shall eliminate such blight and shall be liable for the cost of elimination of the blight. If such blight is not eliminated by the responsible party, the Township may cause such blight to be eliminated and bill the cost to the responsible party. The cost of such blight elimination, if it is not voluntarily paid for by the responsible party, shall be assessed against the property on the next tax roll.

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# Obituaries

## Millard Ball

Millard C. Ball, 86, of Gladwin, formerly of Cass City, died Thursday, Jan. 18, 2007 at Mid-Michigan Medical Center, Midland.

He was born March 5, 1920 in Ellington Township, the son of the late William and Vinora (Highlen) Ball. He married Betty Rockwell June 1, 1946 in Evergreen Township.

Ball served in the U.S. Coast Guard during WWII from 1941 to 1945. He was a hobby farmer, worked for Walbro, Wesley's Milk Co. as an inspector and bookkeeper, and also owned the Standard Gas Station, all in Cass City.

Ball is survived by his wife, Betty; daughters: Diane (the late James) Kern and Marsha (Duane) Moore, both of Bay City; 4 grandchildren; 2 great grandchildren; siblings: Ralph (Winnifred) Ball of Washington and Dorothy (the late Elwyn) Baerwolf of Sandusky.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Ronald (Joann) Ferguson.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Jan. 20, at Thabet Funeral Home, Cass City, with Chuck Emmert officiating.

Burial was in the Novesta Township Cemetery.

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

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association.

American Diabetics Association. Arrangements were made by Marsh Gertrude Chapel, Inc., Marlette.

## Robert Haselhuhn

Robert Rudolph Haselhuhn, 77, of Cass City, died Thursday, Jan. 18, 2007 at Northwood Meadows, Cass City.

He was born Nov. 12, 1929 in Detroit, the son of the late William and Gertrude (Saurman) Haselhuhn.

He married Jane Schroeder March 2, 1951 in Detroit.

Haselhuhn served in the U.S. Navy Reserve during the Korean War. He worked for DTE as a lineman and a senior field inspector, retiring in 1992.

Haselhuhn is survived by his wife, Jane; children, Susan (Dennis) Konkel of Iowa, Mari (Bruce) Drinkman of Wisconsin, Trudy Haselhuhn of Maryland and Douglas Haselhuhn of Rochester Hills; 5 grandchildren; a brother-in-law, Mark (Shelly) Schroeder; a niece, Denise Pelt; and a sister, Dorothy Beecher of Ann Arbor.

Bob was preceded in death by a daughter, Patricia in 1976. Cremation has taken place.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Memorials may be made to the Heartland Hospice.

Arrangements were made by Thabet Funeral Home, Cass City.

## Ken Holter

Ken Holter, 77, of Cass City, formerly of Detroit, died Sunday, Jan. 14, 2007 in Tenderscare Nursing Facility following a long illness.

He was born Jan. 25, 1929 in Berwick, Penn., the son of Alfred Eugene and Pauline (Dotson) Holter.

Holter served in the U.S. Army Air Corp. He worked for the main branch of the Detroit Post Office for over 30 years. He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints and served in the Priesthood.

Holter is survived by a daughter, Roberta Holter of Pigeon; special friends and caregivers, Margaret Grider and Raymond Grider, both of Cass City; siblings: Keith (Gloria) Holter of San Diego, Calif., Robert (Joan) Holter of Corning, NY, Ian Holter of Berwick, Penn., Kathleen Pastorella of Las Vegas, Nev., Sadie Spath of Essex, Iowa, and Alfred Holter of Delphi, Ind.; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his long-time girlfriend, Martha Grider;

and 2 sisters: Patricia and Beverly Holter.

Memorial services were held Wednesday, Jan. 17, at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with Eldor Herrmann officiating.

Interment was in the Pine Grove Cemetery, Berwick, Penn.

Military honors were under the direction of Cass City VFW Post #3644 and the U.S. Army.

Memorials may be made to the Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints.

## Gladys Jones

Gladys Ethel Jones, 72, of Houston, Texas, died Saturday, Dec. 30, 2006.

She was born Oct. 31, 1934 in Detroit, the daughter of Charles and Elizabeth Wright.

Jones was a hairdresser for many years, owning and operating her own business for many years in Michigan. She worked as a store clerk, waitress and caregiver for the elderly. Jones lived most of her life in the Thumb area. She then retired to Florida in the early 80s, and has been a resident of the Houston area since 1999.

Jones is survived by a daughter, Gail Brown of Hawkins, Texas; a son, Charles Mills of Oakland, Maryland; 3 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren; siblings: Charles Wright of Lincoln Park, Dalbert Wright of Cass City, Phillip Wright of Alaska, Sharon Guinther of Caro, Kathy McPhail of Cass City and Carol Benjamin of Kentucky.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and siblings: James, Richard, Robert and John Wright, and Laura and Darlene.

Cremation has taken place. Her remains will be spread in the Gulf of Mexico.

## Marshall Sergeant

Marshall W. "Bill" Sergeant, 82, of Gagetown, died Saturday, Jan. 13, 2007 at Northwood Meadows, Cass City.

He was born June 15, 1924 in Lewistown, Montana, the son of Marshall W. Sr. and Jeannette (Hutchins) Sergeant.

He married Margaret Mack Oct. 8, 1955 in Detroit.

Sergeant was a pilot in the U.S. Air Force. He had attained the rank of major as a reservist and had flown several missions during the Korean Conflict. He worked as an engineer with the Chrysler Corporation and with the Divco Truck Corporation. He and Margaret retired to a farm in Gagetown.

Sergeant is survived by his wife, Margaret; a brother, Richard (Peggy) Sergeant; and several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. He was preceded in death by 2 brothers, Jack and Tom Sergeant.

A memorial service will be held Friday, June 15 on the farm property.

Memorials may be made to the Thumb Octagon Barn.

Arrangements were made by Gagetown Funeral Chapel, Gagetown.

## Virginia Taylor

Virginia Doris Taylor, 88, of Kingston, formerly of Clarkston, died Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2007.

She was born Dec. 31, 1918 in Detroit, the daughter of Frederick and Winifred Alexander.

She married Basil Glenn Taylor March 9, 1940.

Taylor and her husband made their home in Clarkston until 1981. They were members of the First Baptist Church of Cass City.

Taylor is survived by her daughter, Barbara (Gary) Fuller of Lapeer; 4 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; sisters: Laverle "Boots" Clark and Betty Blaine; sister-in-law, Vernita Alexander; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her husband; a great-granddaughter, Ashley Baragar; her parents; and siblings: Wallace, Winifred, Edanna, Edward and Ardis.

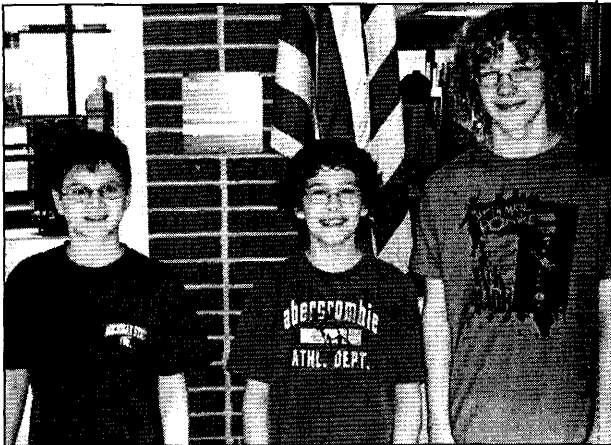
Funeral services were held at 11 a.m., Tuesday, Jan. 23, at the First Baptist Church, Lapeer, with Pastor David Dee and Pastor Eric Holmgren officiating.

Burial was in the Seymour Lake Cemetery, Brandon Township.

Memorials may be made to the Cass City First Baptist Church.

Arrangements were made by Lynch and Sons Funeral Directors, Capstick Chapel, Lapeer.

# Top local spellers



JARED WEIDMAN (from left), Jeff Bliss and Rob VanAuken recently participated in the Knights of Columbus Saginaw Diocesan Spelling Bee in Auburn as representatives of the 7th and 8th grade level from Cass City Schools. Bliss finished in 13th place, followed by VanAuken in 14th place and Weidman in 22nd place out of 25 spellers.



CURTIS DICKINSON (from left), Kristen Ewald and Mishelle Powell participated in the spelling bee in the 5th and 6th grade level from Cass City Schools. Ewald came in third place overall, with Dickinson in 11th place and Powell in 27th place out of 30 competitors.

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a mortgage made by RICHARD L. HEIDT, a single man of 4976 W. CENTER STREET, MILLINGTON, MI 48746, Mortgagee to MICHIGAN FEDERAL CREDIT UNION of 2343 E. HILL ROAD, GRAND BLANC, MI 48439, Mortgagee, dated AUGUST 22, 2005 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Tuscola County and State of Michigan on AUGUST 29, 2005 in LIBER 1052 on PAGE 41 of Tuscola County Records on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of SEVENTY THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FORTY AND 85/100THS (\$70,340.85) DOLLARS, including interest calculated at the rate of (8.75%) percent per annum and attorney fees as provided for in said Mortgage, and no suit or proceedings at law or in equity have been instituted to recover the moneys secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN 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 MARCH 1, 2007, at 10:00 A.M. local time, said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, immediately inside the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan (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, aforesaid, on said mortgage with interest thereon 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:

VILLAGE OF MILLINGTON, COUNTY OF TUSCOLA AND STATE OF MICHIGAN

LOT 16, OF FORMENTO SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT LIBER 1, PAGE 105, NOW BEING PAGE 55B, TUSCOLA COUNTY RECORDS. MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 4976 W. CENTER STREET, MILLINGTON, MI 48746.

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 600.3241 a, the property may be redeemed during the thirty (30) days immediately following the sale.

Dated: January 15, 2007

KENNETH C. BUTLER II (P 28477)  
ATTORNEY FOR MORTGAGEE  
24525 Harper Avenue, Ste. 2  
St. Clair Shores, MI 48080  
(586) 777-0770

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

PARCEL H: A part of the Southeast quarter of Section 9, Town 12 North, Range 9 East, beginning at a point on the South line of said Section 9 that is 500.00 feet, North 88 degrees 31 minutes 01 seconds West, from the Southeast corner of said Section 9; thence continuing North 88 degrees 31 minutes 01 seconds West on the South line of said Section 9, 350.00 feet; thence North 1 degrees 28 minutes 59 seconds East, 948.63 feet; thence South 88 degrees 31 minutes 01 seconds East, 350.00 feet; thence South 1 degree 28 minutes 59 seconds West, 948.63 feet to the point of beginning.

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

Dated: January 10, 2007

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Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822  
File #121927F01

1-10-4

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Debra Grow, a single woman, to H&R Block Mortgage Corporation Mortgagee, dated August 18, 2005 and recorded September 9, 2005 in Liber 1053, Page 796, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned through mesne assignments to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company as Trustee for HSI Asset Securitization Corporation 2006-0PT2 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-0PT2, by assignment dated November 15, 2006 and recorded December 21, 2006 in Liber 1106, Page 232, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Two Thousand Five Hundred Ninety-Eight Dollars and Fifty-Five Cents (\$52,598.55), including interest 8.65% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, front entrance of the Circuit Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI at 10:00AM on Thursday, February 8, 2007.

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

Commencing 2 Rods South of the Southwest corner of Lot 3, Block 1, L. Fox's Second Addition; thence West 100 feet; thence South 75 feet; East on an angle 108 feet; North 104 feet to the point of beginning, being a part of Section 25, Town 11 North, Range 9 East. Commonly known as 31 North St, Mayville MI 48744.

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

Dated: JANUARY 4, 2007

Deutsche Bank National Trust Company as Trustee for HSI Asset Securitization Corporation 2006-0PT2 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-0PT2  
Assignee of Mortgagee

Attorneys: Potesitivo & Associates, P.C.  
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Our File No: 07-61989

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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 Leonard J. Chaltrow Jr., a married man, and Angela K. Chaltrow, his wife, joint tenants with full rights of survivorship, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated March 30, 2005 and recorded on April 14, 2005 in Liber 1034 on Page 1294 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Twelve Thousand Ninety-Seven and 81/100 Dollars (\$212,097.81), including interest at 6.375% 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, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on February 22, 2007.

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

Parcel D: Commencing at the East quarter corner of Section 1, Town 10 North, Range 9 East; thence North 00 degrees 05 minutes 30 seconds East 400.00 feet along the East line of said Section 1 to the point of beginning; running thence South 89 degrees 14 minutes 48 seconds West 2646.05 feet; thence North 00 degrees 16 minutes 48 seconds East 200.01 feet along the North and South quarter line of said Section 1; thence North 89 degrees 14 minutes 48 seconds East 2645.39 feet; thence South 00 degrees 05 minutes 30 seconds West 200.0 feet along the East line of said Section 1 to the point of beginning.

Parcel E: Commencing at the East quarter corner of Section 1, Town 10 North, Range 9 East; thence North 00 degrees 05 minutes 30 seconds East 200.00 feet along the East line of said Section 1 to the point of beginning; running thence South 89 degrees 14 minutes 48 seconds West 2646.70 feet; thence North 00 degrees 16 minutes 48 seconds East 200.01 feet along the North and South quarter line of said Section 1; thence North 89 degrees 14 minutes 48 seconds East 2645.05 feet; thence South 00 degrees 05 minutes 30 seconds West 200.0 feet along the East line of said Section 1 to the point of beginning.

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

Dated: January 24, 2007

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Shawn Ruhle and Laura Ruhle, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Chemical Bank and Trust Company, Mortgagee, dated September 2, 2005 and recorded on September 9, 2005 in Liber 1053 on Page 661, and assigned by mesne assignments to U.S. Bank, N.A., 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 Forty-Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Fifteen and 37/100 Dollars (\$148,915.37), including interest at 6% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on February 8, 2007.

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Keith E. Feeney, a married person, original mortgagor, to Cendant Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated November 9, 2000 and recorded on November 14, 2000 in Liber 815 on Page 833 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Ten Thousand Five Hundred Ninety-Nine and 49/100 Dollars (\$110,599.49), including interest at 8.25% 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 February 8, 2007.

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

Lot 15 of Davidson Subdivision, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, page 10.

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

Dated: January 10, 2007

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has occurred in a mortgage made by Joanne Noyce and Scott Noyce, husband and wife, to First National Bank of America, dated December 15, 2005 and recorded on December 21, 2005 in Liber 1065, Page 1330, Tuscola County Records. The mortgage holder has begun no proceedings to recover any part of the debt, which is now \$70,485.44.

The mortgage will be foreclosed by a public sale of the property on Thursday, February 22, 2007 at 10:00 a.m., at front steps, Tuscola County Courthouse, Caro, Michigan. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the mortgage, together with interest at 10.25 percent, foreclosure costs, attorney fees, and also any taxes and insurance that the mortgage holder pays before the sale.

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

The East 80.00 feet of the West 518.00 feet of the South 667.00 feet of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 21, Town 10 North, Range 7 East. Also a 1971 Windsor (Serial Number 65121457).

The redemption period will be six months from the date of sale; however, if the property is abandoned, the redemption period will be one month from the date of sale.

Dated: January 18, 2007

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

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jason Frost, a married man, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated August 4, 2005 and recorded on August 10, 2005 in Liber 1049 on Page 554-558 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-Two and 04/100 Dollars (\$58,832.04), including interest at 6.5% 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 February 22, 2007.

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

Lot 2, Block No. 15, of North's Addition to the Village (Now City) of Vassar, according to the recorded Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Liber 1, Page 21A, Tuscola County Records.

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

Dated: January 24, 2007

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Nicole A. Davis, a single woman, original mortgagor, to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corp., Mortgagee, dated November 12, 2004 and recorded on November 29, 2004 in Liber 1018 on Page 1262 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Seven Thousand Three Hundred Forty-Nine and 52/100 Dollars (\$57,349.52), including interest at 6.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on February 22, 2007.

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

Lot 14, Block 28 of the plat of the City of Vassar, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Liber 2, Page 93, Tuscola County Records.

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

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by James M. Adamski, a single man, and Reva M. Green, a single woman, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated March 19, 2004 and recorded on March 24, 2004 in Liber 985 on Page 714 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Two and One Hundred Ninety-Nine and 64/100 Dollars (\$130,199.64), including interest at 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 February 22, 2007.

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

Lot 7, Block 3 and that part of the Gore Lot 25, Block 3 in the rear of said Lot, 66 feet by 66 feet of the plat of the Village (now City) of Vassar according to the recorded plat in Liber 1 of plats, page 143.

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

Dated: January 24, 2007

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:  
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File #125043F01

1-24-4

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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 Terry N. Sansote and Bridgett A. Sansote, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated October 24, 2005 and recorded on November 16, 2005 in Liber 1061 on Page 900 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Nine Thousand Four Hundred Eighteen and 19/100 Dollars (\$69,418.19), including interest at 6.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on February 15, 2007.

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

A parcel of land located in the East 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 14, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, described as follows: Commencing at the North 1/4 corner of Section 14, thence South 89 degrees 33 minutes 05 seconds West along the North line of said Section 14, a distance of 690.00 feet to the point of beginning of this description; thence South 00 degrees 26 minutes 55 seconds East 160.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 33 minutes 05 seconds East, parallel with said North line, 55.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 26 minutes 55 seconds 125.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 33 minutes 05 seconds West 235.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 26 minutes 55 seconds West, 285.00 feet to a point on said North line of Section 14; thence North 89 degrees 33 minutes 05 seconds East, along said North line, 180.00 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: January 17, 2007

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1-17-4

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Robert J. Eremia and Janet L. Eremia, husband and wife, to Ameriquest Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated July 17, 2004 and recorded July 22, 2004 in Liber 1001, Page 795, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by WM Specialty Mortgage LLC, with recourse by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Thirty-One Thousand One Hundred Seven and 26/100 Dollars (\$231,107.26), including interest at 7.1% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on FEBRUARY 15, 2007.

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

A parcel of land located in the Northeast one-quarter of Section 20, Town 12 North, Range 9 East, commencing at a point that is North 87 degrees 22 minutes 07 seconds West, 575.77 feet from Northeast corner of Section; thence South 00 degrees West, 427.29 feet; thence South 87 degrees 22 minutes 07 seconds East, 104 feet; thence South 27 degrees East 375 feet; thence South 39 degrees 25 minutes 12 seconds West, 656.09 feet to centerline of Wells Road; thence North 35 degrees 26 minutes 30 seconds West, 82.55 feet; thence North 70 degrees 22 minutes West, 449.79 feet; thence North 19 degrees 38 minutes East, 322.15 feet; thence North, 70 degrees 22 minutes West 410 feet; thence North 12 degrees 49 minutes 06 seconds East 318.85 feet; thence North 00 degrees 48 minutes 20 seconds East, 339.64 feet; thence South 87 degrees 22 minutes 12 seconds East, 816.23 feet to Place of Beginning, 22.12 acres.

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

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

Dated: January 17, 2007

Orlans Associates, P.C.  
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P.O. Box 5041  
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(248) 457-1000  
File No. 214.3386

1-17-4

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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 Cindi Wilinski and Thomas Wilinski, wife and husband, original mortgagors, to Centurian Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated December 6, 2002 and recorded on January 13, 2003 in Liber 910 on Page 1123, and assigned by mesne assignments to Countrywide Home Loans, Inc. as assignee by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Three Thousand Five and 37/100 Dollars (\$93,005.37), 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 February 1, 2007.

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

PART OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 24, TOWN 11 NORTH, RANGE 7 EAST, TUSCOLA TOWNSHIP, TUSCOLA COUNTY, MICHIGAN, DESCRIBED AS: BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE WEST LINE OF SECTION 24, WHICH IS NORTH 689.84 FEET FROM THE WEST 1/4 CORNER OF SAID SECTION 24; THENCE CONTINUING ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SECTION 24, NORTH 150.00 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE PROCTOR HEIGHTS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT RECORDED IN LIBER 2 OF PLATS, PAGE 31, THENCE ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE OF PROCTOR HEIGHTS, EAST 294.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 150.00 FEET; THENCE WEST 294.00 FEET TO THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 24 AND 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: January 3, 2007

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:  
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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Charlotte Downey, f/k/a Charlotte Jean Beardsley, unmarried, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated December 17, 2004 and recorded January 3, 2005 in Liber 1022, Page 1143, Tus



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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Dale A. Hare, a married male, and Aimee L. Hare, his wife, in bar of her dower rights, original mortgagors, to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, a New Jersey Corporation, Mortgagee, dated April 3, 2001 and recorded on April 4, 2001 in Liber 827 on Page 245 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-Nine and 24/100 Dollars (\$98,889.24), including interest at 7.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on February 22, 2007.

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

Commencing 71 1/2 rods West and 13 rods South of the Northeast corner of Section 1, Town 14 North, Range 8 East; thence West 6 rods, 10 feet; thence South 5 rods; thence East 6 rods 10 feet; thence North 5 rods 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: January 24, 2007

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:  
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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 Angela Johnson, a single woman, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated September 10, 2002 and recorded on September 16, 2002 in Liber 893 on Page 1449 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Two Thousand Three Hundred Forty-Nine and 64/100 Dollars (\$92,349.64), including interest at 6.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on February 22, 2007.

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

Commencing at a Point that is 466.79 feet South of the Northeast corner of Section; thence West 243.16 feet; thence South 199.81 feet; thence East 243.16 feet; thence North 199.6 feet to the Point of Beginning. Section 20, Town 10 North, Range 7 East.

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

Dated: January 24, 2007

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1-24-4

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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 Brandon C. Piotrowski and Nicole L. Piotrowski, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Lender and Lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated May 27, 2004 and recorded on June 9, 2004 in Liber 996 on Page 39 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 Eighty-Nine Thousand Six Hundred Six and 36/100 Dollars (\$89,606.36), including interest at 6.5% 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 February 22, 2007.

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

Lot 19, Block 5, Montague and Wilmot's Addition to the Village of Caro, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, on Page 18A, Tuscola County Records.

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

Dated: January 24, 2007

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File #125920F01

1-24-4

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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 Scott Bullard and Dawn Bullard, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated June 10, 2004 and recorded on June 22, 2004 in Liber 997 on Page 809, and assigned by said Mortgagee to LaSalle Bank National Association, trustee for Lehman Brothers Structured Asset Investment Loan Trust SAI 2004-8 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 Thirty-Seven Thousand Four Hundred Forty-Three and 86/100 Dollars (\$137,443.86), including interest at 8.4% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on February 1, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of Fremont, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as: beginning at a point on the Southeast corner of the West 770 feet of the South 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 1, Township 11 North, Range 9 East; thence North 344 feet; thence West 150 feet; thence South 344 feet; thence East 150 feet to the 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: January 3, 2007

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Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822  
File #115181F02

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Maurice V. Churchill and Sue E. Churchill, husband and wife, to Ameriquest Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated March 20, 2003 and recorded May 5, 2003 in Liber 929, Page 503, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Countywide Home Loans by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-Eight and 09/100 Dollars (\$68,968.09), including interest at 5.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the Front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on FEBRUARY 8, 2007.

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

Commencing at a point 6 rods North of the Southwest corner of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 34, Town 14 North, Range 8 East; running thence East 22 rods; thence North 6 rods; thence West 22 rods; thence South 6 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.

TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee 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: January 10, 2007

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Troy, MI 48007-5041  
(248) 457-1000  
File No. 285.0938

1-10-4

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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 Karl W. Militz and Dawn M. Militz, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated December 21, 2005 and recorded on January 10, 2006 in Liber 1068 on Page 290 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Washington Mutual Bank as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Forty-Three Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty-Four and 58/100 Dollars (\$143,984.58), including interest at 6.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on February 15, 2007.

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

Lot 14, Collingwood Subdivision, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, Pages 16-17, Tuscola County Records.

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

Dated: January 17, 2007

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File #123763F01

1-17-4

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 (248) 539-7400 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by JAMES W. TRAMMEL and TRACY SMITH, JOINT TENANCY WITH RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP, HUSBAND AND WIFE, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated September 11, 2003 and recorded on August 13, 2004, in Liber 1004, on Page 614, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Six Thousand Seventy Dollars and Forty-Five Cents (\$76,070.45), including interest at 5.625% 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 February 15, 2007.

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

COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 11 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST, FREMONT TOWNSHIP, TUSCOLA COUNTY, MICHIGAN; THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 23 MINUTES 19 SECONDS WEST, 240.00 FEET ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 29 TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; RUNNING THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 50 MINUTES 50 SECONDS EAST, 165.0 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 23 MINUTES 19 SECONDS WEST 357.12 FEET; THENCE NORTH 75 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 20 SECONDS WEST 170.44 FEET ALONG THE NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF C & O RAILROAD; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 23 MINUTES 19 SECONDS EAST 313.70 FEET ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 29 TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING BEING A PART OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 11 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST, FREMONT TOWNSHIP, TUSCOLA COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

TAX ID NO. 011-029-000-1400-04

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

Dated: January 11, 2007

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

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Scott A. Fisher and Deborah A. Fisher, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated August 13, 2002 and recorded August 20, 2002 in Liber 890, Page 791, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Sixty-Nine Thousand Eighty-Six and 21/100 Dollars (\$169,086.21), including interest at 7.22% 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 FEBRUARY 15, 2007.

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

A part of the East one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 11, Town 14 North, Range 10 East, described as: Commencing at the Southeast corner of said Section 11; thence North 89 degrees 33 minutes 12 seconds West on the South line of said Section 11, 33.00 feet; thence North parallel with the East line of said Section 11, 415 feet to the North bank of a ditch, to the point of beginning; thence continuing North parallel with the East line of said Section 11, 208.00 feet; thence West 353.30 feet; thence North, 128.00 feet; thence West 942.39 feet to the North and South centerline of the Southeast one-quarter of said Section 11; thence South 00 degrees 07 minutes 49 seconds West, on said North and South centerline, 137.08 feet to the North bank of ditch; thence South 85 degrees 07 minutes 10 seconds East, on said North Bank, 76.47 feet; thence South 88 degrees, 15 minutes, 15 seconds East, continuing on said North Bank 484.48 feet; thence South 88 degrees 18 minutes 11 seconds East, continuing on said North Bank, 112.05 feet; thence South 71 degrees 21 minutes 06 seconds East, continuing on said North bank, 252.12 feet; thence South 73 degrees 50 minutes 31 seconds East continuing on said North bank, 217.67 feet; thence South 79 degrees 18 minutes 39 seconds East continuing on said North bank, 178.70 feet to the point of beginning.

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

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

Dated: January 17, 2007

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File No. 362.0959

1-17-4

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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 Donald S. Hickson and Theresa L. Hickson, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated March 17, 2004 and recorded on March 30, 2004 in Liber 0986 on Page 0301 in Tuscola County Records,

Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Credit Suisse First Boston MBS HEAT 2004-4 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 Seven Hundred Forty-Six and 66/100 Dollars (\$106,746.66), including interest at 10.85% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on February 1, 2007.

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

Part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 34, Town 13 North, Range 11 East, described as: Beginning at a point on the South line of Section 34, which is West, 990.00 feet from the Southeast corner of Section 34; thence continuing along said South line West, 330.00 feet to the East North and South 1/8th line; thence North 00 degrees 07 minutes 05 seconds West, 264.00 feet along said 1/8th line; thence East 330.03 feet; thence South 00 degrees 06 minutes 45 seconds, 264 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: January 3, 2007

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:  
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Attorneys for Servicer  
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File #121175F01

1-3-4

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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 Virginia I. Lafond and Robin Lee Lafond, Jr., wife and husband, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated September 22, 2005 and recorded on September 27, 2005 in Liber 1055 on Page 656 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to HSBC MORTGAGE SERVICES INC as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Two Thousand One Hundred Sixty and 12/100 Dollars (\$102,160.12), including interest at 9.7% 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 February 22, 2007.

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

Commencing 447.5 feet East of the Northwest corner of the Northeast quarter of Section 22, Town 12 North, Range 10 East; thence South parallel with the North and South quarter line 16 rods; thence East parallel with North Section line 309.5 feet; thence North 16 rods to the North Section line; thence West 309.5 feet 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: January 24, 2007

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:  
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1-24-4

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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 Vinton Kregler, as a single man, original mortgagor, to First NLC Financial Services, LLC, Mortgagee, dated September 17, 2004 and recorded on September 21, 2004 in Liber 1009 on Page 397 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-Six and 45/100 Dollars (\$125,226.45), including interest at 9.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on February 22, 2007.

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

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

Dated: January 24, 2007

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1-24-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Lori Strieter, unmarried woman, original mortgagor, to Chase Bank USA, N.A., Mortgagee, dated May 2, 2005 and recorded on May 18, 2005 in Liber 1039 on Page 114 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty Thousand Ninety-Five and 62/100 Dollars (\$60,095.62), including interest at 8.125% 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 February 22, 2007.



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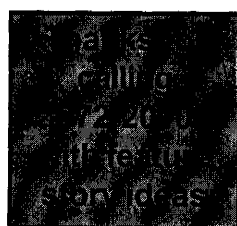
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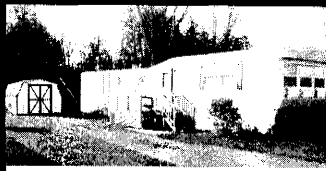
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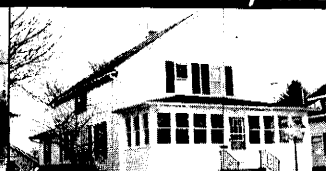
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Open to Offers - Move in day of closing. 2 bedroom mobile home in Huntsville Park, newer vinyl windows, storage shed, woods behind home. \$6,000. MH931



New on the Market - Very nice 3 bedroom, 2 bath home sets in The Point. Vaulted ceiling, skylight, walk in closet, nice kitchen, 1.5 car garage. \$62,900. MH934



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New on the Market - Move in day of closing. 3 bedroom ranch with a full basement and attached garage. Priced to sell at \$79,500. TCC 1499



Acreage - 33 acres of land with a large pole barn, electric along road, 2 driveways, state land behind property. Pole Barn has electric and partly cemented floor with work area. Lots of dog kennels. A556



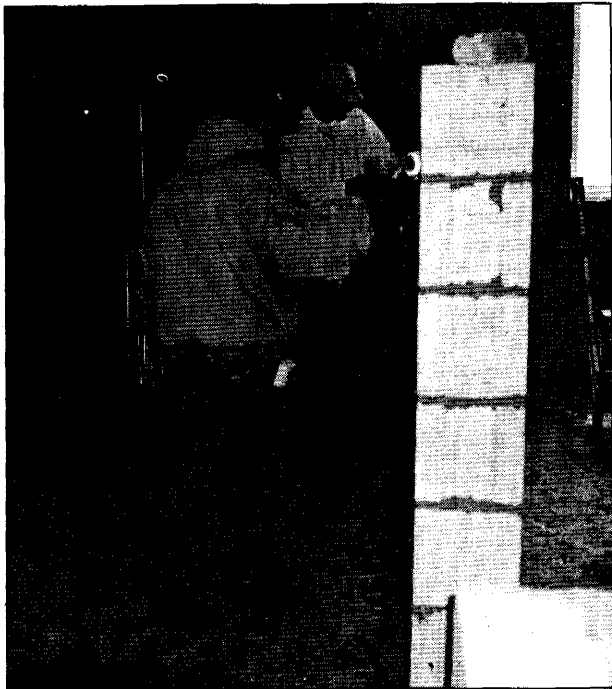
Price Reduced. Owner relocating. Very nice 2 bedroom home in Cass City. Neat, clean & priced to sell at \$44,900. TCC 1471



Motivated Seller - Nothing to do but move in. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, family room, large deck off the dining area. Overlooking a nicely landscaped yard. Neat and clean \$139,900. TCC 1487



Plenty of Storage - Nice 3 bedroom brick ranch, attached 2-car garage plus an extra garage, full basement with a recreational room, newer shingles, furnace, central air and wiring. \$114,900. TCC 1474



DAN MCNEIL (left) and Mike Heronomus, both of CSS Contracting of Cass City, build a wall that will be part of Cass City DPW Supt. Gary Barnes' office inside the village's arsenic treatment plant/DPW facility.

## Pet group reflects on accomplishments since forming in '01

Since forming in September 2001, the local animal rescue group known as the Cass River Pet FriendZ has enjoyed many accomplishments which, they say are due largely to public support.

According to Patricia Trisch, spokesperson for the organization, the monthly vet bill for the group averages \$2,000, including medications, heartworm tests for the dogs, feline leukemia tests for the cats, flea treatments, spaying and neutering.

"In February 2004, a special "Spay Day" offer was extended by a local veterinarian and 30 cats were altered for lower income families in Tuscola County for \$20 to \$30 each.

"The low cost rabies clinics began in 2004 and were held in Caro," Trisch said. "In 2005, clinics were set up in Mayville, Kingston, Akron, Caro and Vassar with a total of 368 dogs being vaccinated. In 2006, the group witnessed 472 dogs come through the canine shot clinic held in Caro. The Cass River Pet FriendZ is currently organizing the next clinic to be held this coming month."

In 2005 the Tuscola County Community Foundation granted the rescue group \$2,500 and that was used to alter 77 pets for free for low income people along with having the dogs tested for heartworm and cats tested for feline leukemia prior to surgery.

Trisch launched the "Older Cats for Older People Program" in 2005. This program places older cats into qualifying households with no adoption fee and maintains any medical financial responsibility for those pets including free cat sitting should a medical emergency arise for the caregiver with no one else being able to care for the cat. Six cats over 7 years of age, that may not have had any other chance for homes, are currently being cared for under this program.

Last year several doghouses were built as a project and offered free to those people needing shelter for their dogs along with straw being made available.

The Pet FriendZ has helped rescue

more than 2,000 animals and helped hundreds of county residents get their pets altered or helped them financially with medical emergencies. In the past year alone, 271 people have been given financial assistance to get their pets altered.

"The Pet FriendZ could not have done all of this without the public's financial support," Trisch said. "It also could not have been accomplished without the cooperation of local businesses who allow donation canisters to be on their counters and the wonderful veterinarians who work with this group by reducing their costs."

Since documentation began in September 2001, 1,212 dogs/puppies have passed through the dog foster home operated by group Vice President Sandy Bassett. The primary cat foster home became active in February 2003 and is operated by Trisch. Since she began fostering, Trisch states 770 cats and kittens have come through. This number of cats is not including any taken in at the 3 foster homes that assist Trisch, or the other local cat rescue operated by Sue Jando. This past year 337 cats/kittens passed through the Trisch household, with 48 kittens being transferred to the Mt. Clemens area under a special program.

"The public has been very generous in their support of the Pet FriendZ annual fundraisers such as the car show, which this past year was the 4th annual, and the yearly Santa pictures. This past year the car show helped raise \$680 and the Santa pictures \$560," Trisch said.

"The Cass River Pet FriendZ want everyone to know that they appreciate all that people do to help and if it weren't for their support in whatever manner, that they would not be able to continue to do what they are doing to help the animals in Tuscola County," she added.

To contact the Cass River Pet FriendZ, residents can call their pet line at (989) 673-6375, or write to P.O. Box 513, Caro, MI 48723.

# Fewer days boosts fund balance

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## TENNIS CLUB

Turning to other matters, the board granted resident Richard Little's request to form a high school tennis club.

"We'd like to start playing league tennis March 12 - this year," Little told the board, adding the club will be formed at no cost to the district. Two individuals have already volunteered to serve as coaches, and fundraising events will be held to purchase needed equipment. It's hoped that parents and other volunteers will provide transportation to and from competitions, he said.

Little told the board that a telephone survey revealed 17 students are interested in playing tennis, which he called a lifelong sport young people can enjoy well beyond their high school years.

The village already has tennis courts, and while Little acknowledged they are in need of repair, he assured the local club would compete at "away" events only until those repairs are completed. In the meantime, he said, students could use the courts for the purpose of practice.

Little said the club will be joining the ranks of a sport already enjoyed by students in several Thumb districts, including Harbor Beach, Sandusky, Lakeland and Caro.

Cass City Athletic Director Aaron Fernald offered his blessing for the idea. It may be difficult to schedule league matches this late in the year, he said, but it's likely the local club can schedule some competitions this spring.

## IN OTHER BUSINESS

In other business during the 90-minute regular meeting, the board:

- Discussed an on-going problem with student lunch accounts being

overdrawn. To-date, the debt totals about \$4,500 school-wide, according to Wilson.

Shari Bock, cafeteria supervisor, asked the board for direction in dealing with the problem.

- Discussed plans to update the district's fee schedule for rental of school facilities. Wilson said the existing fees are "well below" that charged by neighboring districts. He will return to the board with specific recommendations.
- Heard a recommendation from Wilson to consider exploring opening an Open Premier Account with Chase Bank, similar to the account the district now has with Thumb National Bank.

The reason, Wilson indicated, is a difference in interest rates. The district currently receives a rate of about 4.5 percent, and Chase's rate as of Friday was 5.12 percent. Consider the amount of money involved, he said, and the interest adds up.

Both Wilson and the board noted Thumb National Bank has been good to work with, and that school officials would approach local bank officials before making any changes.

- Heard a presentation from Kars Driving Training and Testing LLC owner Karen Hartwig, who asked the board for permission to use a classroom in the district for her driver's training program. The board agreed, with a fee to be determined at a future meeting.
- Heard an update on the ACT Prep Class at the high school from Principal Chad Daniels. Daniels presented a proposed policy for the class following a donation of \$1,000 from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans to purchase materials for the ACT Prep Online School Edition.

The program provides students with a customized ACT study plan, timed practice tests, counselor reports, detailed explanations of correct/incorrect responses, and practice for the ACT writing test with immediate scoring.

"Received an update on the district website and e-mail policy from Technical Support Coordinator Lyle Severance.

- Went into executive session to re-

view updated Michigan State Police criminal background check information on all school employees, as required by law every 6 months.

- Noted January is School Board Recognition Month. Plaques along with mugs filled with candy were presented to each board member.

## Test home for radon

With holiday festivities now behind us, the Department of Environmental Quality and the Department of Community Health are reminding homeowners that January is National Radon Action Month and to start the year off right by testing their home for radon.

"The good news is that once a problem is identified, elevated radon levels can be reduced," said DEQ Director Steven E. Chester. "I have had my home tested, and I am urging homeowners to take the same initiative."

Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas that emanates from the soil and seeps into homes through openings in the foundation floor or walls. It is believed to be the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States and the leading cause among non-smokers and may result in more than 600 new lung cancer cases in Michigan each year.

"You can't see or smell radon, but we know that only smoking causes more lung cancer deaths annually in our country," said DCH Director Janet Olszewski. "We encourage everyone to have their home tested regularly for radon, as it is the only way to know for sure if you and your family are at risk."

Michigan survey data projects more than one in 8 Michigan homes could have a radon problem, and elevated radon levels have been found in every county. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Web site rates each county in the United States as a low, moderate, or high potential county. Since radon levels in Michigan tend to be spotty, the DEQ recommends testing to all Michigan residents regardless of their county's EPA rating.

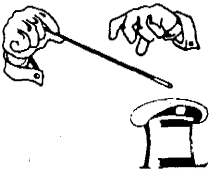
Test kits are available from local health departments all across the state. The kits generally cost less than \$15 and include postage to mail the testing device to a laboratory where it will be analyzed and the results re-

ported back to the user. Kits can also be found at hardware stores and other retail outlets; however, not all retail kits include postage and analysis, so citizens are urged to carefully read the packaging before making their purchase.

Radon tests should be done in the lowest livable level of the home during the cooler months of the year, when windows and doors are normally kept closed. If the test indicates an elevated radon level, more testing should be done to confirm the problem and appropriate actions taken to reduce the levels when needed. Additionally, prospective homebuilders and buyers may want to consider using radon-resistant new construction when building their new home.

To find out more about radon, visit the DEQ Web site at [www.michigan.gov/deq/radon](http://www.michigan.gov/deq/radon) or call the DEQ Radon Program at 1-800-RADON GAS (1-800-723-6642) for a free packet of information.

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## Arsenic plant on track

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The first is finely ground charcoal, the second is sand and the last is gravel.

The filter removes all chemicals except for a small amount of chlorine necessary to make the water safe to drink. The treated water is then directed into the village's water system.

something DPW Supt. Gary Barnes and his crew didn't have before in the old DPW building, which was previously used as the village municipal building.

Cristiano said he expects the plant to be up and running soon. "I'd say we're within 90 days," he added. "I think it will move quickly. We're pretty excited about it."

Construction of the plant was the result of a new federal mandate by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency reducing the acceptable level of arsenic in public drinking water supplies in an effort to reduce what agency officials described as long-term health effects of exposure to arsenic.

The EPA ordered the new acceptable level set at 10 parts per billion, down from 50 parts per billion. The level of arsenic in Cass City has been about 16 parts per billion.

The village's new plant is being constructed with funding from a 40-year, \$1.858 million loan from the U.S. Rural Development Agency that will be paid back in annual installments of about \$97,000.

Cristiano noted that the arsenic treatment system itself cost about \$1.5 million, with the remaining loan amount going to refinance the village's third and newest well. Refinancing, he said, enabled village officials to incorporate new quarters for the local department of public works into the facility at a cost of roughly \$200,000.

The new building provides not only DPW offices, but also bay doors large enough to accommodate the village's large equipment for storage,

—Landyn F. Schott—

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