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Sex ed program approved

Board: Burtch not welcome; parent upset

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

A Cass City band parent pressed school officials Monday for specifics following their decision to deny former band director Doug Burtch permission to participate in a solo and ensemble event earlier this month.

However, the parent and former school board member, Dave Knight, left the meeting without answers, saying only that he is "disappointed in this board."

Knight spoke during the public comment portion of the monthly Cass City Board of Education meeting. He stated that his daughter planned to participate in solo and ensemble, that she was unable to secure an accompanist, and that Burtch had agreed to serve in that capacity.

A student later told his daughter that

Burtch had been banned from serving as an accompanist for Cass City students, according to Knight, who said current band Director Suzy Harris sent him (Knight) an e-mail confirming that decision.

Burtch resigned his position last year after a year-long suspension that was implemented after a former Cass City student accused him of inappropriate conduct. Another student eventually came forward as well, leveling similar allegations.

Burtch was cleared of all charges in one case by a jury in Sanilac County Circuit Court. In the other case, in Tuscola County, prosecutors opted not to pursue charges against Burtch. He was never convicted of any crime.

Knight said Monday that he did meet with school Supt. Ron Wilson and board member Cathy Kropewnicki, who told him that,

based on an opinion from the district's legal counsel, the board had decided that Burtch would not be allowed to participate in any Cass City School-sponsored activity. They maintained that position in spite of Knight's offer to sign a parental permission form and to "take full responsibility" if the board allowed Burtch to serve as his daughter's accompanist.

Knight complained that additional attempts to contact Wilson for details regarding the attorney's opinion were ignored.

"I'm a little disturbed by that. You need to tell him (Wilson) that if somebody contacts him, he needs to respond," Knight said.

Knight asked the board to explain the attorney's position. He also requested a motion clarifying when Burtch might be able to serve as an accompanist for local students in the future.

"We're not going to answer questions about that topic," board President Michelle Biddinger said. She told Knight that he had the right to offer public comment, but a regular board meeting was not the time to "inquire and direct the board to respond" to his questions.

IN OTHER BUSINESS

In other business Monday, the board:

• Approved a health/sex education program proposed in December by Amy Cuthrell, a health educator for the Tuscola County Health Department.

Cuthrell and Cass City School Nurse Rachel Malone described the curriculum as an abstinence-based program that focuses on a variety of topics such as abstinence from drugs and sexual activity, peer pressure and

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Improvements, park plan dominate meet

Construction plans, both current and future, occupied much of the time at the monthly Cass City Village Council meeting Monday night.

Village Manager Peter Cristiano updated a handful of residents in attendance on the progress being made to the downtown district and on the development of a five-year Cass City Parks & Recreation Master Plan.

Cristiano explained that the 2 buildings formerly located at 6543 and 6537 Main Street, directly east of the Howard Heating and Air Conditioning store, are down and debris is being moved out this week to make room for construction of a new building with up to 5 rental units.

Cass City resident Ray Armstead originally gifted the buildings to the village downtown development au-

thority (DDA) in the fall of 2006. The DDA then sold them to local contractor, Charles Roe, for the sale price of \$1. Roe was also required to start construction of a new building in 6 months.

In Cristiano's manager's report, he noted "the footings and new basement should be in place within the next 2 weeks. The building should be up and in place by July 1, 2007. We hope this is the beginning of additional improvements on our Main Street."

Continuing with the improvement subject matter, the council also sched-

Cass City woman dies after crash

A Cass City woman died last week from injuries she suffered in a 2-vehicle traffic crash Friday, Feb. 16.

Huron County Sheriff's deputies identified the victim as Sally Mae Morrish, 68.

According to reports, the crash occurred on M-53 just south of Canboro Road. Morrish was driving northbound and lost control of her vehicle on the icy roadway. Her vehicle spun around, entered the southbound lane and collided with a southbound vehicle driven by Darren L. Miasek, 39, of Bad Axe.

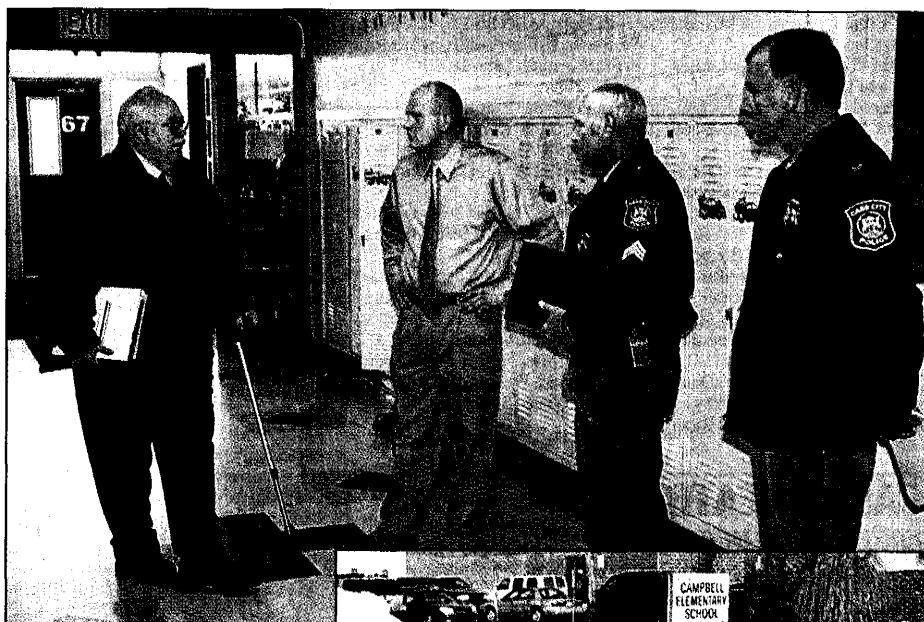
Deputies said Morrish was transported to Huron Medical Center in Bad Axe and then flown to St. Mary's Medical Center in Saginaw, where she died last Wednesday.

A 14-year-old passenger in the Morrish vehicle, and Miasek were both taken to Huron Medical Center for treatment of their injuries. No information was available on their conditions.

Deputies were assisted at the scene by the Bad Axe and Bingham Township fire departments, Michigan State Police, Central Huron Ambulance, Elkton Ambulance and the victim advocates of the Huron County Sheriff's Department.



CASS CITY seniors Leah Whittaker and Kyle Sieradzki highlighted Friday's Snowcoming celebration when they were announced as the 2007 King and Queen during halftime of the Red Hawks' victory over Bay City All Saints.



TUSCOLA County Emergency Services Director Pat Finn (far left) discusses last week's lock down exercise at Campbell Elementary School with (from left) Principal Aaron Fernald, Cass City Police Sgt. Roger Zelmer and Police Chief Craig Haynes.



LOCK DOWN

School-wide drill designed to keep kids safe

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

It's a sign of the times; police cars lined up in front of a school building. Inside, teachers have heard the code word and have locked their doors. The hallways are empty and silent.

The procedure is called a "lock down", designed to protect students in the event of any one of a variety of emergencies, including the sort of school violence seen in small and large communities across the country in recent years.

Last week, Cass City School staff members, administrators and students at the elementary, middle and high school buildings all rehearsed the procedure during mock exercises under the guidance of the Cass City

Police Department and Tuscola County Emergency Services officials.

The exercise, required by state law beginning this year, was the first school-wide drill for Cass City Schools and one of the first such exercises Tuscola County Emergency Services Director Pat Finn has observed in the county. Afterwards, Finn said he was impressed.

"They did a great job for the first time through," Finn commented Wednesday. "There were a few glitches, but that's going to happen. I saw no glaring problems."

"It went quite well. I applaud some of the things they've (school officials) done. They've been very proactive," Finn added. "They take this very seriously, and the kids aren't

scared anymore because it's going to be a routine thing."

"I thought it went very well," Cass City Police Chief Craig Haynes said. "It was a good training exercise for the school staff."

According to Cass City School Supt. Ron Wilson the drill is a new requirement for Michigan's schools this year.

"There have been some changes in the state law that deal with school safety. We're required to - well, we've always been required to have 9 fire drills - but in lieu of 2 of those, we have to have 2 lock down drills," Wilson said.

"It used to be if we had a bomb threat, we would immediately evacu-

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Local pastor is also chaplain for Michigan State Police troopers

The Rev. David Hill may seem like just about any other pastor in the Cass City area, although he's currently serving the First Baptist Church on an interim basis.

However, Hill's "second job" includes some duties that can be a great deal more intense than most of his peers face.

Hill is a chaplain for the Michigan State Police.

A Bay City native, Hill has devoted more than 40 years of his life to the ministry, serving churches in Chicago, Minnesota and Lapeer. He joined the First Baptist Church in Cass City at the beginning of January as interim pastor while continuing to serve as a state police chaplain, a job he accepted in 1994.

Hill recalled speaking at a law enforcement appreciation event at the First Baptist Church in Lapeer, where he served as pastor for 15 years. Afterwards, he said, both the sheriff and (state police) post commander asked

me if I'd be interested in being a chaplain. I was commissioned in September 1994 with both the state police and the sheriff's department."

The process involves a comprehensive screening of potential chaplains, according to Hill.

"You have to have graduated from an approved seminary, you have to have been a pastor at least 5 years. Of course, then you go through an intensive background check, and there's an extensive interviewing process," he explained, adding chaplain candidates must also be approved by a post commander, another chaplain and a representative of the candidate's denomination.

"I was looking for a way to serve the community outside the church, and this offered me an opportunity. And, I felt that police officers were always taking a bad rap, and I kind of liked to line up with them," Hill said of his decision to pursue the job, which offers no pay but plenty of in-

teresting situations, some pleasant, others heartbreaking.

"Basically, in the state police, the chaplain is the pastor to the troopers and their families. Our purpose is to build relationships with the officers," he explained.

"I work out of the Lapeer post, but we can be called anywhere in the state," said Hill, who wears a special uniform designating him as a chaplain. His gear includes a bulletproof vest, but he doesn't carry a weapon.

On the job, he faces a variety of duties.

"We'll be asked to come minister at retirements or anniversaries. It's always a joy to do those things," he said.

Chaplains, he noted, also face much more difficult tasks, such as assisting officers who are dealing with those touched by violence. "Sometimes it's to the victims of crime, some-

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Mr. and Mrs. Mark Farrelly and family took Allen Farrelly to the Cass City Knights of Columbus Hall for his birthday.

Marge Murdick of Snover was a Monday supper guest of Mrs. Curtis Cleland.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Depcinski were Sunday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski.

Mrs. Dan Franzel, June Rutz, Allen Farrelly and Doris Western had dinner Wednesday at the Franklin Inn.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Damm visited Thelma Jackson Saturday.

Jim and Marge Ritter, Eric and Heidi Sweeney, Nicole, Brandon and Brett, and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Sweeney attended a birthday party for Beth Ritter Sunday afternoon. Birthday cake and ice cream was served at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Ritter.

Joyce Cleland and daughters, Erin and Sarah, of Uby, were Tuesday guests of Mrs. Curtis Cleland.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Carpenter, Dean Jr., Michael, Jessica and Timothy of Caro, Betty and Joe Myers and Ryan

of Gladwin, Charles and Theresa Depcinski, Shawn and Nicole, and Mrs. Ray Depcinski visited Doug and Carol Koglin and family.

Mrs. Harold Ballagh was among a group who attended the funeral of Vera Hoadley at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, at 1 p.m., Sunday.

June Rutz, Mrs. Dan Franzel, Doris Wester and Allen Farrelly had dinner in Frankenmuth Saturday for Allen's 73rd birthday.

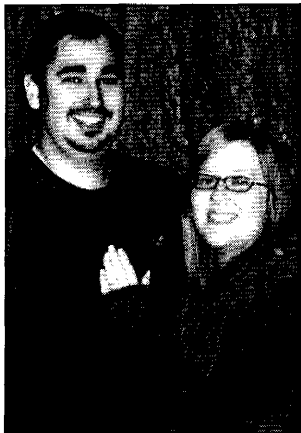
Dick Peterson, Tom Talaski, Claude Mestack, Jack Kennedy, Bernard Morley and Allen Farrelly met at McDonald's for breakfast Thursday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Cleland of Bad Axe were Sunday guests of Mrs. Curtis Cleland.

Five members of The Traveling Breakfast Club met at Big Boy Thursday morning. They will meet at Rachel's in Bad Axe next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Sweeney spent Tuesday and Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Sweeney of Auburn Hills.

Engaged



Nathaniel Bock and Ashley Klee

Dennis and Bonnie Klee of Ruth, and Randy and Karen Bock of Uby, announce the engagement of their children, Ashley Lynn Klee and Nathaniel Arthur Bock.

Ashley is a 2002 graduate of Uby High School and a 2006 graduate of Saginaw Valley State University with a bachelor's degree in social work. She is currently employed with Visiting Angels in Frankenmuth.

Nathan is a 2001 graduate of Uby High School. He is a 2003 and 2007 graduate of Baker College with a bachelor's degree in computer science/computer information systems. He is currently employed at Dow Chemical in Midland.

An April 21, 2007 wedding is being planned.



Michael and Dawn Withey

Withey, Law wed

Michael Francis Withey of Cass City and Dawn Marie Law, formerly of Troy, were married Feb. 14, 2007, making every Valentine's Day special.

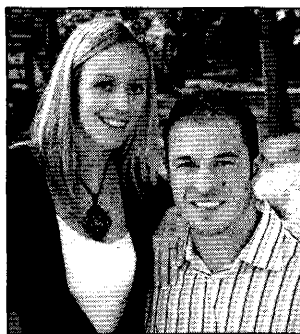
Michael is a union millwright and Dawn is a local beautician.

Witnesses were Jason D. Haight, family friend; and Anne Marie Lewis,

18, daughter of the bride. Both witnesses are Cass City High School graduates.

Other children that were brought together with this marriage are Hannah Withey, 7, Allyson Withey, 10, Jake Lewis, 15, Darrin Lewis, 16, and Nicole Lee Massa, 21.

Engaged



Daniel Sherman and Lisa Glowzinski

Daniel Sherman of Bay City and Lisa Glowzinski of Saline announce their engagement.

Daniel is a 1996 graduate of Cass City High School and attended Saginaw Valley State University. He currently is employed as the director of personnel at Riversbend Rehabilitation. He is the son of Allen and Brenda Sherman of Cass City and Sue Garton of Lincoln Park.

Lisa is a 1997 graduate of Saline High School and attended Washtenaw Community College. She is currently employed as a lab tech 1 in the Warde Medical Lab at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. She is the daughter of Gary and Carmela Glowzinski of Saline.

An October 13, 2007 wedding is being planned at the St. Stans Church of Bay City.

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Engaged



Dirk Hartman and Kristina Spaulding

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Hartman of Unionville and Mr. Ronald Spaulding of Cass City along with Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Romain of Caro announce the engagement of their children, Kristina Elise Spaulding and Dirk Mikeal Hartman.

Kristina is a 2005 graduate of Cass City High School and a soon-to-be 2007 graduate of Baker College.

Dirk is a 2001 graduate of USA High School. He is a state-certified mechanic at Team Hodges of West Branch.

A March 3, 2007 wedding is being planned.

Calendar of Events

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

Wednesday, February 28

Cass City Little League Baseball Sign-up, 6 to 8 p.m., Cass City Middle School cafeteria.

Thursday, March 1

Friends of the Library meeting, 1:30 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library.

Cass City Little League Baseball Sign-up, 3 to 5 p.m., Campbell Elementary School lobby.

Friday, March 2

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

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

Sunday, March 4

Gagetown United Methodist Brunch, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. All you can eat. \$5 donation.

Monday, March 5

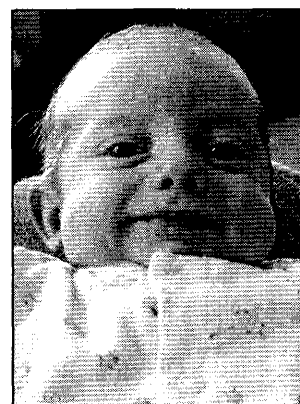
Alcoholics Anonymous, "Monday at a Time," 8 p.m., Parkside Cafe, 2031 Main St., Uby. For additional information, call Angela R. at (989) 658-2319.

Novesta Township Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 6

Heartland Hospice Grief Group meeting, 6:30 p.m., VFW Annex, Cass City. For more information, contact Laura Johannes at 1-877-486-6671.

It's a boy!



Mason Paul Brown

Paul and Rochelle Brown of Cass City announce the birth of their son, Mason Paul Brown.

Mason was born Dec. 8, 2006 at Huron Medical Center in Bad Axe. He weighed 5 pounds, 6 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long.

His grandparents are Dwaine and Helen Peters, Ken and Joann Martin, and the late Arthur Brown, all of Cass City. His great-grandmother is Mary Barton of Cass City.

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by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

If you wondered if I was blowing smoke when I reported that it would be great to look out my window and see the 2 buildings scheduled for demolition on their way down, the weather caused a delay but it happened last Tuesday and Wednesday.

One building took a couple of days to bring down, the second about 3 or 4 hours. Anyway, the buildings are gone as promised when the village made the deal to give the buildings away, provided they were removed.

Now I'll try and keep the office window sparkling clean so that I won't miss the replacement building that is expected in the 2 empty lots.

No predictions here about when. There is a mountain of debris still to be removed as I write this Monday morning.

Take heart if you just can't wait for spring to be sprung. Michigan, the Thumb and Cass City have been snow-covered most of January and February, but still the really bad storms have circled around the community.

Caution! Don't be too joyful. Remember the worst storm in almost 60 years occurred in March.

If you enjoy metaphors, think of the Shabbona Church ladies' annual apple pie sale as the sun.

Revolving about the sun are the satellites-cherry pies and rhubarb pies. All completed in the atmosphere created by church dinners held the second Saturday and the fourth Thursday each month.

And sometimes when you overindulge with pie or at the dinner and feel the aftereffects it's like a meteorite hitting where it does the most damage.

Several appear in circuit court

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

•Brian R. Keys, 29, Decker, pleaded guilty to 2 counts of attempting to write a no account check and 2 counts of uttering and publishing. The charges stem from checks for \$906.44 and \$918.61, both drawn on National City Bank July 26.

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

•Todd A. Putnam, 36, Deford, pleaded no contest to possession with intent to deliver marijuana, subsequent offense, and maintaining a drug house Sept. 19 in Wells Township.

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

•Teresa A. Shaft, 39, Caro, pleaded guilty to illegal use of a financial transaction device Oct. 11 in Caro.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$2,500. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

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•Stephen L. Gilkerson, 20, Mt. Morris, pleaded guilty to possession with intent to deliver marijuana and possession of marijuana on school property April 18, 2005, in Millington.

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

•Gregory A. Carlisle, 38, Vassar, pleaded guilty to assaulting a police officer and domestic violence Dec. 5 in Vassar. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convictions).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$3,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Cory J. Lewicki, 17, Caro, pleaded guilty to second degree home invasion Nov. 24 in Rich Township, and to larceny in a building Nov. 1 in Caro.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at a combined \$1,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

The Haire Net

Plan now for tennnis program



Richard Little's campaign to establish a Cass City High School tennis team appears to be edging towards fruition. That's surprising because all the odds were against a project that needs dollars to complete.

The school, of course, hasn't even money enough to maintain the curriculum and the staff the way it has been in money-flush times. Rule out a single dollar from the school's general fund.

Little was determined to give a new tennis team his best shot so he worked around the no cash, no way, the present forced school mantra.

It will take plenty of work and an estimated \$20,000 or more to replace the surfaces on the courts.

It's a near certainty that the Cass City Rotary Club will kick in \$6,000 and, as always, it's a near certainty the Gavel club and the Lions club will participate as they always have.

The Pinney Foundation has money available for community projects and it will be a major surprise if it does not make a matching fund contribution.

There are other sources to raise cash and my forecast is that the money needed will be available. The sponsors will get the tennis courts back in shape.

Sponsors of the program say that transportation for a tennis team has

been arranged. Coaches are ready, willing and able to work free. The kids are set to buy their own uniforms, rackets and balls.

There is a concern here after the newness wears off in the years ahead. Tennis nets wear out, fences need mending, courts need attention. That costs money.

It would be more palatable to village taxpayers, I'm sure, that if in addition to the cost of preparing the program today a sinking fund was included to maintain it tomorrow.

The village taxpayers are facing a substantial increase in water and sewer rates due to paying for the new arsenic removal equipment and the maintenance building under construction.

It's easy to let the cost of maintenance of the refurbished courts and related tennis equipment slide into the parks and recreation budget, but it shouldn't happen.

If we are aiming for an "extra cost free" tennis program, prepare for it now so hard-pressed village taxpayers will not have more to swallow on their plate than they already have.



The back forty

by Roger Pond

It's easy to forget how much air travel has changed over the years. I miss the days when a person could walk into an airport, hand over his suitcase, and get on the plane.

Now, we arrive hours before take-off, park the car miles away, and spend half the morning answering questions about how our bags were packed. Then we jump on a conveyer and ride through the airport — just like a big bale of hay.

Even the airlines know how silly this is. Several years ago I handed my ticket to an agent, and he said, "I suppose your bags were packed by strangers?"

Someday I'm going to tell the baggage clerk, "No, I didn't pack my bag. My wife packed it. And neither you, nor I are supposed to know what's in it."

All of this hassle comes in the name of progress and security. I can't speak for everyone, but I felt better in the old days — when I could see where my baggage went.

The concept of airline "hubs" with huge planes and enormous airports has gone too far in my opinion. We're getting to the point where it costs more to park the car than it does to buy the plane ticket.

I have fond memories of flying out of the little airport at Pendleton, Oregon — many years ago when United Airlines still scheduled flights there. The Pendleton Airport was small then, and I don't suppose it's any bigger now that United has abandoned the premises.

I sat in that airport one morning and

watched the wind howling down the runway. You can't see the wind in many parts of the country, but you can in Pendleton. The wind there is full of things: Russian thistles, Jim Hill Mustard, chunks of driftwood.

This particular morning, windows rattled and lights in the airport lobby began to flicker. I wondered if this was a normal day for that part of the country.

A woman staggered in from the parking lot to report someone tried to open the hood on his car. The wind peeled the hood back like someone opening a new can of Spam. "Must have been a tourist," the woman surmised.

Soon after that a 50-gallon oil drum went rolling across the runway. I figured the breeze was freshening.

Airport personnel suggested it was probably an empty oil drum I saw. "The planes don't fly when full ones are blowing."

I handed my suitcase to a baggage clerk, and he handed it to the guy behind him. I don't know what that fellow did with it.

I wasn't worried, though. It's pretty hard to lose your luggage when there's only one airplane.

The baggage clerk was the same person who took my ticket and ushered me onto the plane. I think he was in charge of security, too, judging from the little badge on his shirt. Those were the days before metal detectors, photo IDs, and \$12 per day parking.

Some folks might like the big, modern airports, but I don't. If I had my druthers, I'd still be flying out of Pendleton.

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Feb. 28, 2007

5-Day Local Forecast



Wednesday

Mostly Cloudy

High: 31 Low: 20



Thursday

Scat'd Rain

High: 34 Low: 29



Friday

Cloudy

High: 35 Low: 23



Saturday

Mostly Cloudy

High: 35 Low: 20



Sunday

Mostly Cloudy

High: 34 Low: 18

In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a high temperature of 31°, humidity of 86% and an overnight low of 20°. The record high temperature for today is 49° set in 1983. The record low is -4° set in 1994. Thursday, skies will remain mostly cloudy with a 50% chance of rain, high temperature of 34°, humidity of 86% and an overnight low of 29°.

Last Week's Local Almanac

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip
Monday	37	-8	30/15	0.00"
Tuesday	37	12	30/15	0.00"
Wednesday	39	12	31/15	0.00"
Thursday	37	19	31/15	0.00"
Friday	19	1	31/16	0.00"
Saturday	23	3	31/16	0.00"
Sunday	28	21	32/16	0.00"

Upcoming Moon Phases



Full

Last

New

First

3/3

3/11

3/18

3/25

Sunrise/Sunset Times

Sunrise today 7:11 a.m.

Sunset tonight 6:20 p.m.

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Red Hawk Talk

by Kyle Swanson

Quiet on the stage...lights, camera, action. The school play is fast approaching and students at Cass City High School have been busy preparing for this year's production.

"This year's play is 'Oz!'" Similar to "The Wizard of Oz," "Oz!" follows Dorothy on her journey through a world of magic. An actress in the play, Danielle Reed, told me it's a new spin on the Wizard of Oz.

Taking part in this year's play are several students from the high school as well as some staff members. The play is being directed by high school teachers Mrs. Connie Iwankovitch and Mrs. Judy Hoelzle. Assisting them is this year's student director, Whitney Kirm. Whitney told me that there are approximately 20 students acting in the production.

When talking to students about the school play, it became clear that a lot of work is done to prepare for the production. I found out that everyone has been busy at practice since the second week of January. The students practice from 6:30 to 9 p.m. 3 times each week. Additionally, students have to work on their own time to memorize lines and perfect what they learned at practice.

Despite all this hard work, actress Lindsey Montgomery said, "It's fun to work on, and funny to watch." I would have to agree with Lindsey. From the small amount of time that I spent at a practice, it was clear that everyone was excited for the play and that it would indeed be fun to watch.

Contrary to what you might believe, the school play is not just about act-

ing.

Andrew Rohlf, one of the students performing in the play, explained "The school play allows you to more than just act." In fact, the school play allows students to act, sing, dance, lighting, make-up, or working backstage on other tasks. It takes a lot of talented people to pull everything off, but everything always comes together.

Danielle Delamarter, another student in the play, told me, "I really enjoy being in the play, it's a lot of fun." Kirm added, "The school play is a great opportunity to get involved in our community and school."

This year's production is almost here, but there is still plenty of time to put one of the performances on your calendar. Opening night for the play is scheduled for Friday, March 23 at 7 p.m. The second production will take place Saturday, March 24 at 7 p.m. Sunday, March 25, will be the last production and will take place at 3 p.m. All shows will take place in the cafeteria of the high school.

I would encourage everyone in the community to come see this year's production.

"I think this will be a great play for the whole family," Katie Kleo said.

I can certainly say that I have enjoyed school plays from previous years and I can still remember going to the plays even when I was in elementary school. So whether you make it to opening night or the final performance, be sure to check out this year's production. You'll be sure to have a great time.

Letters to the Editor

Now not the time to approve raises

I attended the Feb. 5 Novesta Township board meeting. February is the month that the township board discusses what special things they would like to propose to be included in the year's budget, which is always proposed and voted on by the board at the annual budget meetings that are always held the first Monday in March.

The supervisor, Ronald E. Palmer, was in Florida at the time and was not in attendance for the February meeting, however, the township treasurer, Ralph Zinnecker, on Mr. Palmer's behalf, proposed a \$1,000 raise for Mr. Palmer as the supervisor and another \$1,000 for Mr. Palmer for his position of township assessor.

Two years ago at the March 2005 budget proposal meeting Mr. Palmer received a raise of \$2 per parcel as the township assessor. There was over a thousand parcels in Novesta Township then so Mr. Palmer received well over \$2,000 dollars raise as township assessor in March of 2005. If the board votes for and approves the \$1,000 raise as assessor this March it will be more than a \$3,000 dollar raise in 2 years for Mr. Palmer as the assessor.

As I said above the treasurer said that Mr. Palmer also wants a \$1,000 raise as the township supervisor.

This money for these raises would come from the general funds and the taxpayer's pocket, so to give these raises, the township would either have to raise taxes, which would require a vote of the people pursuant to the Headlee Amendment of the Michigan Constitution, or they would have to make cuts in services such as road work or some other township provided service. Just last summer the township voted to borrow \$40,000 dollars from the Tuscola County Road Commission for roadwork because they weren't sure they would have the money to cover all the proposed roadwork for last summer.

I think I should mention that prior to March of 2005 the people of Novesta Township could go to the budget proposal meetings and be part of the vote for giving raises to the township officials, but just before Mr. Palmer got the \$2 per parcel raise as assessor, the township board passed a proposal to discontinue allowing the people to vote yea or nay for pay raises for the township officials at the meetings which were held on the first Monday in March, but instead to allow themselves only to make that determination. They were allowed to make that change because the law says that if the township doesn't have annual meetings then the officials can vote the raises in themselves. The township used to have annual meetings before that but as a result of a motion made by Dale Churchill, one of the township trustees, resulting in a vote by the board to discontinue having the annual meetings, they now have power to vote these raises in themselves instead of allowing the people to actually vote yea or nay.

The sign in the window at the township hall still says that the annual meetings are held on the first Mondays in March, but that sign is false and is only there because the board has neglected to remove that sign. Maybe after reading this they will remove that sign.

They lost one of their major cash cows for the general fund monies last summer. That happened when I discovered that the township board back in 2001 had voted to use as general funds all the interest monies generated by the garbage fee fund which

is collected a year in advance even though the garbage ordinance specifically states that any monies collected in excess of the garbage companies contract payments shall be retained in the garbage fund and shall be used to defray the cost of future garbage service. They were using that extra money as general funds instead of keeping it in the garbage funds where it belongs. The general funds is where the officer's salaries and raises are paid from. That should help keep the garbage fees down because they have to use that money strictly for garbage service now. I also think they should return the monies they inappropriately took for all those years back to the garbage fund where it should have been but so far I haven't been able to convince them to do that. Yet.

Also, I would like the people to know that the township officials want to employ a zoning enforcement officer at \$15 per hour plus 43 cents per mile. They want that officer to be a certified police officer and be deputized by the sheriff even though their attorney told them it wasn't necessary. It is my belief the township might want to intimidate people. I asked why they need another officer and Dale Churchill said that they feel they have evolved to that point.

I think it is to take the appearance of accountability away from themselves but they are still accountable. So far the only one they have been able to find willing to do the job is the Kingston police officer and he has to attend the meetings in Kingston on the same night as ours, so I don't know if he'll be attending our meetings or not. According to Dale he is not insured either so if they employ him they will have to make sure he is bonded in case he violates someone's rights. That's another expense.

One other thing they said — they want to spend \$8,400 to pay the attorney to do a new zoning ordinance book.

All this while the governor is asking townships to tighten their belt and look for ways to save money, our school is making major cuts in teachers and other personnel, our economic situation in this state is in shambles, jobs are leaving the state and our area, homes are going up for sale all around us, people are having to take pay cuts just to keep their jobs. All these things are making the state of our economy very terrible and I don't think this is the time for the supervisor to get a raise and to employ an additional township officer and to rewrite the zoning book.

The voters may have lost their ability to personally vote on these things at the annual meetings but you can still call Ralph Zinnecker, the treasurer, and the other township board members and tell them of your disapproval. If enough people call Ralph or better yet write him letters and put "for the record" right on the letters and complain, it's bound to make an impact. I'm going to, but I'm only one person and there is power in numbers.

I personally would rather see my money spent on grading all these washboard roads, and fixing the roadside ditches.

Please call him and voice your opinion. I'll keep you updated. The budget meeting is the first Monday in March so you could even go there and voice your opinions. Hope to see you there.

Bob Dickson

Nurse shortage is critical

Dear Editor,

Health care is one of the few sectors creating new jobs in Michigan. Yet, Michigan is struggling to fill more than 2,500 open nursing positions, a shortage that will, according to the Michigan Center for Nursing, top 8,000 by 2010 and 16,000 by 2015 if not addressed.

Nurses are the most important caregivers in Hills and Dales General Hospital. The Thumb area's population continues to age, future demand for more nurses will increase dramatically.

The state's nursing shortage is largely due to 2 factors: a lack of faculty at the state's nursing colleges, and a lack of clinical space in which to train students.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm's proposed 2008 budget would fund 500 additional nurse educators in Michigan who will provide the capacity to train 3,000 new nurses over 3 years. Without these new nurses, Michigan's ability to ensure accessible, affordable health care services will move to the "critical list."

Nurse recruitment remains a top priority for every Michigan hospital. We

urge the Legislature to approve the governor's proposal to fill these critical health care jobs and to train a new generation of Michigan nurses.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Falatko, President & CEO
Hills & Dales General Hospital

Letters to the Editor

The Chronicle welcomes letters to the editor.

Letters must include the writer's name, address and telephone number. The latter is in case it is necessary to call for verification, but won't be used in the newspaper.

Names will be withheld from publication upon request, for an adequate reason.

The Chronicle reserves the right to edit letters for length and clarity.

We will not publish thank you letters of a specific nature, for instance, from a club thanking merchants who donated prizes for a raffle.



Cardinal ChatBack

by Hannah Strauel

My pulse quickens. My palms grow sweaty. Adrenaline rushes. I force myself to breathe slowly. No, I'm not at a track meet. It's not the biggest basketball game of the season. A voice breaks into the silence, "Please open your test booklets, read the instructions carefully, and began."

Yes, you guessed it. Test time. Whether it's the EXPLORE, PLAN, PSAT, SAT, or ACT, you are bound to take a standardized test or two while in high school. But are these tests an adequate assessment of one's knowledge?

As February draws to a close, the juniors at Kingston, and probably every other school in the state, are diligently studying for the ACT that will be administered in March. Teachers set aside their lesson plans and began to prepare students for questions they could encounter on the test.

English teachers give you tips on how to write the best writing prompt. Math teachers show you how to do something called logarithms that might show up on the test. And, of course, science teachers make sure you know the scientific method, again.

Yet, for all the preparation and fuss, how well do these tests measure our intelligence?

What about the student who turns in all their homework, listens in class, but come test time, clams up and cannot remember what the reciprocal of 4x/5 is to save their life? What about the student who does not do so great in chemistry but comes in after school for tutoring and tries their hardest to get a C in the class?

Are these tests appropriate indicators to judge whether a student is accepted at a college or not? Should the outcome of someone's future de-

pend on a single test?

I'll concede that some students shine when it comes to taking such tests. Some receive their excellent score, are accepted into college, and never look back. For many, they see no fault in the system. However, there are those that will not receive the benefit of the doubt because they cannot, and will never, be able to do well on tests.

There remains only one question unasked; what is the alternative? If not standardized tests, then what?

Church to host meets in March

Novesta Church of Christ, 2896 Cemetery Rd., Cass City, will host 3 days of special meetings, March 4-6, with Kerry Allen of Hillsboro, Ohio, as the guest speaker.

Allen has preached throughout America, Canada, Asia, and the West Indies. He preached his first revival when he was 16 years old. He has held located ministries, served as president of a Christian College and continues to teach at the college level while serving as director for Person to Person Ministries of Hillsboro, Ohio.

The public is invited to hear Allen at the services Sunday at 9:30 and 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Monday and Tuesday at 7 p.m.

A nursery will be provided and there will be an afterglow following the Tuesday night meeting. For more information, call the church at (989) 872-3658.

Notice of BOARD OF REVIEW

for Greenleaf Township

Will Be Held

Tuesday, February 27, 2007 6:30 p.m.

To present the roll. No public protest heard.

Tuesday, March 6, 2007 9 a.m.-Noon & 1-4 p.m.

Wednesday, March 7, 2007 2-5 & 6-9 p.m.

Greenleaf Township Hall on Gilbert Rd., 2 miles north of Cass City Rd.

Taxpayers may appeal assessments at either of the last two meetings or by mail to Judy Doerr, Clerk, at 7381 Germania Rd., Ubyly, MI 48475

Tentative Equalization Factor

Class	Ratio	Multiplier
Agriculture	41.02%	1.21892
Commercial	50.69%	0.98639
Industrial	75.18%	0.66507
Residential	44.19%	1.13148
Personal Property	50.00%	1.00000

The township will provide necessary reasonable service to individuals with Disabilities at the Board of Review Meeting upon 3 days notice to clerk.

Judy Doerr, Clerk 989-658-8625

Notice of BOARD OF REVIEW for Novesta Township will be held

March 12, 2007 9 a.m.-noon & 1-4 p.m.

March 13, 2007 1-4 p.m. & 6-9 p.m.

Tentative Equalization Factor

	Multiplier	Ratio
Residential	0.96043	52.06
Agricultural	1.06022	47.16
Commercial	1.04297	47.94
Timber Cutover	1.000	50.00
Industrial	1.000	50.00
Dev	1.000	50.00

Novesta Township Hall, Deford

Karen Mozden, Clerk

Board of Review Meeting Scheduled

The Elmwood Township Board of Review for 2007

will be held at the Elmwood Township Hall

6437 Lincoln Street, Gagetown, MI 48735 on the following dates:

Monday, March 12, 9 a.m. - Noon & 1-4 p.m.

Thursday, March 15, 3-9 p.m.

The Board of Review will meet as many more days as deemed necessary to hear questions, protests and equalize the 2007 assessments.

The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of Real property and Personal property for 2007 are as follows:

Agricultural	47.50%	1.0527
Commercial	47.46%	1.0536
Industrial	49.04%	1.0196
Residential	49.01%	1.0202
Personal Property	50.00%	1.0000

(ADA) Americans with disabilities notice

The township will provide necessary reasonable services to individuals with disabilities at the Board of Review Meeting upon 3 days notice, call 989-872-3906

Supervisor: Christopher Graff

Notice of BOARD OF REVIEW

For

Elkland Township

Will Be Held

March 13, 2007 9 a.m.-12 & 1-4 p.m.

March 14, 2007 1-4 & 6-9 p.m.

at 6691 Church St., Cass City

Dan Erla, Supervisor

ANNOUNCEMENT OF POSITION VACANCY VILLAGE OF CASS CITY

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Job Summary: Under the supervision of the Plant Superintendent, operates, maintains and repairs all pumps, compressors, blowers, valves, piping, clarifiers, rotating biological contactors, digesters and various other equipment at the wastewater treatment plant and pumping stations within the service area. Performs building and grounds maintenance as required. Performs sampling and analysis of wastewater samples and documents a variety of data for reports and records. Performs other duties as directed and or deemed necessary for the effective and efficient operation of the wastewater treatment system. Serves in an "on-call" basis to handle emergency situations.

Minimum Qualifications: This position requires the successful candidate to possess the following:

1. Prefer equivalent of two years of college level coursework in chemistry, engineering, mathematics and related areas.
2. A valid Michigan drivers license.
3. Good written and verbal communication skills.
4. Good mechanical ability.
5. Ability to pass both a pre-employment physical and drug testing/screening examinations.

Interested and qualified candidates may submit an application or a resume with cover letter to the Village of Cass City, P.O. Box 123, Cass City, Michigan 48726. All applications must be received by 4:30 p.m., Friday, March 2, 2007. The Village of Cass City is an Equal Opportunity Employer.



EARNING HONORS AT the District Solo and Ensemble Festival, held Feb. 17, were Cass City High School musicians (front row, from left) Sarah Reed (good rating, clarinet duet), Chelsey Bootz (excellent rating, clarinet solo; good rating, clarinet quintet), Ariel Veneziano (good rating, clarinet duet), Lauren Hudson (excellent rating, euphonium solo), Danielle Delamarter (excellent rating, flute solo), (back row, left) Adam Kranz (excellent rating, snare and marimba solos), Ethan Damm (good rating, clarinet quintet), Kari Spencer (good rating, clarinet quintet), Samantha Swiderski (good rating, clarinet quintet), Alyssa Nicol (excellent rating, harp and piano solos; good rating clarinet quintet), and Evan Bushong (excellent rating, trumpet solo). Missing is Ashlee Spencer (good rating, trumpet solo).



CASS CITY HIGH School art students (from left) Krystal Alexander, Chelsea Depner, Chelsa DeLuyck and Sarah Howard were selected to have their artwork displayed this past month in the Michigan Art Education Association Student Exhibit at the Saginaw Art Museum. Alexander's artwork was selected for state judging.



Drum Corps Summer...

By Lauren Hudson

Editor's note: Cass City High School student Lauren Hudson will be contributing an occasional column to the Chronicle over the next few months, sharing her experiences as a first-time member of a Division I drum and bugle corps.

During the summer, Hudson will travel thousands of miles with the corps, rehearsing and performing across the country in high school, college and NFL stadiums by day, and sleeping on busses and gym floors by night. The tour will conclude in August when the corps competes in the 2007 Drum Corps International World Championships at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, Calif.

I'm Lauren Hudson, age 17, and I go to Cass City High School. As of November, I was offered a spot on the baritone line of the Pioneer Drum and Bugle Corps, which is based in Milwaukee, Wis. This February, I attended my third camp.

One weekend out of every month, my mom, Coni Hudson, and my

grandpa, Bill Lowman, drive me 8 hours to the camp. Over the weekend, we, the members of Pioneer, sleep on gym floors and/or hallway floors, eat 3 meals a day, practice music for hours, and practice basic marching for hours. At the same time, members are getting to know each other (also known as your new family!).

This February, Pioneer prepared its opener (the music for the first portion of their 2007 show), and its parade tune. We have a parade coming up in March - the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Chicago! The drumline also prepared its "street beat", while the hornline learned the corps' theme song, "When Irish Eyes are Smiling", and some Irish jazz, which will also be part of this year's show.

All in all, this camp was pretty fun, but it was A LOT of hard work and very productive.

I'll write again next month about how my first parade with Pioneer went. Until then..."Better Every Day".

Volunteers needed in classrooms

Area elementary schools are looking for some very special folks to be volunteers in their classrooms.

Anyone who is over the age of 60 and living on a fixed income can join the Foster Grandparent Program and begin to make a measurable difference in the lives of young children.

Foster grandparents help kids with basic reading and math review, counting and colors, social skills, manners, tying their shoes, and much more. Both men and women are needed.

Giving just a couple of hours each morning, a foster grandparent becomes an important part of a child's day. In return, the foster grandparent volunteer receives \$2.65 per hour, which is not taxed and does not count as income; a nutritious meal with the kids; travel assistance or reimbursement; training before you start and monthly thereafter; liability and supplemental insurance, and much more. Even better, foster grandparents are on the receiving end of hugs and love from all of the kids around them.

If you think you have a few hours each day and a lot of caring to share, call the Human Development Commission's Foster Grandparent Program. If you are not sure that you can do this, ask about trying it out as a "Grandparent For A Day" - no commitment necessary. Call Teresa or Dee at 1-800-843-6394.

Down Memory Lane

By Harmony Doerr



5 YEARS AGO

Hills and Dales Healthcare Corporation officials recently announced that Northwood Meadows, A Senior Living Community in Cass City, has received its state license for the new Dementia Care Unit. Effective March 1, the facility will be accepting new residents, and 4 people are ready to move into the state-of-the-art facility. The residents live in neighborhoods with 5 private rooms per locality. Northwood Meadows Dementia Care is committed to providing a secure and nurturing residential environment in which to care for adults suffering from mild to moderate dementia.

Cass City concluded its Greater Thumb West Conference season Saturday with the Red Hawks' best showing of the season. Coach Beth Howard's spikers compiled a very impressive 13-1 record at the round robin event in Sebewaing, which included a pair of wins over conference champion Bad Axe. "We played awesome," says Howard. "Everyone had a big day." The Hawks finished as runners-up in the final league standing, compiling a 5-2 record in individual matches, along with Saturday's top finish in the league invite. The Hatchets edged the Hawks for the league crown with an unblemished 7-0 mark in individual matches and a 12-2 mark at the league invite.

Senior Aaron Dorland had the best day in his 4-year varsity career for the Cass City Red Hawks Saturday in the regional individual tournament at Williamston. He captured the 160-pound championship pitted against a strong field that were state qualifiers or medalists last year. Dorland pinned John Strein of Corunna in 1:27 in the first round. In the semi-finals, Dorland topped Mike Dimmitt of Montrose, 6-3. Dimmitt was a sixth place medalist in the finals last year. In the championship match, Tony Perez of Birch Run was defeated 6-1. Dorland will carry a 47-2 record going into the state finals at the Palace in Auburn Hills Mar. 7-9.

10 YEARS AGO

Orbital Engine Corp., which operated Orbital Fluid Technologies plant in Cass City before moving to Saginaw, will be merged with AG's Siemens Automotive unit to develop, manufacture, distribute and sell fuel rail assemblies incorporating Orbital's direct fuel injection technology. While in Cass City, the firm worked to perfect technologies for a 2-stroke engine. With the merger, the company will be working to provide its direct injection technology for conventional 4-stroke engines in the 50-50 joint venture. The company announced that the new company will target the United States and European

non-automotive market and the growing Asian markets.

It hasn't been uncommon in recent weeks to see cars, trucks and vans weaving as they travel on M-81 between Caro and Cass City. At first glance, one might think drinking and driving is the culprit. But it's pot-holes, not booze, that have motorists bobbing in an effort to avoid as many of the craters as possible. It's a task easier said than done, with some sections of the state highway looking more like a mine field than a road way, "It's difficult to remember one year to the next, how to compare, but I would say this spring is one of the worst ones we have had in a while." Jim Miklovic, director of finance for the Tuscola County Road Commission, said of road damage caused by thawing and freezing.

Former Elkland Township Fire Chief Milt Connolly was recently honored during the Cass City department's annual wives' dinner. Connolly was presented with a plaque in appreciation for more than 30 years of service to the department by Norma Wallace, township clerk, and Ron Pawloski, fire chief.

25 YEARS AGO

It may be faster than the mail, even if it may be a shade less reliable. Roger Forster found a balloon in a tree near his Schwegler Road home at 5 p.m., Monday last week. A note was attached. The balloon had been launched by a seven-year-old girl at Grawn, near Traverse City. A call there revealed that the balloon had been launched that morning. (From Rabbit Tracks)

After losing the first game and trailing 9-4 in the second, the Cass City Red Hawk volleyball team rallied to defeat Mayville, two games to one, and advance to the districts Saturday at USA. The scores of the pre-district games Tuesday afternoon at Cass City were 8-15, 15-11 and 15-6. Kris Proctor started the turnaround for Cass City by running off a string

of excellent serves to pull the Hawks from behind into the lead, a lead they never lost. The Wildcats were able to make just two points the rest of the second game as the momentum shifted to Cass City.

35 YEARS AGO

The Gagetown firemen have new fire hats, Chief Charles Wright reports. Nothing unusual about that except the firemen, all volunteers who work for the glory of it all, dug into their jeans to come up with half the cost. Now that's real devotion to duty. (From Rabbit Tracks)

A major problem today is finding time to do the things we'd like to do if we had time.

Think Twice: Freedom of speech has always been a valuable asset - don't make a fool of yourself by using it too freely.

The Cass City Red Hawks came to the end of the basketball trail Monday night in the opening round of the District Class B Tournament at Cass City, but there wasn't a Hawk fan around who wasn't pleased with the team's performance. The Hawks bowed to Thumb B League Champion Lakers, 88-84, in a game that wasn't decided until the final moments of the final quarter. It was a game marked by a brilliant shooting display by both teams. Long or short the two clubs burned the nets...starting with the opening whistle and continuing to hit until the game ended. There were individual standouts galore. Jim O'Connor of the Lakers came off the bench to score 23 points and spark his team to victory, Floyd Champagne, 26 points, was devastating with push shots from around the key and Randy Damm ignited the winners in the first half with three straight shots from way outside the key. Cass City had its share of stars. Dave Hillaker matched Champagne shot for shot from the outside with picture perfect shots.

BUDGET MEETING

for

ELKLAND TOWNSHIP

will be before the Regular Meeting

Monday, March 12th at 7 p.m.

at the Elkland Township Fire Hall

6691 Church St., Cass City

Norma Wallace
Elkland Township Clerk

Cass City Area Church Directory

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

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

Cass City Church of the Nazarene
6538 Third St., Cass City, MI 48726
872-2604 or 872-5201
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
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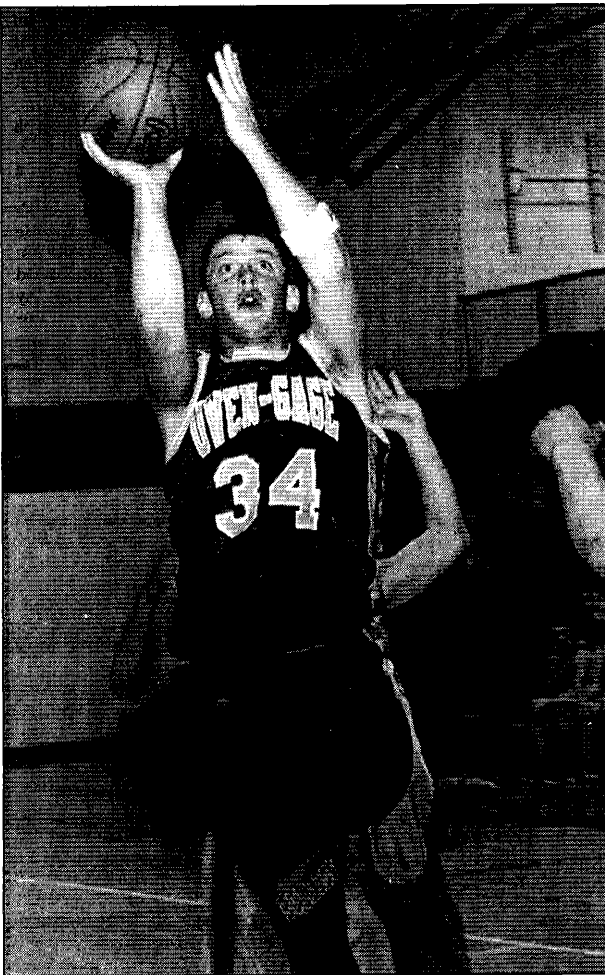


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Bulldogs snag share of NCTL-N crown with win over Memphis

Owen-Gage fans celebrated the first Bulldog boys' basketball league championship since 1975 Saturday after disposing of visiting Memphis



OWEN-GAGE'S Grant Champagne puts up a shot Saturday against visiting Memphis.

in a North Central Thumb League make-up game in Owendale. But, for the Owen-Gage basketball team, the real party won't begin until after Friday's season ending battle at North Huron. Entering the final week of the regular season the Bulldogs remain 2 games up in the loss column over the Warriors. While the Bulldogs have a golden opportunity to enter Friday's contest with the outright title in hand after facing Caseville on Tuesday, they are eager to face North Huron who handed the Bulldogs a 56-50 defeat earlier in the year. "We're greedy," said senior Grant Champagne. "We don't want to share the title with anybody." The game with the Eagles could have been mostly meaningless for the Bulldogs if they would have taken care of business to end the week. On Friday, the Bulldogs fell in a high scoring affair at Carsonville-Port Sanilac, but rebounded nicely to defeat Memphis 57-47 in an important NCTL outing in Owendale. The Yellowjackets used 5 treys in the opening half, 8 on the night, to keep pace with the hosts. Currey Dearmit, Luke Brown and Bryce Bischer all hit from behind the arc in the opening 8 minutes for Memphis, but a late rally by the Bulldogs evened the score at 12-12. Brown added a pair of 3-pointers before the half, but once again Owen-Gage answered, this time with 5 straight throws by Eric Zaleski, to enter the locker room at 36-36. The Bulldogs turned up their defensive pressure after the break and built a 38-31 cushion entering the final frame where Brandon Dubs took control. Dubs, who was held to just 2 points in the first half, exploded for a dozen of his game-high 20 points to help keep the Yellowjackets at bay. Owen-Gage enjoyed a huge advantage at the foul line, making 21 of 30

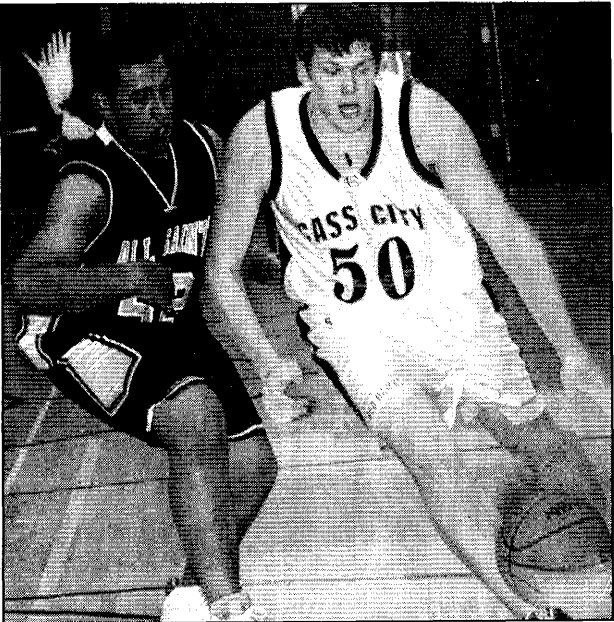
attempts while Memphis, who relied mainly on a perimeter attack, converted just 5 of 11 tries. Zaleski added 16 points to the Bulldog cause and Aaron Gaeth added 11. Ben Abraham led the Yellowjackets with 11 points.

CPS

The Tigers dealt Owen-Gage a 72-62 defeat Friday behind Chais Fleming's game-high 26 points. The hosts led 16-11 after one quarter and 51-37 after three en route to the NCTL upset. Gaeth had the hot hand for the Bulldogs and finished with 19 points, including 5 triples. He was joined in double figures by Zaleski with 14 points, while Dubs added 11. Justin Taylor and Chad Turcott chipped in 16 and 10 points for Carsonville-Port Sanilac, respectively.

Akron-Fairgrove

The Bulldogs opened play last week with a 47-30 victory Tuesday over host Akron-Fairgrove. After a Shane Lewis field goal gave the Vikings their only lead on the night, the Bulldogs reeled off 16 straight points to close out the frame. Owen-Gage's balanced attack proved too much for the Vikings as 7 of the 8 roster players scored in the opening half that ended 27-11. The Bulldogs used 3 treys in the initial half, one each from Andy Dronsella, Gaeth and Grant Champagne, to help build their double-digit advantage at the intermission. Dronsella paced the Bulldogs with a dozen points including a 5-6 effort from the stripe. Gaeth finished with 10 markers, 7 in the final half, to reach double figures for the winners. Lewis and Adam Foster split evenly 20 points and 18 rebounds for the Vikings.



CASS CITY'S Shane McFarland gets past All Saints defender Nick Simpson during Friday's GTW action. McFarland scored 14 points for the Red Hawks.

Hawks end GTW season with win over All Saints

The Cass City Red Hawks wrapped up their Greater Thumb West league season Friday with a 58-46 win over visiting Bay City All Saints and coach Aaron Fernald's charges have a pair of non-league games to prepare for next Monday's opening district class B game against Birch Run. The first was slated Tuesday against Bay City John Glenn and the season's final regular season game is Friday against formidable Saginaw Nouvel. Both games are at home for the Hawks. The Hawks started an all-senior lineup against the Cougars and played without the services of Austin Babich, who has a leg injury. He's listed as doubtful for Tuesday's game. The Cougars jumped off to an early lead behind Nick Simpson, who whipped in 3 free throws and a pair of regular hoops. Ollie Hull pitched in a pair of hoops and All Saints was in the lead at the end of the first period, 15-10. The Cougar's led 15-8 near the end of the first quarter when the Hawks went on a 13-0 spree that eventually decided the game. Shane McFarland started it with a bucket from close-in. Andrew Martin scored after taking a pretty pass from Brad Hartel. Dereck Halasz, who had his best offensive night of the season, scored the next 3 hoops before Hartel took over and finished the roll for Cass City with a trey and a regular hoop. After Simpson ended the Cougar scoreless streak with a bucket, Hartel took over again with a trey and a regular hoop. At the intermission Cass City was in front, 35-26. Cass City controlled the boards in the third period. McFarland connected for 3 hoops and the Hawks extended the lead to 50-38 going into the last period. The benches for both teams played most of the final period and the Cass City lead never dipped

below 11 points. Simpson led all scorers with 21 points. Cass City had 3 players in double figures. Hartel netted 17, Halasz, 15 and McFarland, 14. ALL SAINTS - Phillips 1-0 (0-0) 2; Coburn 2-0 (0-0) 4; Oakes 0-2 (0-0) 6; Grocholski 2-0 (0-0) 4; Hull 4-0 (1-2) 9; Simpson 4-1 (10-10) 21. TOTALS - 13-3 (11-12) 46. CASS CITY - Childs 0-0 (0-1) 0; Hartel 2-3 (4-5) 17; Biddinger 1-0 (0-0) 2; Lautner 1-0 (2-2) 4; Martin 3-0 (0-0) 6; Halasz 7-0 (1-1) 15; McFarland 7-0 (0-2) 14. TOTALS - 21-3 (7-10) 58.

BASKETBALL STANDINGS				
GREATER THUMB WEST				
Team	W	L	W	L
Reese	6	2	14	4
USA	5	3	12	6
Cass City	6	4	12	6
Bad Axe	5	4	9	9
Lakers	3	5	8	10
BCAS	1	8	5	13
GREATER THUMB EAST				
Team	W	L	W	L
Brown City	10	0	17	1
Harbor Beach	8	2	12	6
Sandusky	6	4	11	7
Ublly	5	6	9	9
Marlette	4	6	8	10
Deckerville	2	9	5	14
Mayville	1	9	1	17
NCTL NORTH				
Team	W	L	W	L
Owen-Gage	12	4	12	5
North Huron	11	6	11	7
Port Hope	3	13	5	13
Caseville	2	14	2	15
Akron-Fairgrove	1	15	2	15
NCTL SOUTH				
Team	W	L	W	L
Kingston	17	0	19	0
Memphis	11	5	12	6
CPS	10	5	10	7
Peck	7	9	7	11
Dryden	6	9	6	10

Regional round-up Hawk wrestlers go down fighting

In coach Don Markel's 21 years at the helm of the Cass City wrestling program, the Red Hawks' performance during Wednesday night's team regional at Midland Bullock Creek High School ranks near the top of his list. It should be number one on the list for excitement. Despite struggling early in the year, the Hawks turned in a spectacular showing to nip Gladwin in the semis and then battled perennial powerhouse Caro for the regional crown before falling 44-32. Both contests weren't decided until the final match. With the win, the Tigers (30-5) advance for the fifth straight year to the

25. In the regional final, however, Cass City wouldn't go down without a fight. The Hawks jumped out to a 10-0 lead behind victories from Zach McCreedy and Travis Mabe. Then following a pin by Andy Peruski in the 125-pound class, Cass City was in front 14-9. But, Caro was able to take its first lead, 20-14, after wins from Sterling Herrmann, Kyle Diaz and Corey Robinson. Again the lead flipped back and forth, but pins by Cass City's Kyle Reif and Kyle Sieradzki would create a 26-26 tie with 4 weight classes remaining.

Markel noted that it was a very even match between the 285 pounders. Had the Hawks earned a pin in the final weight class, which Markel considered a very real possibility, King had Johnson on his back twice, this would have created a 38-38 tie. Cass City would have won on the first tie breaker rule because Caro had an unsportsmanship call against them earlier in the contest.

SEMIS

In the regional semis against Gladwin, the 2 schools battled to a 32-32 tie. The tie breaker rule was applied to determine the winner and Cass City prevailed based upon the 7th tie breaker which is the number of first points scored in the match that did not end in a pin. Cass City had 7 takedowns to Gladwin's 5. Just like the finals, the lead changed hands several times. Gladwin jumped out to a 9-0 lead before the Hawks fought back and forged in front 12-9 on wins by Mabe, Kevven Dorland and Peruski. The lead then seasawed back and forth as Cass City picked up wins by Clark Walsh, Reif and Sieradzki to go up 28-23. Gladwin won the next match to go up 29-28 before Bowen won by a major decision in the 189-pound class to regain the lead at 32-29. Gladwin then won the final match to set up the tie.

"This was only the second loss of the season for Gladwin. They came into the contest with a 25-1 record."

INDIVIDUAL REGIONALS

The 2007 wrestling season for Mabe, Peruski, Reif and King came to an end Saturday during the individual regional in Durand. Only Sieradzki, of the 5 Red Hawk qualifiers, was able to advance from regional action by placing third in the 160-pound class. Sieradzki, Cass City's all time win record holder, will compete at the Palace of Auburn Hills on March 8th-10th with a 50-7 mark on the season. Seven seniors saw their careers come to a close. They (and their season records) are: Zak Carter, Preston Sec (24-21), King (28-19), Bowen (45-10), Jeremy Farr (34-18), Peruski (37-9), and Reif (44-15). "Jeremy, Andrew and Kyle all ended their careers with over 100 victories," Markel said.

"This was only the second loss of the season for Gladwin. They came into the contest with a 25-1 record." Coach Don Markel

state quarterfinals Friday in Battle Creek. Cass City, meanwhile, finishes the season at 28-11 in dual meets. "(Our) 28 victories ties the record for the most victories in a season," Markel said. "The team really came together after the mid-point in the season and showed vast improvement to go 18-3 in the second half of the season." The low point of Cass City's early season struggles came in Dec. when Caro soundly defeated the Hawks 51-

Cris Reynero and Mason Ley won the next 2 matches to put Caro on top, 38-26. However, Cass City's Dennis Bowen pinned Caro's Rob Sherman in 2:35 to bring the Hawks to within 38-32, setting up the final showdown match. "Bowen was bumped up to the 215-pound class; he normally wrestles in the 189-pound class," Markel said. In the final match, Caro's David Johnson defeated Ryan King to send the Tigers into quarterfinal action.

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Sandusky at Ublly		Brown City	Brown City	Brown City
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Peck at Port Hope		CPS	CPS	CPS
CPS at Dryden		Owen-Gage	Owen-Gage	Owen-Gage
Caseville at Owen-Gage				
Friday, March 2		Bad Axe	Bad Axe	Bad Axe
Bad Axe at Ublly		USA	USA	USA
Reese at USA		Lakers	BCAS	Lakers
Lakers at BCAS		Saginaw Nouvel	Saginaw Nouvel	Saginaw Nouvel
Saginaw Nouvel at Cass City		Brown City	Brown City	Brown City
Brown City at Sandusky		Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach
Marlette at Harbor Beach		Deckerville	Deckerville	Deckerville
Mayville at Deckerville		Kingston	Kingston	Kingston
CPS at Kingston		Caseville	Caseville	Caseville
Akron-Fairgrove at Caseville		North Huron	Owen-Gage	Owen-Gage
Owen-Gage at North Huron				
Last Week's Results		21-4	17-8	15-10
Season's Results		140-48 (74%)	140-48 (74%)	135-53 (72%)

Individually for the Bulldogs against Memphis, Amanda Faist had 3 digs, 12 blocks and 4 kills, while April Nowaczyk added 8 kills and 20 sets, Samantha Radabaugh 3 kills and Becky Schmidt 25 sets.

Individual High Games & Series: G. Silance 267 (618); J. Baker 235 (583); R. Wright 216 (577).

Amanda Langenbush

Langenburg, Howard's sophomore classmate, setup many of the Hawks' kills with 30 assists. Defensively, Langenburg chipped in with 8 digs.

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Nowaczyk paced the Bulldogs with 5 aces, 12 assists, and 10 kills, while Schmidt added 8 assists and 6 kills. Faist finished with 5 aces, 7 digs and 4 kills, Mindy Errer 11 digs, Bethany Kovach 8 digs and Radabaugh 5 assists for Owen-Gage.

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Dec. 15	Mayville 50, Cass City 56	
Dec. 19	Bad Axe 64, Cass City 67	
Dec. 29	Imlay City 63, Cass City 67	
Jan. 5	Lakers 50, Cass City 56	
Jan. 9	Caro 58, Cass City 66	
Jan. 12	USA 45, Cass City 51	
Jan. 16	Harbor Beach 54, Cass City 57	
Jan. 19	Reese 64, Cass City 39	
Jan. 23	Deckerville 45, Cass City 44	
Jan. 26	BCAS 66, Cass City 69	
Feb. 6	Bad Axe 54, Cass City 45	
Feb. 9	Lakers 59, Cass City 41	
Feb. 13	USA 42, Cass City 59	
Feb. 16	Reese 56, Cass City 45	
Feb. 23	BCAS 46, Cass City 58	
Feb. 27	John Glenn	6:00 p.m.
Mar. 2	Saginaw Nouvel	6:00 p.m.

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2006-2007 Wrestling

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

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

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2006-2007 Gymnastics

Dec. 20	Vassar	6:30 p.m.
Jan. 8	Midland	6:30 p.m.
Jan. 16	Vassar	6:30 p.m.
Jan. 30	Midland	6:30 p.m.
Feb. 10	Vassar Invite	12:00 p.m.
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COMPLETE Concrete crew members (above, from left) Damian Izydorek and Gilberto Nazario bend down an awning in front of one of 2 Main Street buildings that were demolished last week in Cass City. Both buildings were down by Friday, with just the clean-up left to finish. Contractor Charles Roe plans to build a 3-unit apartment complex on the property over the next few months. The buildings were donated to the Cass City Downtown Development Authority (DDA) by local businessman Ray Armstead, and the DDA sold them to Roe for \$1. (Related photo, page 14)

Parent upset with school board

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bullying.

The program will be presented at no cost to the district, the curriculum will be offered to the public for review, and parents will have the option of deciding whether or not their children participate.

Malone said officials would like to implement the program this year in grades 7 and 8, and eventually expand the curriculum to include all grades with age-appropriate lessons.

•Heard a brief budget update from Wilson, who said this year's revenues are projected at \$12,618,829, with expenditures set at \$12,143,247.

That leaves a fund balance of \$475,582, which would be pared down to nearly \$250,000 once \$228,000 in red ink from last year is subtracted. "Based on that, we're still on track" to reach the \$250,000 mark, Wilson said.

In a related matter, the board approved an annual motion to seek tax anticipation note bids in order to borrow \$2.45 million. The money is used to cover expenses during the period between June (the end of the district's fiscal year) and late October, when state funding payments begin.

•Received an update on overdrawn student lunch accounts, which continue to hover above \$4,500.

Food Service Director Shari Bock told the board that she's been approached by officials at Midway Tire of Cass City with an offer of \$1,000 if others in the community would contribute to help offset the deficit and ensure students whose parents cannot afford the on-going cost of hot lunch are being fed. Another individual also pledged \$1,000, and a local church has indicated a desire to contribute, according to Bock, who said the focus would be on helping students who are receiving reduced-cost meals but who have been unable to meet the remaining expense.

The board approved a motion to accept such donations, with plans to set a specific policy next month regarding accounting procedures.

•Approved a request from high school Spanish teacher Chris Collins to plan a trip to Spain next school year for his students. He assured the board that the trip will not cost the district money, as students will host fundraising events over the next year.

•Approved a request from Rhonda Dennis, who along with her husband own and operate the 3 D Driving School. The board agreed to rent classroom space to the school at a cost of \$300 per year. A similar request was approved last month for another driver's education company in the Thumb.

Brown supports bills to end immunity for drug companies

State Rep. Terry Brown (D-Pigeon) voted Thursday to pass a package of bills that will end the absolute immunity enjoyed by the big drug companies in Michigan and allow consumers to hold big drug companies accountable when dangerous drugs such as Vioxx harm or kill.

The bills are now headed to the Senate.

"This historic vote is a victory for the people of Michigan, who have been treated as second-class citizens for too long," Brown said. "This change simply enables Michigan consumers to hold big drug companies accountable - a right that residents of every other state already have. These giant corporations have hidden behind this misguided law for too long. It's time to correct the law so it protects people, not profits."

In the wake of scandals surrounding drugs such as Vioxx, there have been revelations that many members of FDA drug-approval boards have ties to the pharmaceutical industry.

Last week, National Public Radio aired a story about Congress members who are taking issue with how the FDA monitors new drugs and how much it is influenced by the drug industry.¹ U.S. Senator Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa) also recently railed against the FDA, saying it is too cozy with drug companies.² The public testimony of FDA scientists such as Dr. David Graham indicates that the FDA's system for drug evaluation is "broken."³

The package of bills will:

- * Repeal a 1996 law granting legal immunity to drug companies. Signed by then-Governor John Engler, the law gives companies complete immunity from legal action so long as the drug in question has been approved for safety and efficacy by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.
- * Make the repeal retroactive so that residents harmed by dangerous drugs since 1996 can seek legal recourse.
- * Include big drug companies in the

Consumer Protection Act, from which they are currently exempt.

1 Silberman, Joanne, "Lawmakers Take a Hard Look at FDA, Drugs," National Public Radio, Feb. 14, 2007.

2 Kelly, Matt, "Grassley to Testify About FDA Concerns," Radio Iowa, Feb. 13, 2007.

3 Testimony of David Graham, associate director for science and medicine in the FDA's Office of Drug Safety, before the Senate Finance Committee, Nov. 18, 2004.

Improvements, park on agenda

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uled a public hearing for March 8 at 7 p.m. to review the \$5 million Parks & Recreation Master Plan.

The plan was drafted to obtain grant money from the DNR and copies can be obtained at Rawson Memorial Library or the village office.

Councilman and Parks and Recreation Committee member Dwight Thabet commented that there's still time for adjustments to the plan and that all feedback and opinions are still welcomed and desired before the March meeting.

After the meeting, the plan will be submitted to the DNR for review and approval. The council then has until April 2 to submit all grant applications to the DNR, according to Thabet, who stressed the plan is for future opportunities to attain grant monies available to villages that have an updated plan.

"Other communities in the Thumb are already receiving grant money," Cristiano said, adding that the \$5 million plan is really a wish list for the park.

Village president Burt Althaver mentioned that "any money received from the DNR will most likely come with some sort of match, it may be 10 or 20 or even 50%."

Thabet also informed the audience that the new Parks and Recreation Advisory Board is gaining momentum. Currently there are 5 people willing to serve on the board. However, they are still looking for more members, including people from the surrounding townships.

Adding to the construction improvements for the village, the council awarded bids on improvements to

the pole barn located at the wastewater treatment plant to a pair of local contractors. Robert Bliss Builders' bid of \$4,640 was the lowest of 3 received for the 16' x 32' x 12' remodeling work and Marvin Klein will install a heating system for year-round use at \$1,620.

The council renewed a contract with Synagro Corporation for removal of biosolids from the plant. Rick Mohr, wastewater plant superintendent, received and reviewed 2 bids and recommended entering into a 5-year contract with Synagro, the lowest bidder. Mohr said that Synagro has provided excellent service over the past several years.

In other business, a pair of appointments were approved during the half-

hour meeting. Christina Allen was appointed to fill the vacancy of Jim Heiser on the Downtown Development Authority and the Economic Development Corporation Boards that ends May 1, 2008 and local businessman Kevin Mulligan was added to the planning commission for the term ending May 1, 2009.

"Christina has lived in the area for many years," Althaver said. "Both Christina and Kevin have long resumes on community involvement and I feel comfortable recommending them to both boards."

The council also approved payment of invoices totaling \$99,907.48 for the arsenic treatment project, including \$94,515.98 to Boom's Construction and \$5,391.50 to the Spicer Group for engineering costs.

Land act focus of seminar

The Tuscola County Planning Commission is sponsoring a seminar scheduled for Saturday, March 3, at Northwood Meadows, 6086 Beechwood Dr., Cass City, for planning commissioners, zoning board of appeals members, board of review members, zoning administrators, assessors, local officials, and anyone interested in the Michigan Land Division Act.

Gary W. Howell, attorney at law with Taylor, Butterfield, Riseman, Clark, Howell & Churchill, P.C. of Lapeer, will be the featured speaker for the workshop.

Registration begins at 8:15 a.m. with the program beginning at 9 a.m. The program is scheduled to conclude by noon. Cost of the seminar is \$50/

person if pre-registered and paid by Feb. 28. After Feb. 28, the fee is \$60 per person, subject to availability. Seminar handouts and refreshments are included.

A copy of the registration brochure may be downloaded at the Tuscola County Website under the Departments/Planning Commission tab at www.tuscolacounty.org or contact Angie Daniels at (989) 672-3700 or adaniels@tuscolacounty.org to receive a copy of the registration brochure by mail.

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

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

Part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 3, Town 12 North, Range 9 East, described as:

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

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

Commencing 28 Rods East of the Southwest Corner of Section 18, Township 10 North, Range 8 East, thence North 20 Rods; thence East 8 Rods; thence South 20 Rods; thence West 8 Rods, 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.

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The mortgage will be foreclosed by a public sale of the property on Thursday, March 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 13.5 percent, foreclosure costs, attorney fees, and also any taxes and insurance that the mortgage holder pays before the sale.

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

Commencing at a point that is 198 feet South along Section line and 544.5 feet East parallel to East and West quarter line from West quarter corner of Section 34, Town 14 North, Range 11 East, thence East 74 feet; thence South 148.5 feet; thence West 74 feet; thence North 148.5 feet to the place of beginning. Also includes a 1969 Roycraft #36012FKDE24829.

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: February 14, 2007

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

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

Commencing at a point on the Section line 1205.706 feet East of the Southwest corner of the South half of the Southeast quarter of Section 10, Town 11 North, Range 11 East, thence East 417.42 feet, thence North 417.42 feet; thence West 417.42 feet, thence South 417.42 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.

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Kevin David Hartwick, an unmarried man, original mortgagor(s), to Chemical Bank and Trust, Mortgagee, dated September 16, 2005, and recorded on September 27, 2005 in Liber 1055 on Page 566, and assigned by mesne assignments to Central Mortgage Company as assignee by an assignment, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Seven Thousand Three Hundred Eighty-Six and 91/100 Dollars (\$57,386.91), including interest at 5.375% per annum.

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

Lot 9 of Pinney and Kinnaird Subdivision, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 85, now being Page 35B, 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: February 7, 2007

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

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

Lot 5, Block 3 of the Assessor's Plat of the Village of Akron, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Pages 78-80, now being Pages 28B-30B.

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Dated: February 14, 2007

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Danny Andersen, a single man, individual, original mortgagor, to Capital City Acceptance L.L.C., Mortgagee, dated March 21, 2000 and recorded on March 29, 2000 in Liber 797 on Page 749, and assigned by mesne assignments to Chase Manhattan Mortgage as assignee by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-Nine and 80/100 Dollars (\$67,579.80), including interest at 8.75% 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 March 15, 2007.

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

Commencing at a point that is 1128.27 feet South 18 degrees 28 minutes 30 seconds East, along the Southwesterly margin of State Trunk Line (M-15) 68.00 feet South 71 degrees 31 minutes 30 seconds West, and 275.00 feet North 87 degrees 52 minutes 30 seconds West, parallel with the North line of Section 9, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, from the intersection of the Southwesterly right of way line of State Trunk Line (M-15) and the North line of Section 9, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, thence North 87 degrees 52 minutes 30 seconds West, 200.00 feet, thence South 2 degrees 23 minutes 30 seconds West, 399.00 feet to the center of a drainage ditch, thence Easterly along the center of the said ditch 205.00 feet, thence 2 degrees 23 minutes 30 seconds East, 292.00 feet to beginning, said property now being described as, part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 9, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, Millington Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as beginning at a point which is South 87 degrees 51 minutes 16 seconds East, along the North line of said Section 9, 1008.85 feet to the centerline of state highway M-15 and South 18 degrees 28 minutes 30 seconds East, along said highway, 1063.92 feet and South 83 degrees 36 minutes 12 seconds West, along a monumented line (as per recorded survey Liber 565, Pages 157 and 158), 575.31 feet (recorded as 575.96 feet) from the Northwest corner of said Section 9, thence South 02 degrees 22 minutes 46 seconds West, 399.13 feet (recorded as South 2 degrees 17 minutes 25 seconds West, 399.00 feet) along a monument line (as per said recorded survey) to the centerline of a ditch, thence along said centerline North 71 degrees 06 minutes 03 seconds East, 50.17 feet, thence continuing along said centerline South 83 degrees 47 minutes 54 seconds East, 153.50 feet, thence North 02 degrees 22 minutes 46 seconds East, parallel with and 200 feet East of said monumented line, 392.00 feet, thence North 87 degrees 51 minutes 48 seconds West, 199.91 feet (recorded as North 87 degrees 52 minutes 30 seconds West, 200.00 feet) along a monumented line (as per recorded survey Liber 515, Page 1026) 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: February 14, 2007

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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File #002072F04

2-14-4

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Theodore M. Wager and Katrina L. Wager, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Ameriquist Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated July 24, 2004, and recorded on July 29, 2004 in Liber 1002 on Page 934 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CERTIFICATE HOLDERS OF ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2004-MCW1 as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Six Thousand Five Hundred Sixty-One and 48/100 Dollars (\$126,561.48), including interest at 10.75% 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 March 29, 2007.

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

The South 132 Feet of the North 330 Feet of the South 660 Feet of the West 623 Feet, all Dimensions Measured at Right Angles of the North 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 35, Township 11 North, Range 8 East.

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

Dated: February 28, 2007

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2-28-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Donald T. Gary, a single man, and Michelle Gots, a single woman, Joint Tenants, to Garrow Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated July 25, 2005 and recorded August 30, 2005 in Liber 1052, Page 272, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Fifth Third Mortgage Company by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Eighteen Thousand Sixteen and 80/100 Dollars (\$18,016.80), including interest at 8.75% 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 MARCH 29, 2007.

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

Part of the North one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 5, Town 11 North, Range 9 East, described as: beginning at a point on the West line of said Section which is South 00 Degrees 08 Minutes 27 Seconds East 500 feet from West one-quarter corner of Section 5; thence continuing along said West line of said Section 5, South 00 Degrees 08 Minutes 27 Seconds East, 330 feet; thence South 89 Degrees 57 Minutes 36 Seconds East, 1325.90 feet; thence North 00 Degrees 02 Minutes 00 Seconds West 330 feet; thence North 89 Degrees 57 Minutes 36 Seconds West 1326.52 feet to the place 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: February 28, 2007

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2-28-4

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Larry Canfield, a/k/a Lawrence Canfield, an unmarried man, by the virtue of the Warranty Deed recorded in Liber 930, page 295, on 05-08-03, Tuscola County Records of Tuscola County, Michigan, Mortgagor to Long Beach Mortgage Company, A Corporation dated the 11th day of August, A.D. 2005, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 22nd day of August, A.D. 2005, in Liber 1050 of Tuscola Records, on page 1422, which said mortgage was assigned to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company as Trustee for Long Beach Mortgage Loan Trust 2005-WL3, thru mesne assignments, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal of \$85,151.79 (eighty five thousand, one hundred fifty one dollars and seventy nine cents) plus accrued interest at 8.45% (eight point four five) percent per annum.

And no suit proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 22nd day of March, A.D., 2007, at 10:00 o'clock said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage.

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

PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE VILLAGE OF MILLINGTON, COUNTY OF TUSCOLA, STATE OF MICHIGAN DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: VISE: THE WEST 50.00 FEET OF THE FOLLOWING: COMMENCING AT A POINT 59 RODS NORTH AND 32 RODS EAST OF THE SOUTH 1/4 STATE OF SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 10 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST; THENCE NORTH 9 RODS; THENCE EAST 10 RODS; THENCE SOUTH 9 RODS; THENCE WEST 10 RODS TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING BEING A PART OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION.

Commonly known as: 4700 North St.

Tax ID: 041-009-000-1900-00

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

Dated: February 21, 2007

WELTMAN, WEINBERG & REIS CO., L.P.A.
By: Daniel E. Best, (P-58501)
Attorney for Assignee of Mortgagee
Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A.
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WWR #05796458

2-21-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has occurred in a mortgage made by Deborah L. Kind, a married but separated woman, to First National Bank of America, dated July 27, 2004 and recorded on August 9, 2004 in Liber 1003, Page 977, Tuscola County Records. The mortgage holder has begun no proceedings to recover any part of the debt, which is now \$8,535.33.

The mortgage will be foreclosed by a public sale of the property on Thursday, March 15, 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 11.75 percent, foreclosure costs, attorney fees, and also any taxes and insurance that the mortgage holder pays before the sale.

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

Commencing at a point on the Section line of Section 21, Township 11 North, Range 8 East, Vassar Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, 667.0 feet West of the Southeast corner of said Section 21, Township 11 North, Range 8 East; thence West 208.75 feet; thence North 208.75 feet; thence East 208.75 feet; thence North 208.75 feet to the point of beginning, except easements and rights of way of record.

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

Dated: February 9, 2007

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

2-14-4

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Roseanne Sholes, an unmarried woman, Michael Walker, an unmarried man, original mortgagors, to Independent Mortgage Co. East MI, Mortgagee, dated January 14, 2005 and recorded on February 8, 2005 in Liber 1026 on Page 1220 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Six Thousand One Hundred Twenty-One and 19/100 Dollars (\$106,121.19), 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 March 8, 2007.

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

Beginning at a point 465 feet South of the Northwest corner of Section 20, Town 12 North, Range 11 East, Kingston Township, Tuscola County, Michigan; and running thence East 465 feet; thence South 195 feet; thence West 465 feet; and running thence North 195 feet to the place of beginning. Being a part of the North 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 20, Town

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Darold L. Allison, a single man, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgage, dated January 10, 2005 and recorded on January 25, 2005 in Liber 1025 on Page 300 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Ninety-Six Thousand One Hundred Thirty-Six and 24/100 Dollars (\$196,136.24), including interest at 6.625% 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, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on March 15, 2007.

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

Commencing at the South 1/4 corner, Section 4, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, Millington Township, Tuscola County, Michigan; thence North 01 degrees 03 minutes 58 seconds East 1203.28 feet along the North-South 1/4 line to the point of beginning; running thence West 1116.60 feet; thence North 32 degrees 18 minutes 37 seconds West 418.83 feet along the centerline of Ellis Road; thence East 1347.06 feet; thence South 01 degrees 03 minutes 58 seconds West 354.04 feet along the North-South 1/4 line to the point of beginning, being part of the Southwest 1/4, Section 4, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, Millington Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, and containing 10.010 acres more or less including road right of way as shown.

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

Dated: February 14, 2007

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Ellen L. Skaggs, a single woman, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgage, dated April 16, 2003 and recorded on April 23, 2003 in Liber 927 on Page 780, and assigned by mesne assignments to Nanron, LLC 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 Nineteen Thousand Eighty-Four and 55/100 Dollars (\$19,084.55), including interest at 10.75% 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 March 15, 2007.

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

Part of the East 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 5, Town 10 North, Range 9 East, described as: beginning at the center corner of said Section 5, thence along the East and West 1/4 line of said Section 5, South 88 degrees 58 minutes 12 seconds West 365.73 feet; thence South 00 degrees 01 minutes 09 seconds East, 1985.19 feet to the centerline of Swaffler Road; thence along said centerline South 71 degrees 34 minutes 24 seconds East 391.75 feet to the North and South 1/4 line of said Section 5; thence along said North and South 1/4 line, North 00 degrees 10 minutes 50 seconds West, 2115.60 feet to the point of beginning, except the West 39.32 feet thereof.

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: February 14, 2007

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Steven A. Edwards and Patricia A. Edwards, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Household Finance Corporation III, Mortgagee, dated January 25, 2003, and recorded on January 31, 2003 in Liber 913 on Page 517, 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 Two Hundred Fifty-Two And 42/100 Dollars (\$110,252.42), including interest at 9.03% 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 March 8, 2007.

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

Section 7, Township 12 North, Range 7 East, commencing on South line of Cemetery Street at point 682.5 feet South and 21.45 feet West of Northeast corner of Southwest 1/4; thence South 7 rods 7 feet 6 inches, thence East 118 feet, thence North 7 rods 7 feet 6 inches; thence West 118 feet to the Point of Beginning.

ning. Village of Reese.

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: February 7, 2007

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2-7-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Thomas Pruner, a single man, original mortgagor, to New Century Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated July 14, 2006 and recorded on July 20, 2006 in Liber 1088 on Page 897 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to US Bank National Association, as Trustee for Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-NC2 as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty-Six and 52/100 Dollars (\$89,936.52), 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 March 15, 2007.

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

The North One Acre of the Two Acre Parcel described as Follows: Land Commencing at a Point on the West Line of Section 13, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, which Point is 30 Rods 9 Feet South of the Northwest Corner of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 13; thence East 16 Rods; thence South 20 Rods; thence West 16 Rods to the Section Line; thence North along the Section Line 20 Rods to the Place of Beginning, being a part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 13, Town 11 North, Range 8 East.

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

Dated: February 14, 2007

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Pete Earl Mann, an unmarried man, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgage, dated April 24, 2000 and recorded on May 3, 2000 in Liber 800 on Page 248 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy Thousand Three Hundred Nineteen and 46/100 Dollars (\$70,319.46), including interest at 11.125% 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 March 22, 2007.

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

Part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 32, town 10 North, Range 7 East, Described as Follows: Commencing at the Southeast Corner of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 32; thence North 40 Rods; thence West 24 Rods; thence South 40 Rods; thence East to the Point of Beginning.

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

Dated: February 21, 2007

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Shane Peterson, a/k/a Shane A. Peterson, a single man, original mortgagor, to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc., Mortgagee, dated December 5, 2005 and recorded on January 4, 2006 in Liber 1067 on Page 336 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-Two and 59/100 Dollars (\$83,862.59), 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 March 8, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of Watertown,

Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 27, Town 10 North, Range 9 East, described as: Beginning at a point on the North line of Section 27 which is South 89 degrees 09 minutes 21 seconds West 1173.40 feet from the North 1/4 corner of said Section 27; thence continuing along said North line of Section 27, South 89 degrees 09 minutes 21 seconds West 170.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 50 minutes 09 seconds East 214.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 09 minutes 21 seconds East 170.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 50 minutes 09 seconds West 214.00 feet to the North line of Section 27 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: February 7, 2007

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Mildred Draper, unmarried, original mortgagor, to New Century Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated June 29, 2005 and recorded on July 1, 2005 in Liber 1044 on Page 85, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Indenture Trustee, for New Century Home Equity Loan Trust 2005-4 as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Five Thousand Three Hundred Forty-Nine and 16/100 Dollars (\$65,349.16), including interest at 7.55% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on March 29, 2007.

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

Situated in the Village of Kingston, County of Tuscola, and State of Michigan, To-Wit: Town 12 North Range 11 East, Lot 3, Curtis Addition to the Village of Newbury Village of Newberry (now known as Kingston) as recorded in Liber 1 of plats, Page 38A, 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: February 28, 2007

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Veronica K. Albin, a single woman to H&R Block Mortgage Corporation Mortgagee, dated April 14, 2006 and recorded April 26, 2006 in Liber 1078, Page 1290; Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was subsequently assigned to U.S. Bank, National Association, as Trustee for the Certificate holders of Asset Backed Securities Corporation Home Equity Loan Trust, Series OOMC 2006-HE5, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Six Thousand Four Hundred Six Dollars and Seventy-Five Cents (\$76,406.75), including interest 9.84% 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, March 29, 2007.

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

The North half of the North half of the North half of the Northwest quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 4, Wells Township, Tuscola County, Michigan. Being the same property conveyed to Veronica K. Albin by deed from Stanley W. Albin recorded August 6, 1993 in Deed Book 645 Page 207, in Tuscola County, Michigan records. Commonly known as 1775 S Plain Rd., Caro MI 48723.

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, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later.

Dated: FEBRUARY 26, 2007

U.S. Bank, National Association, as Trustee for the Certificate holders of Asset Backed Securities Corporation Home Equity Loan Trust, Series OOMC 2006-HE5
Assignee of Mortgagee

Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C.
811 South Blvd, Suite 100
Rochester Hills, MI 48307
(248) 844-5123
Our File No: 07-65299

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jack A. Draves and Vikki L. Draves, Husband and Wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgage, dated October 13, 2005 and recorded on November 4, 2005 in Liber

1060 on Page 337 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-Four and 06/100 Dollars (\$77,584.06), 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 March 22, 2007.

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

Lots 3 and 4 of Block 62 of the plat of the Village of Forstoria, according to the recorded plat thereof, recorded in Liber 1 of Plats on Pages 44 and 45, now being Pages 45A and 46A, Tuscola County Records. Subject to a Tower Line Permit recorded in Liber 297 of deeds on Page 129, also subject to easements and rights of way of record.

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: February 21, 2007

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC R (248) 593-1305
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Attorneys for Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #129334F01

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Kyle Murry, a single man, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgage, dated August 12, 2005 and recorded on August 17, 2005 in Liber 1050 on Page 339 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Six Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-Two and 37/100 Dollars (\$66,882.37), 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 March 15, 2007.

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

Lot 33 and the East Half of Lot 31 of the Plat of the Village (now city) of Vassar According to the Plat recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 93.

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: February 14, 2007

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the condition of a mortgage made by Charles Stock and Sandra C. Stock, Husband and Wife, to BENEFICIAL MICHIGAN INC., by a mortgage dated March 26, 2004 and recorded on March 30, 2004 in Liber 986, on Page 335, Tuscola County Records Michigan on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Six Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-Nine and 39/100 Dollars (\$86,589.39), including interest at 6.74% 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 in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI at 10:00 am on March 29, 2007.

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

The following described premises situated in the Township of Dayton, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, to WIT: Part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Fractional Quarter of Section 5, Town 11 North, Range 10 East, described as beginning at a point on the North and South Quarter line of Section 5, which is South 01 degrees 21' 31" East 863.52 Feet from the North Quarter corner of said Section 5; thence South 88 degrees 38' 29" West 297.00 feet; thence North 01 degrees 21' 31" West 312.25 feet; thence North 88 degrees 38' 29" East 87 feet; thence North 01 Degrees 21' 31" West 31.40 feet; thence South 88 degrees 38' 29" West 478.02 feet; thence South 01 Degrees 27' 18" East to North East and West 1/8 Line of Section 5; thence along said 1/8 line Easterly to North and South Quarter Line; thence Northerly to Point of Beginning. Subject to 33 Foot Road Right of Way known as Lee Hill Road, Tuscola County Records.

The redemption period shall be 1 year from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 26, 2007

Michael M. Grand, Esq.
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Susanne M Sheridan and Bruce Sheridan, her husband, as tenants by the entirety to Option One Mortgage Corporation Mortgagee, dated November 11, 2005 and recorded November 28, 2005 in Liber 1062 Page 873 Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was subsequently assigned to: Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for the

Certificateholders of Soundview Home Loan Trust 2006-OP12, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-OP12, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Six Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars and Forty-Eight Cents (\$66,900.48) including interest 9.6% 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, front entrance of the Circuit Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI at 10:00AM on Thursday, March 8, 2007.

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

Commencing 50 rods West and 20 rods South of the Northeast corner of Section 1, Town 14 North, Range 8 East; thence South 10 rods, thence West 4 rods; thence North 10 rods; thence East 4 rods to place of beginning. Commonly known as 3127 Phelps St. Unionville MI 48767.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later.

Dated: FEBRUARY 5, 2007

Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for the Certificateholders of Soundview Home Loan Trust 2006-OP12, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-OP12,
Assignee of Mortgagee

Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C.
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(248) 844-5123
Our File No: 07-64021

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Henry S. Smith and Billie Jo Smith, Husband and Wife to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. solely as nominee for Fremont Investment and Loan, Mortgagee, dated March 2, 2006 and recorded March 16, 2006 in Liber 1074 Page 583, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was subsequently assigned to Fremont Investment and Loan, on



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A CREW FROM COMPLETE Concrete in Cass City dismantled both Main Street buildings from the inside out, using heavy equipment to finish the job last week without damaging buildings on either side of the demolition site.

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Obituaries

Frances Briolat

Frances A. Briolat, age 82, of Cass City, died Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2007 at Tendercare, Cass City.

She was born March 9, 1924 in Siegel Township, the daughter of the late Julius and Frances (Makowski) Klebba.

She married Clemence Briolat Sept. 16, 1941 in Parisville. He died Nov. 15, 1992.

Briolat was a lifelong resident of Cass City. She attended Duda Country School. She worked at Tusco, Hamill Manufacturing and Provincial House, all in Cass City.

She is survived by her children: Marion (Larry) White of Saginaw, Marvin (Tracy) Briolat of Davison, Gloria (David) Michalski of Uby, Yvonne (Garry) Edzik of Cass City and Loretta (Marvin) Smalley of Ruth; 16 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and 2 great great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Rita Judd; a great-grandson, Duane Benjamin; and 4 brothers: Martin, Joe, John and Frank Klebba.

Funeral mass was held at 11 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 24, at St. Pancratius Catholic Church, Cass City, with Father Steve Fillion as celebrant.

Burial was in the Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City. Arrangements were made by Thabet Funeral Home, Cass City.

Sally Morrish

Sally M. Morrish, 68, of Cass City, died Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2007 in St. Mary's Medical Center, Saginaw as a result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

She was born Dec. 10, 1938 in Flint, the daughter of Arthur and Viola (Walker) Brown. She married Albert Mattice in October of 1959 in Standish. She later married Harold "Brownie" Morrish May 21, 1976 in Uby. He died May 19, 2003.

Morrish worked assembly in many area factories. She was a member of Living Word Worship Center.

She is survived by her children: Ethel (Floyd) Morrish of Gagetown, Alvin Bosley of Detroit, Randy Bosley of Verona, and Ronda (Stephen) Snow of Uby; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; a great great-granddaughter; step-children: Wanda (Carl) Reddick, Ruth Ann (Paul) Riccardi, Bonnie (Dennis) Rolston, Joy (Ronald) Horning, Gloria (Thomas) Stilson, Max (friend, Irene Hosner) Morrish, Jane (Charles) Williams, and Sharon (Randy) Ashcroft; sisters: Pat (Dale) Albee, Helen McBride, Sheryl (William) Clark, Edward (Darlene) Brown, Robert Brown,

David Brown, Chris (Jerry) Knotts, Tammy (Rick) Klein, and William Brown; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Kimberly Mattice; a grandson, Timothy Stilson; a great-granddaughter, Allison Rolston; a sister, Darlene Bosley; a brother, Mark Brown; and her parents, Art and Viola Brown.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Feb. 24, at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with Pastor Keith Misany of Living Word Worship Center officiating.

Interment will be in the Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City. Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund.

Robert Tesho

Robert J. Tesho, age 71, of Waters, formerly of Cass City, died Thursday, Feb. 22, 2007 at home.

He was born March 20, 1935.

Tesho is survived by his wife, Mary; a son, R.J. Tesho; 2 daughters: Susie (Rick) and Julie; 4 grandchildren; a brother, Gary (Sharon) Tesho; his mother-in-law, Florence Stinson; a brother-in-law, Robert Stinson; and several nieces, nephews and extended family.

tended family.

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

Memorials may be made to Mercy Hospice in Grayling.

Arrangements were made by Nelson Funeral Home, Gaylord.

Eugene Wilson

Eugene H. Wilson, age 84, of Cass City, died Sunday, Feb. 25, 2007 at his residence.

He was born June 17, 1922 in Detroit, the son of the late Frank and Mae (Blair) Wilson.

He married Antoinette Germilhac June 17, 1967 in Mt. Clemens.

Wilson served in the U.S. Navy during WWII. He worked in chassis mock-up for Tucker Motor Car Co., and was self-employed as the owner of Urethane Rubber. He was a member of the VFW in Centerline and the Knights of Columbus in Cass City.

Wilson is survived by his wife, Antoinette; a son, Eugene M. Wilson, II; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Maxine Gooche.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Althaver meets Laura Bush at Artrain USA ceremony

Long-time Cass City business executive and village official Bert Althaver was recently on hand for a White House ceremony hosted by Laura Bush.

During the ceremony, Mrs. Bush presented 2006 National Awards for Museum and Library Science to 6 institutions, including the Ann Arbor-based Artrain USA.

Althaver was part of a group of Artrain USA officials that included Artrain USA Board Chair Joan Mobley of Bluffton, S.C., and Jacques Passino, immediate past Artrain USA chair, of Houston and Galveston, Texas.

Althaver and his wife, Holly, have long been active with Artrain USA. In 1972, the year after Artrain was

established, Holly Althaver was part of a local group (which later became the first Cass City Arts Council) that brought Artrain to Cass City for the first of 2 visits. The second took place in 1980.

She was subsequently invited to serve on the Artrain Advisory Council and later served on the Artrain USA Board for several years. Bert Althaver joined the board in 1975 after the Artrain became an independent non-profit organization. He is still a board member and has served as chairman during his lengthy tenure.

The National Award for Museum and Library Science is the federal government's highest honor for community services provided by a mu-

seum or library.

Artrain USA, Mrs. Bush said, "can justifiably call all of small-town America its community. Housed in vintage train cars and pulled by locomotives, Artrain USA's traveling museum brings world-class art exhibitions to communities across the country that may have little or no access to art museums."

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Chaplain Hill

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times to the perpetrators of crimes. But you try to concentrate on the officers and their families."

A big part of the job is debriefing troopers when they have gone through an especially stressful investigation.

"They see a lot of things, especially young people being killed. These things tend to build up, and they need someone to talk to," Hill said.

The job can vary from riding with a trooper to being asked to notify family members of the death of a loved one. "Helping families with that, especially if it's a child - that's the worst news a family can get in the middle of the night, and it always seems to be in the middle of the night," he added.

"I've been in a (situation involving a) shooting where a guy shot himself," said Hill, who comforted the family while at the same time keeping them outside because the location of the suicide was being treated as a crime scene. "These are hard things to see and to help in, but somebody has to do it. These officers have to, and if we care, we have to be happy to help them."

Although he's a chaplain, Hill can face the same sort of potential danger as the troopers he accompanies on occasion.

"There is no such thing as a routine traffic stop anymore because you don't know what you're going to run into," he acknowledged.

"It's difficult, and I guess it would be (stressful), Hill said. "I guess that's why I'm thankful I know the Lord. The scripture says, cast all your cares on Him because He cares for you."

In the process, Hill continues to devote part of his ministry to caring for the men and women who put their lives on the line every day in both small and large communities.

"Whatever you can do to make their job easier - sometimes we're directing traffic," he said. "Basically, you're there to be a representative of God. You're there to help them in any way you can."

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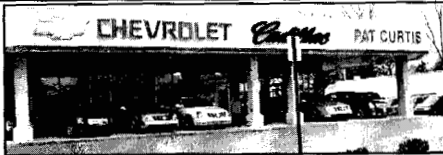
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