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Schools brace for loss of state funds

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Cass City School Supt. Ron Wilson voiced the sentiment of his peers across Michigan early last week after receiving a letter from the state, saying schools could be losing \$122 per student in funding starting June 1:

"This is a sad day for education in Michigan," Wilson said.

The reduction in state funding comes at a time when schools are nearing the end of their fiscal year, June 30.

"Unfortunately, the bulk of our budget has been spent for the year, so it comes at a terrible time," acknowledged Wilson, who figures the state action will cost Cass City Schools about \$180,000. "It's kind of like getting kicked in the teeth."

Owen-Gage School Supt. Dana Compton agreed. "We've been looking quite carefully at our expenditures, but the biggest share of our

budget is in personnel, and we don't have a lot of 'fluff' in our personnel," he said.

Owen-Gage stands to lose about \$25,000 should the state reduce per-pupil funding.

"We haven't quite figured out how to turn this negative into a positive, but we're at a point, this time of year, where we can't do much about it. The money's already been spent," Compton said. "The bottom line here is, it's definitely going to impact the bottom line."

That's also true in the Kingston Community Schools, which has a \$5.2 million budget and had a projected fund balance of about \$750,000 at the end of this fiscal year. School Supt. George Bednerek estimates the cuts will add up to an \$81,000 hit on his budget.

"It'll have to come out of our fund equity, and that's not a happy thought. You want to save that for a

rainy day, and the state says it's pouring," Bednerek said.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm announced the cuts early last week, telling the state's school chiefs that the action will be finalized if the state Legislature doesn't come up with a solution within a month.

"The clock starts ticking today - 30 days to ensure that schools are not devastated at the end of the school year," said Granholm, who blamed the cuts on legislative inaction and opposition to a proposed tax increase to help offset red ink in the state's budget. Granholm and lawmakers are struggling with a projected \$200 million shortfall in the state's school budget, and a \$500 million shortfall in the general fund.

Michigan Supt. of Public Instruction Mike Flanagan said districts should look at cutting transportation and early childhood spending, and warned that schools that meet the required number of instructional hours will start closing down early to save money.

Flanagan predicted that at least 60 school districts with little or no fund reserves could end the fiscal year in deficit if the cuts go through.

Last year, the Cass City School District was one of about 14 Michigan districts that ended the fiscal year in deficit.

Wilson said cutting transportation is really not an option in Cass City, where school officials transport roughly 700 students each day. "It would be catastrophic," he added.

Wilson had projected a year-end fund balance of about \$250,000 June 30, but the state cuts alone would reduce that figure to roughly \$70,000.

Already, district officials have spent the past 12 months cutting costs and staffing to the tune of \$1.6 million.

"We're going to be able to finish the year and we're going to be in the black. The concern is next year," Wilson said, noting it's unlikely the state will increase school funding next year, given the economy.

Add to that increases in health insurance premiums, the prospects for negotiating a new teacher's contract this summer, and projections that Cass City could lose up to 70 more students next year. "You're talking

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SEVEN-YEAR-OLD Baylee Murphy, daughter of Scott and Michele Murphy of Cass City, recently donated her long locks to Locks of Love, a public non-profit organization that provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children, under the age of 18, who are suffering from long-term hair loss from any diagnosis. Baylee, a first grade student at Campbell Elementary School, is pictured above with Sandy Kelly at Angel's Hair Studio in Cass City.

Ubly schools name Brandel principal

Promoting from within has proven to be a successful formula in the Ubly Community School District, where former longtime elementary school Principal Ken Sweeney now serves as superintendent.

School officials last week filled Sweeney's post at the elementary school by hiring Joel Brandel, who for the past decade has served as the K-8 counselor at Ubly.

A Richmond native, Brandel, 37, described his new job as a new phase in a career that he knew he wanted to pursue when he was a teenager.

"Back in high school I intended to get into education, and with some of my experiences, I became interested in the counseling end of education," he recently recalled.

"I like working with people, obviously. I like helping people," Brandel added. "I guess it was just wanting to work with students in helping them get through their difficulties, their problems, helping them make good decisions and, ultimately, making a

successful life for themselves."

Brandel, who earned his bachelor's degree in education at Saginaw Valley State University and his master's degree in counseling at Central Michigan University, started his career in the Owen-Gage School District. He served as K-12 counselor for 2 years there before accepting the counseling job in Ubly, where he resides with his wife, Janice, a 1987 Owen-Gage graduate, and the couple's 4 sons, ages 3 to 11.

Brandel said his recent decision to accept an administrative post was based, in part, on a desire to have a greater impact on students, and to continue playing a key role in maintaining Ubly's reputation as a solid school district and educational leader in the Thumb.

As a counselor, he said, "I hope I've provided a good role model for the kids here at school - someone to look up to. I hope to make that same kind



UBLY CUB SCOUTS and Boy Scouts recently coordinated their efforts during an annual Scouting for Food drive. The scouts collected more than 150 bags of food, with 31 boys and 15 adults participating. The food was delivered to the Sacred Heart Food Pantry in Bad Axe.

Mission accomplished

Deford native's legacy includes his own novel

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

As a boy, Emil "Joe" Amberboy enjoyed growing up in the country; sitting in Paul Koeltzow's classroom at the old Deford School, swimming in White Creek during hazy summer days, and reading classics such as "Robinson Crusoe" and "Treasure Island" by kerosene lamp on long winter nights.

As a man, Amberboy lived an interesting life many miles away from his hometown, using his knowledge and skills to build a career dedicated primarily to the U.S. space program.

But he never forgot those boyhood memories, and in time he began to dream about incorporating those memories into a novel that would also serve as a history of sorts of Deford.

Amberboy did finish and publish that novel, in spite of health problems that eventually claimed his life.

It was a dream fulfilled, one that his wife, Marina, intends to see fully completed by returning to the Thumb next month. She will be at Rawson Memorial Library in Cass City Saturday, June 2, from 1 to 3 p.m. for a special book signing in honor of her husband and his book, entitled, "The Old Man and the Boy."

"It took Joe a long time to write that story — 11 1/2 years — but he did finish it, and it did get printed," Marina Amberboy said recently from her home in Dixon, Ill., where she moved from Austin, Texas, to be closer to her children after her husband died in January 2000 of congestive heart failure.

"He had, just 2 months before that, finished the book. He was extremely ill through the last few chapters," she recalled, adding he could muster only a few hours a day — sometimes only minutes a day — working on his book. "But he stayed with it and was very proud of it, and I am also.

"It's a miracle he was able to finish it."

But not surprising.

When Amberboy returned to his boyhood home in the summer of 1988, his mind was flooded with memories, even though many of the buildings and other landmarks had disappeared altogether.

It was enough, though, to prompt him to return to the Thumb 2 years later.

"I want to try to tell a story that's interesting and not just a dry history," Amberboy said as he and Marina scoured pages of old editions of the Cass City Chronicle in the spring of

1990.

"My fondest memory of all was school and Paul Koeltzow," he added. "I liked school very much. Paul was very demanding — a firm disciplinarian — but he taught very well."

During the visit that year, the Amberboys spent about 4 weeks conducting research at libraries and courthouses, as well as interviewing old acquaintances and other area residents.

The trip was truly a homecoming for

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MARINA AMBERBOY will be at Rawson Memorial Library Saturday, June 2, for a book signing in honor of her late husband, Emil "Joe" Amberboy (pictured above), a Deford native who wrote a book focusing on his boyhood memories.

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Iwankovitsch recipient of leader award at university



Dara Iwankovitsch

The Young Ideas Farm Bureau group met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sweeney Thursday evening. After the meeting, cards were played. High prizes were won by Dorothy Heleski and Joe Wolschlager. Low prizes were won by Josephine Wolschlager and Stanley Heleski. The hostess served a lunch.

Jean Baker of Port Hope scheduled a mystery to Detroit News. Later, they ate at Rochester Hills, where they saw the training of dogs.

Mrs. Gerald Wills, Mrs. Harold Ballagh, Mrs. Martin Sweeney and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson visited Thelma Jackson Tuesday.

Over 700 attended the fish fry at the Bad Axe K of C Hall Friday.

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

Fifteen members of The Traveling Breakfast Club met at Rachel's. They will be at Big Boy next week.

John Jackson of California is spending a week visiting relatives and friends here.

Northern Michigan University recently held its annual leadership recognition banquet, which honors outstanding students and campus organizations.

Graduating leadership scholarship awards were given to 5 students including Dara Iwankovitsch of Cass City, an elementary education major.



Amanda Frederick

A. Frederick speaker at commencement

Amanda Frederick of Cass City, will be the student speaker at Northern Michigan University's spring commencement. The ceremony begins at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in the NMU Superior Dome.

Frederick said she plans to talk about students using tools to achieve their goals and dreams. Her speech will center on an excerpt from Jean-Jacques Rousseau's "Reveries for the Solitary Walker". She read the book for a class 2 years ago and found it to be a source of inspiration.

"Being a poet, you just sort of collect and save things that you come across every day and then sometimes they have places in your life, places in your writing," Frederick said.

Frederick is graduating with a dual major in English writing and political science. She served as president of the poetry club for 3 years and was a member of the Student Leader Fellowship Program and Sigma Tau Delta, an international English honor society. She also worked as a tutor at the campus writing center and as a student secretary for Dining Services.

"I have had a really good experience here at Northern and I just feel like I've had a well-rounded experience as far as working through school. I feel like I could relate to a lot of the students who are graduating," Frederick said.

Kendra Guilds "student of month" at O-G



Kendra Guilds

Kendra Guilds has been named Owendale-Gagetown School's "Senior Student of the Month" for May.

As a freshman, she served as class secretary and was a member of the French Club. She was a dance team member during her freshman and sophomore years. Also as a sophomore, Guilds was selected by her class as a homecoming representative, and she was in the school play.

Guilds has been a member of the 3.0 Honors Club all 4 years of high school. She was inducted into the National Honor Society as a junior. She has been a member of the school's yearbook/newspaper staff for the past 2 years, and as a senior was nominated by the high school and staff as a queen candidate for snowball. She currently serves as a teacher's aide.

Guilds is the daughter of Ken and Janel Guilds of Gagetown. She plans to attend Saginaw Valley State University in the fall to major in business.

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Calendar of Events

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

Wednesday, May 9

Meatloaf dinner, noon, Cass City United Methodist Church, 5100 N. Cemetery Rd. Free will offering. For takeouts, call 872-4604 and pick up between 11 a.m. and noon, or after 12:30 p.m.

Friday, May 11

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.

Saturday, May 12

Pork Dinner, 4 to 7:30 p.m., Shabbona United Methodist Church. Free will offering. Proceeds to send children to Bay Shore Camp.

Ladies' Luncheon & Stimulcast, 11-2 p.m., Colwood Church. Featuring: Elisa Morgan, Kim Hill and Ken Davis. For more information, call (989) 673-3274.

Monday, May 14

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

Elkland Township Board meeting, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, May 15

Thumb Area Parkinson's Support Group meeting, 1 p.m., Northwood Meadows.

Heartland Hospice Grief Group Lunch, 1 p.m. Gilligan's. For more information, contact Laura Johannes at 1-877-486-6671.

Wednesday, May 16

United Sportsmen's Alliance meeting, 7 p.m., Cass City Gun Club, 2676 Englehart Rd. All are invited to attend. For more information, call (989) 872-2398.

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Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

It looked like a great throw by the catcher for the Great Lakes Loons, who rifled the ball to the bag in an attempt to throw out the runner stealing second base.

Evidently it wasn't, because after the play the bench caught his attention and he made false throws and looked to the bench as he changed his delivery.

A bonus for baseball fans is that in Dow Park the seats are close to the action and little by-plays like this are apparent. In the major league parks chances are great that little side actions like this would barely be discernable.

Turkey hunting in the Pigeon River Forest area, east of Vanderbilt, in Northern Michigan, isn't great, a group of Cass City hunters reported after a week-end hunting jaunt.

Area businessmen reported that the economy is also not great. A loss of an industry with a couple of hundred jobs has been debilitating. Add that to the general Michigan economy and the price of gas and it looks like a struggling year, one area resident confided.

I visited for a moment with Gerry and Lewis Tibbits Sunday at J.J. Jamokes restaurant in Caro. The Tibbits are retiring from jobs at Bay Shore Camp in Sebawaing. We will have more about that later, for now let me tell you something that most stories will probably miss.

Besides the work he became noted for, he was a very good softball player in his younger years while in Cass City. It must have been in the late '50s or early '60s.

FYI gearing up for "Cardboard City Sleep-out" May 18

Future Youth Involvement (FYI) will be hosting its fifth annual Cardboard City Sleep-out Friday, May 18, through Saturday, May 19 on the lawn of the Tuscola County Courthouse in Caro.

FYI is the youth advisory council of the Tuscola County Community Foundation.

The Cardboard City Sleep-out is an activity that allows teenagers a fun night with friends in a supervised environment. The event's main purpose is to raise awareness of homelessness throughout Tuscola County, and helps to raise money for organizations in Tuscola County that provide services to the homeless.

The Cardboard City Sleep-out provides a unique experience for all involved. In addition to raising aware-

ness, participants are able to see the world through the eyes of a homeless person and see what they must overcome each day.

FYI would like to partner with area residents on this project. Donations of \$50, \$75, and \$100 are suggested, but any amount is greatly appreciated. The money donated will be placed in the Homelessness Endowment Fund of the Tuscola County Community Foundation. Organizations in Tuscola County that provide services to the homeless are eligible to apply for grants from this fund. Donations are tax-deductible.

More information is available by calling or emailing the Tuscola County Community Foundation office at (989) 673-8223 or tccf534@yahoo.com.

The Haire Net

Am I a realist or a cynic?



Regretfully, the first reaction to the announced plan of building a carousel on Detroit's revitalized waterfront was not, how nice, but debating to myself if it will be an outstanding attraction and then in short order be vandalized, putting a crimp in the \$60 million waterfront project.

Ever since, I have been wondering if I was a realist or a cynic. I know that a carousel (merry-go-round) has been successful at the Navy Pier in Chicago. But Chicago is far ahead of Detroit in developing attractions on the Lake Michigan waterfront.

The plan is to make figurines based on species native to the Detroit River area. Cynic John suggests that you plan to visit as soon as it is open to see these creative replacements for the traditional horses made from wood.

Don't think that the doubt about the project stems from a belief that folks in the rural Thumb are more law abiding than those in Detroit.

In Cass City and the Thumb we have had our share of senseless vandalism, or outright theft.

Back when Cass City had a Christmas Town display with unique nursery rhyme papier-mâché exhibits that stretched a block long at the park, it had to be discontinued because vandals stole the Christmas lights and caused extensive damage to the displays.

Next on the list was the Rotary exercise trail through the woods at the park. With the help of a grant, the

trail featured 12 exercise stops with appropriate, expensive equipment. They were quickly destroyed or stolen, including cutting and stealing a chain that was used in one of the stops.

More recently vandalism at the covered bridge at the end of the Rail Trail, including lurid graffiti, shows that things have not changed much in 3 or 4 decades.

The carousel's 17 rides that move up and down on specially crafted figurines representing native fish and animals will be a strong attraction for unscrupulous collectors and provide a market for thieves.

The optimistic view is that a carousel worked in Chicago. The pessimistic view is that it's hopeful, but doubtful in Detroit.

In Detroit, Cass City and the Thumb, public service projects do better and last longer when they can't be hidden from the public view. The memorial to service people at the corner of Main and Seeger streets still looks untouched.

Optimistically, I feel that the Rotary Park when completed will be as successful. Cynically, I suggest that both uptown parks be kept well lighted.



The back forty

by Roger Pond

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I guess I'll never understand economics. The experts say our economy is going gangbusters, consumer confidence has reached an all-time high, but personal savings have reached an all-time low.

This seems backwards to me. It seems folks with a lot of confidence would be saving for the future — instead of spending every nickel they can get a hold of.

Today's consumers remind me of an old fellow a friend was telling me about. This old guy is getting up in years and likes to joke about his age.

"I'm getting so old," he said, "I won't even buy green bananas."

Or another old codger a different friend described to me. This man lived way out in the boonies and didn't have a car, so he only got into town every month or so.

My friend saw the old-timer on the street one winter day and asked how he was doing. "Oh, I'm fine," he said. "I've got some venison in the shed, and a little bit of firewood cut up."

"I don't cut much wood at one time," he explained. "I could die most any day, you know."

Modern day consumers seem to take the opposite view. The more confident they get the less wood they cut.

I blame the whole thing on credit cards. Credit cards have made spending much too easy.

Just before Christmas my wife and I received several blank checks from

credit card companies. Letters accompanying the checks suggested, "There must be lots of things you would like to buy — but probably, can't afford. These checks will help you buy it, anyway."

"Don't worry about repaying anything. We'll tell you about that later."

These companies must have thought we ran out of checks and didn't know where to get more? Maybe they were hoping we were so stupid as to think this was free money that wouldn't have to be repaid.

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	Partly Cloudy
	High: 66 Low: 49
	Saturday
	Partly Cloudy
	High: 62 Low: 46
	Sunday
	Mostly Sunny
	High: 64 Low: 45

In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see partly cloudy skies with a 30% chance of showers and thunderstorms, high temperature of 69°, humidity of 88% and an overnight low of 51°. The record high temperature for today is 86° set in 1979. The record low is 26° set in 1966. Thursday, skies will remain partly cloudy with a high temperature of 68°.

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Wednesday	57	41	60/39	0.00"
Thursday	61	37	60/39	0.00"
Friday	66	39	61/39	0.00"
Saturday	59	37	61/40	0.00"
Sunday	61	36	62/40	0.00"

Upcoming Moon Phases

Last	New	First	Full
5/9	5/16	5/23	5/31

Sunrise/Sunset Times

Sunrise today	6:15 a.m.
Sunset tonight	8:44 p.m.

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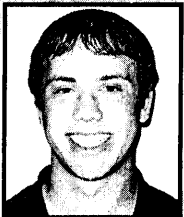
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Red Hawk Talk

by Kyle Swanson

I know I've been saying this for a few weeks now, but the end of the school year is almost here. As a senior, I only have 8 days left, and you can be sure that I am counting down! With this in mind, many people think that activities are winding down, but in actuality, there are several things happening in the next few weeks.

On Saturday, students at the high school will be dancing the night away at the Prom at Uby Heights. Afterwards, all attendees of the prom are invited to attend the After Prom Party at the high school.

Next week, on Wednesday, May 16 at 7 p.m., seniors will be honored at the annual Senior Awards Ceremony. The event will take place in the gymnasium at Cass City High School. After the ceremony, cookies and punch will be provided by the National Honor Society outside the gym. As I previously alluded to, seniors' last day is Friday, May 18. Seniors who need to take their exams must do so on May 21 or 22. All seniors are also requested to report to graduation run through at the high school on May 23 at 1:30 p.m.

Anyone interested is welcome to attend the Baccalaureate service on Sunday, May 20. The service will be held at Cass City High School in the cafeteria and is slated to start at 2 p.m. Refreshments will be provided by the National Honor Society fol-

lowing the service.

Graduation will be held on Friday, May 25. This year, graduation has been moved up by one hour and will now begin at 7:00 p.m. As usual, graduation will take place in the gymnasium of Cass City High School.

Students throughout the district will have Friday, May 25 and Monday, May 28, off from school, in observance of Memorial Day. After this, students will come back for a few days, before leaving for the year.

The last day will be Tuesday, June 5. This year, the last day of school will be a full day, unlike previous years where the last day of school was a half-day.

A ceremony will also be held for underclassmen receiving special honors. This event will take place just a few days before the end of the year, and typically occurs in the morning.

Eighth graders at the middle school will also be honored at the 8th Grade Honors Night, which will be held in the coming weeks.

Several other activities still left this year include track meets, softball and baseball games, and tennis tournaments, just to mention a few.

As the year comes to a close many activities are winding down, but there are still plenty of things happening at all of the schools. Enjoy the rest of the year!

Cass City band earns top ratings

Friday, April 27, was a busy day for Cass City High School band members, and Director Suzanne Harris.

They traveled over 100 miles to Walled Lake to participate in the state band festival held there. The Cass City School Band received straight Division I ratings (the highest mark possible) at the district band festival at North Branch March 17 to qualify to attend the state level.

The band prepared 3 pieces from required categories to perform on stage for 3 judges. The pieces were "The Naval Sea Cadet March" by J. Olivadoti, "On a Hymn song of Philip Bliss" by David R. Holsinger and "Three Songs from Sussex" by Hugh M. Stuart. They received a Division I rating from each of the 3 judges.

After their stage performance, they moved immediately to another room to do the second part of the festival event, sight reading. They were handed 2 pieces of music and given 7 minutes to verbally go over them without using their instruments, then perform them. The sight reading judge gave them a Division II rating. Our Cass City band should be very proud of their performance.

There is a band booster meeting set for today (Wednesday), at 6:30 p.m. in the high school band room.

Also planned is the annual high school spring concert, Tuesday, May 15, at 7 p.m., followed by the presentation of the high school band awards.

Sheriff: buckle up

Huron County Sheriff Kent D. Tibbitts is offering motorists fair warning - buckle up or pay a \$65 citation.

To save lives and further lift Michigan's 94.3-percent safety belt use rate - the second highest in the nation - the Huron County Sheriff's Office is putting a special emphasis on unbuckled motorists this month," Tibbitts announced last week.

"We encourage all motorists in Huron County, visitors and residents alike, to buckle up and be safe in Huron County this summer," he said. "We have many special events, such as Memorial Day, the Fourth of July and Labor Day, not to mention all the area festivals and homecomings that bring in many additional people...which always increases the chance of an accident happening."

Michigan's safety belt use is at a

record high, but some motorists, mainly young men ages 18 to 34, still choose not to buckle up," added Tibbitts, who noted that increased seatbelt rates has a direct connection with lives saved. For every one percent increase in seatbelt use, 10 lives are saved, according to the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning.

Michigan's mandatory safety belt law requires the driver and front seat passengers to be buckled up, and children under age 4 to be in an approved child safety seat. It also requires passengers ages 15 and under to be buckled up in front and rear seating positions. In addition, drivers or passengers who have a shoulder harness placed under their arm or behind their back can be ticketed for not properly buckling up.

Several appear in T.C. Circuit Court

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

•Donna M. Wyman, 50, Gagetown, pleaded no contest to 2 counts of assaulting a police officer June 30 in Elkland/Elmwood Township, and to assault with a dangerous weapon March 7, 2006, in Elkland Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case and bond was continued at a combined \$20,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Benjamin A. Barron Jr., 25, Reese, pleaded guilty to possession of a controlled substance and impaired driving Nov. 4 in Denmark Township.

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

•Jennifer M. Nelson, 20, Kingston, pleaded guilty to absconding or forfeiting bond Dec. 4 in Caro, and to possession of a narcotic/cocaine (less than 25 grams) and operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor Oct. 4 in Millington Township. She was also convicted of being an habitual offender (2 prior felony convictions).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at a combined \$13,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•James M. Trischler, 28, Bay City, received a one-year delayed sentence for his plea of guilty to obtaining money or property totaling \$1,000 to \$20,000 by false pretenses April 4, 2006, in Fremont Township.

He was ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$520 plus restitution of \$1,455.91.

•Jack L. Putnam, 42, Deford, received a one-year delayed sentence for his plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, subsequent offense, Sept. 19 in Wells Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction). He was ordered to pay \$820 in costs and fines.

•Robert W. Dunsmore, 35, Flushing, was sentenced to 180 days in the county jail (90 days deferred), with work release and worksite privileges, for his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Aug. 26 in Akron Township.

He was also ordered to serve 60 months probation and pay costs and fines totaling \$1,620.

•Scott B. Dann, 37, Otisville, was sentenced to 180 days in jail, with work release, and 36 months probation for his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, June 5, 2005, in Vassar. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (2 prior felony convictions).

In addition to jail time, he was also ordered to pay \$1,000 in costs and fines.

•Michael D. Grimshaw, 48, Mayville, was sentenced to 180 days in jail, with work release and worksite privileges, and 24 months probation for his plea of no contest to domestic violence, third offense, June 16 in Dayton Township.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$720.

•Todd A. Putnam, 36, Deford, was sentenced to 270 days in jail and 60 months probation for his pleas of no contest to possession of marijuana with intent to deliver, subsequent offense, and maintaining a drug house, subsequent offense, Sept. 19 in Wells Township.

He was also ordered to pay \$2,580 in costs and fines.

•Terry L. Labombard Jr., 23, Caro, was sentenced to 2 to 8 years in prison for his pleas of guilty to 2 counts of possession of child sexually abusive material and one count of use of a computer to a commit a crime Oct. 5, 2005, in Caro.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,440.

•Jered K. Jevicks, 20, Vassar, was sentenced to 180 days in jail, with worksite privileges, and 24 months probation for his pleas of guilty to delivery/manufacture of marijuana Aug. 29 in Denmark Township, and to attempted assault of a police officer, operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor and driving with a suspended or revoked license March 5, 2006, in Tuscola Township.

He was also ordered to pay \$1,400 in costs and fines.

•David J. Diener Jr., 21, Caro, was sentenced to 180 days in jail, with work release and worksite privileges, for his pleas of guilty to 2 counts of larceny from a motor vehicle Sept. 26 in Caro. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

In addition to jail time, he was ordered to pay \$1,180 in costs and fines.

•Kevin L. Bossert, 30, Deford, was sentenced to 365 days in jail, with work release, and 60 months probation for his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the

influence of liquor, third offense, Nov. 26 in Kingston Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

He was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,620 plus restitution of \$95.

•Scott D. Biskner, 38, Bay City, was sentenced to 15 to 40 years in prison for his jury conviction on a charge of first degree home invasion July 22 in Vassar.

He was also ordered to pay \$120 in costs and fines.

•Cory J. Lewicki, 17, Caro, was sentenced to 365 days in jail and 36 months probation for his convictions on charges of second degree home invasion Nov. 24 in Rich Township, and to larceny in a building Nov. 1 in Caro.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$2,240.

•Wayne S. Withers, 28, Vassar, was sentenced to 4 to 15 years in prison for his plea of guilty to obstruction of justice July 19 in Caro. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convictions).

•David C. Scott, 45, Fostoria, pleaded no contest to domestic violence, third offense, Nov. 9 in Watertown Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$5,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Jeremy A. Sprague, 21, Caro, pleaded guilty to uttering and publishing involving an \$850 money order drawn on Team One Credit Union Dec. 4 in Caro.

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

•Channon M. Popp, 32, Caro, pleaded no contest to second degree home invasion and larceny in a building between July 1, 2006, and Jan. 8, 2007, in Wells Township.

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

•John C. Clor, 28, Caro, stood mute to 2 counts of interfering with electronic communications, and domestic violence March 19 in Wells Township.

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

•Jordan M. Castle, 20, Frankenmuth, pleaded no contest to unlawfully driving away an automobile Oct. 2 in Reese.

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

•Kirk Spencer, 19, Mayville, pleaded guilty to breaking and entering a building with intent to commit larceny Oct. 30 and Nov. 3 in Mayville.

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

•Jamie E. McClard, 22, Caro, pleaded guilty to 2 counts of forgery involving checks for \$25.09 and \$19.07, both drawn on Signature Bank April 1, 2006, in Wells Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$8,000. Sentencing is to be set.

•Nicholas E. Woodruff, 19, Gagetown, pleaded guilty to 2 counts of stealing/retaining a financial transaction device without consent of the device holder March 2-6 in Cass City/Caro, and to larceny in a building March 29 in Cass City.

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

Tire recycling now available

The Tuscola County Recycling Center accepts tires year round from county residents for a small charge per tire.

"Thanks to a grant from the mosquito abatement program and our recycling center's millage, we are able to keep the cost per tire for our residents to a minimum," said Kate Neese, recycling coordinator. "We ask that residents bring their tires into our center Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m."

The following fees are charged: \$1 per car tire, \$2 per car tire with rim, \$5 per semi-truck or trailer tire, \$10 per semi-truck or trailer tire with rim, \$20 for tractor tire, and \$40 per tractor tire with rim.

Residents should be prepared to help unload their tires, and those planning to recycle more than 10 tires are asked to call (989) 672-1673 to request assistance. Tires with axles will not be accepted, and all tires should be free of water and debris.



Cardinal ChatBack

by Hannah Strauel

Hanging from the ceiling in the main hall at Kingston High School are decorated numbers, numbers that signify how many days of school the seniors at Kingston High have left. At the end of each day, another number is pulled down, emphasizing how little time remains.

With graduation just around the corner and the busiest schedule ever, time is slipping through our fingers. For seniors this time is very exciting, maybe even a little scary, and definitely overwhelming. But regardless, the clock is ticking. Kingston has a tradition for seniors that makes their remaining days less stressful and much more fun.

Every year the senior class has a week entitled senior week. Usually the last week of school, the seniors pick a theme for each day of the week, sort of like spirit week, but only for the seniors. These activities help to create lasting memories for the students.

Monday kicks off the week with Pajama Party Day. Seniors can wear their pajamas to school. Sometimes during that day, they will all come together as a class, lay out sleeping bags and pillows, grab some popcorn, and enjoy a movie. Seniors might have to get up a little early Tuesday, as it is Tractor/Cowboy Day. Members of the class of 2007 will fire up their tractor (lawn mowers or quads if they do not own a tractor) and head off to school. Oh, and they will be sure to grab their cowboy hats and boots for the cowboy portion of the day.

Wednesday is Hat and Hood Day

(maybe it was chosen because it is an opportunity to ignore the school dress code). Following this good-natured expression of rebellion, the seniors at Kingston will usher summer in a bit quick with Summer Day and a class barbecue for lunch. Yum! And finally, finishing off the week, the seniors will have a chance to be a kid again on Recess Day. During lunch they will head outside for some basketball, football, or maybe even tag!

With such a full week planned, seniors are bound to have a good time and a favorite day.

"Recess Day," was Brian Dawson's response when asked what his favorite day will be, "I like to play. It takes me back to the good old days." Jayme Shinabarger is looking forward to Summer Day and the class barbecue. Greg Wolak is looking forward to Tractor Day, "Living on a farm, I (can) choose on which one to bring," he said. Confirming the theory behind Hat and Hood Day, Jacob Wade likes this day the best "because any other day we can't wear them." With Pajama Party Day as her favorite day, Brianne Schultz is hoping to roll out her sleeping bag and "sleep in school." Whether her idea works or not, it does sound rather nice!

While graduation 2007 quickly approaching makes this a busy, stressful time, Senior Week will be a great chance to have some fun, create some great memories and make the last week of high school enjoyable.

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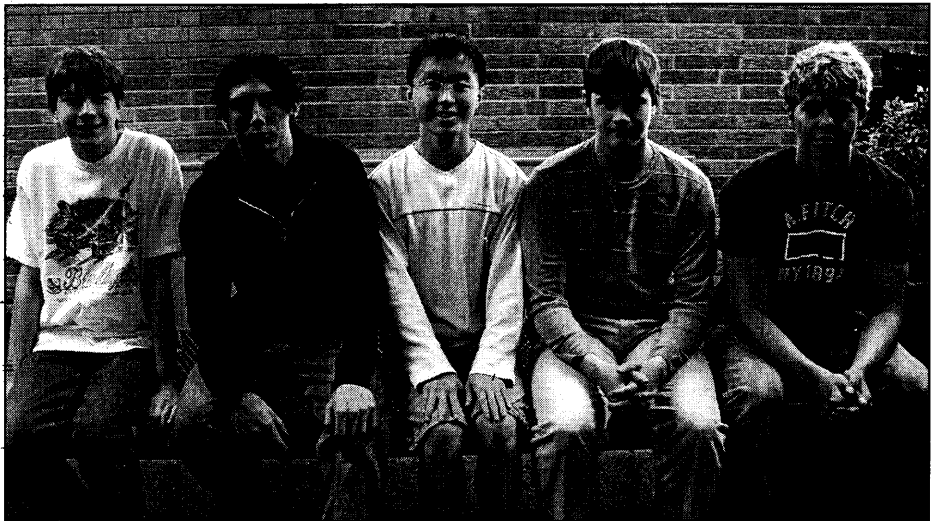
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Cass City Academic Games teams dominate at tourney



CASS CITY HIGH SCHOOL'S English and Math Academic Games teams finished first and the Science team placed third recently at the Tuscola County Academic Games competition at SVSU. Members of the English team are (above, from left) Courtney Rabideau, Jessica Lange, Jennifer Hacker, Ashley Spencer and Lysa Knight. Missing is C.J. Warmbier.



MEMBERS OF THE math team are (from left) Jacob Ballard, Lief Parr, Ming Yu Chen, Ben MacGown and Ryan Biddinger.



THE SCIENCE TEAM is composed of (front row, left) Kyle Swanson, Adam Kranz, Andrew Martin, Andrew Deering and (in back) Nick Sattellberg.

John Tuckey promoted

The Fork Union Military Academy, Fork Union, Va., recently announced the promotion of Cadet John Tuckey to the rank of Cadet 2nd Lieutenant. Tuckey has been placed in command as a platoon leader in C Company of the Corps of Cadets at Fork Union Military Academy.

Tuckey is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Tuckey of Ashland, Va., and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Tuckey of Cass City, and Mrs.

David Ahearn of Newport News, Va.

Tuckey, a junior in high school, is on the dean's list for academic achievement. He is a member of the FUMA Lacrosse team and was named the most valuable player of his junior varsity Lacrosse team in 2006. He also was a winner in the "Best Drilled Squad" competition held in 2006. He has attended Fork Union Military Academy since his freshman year.

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Down Memory Lane

By Harmony Doerr



5 YEARS AGO

Anyone who has talked with Jim McLoskey will tell you the Caro area resident has the deep, smooth voice of a radio personality. At one time, McLoskey earned a living doing just that, but a suggestion from a Tuscola County Economic Development Corporation Board member and Cass City resident changed all that 16 years ago. McLoskey gave up a career in journalism in April 1986 to serve as director of the EDC, and he has since proven himself to be more than capable in a job where success means prosperity for residents and businesses throughout Tuscola County. That success hasn't been overlooked by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC), which recently awarded McLoskey the economic developer award during the organization's fifth annual Business Success Celebration in Lansing. The award recognizes individuals on the local level who serve as the initial contact point for companies considering expansion or looking for a site for a new facility.

Dee McKrow, president and CEO of Hills and Dales Healthcare Corporation in Cass City, was recently honored with the 2002 Loren O. Gettel Award at the fifth annual Rural Health Conference in Mt. Pleasant. McKrow's peers from Scheurer Hospital, Huron Medical Center and Marlette Community Hospital nominated her for the award. The Loren O. Gettel Award recognizes individuals who have contributed outstanding leadership and commitment to the health improvement of rural Michigan. McKrow's contributions in the Thumb include facilitation and collaboration with other hospitals to establish a regional dialysis center and a rural MRI facility, both in the Cass City area, in an effort to provide central coverage for all surrounding residents.

10 YEARS AGO

Cass City boosters who joined to back notes so that the Jordan College building could be erected were notified last week that they are off the hook. The mortgage is paid and Baker College now owns the property. More good news: Some \$60,000 earned on the investment remains and the money will be used by the Cass City Economic Development Corp. to promote the community. (From Rabbit Tracks)

Rob Bliss has enjoyed keeping an aquarium filled with a variety of fish over the past several years, learning how to care for both fresh and salt-water species. But he's particularly

fond of the latest addition to his aquarium, even if they wouldn't think twice about biting the hand that feeds them. Bliss, a sophomore at Cass City High School, recently purchased 8 young piranhas, a South American species that has earned its reputation as a fierce, flesh-eating predator with razor sharp teeth, lightning speed and a habit of hunting in packs. "I've always wanted them," Bliss commented Saturday, recalling his decision to buy the fish while shopping at a mall with some friends a couple weeks ago.

Is it possible to get too much fiber? According to Ohio State University, the answer is definitely. Too much fiber can cause gas, bloating, intestinal pain and diarrhea. It can also sweep minerals from your digestive tract before they have a chance to enter the bloodstream. Nutrition authorities recommend consuming 20 to 25 grams of fiber a day. Unfortunately, most Americans don't even consume half that amount.

25 YEARS AGO

Bill Eberline was honored Wednesday at a luncheon for 30 years' service. He's the second oldest employee at Walbro Corporation and is a genius in practical design. He's also a darn good horseshoe player. Back in the days when we were both members of White Creek Club he was club champ. I beat him once and then "retired" from competition, claiming the title and never answering any of his invitations for another game. He got even by making me sweat about some of my machinery that he was helping me fix, saying that a part he showed me must be replaced at an astronomical cost. Only a mechanical simpleton like me would not have known that it came from his work at Walbro and couldn't possibly have anything to do with a printing press. (From Rabbit Tracks)

Uby school bus driver Leonard J. Schumacher won his third straight regional school bus safety "roadeo" Saturday over 26 other drivers. The event was held at Uby High School and was sponsored by the Michigan Association for Pupil Transportation and the Automobile Club of Michigan's safety and engineering division. Of a possible 525 points, Schumacher scored 484. Second place with 461 was won by Joan Rank of Peck and third with 439 was Dan Pollum, also of Uby. The three trophy winners will compete in the Michigan School Bus Safety Roadeo June 12 at Harry Hill High School in Lansing.

35 YEARS AGO

This is a column of trivia and this

doesn't qualify. I couldn't help but think about President Nixon's war speech Monday. He talked about "humiliation" and "loss of pride" in the Vietnam conflict. They seem to me to be feeble excuses for escalating a war that the vast majority feel is futile and without any real reason. I barged in at coffee time at Croft-Clara and the staff there talked about this in a bull session. The consensus was that the ordinary Joe keeps following along because he just doesn't know enough to make an intelligent decision. He may have reservations about the entire mess but he just doesn't know. (From Rabbit Tracks)

A major step in the preparations for the Artrain was completed with the purchase of rose bushes, which will be set at the site of the traveling museum. Harry Little of Cass City, who is also planting marigolds for the site, devised the plan whereby women from several groups each bought a rose and took it to him for potting and care. The anticipated 60 bushes are expected to bloom red, pink, yellow and white. Little will tend the roses, which will be set at the train site in July. Afterwards, each woman will claim the bush that bears a tag with her name on it.

It was the Flint area again in the Gavel Club Invitational Saturday at Cass City Recreational Park as Mt. Morris tied with St. Louis for the championship. The teams each scored 21 points. Cass City finished sixth with 19 points. Mt. Morris tied for first without the services of their celebrated sprinter, Roy Young, who was attending the wedding of his sister. Caro and Vassar were the best from the Thumb B with 29 and 26 points, respectively. Vassar's mile relay team set a new record despite a blustery wind that hampered the contestants. The Vulcans' time of 3:36.5 broke the 3:37.3 mark set by St. Louis in 1964. Al Michalak of Caro tossed the shot 55 feet, 7 3/4 inches and Dirk Sutherland pole vaulted 13 feet.

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CASS CITY’S J. Craig Colton, clinical director for Child and Family Services at Huron Behavioral Health in Bad Axe, was recently honored by the Greater Flint Area 4C (Child Care Unlimited). He is pictured above with Mary Ann Ketels, director of 4C, who recognized Colton for his extensive community contributions and thanked him for the positive difference he has made in the lives of area families.

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Colton honored for his impact on Huron families

Officials with the Greater Flint Area 4C (Child Care Unlimited) recently honored a Cass City man for the positive impact he’s had on the lives of Huron County families over the past 2 decades.

Mary Ann Ketels, 4C director, recently presented J. Craig Colton with a Child Care Advocacy Award - Community Service, during the organization’s annual advocacy awards breakfast.

Janet Richards, director of Special Services at the Huron Intermediate School District, nominated Colton, who currently serves as clinical director for Child and Family Services at Huron Behavioral Health in Bad Axe.

Richards said Colton has served Huron County children and families over the past 20 years in many ways - from prevention efforts to crisis response — through his roles as psychologist, therapist, facilitator and clinical director at Huron Behavioral Health.

“As originator and first facilitator of the Huron County Community Collaborative, Craig’s strong leadership provided the foundation for collaborative efforts to come to fruition. This was not an easy task as several of the members had ‘turf’ and ‘power’ issues and were also prone to show-downs,” added Richards, who noted Colton succeeded in uniting members of the diverse group in order to move in a common direction. “Once this common direction was established, Craig and the collaborative body were able to initiate new avenues to address the numerous service provision gaps we had in our county.”

According to Richards, Colton’s list of contributions includes bringing Family Enrichment, a parent education program available to all parents, to Huron County.

“Craig had always passionately held a vision where effective parenting was the norm. This vision was originally funded by a large grant Craig applied for and received through Juvenile Justice,” she said, adding Colton later secured local resources when the grant funding was exhausted.

In addition, Colton has been an active participant in the Early On Local Interagency Coordinating Council, Huron County Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect Council, Strong Families/Safe Children, Homeless Coalition, and on-going community work groups addressing specific concerns such as teen suicide.

“Overall, Craig’s life and work in Huron County have been very similar to the cowboy of long ago who had a lonely job, with difficult work, and played a large and important role in building the West,” Richards said.

“While I have worked with many different people over the years, there is no one I would rather work alongside than Craig. He is as honest, trustworthy and hard working as the day is long.”

Chemical Bank Chairman, David B. Ramaker, recently announced Douglas H. Herringshaw will retire as Community Bank president of Chemical Bank - Caro after 29 years of service with the company.

Herringshaw began his Chemical Bank career in 1978 at the bank’s Clare Community Bank as a senior lender. Following a series of promotions and location changes, he was named Community Bank president of the Caro Community Bank in 1996.

“Doug has a long history of leadership with our company, serving in senior management positions at a number of our community banks throughout the years. His extensive banking background coupled with a strong dedication to community service has served the Thumb region extremely well,” said Ramaker.

In addition, Herringshaw is involved with numerous community organizations, including the Tuscola County Economic Development Corporation, Tuscola County Brownfield Redevelopment District, L.E.A.D. Tuscola and Cass River Habitat for Humanity, each of which he serves as a board member. He is a former chairman of the board of Hills and Dales General Hospital, a graduate of Leadership Bay County and former board member of both the Elkland - Novesta United Way and Tuscola County United Way.

Obituaries

Myra Jordan

Myra Carolyn Jordan, 81, of Cass City, died Thursday, May 3, 2007 in Caro Community Hospital.

She was born April 24, 1926 in Detroit, the daughter of Clifford and Leona (Coulter) Eickhoff.

She married Frank Jordan Aug. 10, 1946 in Hazel Park. He died Aug. 16, 1981.

Jordan worked as a waitress at Martin’s Restaurant for 13 years and then for Rex Binder Lawn and Garden Equipment for approximately 18 years. She volunteered for Caro Community Schools as a crossing guard for a few years before her illness. She was a life member of the DAV Auxiliary and a charter member of Holbrook Baptist Church.

Jordan is survived by her children: Judy (Lloyd) Montreuil of Cass City, Nancy (Dalbert) Wright of Cass City, and Robert (Patricia) Jordan of Applegate; 12 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; one great great-grandson; 2 step-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Frank Jordan, Jr.; a grandson, Dalbert Wright, Jr.; a sister, Kathleen Martin; and a brother, William Eickhoff.

Funeral services were held Monday, May 7, at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with the Rev. David Hill of Cass City First Baptist Church officiating.

Interment was in the Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Memorials may be made to Cass City First Baptist Church.

Pearl Kain

Pearl M. Kain, 97, formerly of Gagetown and Pigeon, died Saturday, April 28, 2007 at Huron Medical Care Facility, Bad Axe after a brief illness.

She was born May 4, 1909 in Columbia Township near Unionville, the daughter of the late John and Melvina (Bedore) Comment.

She married Leslie “Ted” Kain April 25, 1931 at St. Agatha Catholic Church, Gagetown. He died Dec. 31, 1991.

Kain attended and graduated from Frenchtown Rural School and lived on the family farm for 58 years before moving to Country Bay Village and Country Gardens in Pigeon. She was a member of St. Agatha Catholic Church and a member of the Buena Vista Hobby Club in Holiday, Fla. She was a member of the Farm Bureau.

Kain is survived by a son, Merlin (Lois) Kain of Bad Axe; 4 daughters, Janet (Jim) Czowski of Essexville, Diane (Robert) Humann of Eastpointe, Kathie (Rich) Mika of Luzerne, and Lynda (David) Munhall of Flushing; 8 grandchildren; a step

granddaughter; 7 great-grandchildren; 4 step great-grandsons; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by 5 brothers: Floyd, Art, Leroy, Donald and Willard Comment; and 5 sisters: Lila Rodden, Gertrude Clifford, Margaret Joyce, Lorraine Knetchges, and Elaine Jackson.

Funeral mass will be held at 11 a.m., Wednesday, May 2 at St. Agatha Catholic Church, Gagetown, with Father Steve Fillion officiating.

Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to St. Francis Borgia Catholic Church, St. Agatha Catholic Church, or Country Bay Village.

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

Ronald Wright

Dr. Ronald O. Wright, 65, of Davison, died Wednesday, April 11, 2007 in Arizona as the result of an auto accident.

He was born Oct. 17, 1941 in Pontiac, the son of the late Orrin and Bernice (Powers) Wright.

He married Carol Kaufield Aug. 3, 1962.

Wright was a 1959 graduate of Cass City High School. He attended Central Michigan University and received his master’s degree from Eastern Michigan University. Wright received his doctorate from Wayne State University and taught and served as an administrator at Davison Community Schools for 40 years. He was currently a professor at the University of Michigan-Flint. He was a member of the First Baptist Church, Davison, and was a Sunday school teacher for more than 30 years. He served as a church board member and a deacon.

Wright is survived by his wife, Carol; children: Greg (Sue) Wright, Steve (Jennifer) Wright and Susie (Brian) Smith; 9 grandchildren; a sister, Charlotte (Bob) Dennis; and special friends, Ron and Karen Adam.

Funeral services were held at the Maxine I. Ude Auditorium, Davison High School, with Pastor Allen Sudmann and Dr. James Unger officiating.

Memorials may be made to the Davison Education Fund for a scholarship in Dr. Wright’s name.

A private burial will be held at a later date in the Pine Grove Cemetery.

Arrangements were made by Allen Funeral Home.

Kirkpatrick retiring as MMPA chief

Michigan Milk Producers Association President Elwood Kirkpatrick of Kinde recently officially retired from his position.

Throughout his 26-year career as MMPA’s president, Kirkpatrick strongly supported the involvement of young dairy farmers in their cooperative.

“From the grassroots level to leadership, it is the responsibility of all members to stay involved,” Kirkpatrick said upon reflecting on his experience with MMPA. “We are each owners of the cooperative and we need to pay attention to management and cooperative finances.”

Kirkpatrick’s aptitude in finance earned the young dairy farmer the respect of his fellow board members who elected him president of MMPA in March 1981. He had served on the MMPA board for just 2 years prior to being elected president of what is now Michigan’s largest milk-marketing cooperative.

Throughout his presidency, Kirkpatrick served the cooperative and dairy industry on both state and national levels through his involvement in a number of agriculture and dairy related organizations.

Most recently, Kirkpatrick served on the board of directors of the following national organizations: National Milk Producers Federation, Dairy Management Inc. and United Dairy Industry Association. He is a former member of the U.S. Ag Policy Advisory Committee for World Trade and the former chairman of the U.S. Dairy Export Council.

In Michigan, he was the chair of the Michigan Dairy Industry Committee and a member of the United Dairy Industry of Michigan board of directors. He was a long-time member of the Michigan State Fair Board, formerly served on the Michigan Agriculture Commission and was a past director of the First of America Bank-Michigan.

An accomplished dairy farmer, Kirkpatrick has been recognized with Michigan State University’s “Dairy Farmer of the Year” and “Distinguished Service to Agriculture” awards. He and his family milk 300 cows and farm 1,200 acres near Kinde.

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6th Grade: (front, l-r) John Ballard, Shannon Bardwell, Taylor Brown, Jacob Kittle, Charnelle Kucharczyk; (back, l-r) Alan Leslie, Ashley Mulrath, Kelby Rowell, Alex Warju

7th Grade: (l-r) Trevor Brown, Carley Hendrick, Korey Hool, Stephanie Leeson, Sarah Zmierski

8th Grade: (front, l-r) Nick Field, Brenda Haley, Chelsea Jacobs, Angie Janssen, Justin Ketterer; (back, l-r) Candace Myers, Haley Peters, Caitlin Reed, Lauren Walther

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Bowen sets new school mark at Reese Invite

Senior Dennis Bowen highlighted the Cass City track team's efforts Friday at the talent-rich Reese Invitational.

Bowen established a new Red Hawk record in the shot put with his distance of 50' 10", resulting in a second place showing at the multi-school invite, while helping Cass City to a 7th place team finish in the process.

Host Reese captured the team standings with 98.5 points and was followed by Frankenmuth with 89, Deckerville 62.5, Saginaw Valley Lutheran 61, Marlette 56, Millington 55.5, Cass City 34.5, Freeland 33, Harbor Beach 21, Unionville-Sebewaing

10 and Sandusky 6.

The Hawks also received a fine showing from distance specialist Lukas Varney on the afternoon. The Red Hawk sophomore finished as the runner-up in the 1600-meter run at 4:48, third in the 800-meter run at 2:05 and 6th in the 3200-meter run with a time of 10:35.

The Hawks benefited from several solid showings in the field events. Mark Koepf placed third in the pole vault with a height of 12', while Chris Zawilinski and Chris Summersett placed 5th and 6th in the high jump with efforts of 6' 1" and 5' 11", respectively.

Cass City also earned points in the

800-meter and 1600-meter relays.

The team of Zawilinski, Derek Ricker, Kyle Sieradzki and Austin Babich posted a time of 1:39 in the 800-meter event to place 5th, while the team of Summersett, Babich, Varney and Zawilinski placed 6th in the 1600-meter with a time of 3:44.

In the girls' field, Saginaw Valley Lutheran topped the team standings with 96 points to edge out runner-up Frankenmuth with 90. Deckerville finished a distant third with 76 points, while Harbor Beach tallied 64, Unionville-Sebewaing 48, Freeland 43, Marlette 37, Cass City 29, Millington 17, Sandusky 13, Reese 8 and Akron-

Fairgrove 6.

Jennica Richards and Megan Zawilinski paced the Lady Hawks. Richards finished third in the 100-meter hurdles, 4th in the 300-meter hurdles and 4th in the long jump. Zawilinski placed 5th in the 100-meter hurdles and recorded Cass City's best finish on the day with her runner-up finish in the high jump.

Rounding out the point winners for Cass City was Brittany Loomis who placed third in the 3200-meter run.

UBLY/USA

Cass City didn't squander the opportunity to showcase their talents Wednesday during their lone home meet of the season.

Coach Scott Cuthrell received a dozen first place showings from his Red Hawk thinclads, as they easily turned back visiting Unionville-Sebewaing and Ubyly. The final team standings saw Cass City with 99 points, Ubyly 47 and Unionville-Sebewaing 26.

In the field events, the Red Hawks received a trio of first place performances. Summersett won the high jump with a season-best effort of 6' 3". Bowen won the shot put for the hosts with a toss of 49' 07", while Koepf topped the pole vaulters with his effort of 12' 6".

A key to the Hawks' lopsided victory was winning all 4 relay events. The 3200-meter relay team of Clark Walsh, Thomas Cotton, Bryan Burke and Kyle Reif tuned in a time of 9:25. The Hawks' 1600-meter relay team - Koepf, Zawilinski, Varney and Babich - won with a time of 3:47; the 800-meter relay team - Zawilinski, Koepf, Sieradzki and Babich - won with a time of 1:38 and the 400-meter relay team - Zawilinski, Derek Ricker, Koepf and Sieradzki - won with a time of 48:43.

Individually, winners for Cass City included Varney in the 800 (2:16), 1600 (4:38) and 3200 (10:46) meter runs, Summersett, 400-meter dash (57.24), and Babich, 200-meter dash (23.46).

GIRLS' FIELD

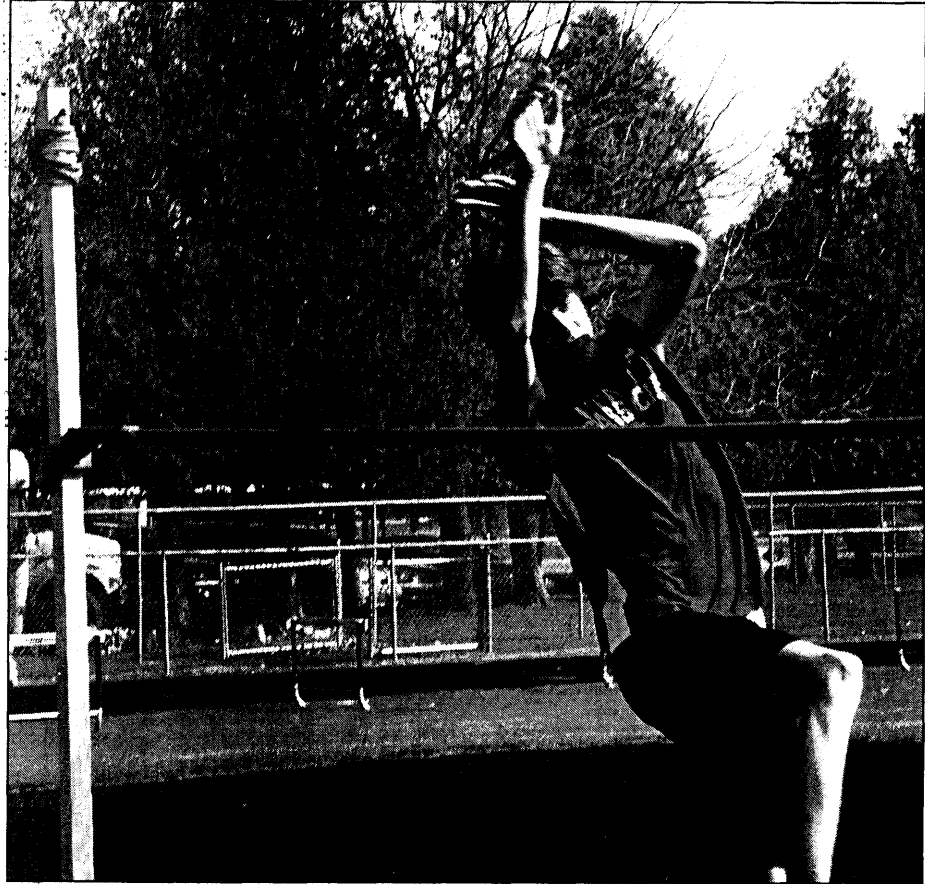
The Ubyly girls' team won every running event but one to take the girls' field with 97 points. Unionville-Sebewaing finished next with 44, followed by Cass City with 28.

The one running event the Bearcats didn't win was the 3200-meter run, where Cass City's Brittany Loomis registered first with a time of 13:17.

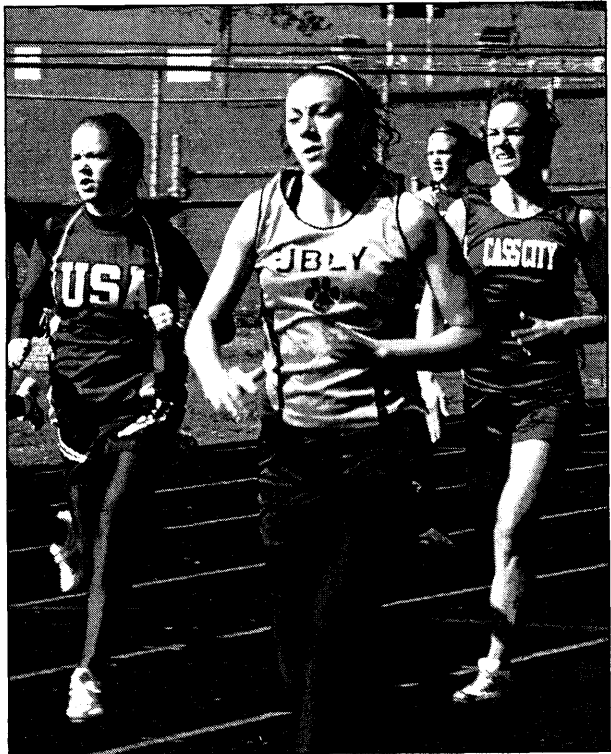
Cass City had a pair of individual second place showings at the meet as Caitlin Sorenson recorded a time of 30:07 in the 200-meter dash and Megan Zawilinski posted a height of 5' 0" in the high jump.



THE BEST EVER! Red Hawk Dennis Bowen became the Cass City school record holder in the shot put Friday at the Reese Invite with his 50' 10" effort.



UP AND OVER. Cass City sophomore Chris Summersett leaped to a season-high 6' 3" Wednesday afternoon to win the high jump event against visiting Ubyly and Unionville-Sebewaing.



UBLY'S JADE Kaufman clocked a time of 12.88 to win the 100-meter dash in a triangular meet the included Unionville-Sebewaing and hosts Cass City.

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Officials for the Cass City Youth Football program are hosting a fundraising golf outing Saturday, June 2nd at Mulligan's Irish Links Golf Course.

The "Helmet and Heifer Golf Tournament" is slated for a noon start. Cost for the 18 hole, 2 person scramble is \$40/person and includes dinner afterward.

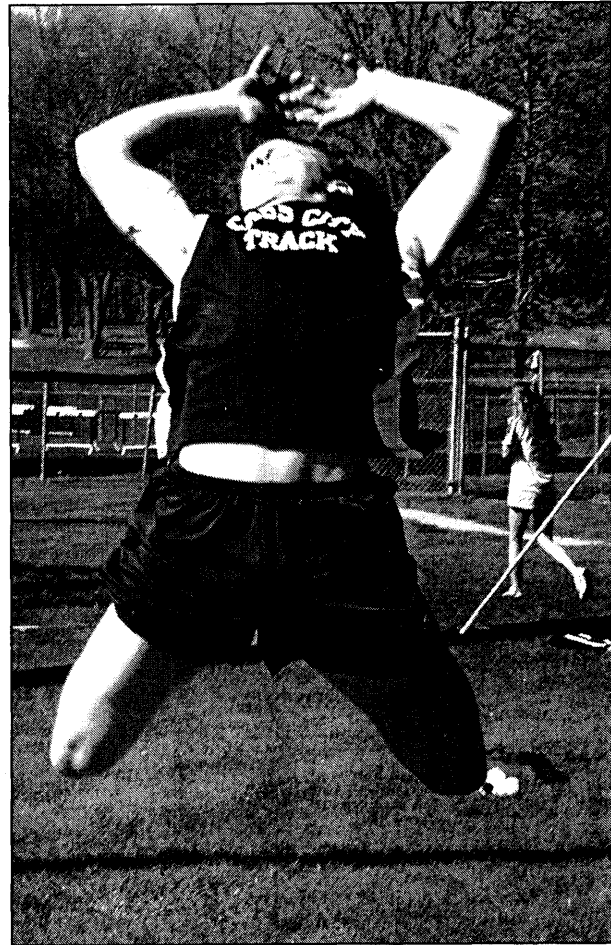
Tournament coordinator Jeff Loomis also states that the dinner, which will start at 5 p.m., is open to non-golfers for a cost of only \$10.

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LeValley/Morgan	14
Medalists: Individual-Jerry Toner 38; Team-Hartel/Pasant 83, Hool/Toner 83.	
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DEREK RICKER takes off during the long jump competition at Cass City's lone home meet of the season. Ricker placed second with a distance of 17' 10".

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Lady Hawks trade twin bill sweeps in GTW play

Cass City won and lost doubleheaders as the Greater Thumb West competition got underway last week. The wins came easily and both losses were one-run decisions.

It's been frustrating, coach Josh Stern said, every time we make a misplay or an error it has proved to be decisive. We haven't been able to play over them.

Thursday Cass City lost the first game, 4-3, in a pitchers' duel between Courtney Rabideau and Abbey Harrington. Both pitchers yielded just

4 hits, Harrington struck out 10 and Courtney Rabideau whiffed 4.

The Rockets jumped off to a 3-run lead after 4 innings before Cass City rallied for 3 runs in the top of the fifth to tie the score. Emily Schinnerer started this rally with a triple, followed by a walk to Heather Moore. Schinnerer scored and with 2 outs Megan VanVliet ripped a single to drive in 2 runs.

Reese broke the tie in the fifth inning as Harrington led off safe on an error and later scored the winning

run. Ashleigh Rabideau cracked a pair of doubles in 3 trips for Cass City. Reese's 4 hits were scattered among 4 players.

Neither Harrington nor Courtney Rabideau was as effective in the second game as they were in the opener. The game went into extra innings before the Rockets pushed across the winning run in the eighth to post a 7-6 decision.

Cass City was in front, 5-2, before Reese rallied with 4 runs to take a one-run lead in the seventh. The Hawks counted a run in their half of the inning to tie the score.

Big sticker for the Hawks was Courtney Rabideau with an over-the-fence home run and a double among her 3 hits. Amanda Langenburg rapped 2 hits, including a double and Maddie Dooley also doubled and drove in 2 runs. Courtney Rabideau had 3 RBIs.

Rabideau was touched for 14 hits and Harrington for 9 hits in the nightcap game.

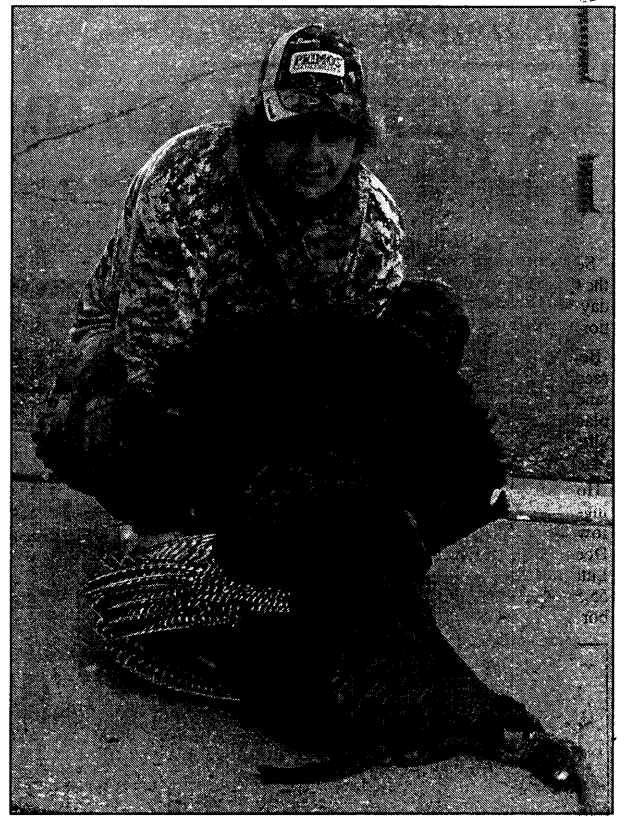
the Hawks in the GTW season's opener at Bad Axe Monday. The Hatchets were mercied after 5 innings in both games, winning the opener 11-0 and the second game, 10-0.

In the first game the Hatchets' Lauren Ney, the first batter to face Courtney Rabideau, hit a single and that was it for the game. Rabideau then retired the Hatchets in one, two, three order without a hit, walk, or error the rest of the way.

VanVliet led the Hawks with 3 doubles in 4 trips and drove in 3 runs.

The nightcap was almost a clone of the first game. Ney led off with a base hit for Bad Axe and was stranded. Rabideau allowed just one more hit the rest of the way, another single by Ney.

Becca Bennett rapped 3 hits in 3 at-bats and Courtney Rabideau collected 2 hits and drove in 2 runs, while Langenburg was 2 for 3 with a run batted in.



Talkin' Turkey

CORY HAAG, Cass City, bagged his turkey with a 46-yard shot on private property in Sanilac County. The tom weighed 21 pounds and had 3/4" spurs and a 9 1/4" beard.

Owen-Gage's NCTL softball title hopes now in jeopardy

Owen-Gage's bid to defend its North Central Thumb League - North softball crown suffered a huge blow last week as the Bulldogs dropped 3 of 4 outings in conference play.

Coach Doug Hyatt's Lady Dawgs opened the week suffering a pair of one run setbacks to visiting North Huron and then traded wins Thursday in a twin bill against host Peck.

Against the Pirates, the hosts struck for 3 runs in the first inning only to see Owen-Gage fight back and even the score at 3-3 in the top of the 4th. However, Peck used the bottom half of the frame to register 5 runs and then held on for the 8-6 victory.

Amanda Faist led the Bulldogs at the plate with 2 singles and 2 runs scored.

Mariah Francis was the pitcher of record for the Bulldogs. She walked one and struck out 2.

In the nightcap, the Bulldog bats came to life and punched out a 14-10 decision.

The visitors struck for 4 runs in their first at bats and then added 4 more markers in their final at bats to secure the 14-10 win.

Lauren Mandich started on the rubber and worked 3 frames where she walked 2 and fanned one. Francis pitched 3 innings of relief and was credited with the win. She fanned one and walked one.

At the plate, April Nowaczyk recorded a double and 2 singles, while scoring 3 runs.

NORTH HURON

Earlier in the week, on Monday, base running blunders proved fatal for Owen-Gage during a 2-1 setback in the opener, while North Huron rallied to claim the nightcap with 2 runs in the 5th of the 7-6 decision.

In game one, the hosts wasted a golden opportunity to send the game into extra innings as a pair of Bulldogs were called out at third base in the final stanza.

Trailing 2-1, Nowaczyk opened the 6th frame with a base hit and then stole 2 bases to reach third base with nobody out.

However, a bunt by Sammy Radabaugh down the third baseline backfired when Nowaczyk was tagged out.

Still, Radabaugh was able to reach third, but once again a bunt, this time by Faist, resulted in an out when Radabaugh was picked off near the base.

In game two, the Warriors completed the sweep when they grabbed the lead for good in the 5th inning, where they scored twice during the 7-6 victory.

Francis was on the rubber for the hosts in both games and suffered the losses.

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Schneeberger's ATHLETE of the WEEK

Despite qualifying for the Division 3 state track finals last year, for most of the 2006 track season Dennis Bowen's efforts in the shot put were overshadowed by senior teammate Scott Meeker. Friday, Bowen stepped into the limelight at the Reese Invitational where he became Cass City's record holder in the event with his distance of 50' 10".



Dennis Bowen

Co-coach Amy Cuthrell says, "I am so proud of Dennis achieving his goal of being a school record holder. He has worked diligently for 3 years. This is a story of hard work and dedication paying off. Dennis is just one of those great kids that I'm lucky to have the opportunity to coach. He was a success in football and now also in track. He has lots to be proud of."

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"Volunteering no longer means just stuffing envelopes or filing or answering phones. While these are certainly valued activities, local agencies are now looking to volunteers to take a much more active role in how services are provided to our residents," said Carol Arman, HDC communications manager.

"Across the Thumb, we are looking for folks to deliver meals to isolated, homebound elderly neighbors. While this is not a new activity, we are now offering shorter routes and/or fewer days each week. We are also looking for volunteers to serve as counselors with Michigan's Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program," she added.

"This is a challenging position, but very rewarding and the need is great. All training and materials are provided, there is plenty of support available, and the hours of service are very flexible. Computers are used, but the program is easy and again, training is provided. We also need people who are interested in visiting isolated, homebound neighbors, maybe taking them for appointments or shopping as needed.

"We are looking for caring people to support families facing crisis: volunteers will supervise visits between parents and children, mentor life skills for struggling families, and provide support to parents in the foster care system. All training and support is provided," Arman continued.

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There are steps customers can take as well to make sure they're prepared for - and stay safe - during storm-related power outages. Detroit Edison offers the following tips and suggestions:

What to do before a storm
 * Assemble an emergency kit that is easily accessible. It should include a battery-powered radio or television, a flashlight with extra batteries, candles and matches or a lighter, a first-aid kit, a fire extinguisher, bottled water, non-perishable food and a can opener.

* Keep a corded or cell phone on hand because cordless telephones need electricity to operate. Learn how to manually open automated garage doors.

* Customers who depend on electrically powered medical equipment should ask their physician about a battery back-up system. If a customer is elderly or has a medical condition that would be adversely impacted by a power outage, he or she should develop an emergency plan that allows for alternative accommodations with family or friends.

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What to do during a storm

* Stay at least 10 feet away from downed power lines and anything they may be touching, especially metal fences. Treat every downed power line as if it were energized. Keep children and pets out of the area.

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* Customers should report power outages through Detroit Edison's automated system at (800) 477-4747 or online at my.dteenergy.com/storm from a location with power. Don't assume the company knows your power is out. After a power outage is reported, Detroit Edison can assess the extent of the damage and dispatch crews to make the necessary repairs.

* If you lose power, don't open refrigerators and freezers more often than absolutely necessary. A closed refrigerator will stay cold for 12 hours. Kept closed, a well-filled freezer will preserve food for two days. Partially thawed food or food that has ice crystals usually can be refrozen.

* Never use a gas range for heating, or charcoal as an indoor heating or cooking source.

* Turn off or unplug all appliances to prevent an electrical overload when power is restored. Leave on one light switch to indicate when power is restored.

* If using a portable generator, disconnect house circuits from Detroit Edison power lines. Pull or switch to "off" all main fuses or circuit break-

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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.

Whenever I see the lights of Chicago as I drive to camp, I am filled with hope and courage. This last time I saw the White Sox stadium, full, ablaze and roaring with a crowd.

What I think I saw, which sticks in my memory now, is Pasadena... Needless to say, that thought helped me through my last camp. That's right, I'll say it again — my last camp. It's very strange. I remember November, realizing that there are other marchers out there as obsessed as me! And I remember December and learning the corps song, "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling". I remember February and how it made me shiver. And

March - how I loved seeing those children smile watching Pioneer perform a mini-parade.

April is the last camp for this season. But by no means is it my last camp for good.

I love drum corps, even without the memories of a summer yet. But I've always had a longing to return to camp, loving every minute. This last time my younger sisters saw me warm up with Pioneer in full uniform, before we performed our spring concert in South Milwaukee. The baritone - and I won't lie - was getting pretty heavy, and out in the distance I could hear, "Hey Sissy!" It was Paige, my 4-year-old sister to whom I have introduced drum corps. She loves watching it as much as I love doing it.

We performed later on and really brought down the house. Afterwards, I recall hearing one of the techs comment on how this was the best beginning to summer yet for Pioneer. Collectively as a corps, we worked hard, and for the last camp, it paid off.

I can't wait for summer! Next camp is our move-in, so the next time you hear from me will be while I'm on the road.

Until then, I plan to be...Better Every Day.

Lauren Hudson



UBLY HIGH School art students displayed more than 100 pieces of their work during a recent Fine Arts Showcase. Named the overall top piece of artwork was this self-portrait by senior Courtney Ney.



SENIOR CINDY Rumptz' painting was awarded first-place honors.



THE SECOND-place entry belonged to Ubyly junior Shelby Lemke.

Letters to the Editor

Your headline a travesty

Dear Editor,
I would like to say this is in response to your article about Chris Heckroth. Chris was a valued fire fighter; as all are who fearlessly serve on the Cass City (volunteer) fire department. Risking their lives for others every day is a part of their life. People they do not know, businesses, even pets are saved if possible. They don't do it for money, or glory, but to help others in time of need. Chris's uncle and cousin are also volunteer fire fighters for Caro. I have the utmost respect for all who serve our communities, to help all who need it.

Your headline on Wednesday, April 18, which I will not repeat here, was a travesty to his name and character. Insult is a kind word for writing your

headline that way. Four days after his accident the sheriff's department still did not have the tests back on Chris. "Alcohol may have been a factor", at your time of printing, would have been considerate, not "booze".

Perhaps small papers like yours are just trying to be big, impassionate, eye catchers. Well, we are still a small community that relies on lifesaving people every day. I am thankful they are there for us, as Chris was. "First in, last out" is how he was described by his fellow 'heroes' to me.

Chris's dad,
Daniel Paul Heckroth
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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.

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11 a.m. in the church fellowship hall, followed by a simulcast with Elisa Morgan, Kim Hill and humorist Ken Davis.

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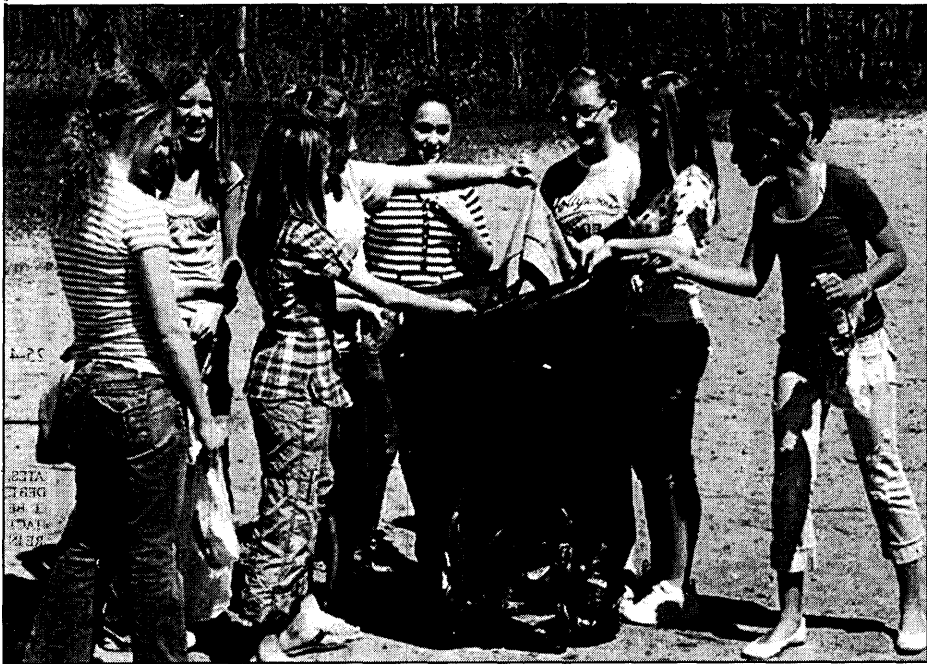
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CASS CITY MIDDLE School students, including this group picking up trash at the sand volleyball courts at Cass City Recreation Park, recently took part in a program called "No Child Left Inside". "It's a program to encourage kids to get outside and be active," explained middle school Principal Jeff Hartel. "Our goal is to encourage students to take an active role in making our community a better place to live and teach them they need to be active in the community."



THIRTY ARE SENIOR citizens recently completed the first joint Huron and Tuscola County Senior Citizen Police Academy sponsored cooperatively between Huron and Tuscola Triad, H.C. Council on Aging and the sheriff's offices. The program consisted of 9 weekly sessions highlighting county government, the court system and law enforcement operations. The students were given "hands on" education, presented with guest speakers and toured the county facilities. One highlight of the program was a mock trial conducted in Huron County Circuit Court and presided over by Judge M. Richard Knoblock. Court staff, Prosecutor Mark Gaertner and defense attorney David B. Herrington worked with the academy participants to conduct the "robbery trial" and experience first-hand how the court system operates. After finishing the academy, volunteer administrative opportunities are available for the graduates.

Online source for materials

Library offers new bookshop

As a way to tap into the growing online media sales market, Rawson

Easterling elected to chamber

Karen Easterling, director of Baker College of Cass City and Baker College of West Branch, has been elected to the Cass City Chamber of Commerce board of directors. Her 3-year term begins in May.



Karen Easterling

do a superb job in her newly elected position."

A Saginaw resident, Easterling has been affiliated with Baker College since 2001. She holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from Ferris State University and is pursuing a master's degree in human resources from Baker College Center for Graduate Studies.

Easterling is a member of the National Association of Career Women (NACW), the Optimist Club of West Branch, the Workforce Advisory Training Board of West Branch and the Rotary Club of Cass City.

Incorporated in 1951, the 200-member Cass City Chamber of Commerce is run by a 12-member board of directors.

Baker College of Cass City and Baker College of West Branch are extension sites of Baker College of Flint.

Memorial Library, Cass City, has added an online bookshop to its services: <http://rawson.librarybookshop.net>.

Just like an Amazon or Barnes & Noble online media outlet, the Rawson Library Bookshop offers online book buyers a source for book and media purchases. Over 6 million titles are available to browse and purchase. However, the library bookshop offers something the large outlets do not: an opportunity to support the local library through online media purchases.

The largest 2 online book and media sellers took in nearly \$3.5 billion in 2005. This is up nearly 18 percent from the previous year, and continues to trend upward. As consumers become more accustomed to searching, browsing and purchasing media online, the small community bookstores are nearly extinct. That doesn't mean, however, that all your consumer dollars need to leave your local community as well. Instead of bucking the trend, tapping into the global online media sales will keep local dollars in town.

In addition to all the free services Rawson Memorial Library offers, such as interlibrary loan, summer reading programs, children's story times, large print media, and services to the disabled, the library will now provide an online bookshop for those who shop for media online, and for those who also want to support the great free programs the library offers. Ten to 15 percent of purchases will go directly to Rawson Memorial Library to support its community programs and services.

The site is competitive in pricing and incentives with the larger outlets. For example, it offers free shipping for purchases of \$25 or more, just like Amazon. In addition, it combines access to the same materials as the larger sites. However, the library

bookshop provides its customers with more personal customer service and local benefits. Your consumer dollars, for the purchases you make online anyway, will come back to Cass City, directly supporting Rawson Memorial Library.

Rawson will be giving away a \$25 gift certificate to its bookshop. To be eligible for the drawing, visit the bookshop, make a purchase, and bring your packing slip to the library. You will be entered into the drawing, which will take place June 22 following the Acting Up Theater's production of "The Case of the Missing Book." This is a free, family event starting at 1:30 p.m. in the Pinney Room at Rawson Memorial Library.



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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 07-32341-DE

Estate of HAROLD ALBERT LOWE, a/k/a HAROLD ALBERT LOWE, SR., a/k/a HAROLD A. LOWE, SR., deceased
Date of birth: 6-2-25

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, HAROLD ALBERT LOWE, SR., who lived at 1785 West Blackmore Road, Mayville, Michigan 48744, died January 14, 2007.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Gail Gould, named personal representative, c/o Duane E. Burgess, or to both the probate court at 440 N. State Street, Caro, Michigan 48723 and the named personal representative, c/o Duane E. Burgess (attorney), within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Dated: May 4, 2007

DUANE E. BURGESS, P30248
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Caro, Michigan 48723
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GAIL GOULD
624 Hooper Street
Caro, Michigan 48723

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Christina Gibbs, a Single Woman, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated November 3, 2006 and recorded November 17, 2006 in Liber 1102, Page 1067, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety Thousand Seven Hundred Forty-Two and 18/100 Dollars (\$90,742.18), including interest at 9.702% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on JUNE 7, 2007.

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

Commencing at the South one-quarter corner of Section 33, Township 10 North, Range 7 East; thence North 89 Degrees 53 Minutes 06 Seconds West along the South Line of Section 33, a distance of 661.74 feet to the point of beginning of this description; thence continuing North 89 Degrees 53 Minutes 06 Seconds West along said South Line of Section 33, a distance of 300.00 feet; thence North 00 Degrees 11 Minutes 11 Seconds West, 500.00 feet; thence South 89 Degrees 53 Minutes 06 Seconds East parallel with the South Line of Section 33, a distance of 300.00 feet; thence South 00 Degrees 11 Minutes 11 Seconds East, 500.00 feet to the point of beginning.

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

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

Dated: May 2, 2007

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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 Stacey J. Kern, original mortgagor, to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc., Mortgagee, dated May 12, 2003, and recorded on June 30, 2003 in Liber 939 on Page 679 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Three Thousand Five Hundred Forty-Three and 91/100 Dollars (\$53,543.91), including interest at 5.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on May 31, 2007.

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

Commencing at a point that is 297 feet North 86 degrees 00 minutes West along the East and West 1/4 line from the center 1/4 corner of Section 12, Town 11 North, Range 7 East, thence North 86 degrees 00 minutes West 112 feet along said 1/4 line, thence North 5 degrees 50 minutes East, 261.02 feet; thence South 72 degrees 31 minutes East, 105.80 feet; thence South 2 degrees 40 minutes West 222.22 feet to the Point of Beginning.

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

Dated: May 2, 2007

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English colonists introduced apple seedlings to North America but many distinct American varieties were soon developed.

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jack D. Joles and Constance M. Joles, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to United Mortgage of America, Mortgagee, dated March 3, 2004 and recorded on April 29, 2004 in Liber 990 on Page 319, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation as assignee by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-Eight and 59/100 Dollars (\$250,768.59), including interest at 5.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by 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, Michigan (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Tuscola is held) at 10:00 a.m. on May 31, 2007.

The premises are situated in the City and Township of Vassar, County of Tuscola, Michigan and are described as:

PARCEL 1: Part of the North 20 acres of the Northwest fractional quarter of the Southwest fractional quarter of Section 30, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, Township of Vassar, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as follows: Beginning at a point on the West line of Section 30, that is South 00 degrees 08 minutes 20 seconds East 282.56 feet from the West quarter corner of Section 30; thence North 88 degrees 35 minutes East 303.25 feet; thence South 00 degrees 08 minutes 20 seconds East 110.56 feet to the South line of said North 20 acres; thence along said line South 88 degrees 35 minutes 20 seconds West 303.25 feet to the West line of said Section 30; thence along said West line North 00 degrees 08 minutes 20 seconds

West 110.56 feet to the point of beginning; above parcel being known as Parcel A of a survey recorded in Liber 469, pages 400 and 401, Tuscola County Records. Commonly known as: 5957 Hasco, Vassar, Michigan 48768.

Tax ID No. 79-020-030-000-7725-00

PARCEL 2: Lot(s) 15 and 16, Block 24 of the plat of the Village of Vassar, now known as City of Vassar, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, page(s) 143 and Liber 2, page 93 of Tuscola County Records. Commonly known as: 220 Plumb, Vassar, Michigan 48768.

Tax ID No. 79-051-500-124-1500-00

PARCEL 3: Part of the North 20 acres of the Northwest fractional quarter of the Southwest fractional quarter of Section 30, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, Township of Vassar, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as follows: Beginning at a point on the East West quarter line of Section 30 that is North 88 degrees 35 minutes 20 seconds East 303.25 feet from the West quarter corner of said Section 30; thence along said East West quarter line North 88 degrees 35 minutes 20 seconds East 177.07 feet; thence South 01 degrees 24 minutes 40 seconds East 393.02 feet to the South line of said North 20 acres; thence along said South line South 88 degrees 35 minutes 20 seconds West 185.80 feet; thence North 00 degrees 08 minutes 20 seconds West 393.12 feet to the point of beginning; above parcel being known as Parcel C of a survey recorded in Liber 429, pages 400 and 401, Tuscola County Records. Commonly known as: 6785/6887 Vassar, Vassar, Michigan 48768.

Tax ID No. 79-020-030-000-7750-00

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be the later of thirty (30) days from the date of the sale or when the time to provide the notice required under MCL 600.3241a(c) expires.

Dated: May 2, 2007

OXFORD BANK MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC,
Mortgagee

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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 Jack D. Joles and Constance M. Joles, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to United Mortgage of America, Mortgagee, dated March 3, 2004 and recorded on April 29, 2004 in Liber 990 on Page 319, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation as assignee by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-Eight and 59/100 Dollars (\$250,768.59), including interest at 5.5% 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 May 31, 2007.

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

A portion of land lying North of State Road known as M-25 commencing at the intersection of State Highway M-25 and Rogers Road in the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 18; running thence 5 chains and 25 links in a Northeast direction bordering State Highway M-25; thence Northwest 4 chains and 10 links, thence Southwest 3 chains and 90 links; thence due South 4 chains and 60 links to place of beginning, all being a part of Section 18 North, Town 14 North, Range 8 East.

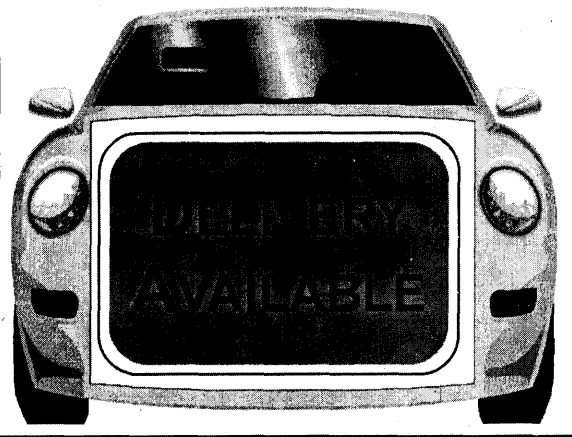
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: May 2, 2007

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Dale R. Weiss, a single man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated October 22, 2004 and recorded November 10, 2004 in Liber 1017, Page 151, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-Five and 51/100 Dollars (\$73,845.51) 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 of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on May 31, 2007.

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

Section 28, Town 11 North, Range 7 East, Commencing at a point on the North Line of West Van Cleve Road 340.05 feet, North 82 degrees 35 minutes West along said line from its intersection with the West line of Elm Street, as established 40 feet in width at this location; thence North 82 degrees 35 minutes West on the North line of West Van Cleve Road, 4 rods; thence North 02 degrees 01 minutes 30 seconds West 20 rods, more or less to the Southerly line of Matheson's Addition; thence South 82 degrees 35 minutes East on said line 4 rods; thence South 02 degrees 01 minutes 30 seconds East 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.

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: May 2, 2007

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South 89 degrees 53 minutes 28 seconds East, 128.20 feet; thence South 0 degrees 47 minutes 17 seconds West 823.90 feet; thence North 89 degrees 52 minutes 07 seconds West 327.43 feet along the North 1/8 line of said Section 11; thence North 0 degrees 44 minutes 02 seconds East 133.77 feet to the point of beginning. Being part of the Northeast quarter of Section 11, Town 10 North, Range 9 East.

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

Dated: May 9, 2007

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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 Brian K. Brown and Kimberly A. Brown, Husband and Wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated September 19, 2005 and recorded on September 29, 2005 in Liber 1055 on Page 1112 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Six Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-Seven and 63/100 Dollars (\$136,457.63), 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 May 24, 2007.

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

Lot 9 and the west 60 feet of lot 8 of Evergreen Acres, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in plat Liber 3, page 23, 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: April 25, 2007

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Michael Davis and Donna Davis, Husband and Wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated October 4, 2002 and recorded on October 23, 2002 in Liber 899 on Page 749, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Fidelity Bank, A Federally Chartered Savings Bank as assignee by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Eighty-Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Eighteen And 45/100 Dollars (\$188,918.45), including interest at 7.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on June 7, 2007.

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

Part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 8, Township 11 North, Range 9 East, Fremont Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as beginning in the North Line of said Section 8 distant South 89 Degrees 48 Minutes 20 Seconds East 984.68 feet along said North Section Line from the Northwest corner of said Section 8; thence from said place of beginning, South 89 Degrees 48 Minutes 20 Seconds East 337.66 feet along said Section Line to the Northeast corner of the East 1/2 of the West 1/2 of said Northwest 1/4; thence South 00 Degrees 03 Minutes 08 Seconds West 390.00 feet along the East Line of said West 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4; thence North 89 Degrees 48 Minutes 20 Seconds West 335.40 feet to the Centerline of a 66.00 foot wide easement 1; thence North 00 Degrees 16 Minutes 48 Seconds West 390.01 feet along said Centerline to the place of beginning.

Subject to the use of the Northerly 33.00 feet by Waterman Road, so called, and further subject to and together with easement 1 described as:

Easement 1: Easement No. 1 is for the purposes of Ingress and Egress and for Installation/Maintenance of Public Utilities said Easement No. 1 is described as lying 33.00 feet each side of a Centerline, which begins in the North Line of Section 8, Township 11 North, Range 9 East, Fremont Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, distant South 89 Degrees 48 Minutes 20 Seconds East 984.68 feet from the Northwest Corner of said Section 8 and extends South 00 Degrees 16 Minutes 48 Seconds East 1270.21 feet and South 00 Degrees 02 Minutes 21 Seconds West 181.23 feet to the Center of a 75.00 foot radius Cul-De-Sac, turn-around.

Parcel B: Part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 8, Township 11 North, Range 9 East, Fremont Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as: beginning distant South 89 Degrees 48 Minutes 29 Seconds East 984.68 feet along the North Section Line and South 00 Degrees 16 Minutes 48 Seconds East 390.01 feet from the Northwest Corner of said Section 8; thence from said place of beginning, South 89 Degrees 48 Minutes 20 Seconds East 335.40 feet to the East Line of the West 1/2 of said Northwest 1/4; thence South 00 Degrees 03 Minutes 08 Seconds West 300.00 feet along said East Line; thence North 89 Degrees 48 Minutes 20 Seconds West 333.66 feet to the Centerline of a 66.00 foot wide Easement No. 1; thence North 00 Degrees 16 Minutes 48 Seconds

West 300.01 feet along said Centerline to the place of beginning. Subject to and together with Easement 1, as described above.

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

Dated: May 9, 2007

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Terry D Gast, a single man, original mortgagor, to Icon Financial Group, Inc., Mortgagee, dated September 4, 2003 and recorded on September 11, 2003 in Liber 953 on Page 563, and assigned by mesne assignments to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns as assignee by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Six Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty-Four and 94/100 Dollars (\$46,854.94), 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 June 7, 2007.

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

The Southeast square 5 acres of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 29, Township 13 North, Range 9 East.

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

Dated: May 9, 2007

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Donald C. Gerds, a single man, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated June 5, 2006 and recorded on June 14, 2006 in Liber 1084 on Page 1088, in Tuscola County records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to HSBC Bank USA N.A., as Trustee on behalf of ACE Securities Corp. Home Equity Loan Trust and for the registered holders of ACE Securities Corp. Home Equity Loan Trust 2007-HE1 Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Six Thousand One Hundred Sixty-Three and 35/100 Dollars (\$76,163.35), including interest at 11% 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 May 24, 2007.

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

Lot 7, Block 12 of William E. Sherman's Addition to the Village of Caro, according to the recorded plat thereof in Liber 11 of Deeds, Page 491.

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: April 25, 2007

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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 Ricky Lafave, an unmarried man, original mortgagor, to Draper and Kramer Mortgage Corp., Mortgagee, dated December 16, 2005 and recorded on December 22, 2005 in Liber 1066 on Page 98 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Chase Home Finance LLC as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-Five Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety-Eight and 24/100 Dollars (\$35,798.24), 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 May 31, 2007.

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

Lots 187 and 188, Shay Lake Heights Subdivision No. 2, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 45.

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

Dated: May 2, 2007

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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File #140177F01

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Barbara Jo Kibler, a single woman, Mortgagor, to Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation, Mortgagee, dated June 15, 1999, and recorded on July 2, 1999, in Liber 775, Page 979, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which said mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Forty-Four Thousand Three Hundred Forty-Three and 02/100 (\$44,343.02) Dollars, including interest at 13.89% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, on Thursday, June 7, 2007, at 10:00 a.m.

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

Commencing at the Southwest corner of Section 9, Town 11 North, Range 9 East, Fremont Township, Tuscola County, Michigan; thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes East 936.73 feet along the South line of said Section 9 to the point of beginning. Running thence North 0 degrees 17 minutes 18 seconds East 660.01 feet; thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes East 195.0 feet; thence South 0 degrees 17 minutes 18 seconds West 660.01 feet; thence South 90 degrees 00 minutes West 195.0 feet along the South line of Section 9 to the point of beginning. Being a part of the Southwest quarter of Section 9, Town 11 North, Range 9 East, Fremont Township, Tuscola County, Michigan. C/K/A 1900 O'Brien Rd., Mayville, MI 48744.

Parcel ID: 011-009-000-1350-03

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

Dated: May 1, 2007

Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation
n/k/a Green Tree Servicing, LLC
Mortgagee

Keith A. Sotiroff, Esq.
SOTIROFF & ABRAMCZYK, P.C.
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Robert J. Thrasher, a single man, and Crystal Elliott, a/k/a Crystal Elliott, a single woman, as joint tenants with full rights of survivorship, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated November 16, 2004 and recorded December 21, 2004 in Liber 1021, Page 990, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Six Thousand Five Hundred Thirty-Three and 16/100 Dollars (\$56,533.16), including interest at 7.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on MAY 24, 2007.

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

Parcel 1: Lot 29 of Cat Lake Hills Subdivision, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 18.

Parcel 2: Part of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 7, Town 11 North, Range 10 East, described as: Beginning at the Southwest corner of Lot 29 of Cat Lake Hills Subdivision which is North 01 degrees 06 minutes 00 seconds East, 873.43 feet along the West line of Section 7 and along the South line of said Cat Lake Hills Subdivision, North 86 degrees 17 minutes 30 seconds East, 183.62 feet (platted as North 86 degrees 49 minutes East, 183.09 feet) and along the South line of said Subdivision, North 78 degrees 54 minutes 00 seconds East, 115.45 feet (platted as North 79 degrees 08 minutes East, 115.28 feet) and along the South line of said Subdivision, North 82 degrees 22 minutes 30 seconds East, (platted as North 82 degrees 39 minutes East, 300.00 feet from the Southwest corner of Section 7; thence continuing along the South line of said Plat, North 82 degrees 22 minutes 30 seconds East, 100.00 feet to the Southeast corner of said Lot 29; thence at right angles, South 07 degrees 37 minutes 30 seconds East, 70.00 feet; thence South 82 degrees 22 minutes 30 seconds West, 100.00 feet; thence North 07 degrees 37 minutes 30 seconds West, 70.00 feet to the Southwest corner of said Lot 29 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.

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: April 25, 2007

Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
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(248) 457-1000
File No. 280.2101

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jeffrey S. Dillon and Sandra J. Dillon, Husband and Wife, original mortgagors, to Ross Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated November 2, 2001 and recorded on December 20, 2001 in Liber 852 on Page 1441 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Bank of New York, As Trustee for the Certificated holders of CWMBS Series 2004-R1 as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Seven Thousand Six Hundred Seventy-Eight and 61/100 Dollars (\$77,678.61), including interest at 7.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on May 17, 2007.

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

Commencing 17 Rods West of the Southeast corner of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 14, Town 14 North, Range 8 East, and running thence North 10 Rods; thence West 4 Rods; thence South 10 Rods; thence East 4 Rods to the place of beginning. Also known as Lot 11, Block 4 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

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: April 18, 2007

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #138895F01

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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 Justin Macko and Jaime Macko, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Home Improvement Acceptance Corp, an Ohio Corporation, Mortgagee, dated May 4, 2004 and recorded on May 14, 2004 in Liber 992 on Page 920, and assigned by mesne assignments to Wachovia Bank, N.A. as assignee by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Three Thousand Four Hundred Thirty-Eight and 16/100 Dollars (\$63,438.16), including interest at 11.85% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on May 24, 2007.

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

A part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 23, Town 10 North, Range 9 East, described as: Commencing at the Southwest corner thereof, running thence East 16 rods; thence North 20 rods; thence West 16 rods; thence South 20 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.

Dated: April 25, 2007

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Lloyd W. Montreuil, a married man, and Judith L. Montreuil, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated October 31, 2006 and recorded January 11, 2007 in Liber 1108, Page 47, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by CitMortgage, Inc. successor by reason of merger with CitFinancial Mortgage Company, Inc. by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Forty-Seven Thousand Four Hundred Forty-Six and 73/100 Dollars (\$147,446.73), including interest at 8.85% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on MAY 24, 2007.

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

Part of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 31, Town 14 North, Range 11 East, described as: Beginning at a point on the North and South one-quarter line of said Section 31, which is North 1017.00 feet from the South one-quarter corner of said Section 31; thence continuing along said North and South one-quarter, North 422.55 feet thence at right angles to said North and South one-quarter line, West 320.00 feet, thence South 422.55 feet; thence East 320.00 feet to the North and South one-quarter line of said Section 31 and the point of beginning.

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

of such sale.

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

Dated: April 25, 2007

Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
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File No. 201.6717

PETER M. SCHNEIDERMAN & ASSOCIATES, P.C., IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT (248) 539-7400 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by JEFFERY R. WILSON and ANGELA M. WILSON, HUSBAND AND WIFE, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated July 27, 2005, and recorded on August 4, 2005, in Liber 1048, on Page 874, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Nine Thousand One Hundred Twenty Dollars and Nine Cents (\$89,120.09), including interest at 6.500% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, front entrance of the Courthouse Building in the Village of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM o'clock, on May 24, 2007.

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Andrew W. Stephen, a married man, and Rebecca Stephen, his wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated October 9, 2003 and recorded October 16, 2003 in Liber 959, Page 1430, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Chase Home Finance LLC by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-Three and 69/100 Dollars (\$70,623.69), including interest at 7% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on MAY 31, 2007.

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

Commencing at the Northwest corner of Section 34, Township 10 North, Range 9 East; thence along the West line of said Section 34, South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West 300.00 feet to the point of beginning; thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East 250.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West 250.00 feet; thence South 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West 250.00 feet to said West line of Section 34; thence along said West line of Section 34, North 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East 250.00 feet to the point of beginning; subject to rights-of-way, easements and restrictions of 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.

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

Dated: May 2, 2007

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File No. 310.1478

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Kirstie Levalley, a married woman, joined by her spouse, Timothy Levalley, husband and wife, to Chase Home Finance LLC, successor by merger to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, A New Jersey Corporation, Mortgagee, dated November 10, 2003 and recorded November 19, 2003 in Liber 965, Page 55, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Six Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-Four and 64/100 Dollars (\$56,894.64), 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 of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on May 31, 2007.

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

Commencing 10 rods South of the North line of Section 18, Township 11 North, Range 8 East, on Centerline of Goodrich Street, South 4 Rods, East 10 Rods, North 4 Rods, West 10 Rods to the point of beginning, and Part of the Northwestern fractional one-quarter of section 18, Township 11 North, Range 8 East, described as: beginning at a point on the East line of Goodrich (M-15) street, which is East, 1040.80 feet along the North line of said Section 18 to the intersection of said North line and the Centerline of Goodrich (M-15) street and South 02 degrees 45 minutes 00 seconds West, 231.00 feet along said centerline and East 50.06 feet from the Northwest corner of said Section 18, said point being on the East line of Goodrich (M-15) street; thence South 02 degrees 45 minutes 00 seconds West along said East line and parallel with said centerline 16.50 feet; thence East 81.94 feet parallel with North line of said Section 18; thence North 02 degrees 45 minutes 00 seconds East, 16.50 feet parallel with said centerline; thence West 81.94 feet to the point of beginning. Subject to easements, restrictions, reservations 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.

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

Dated: May 2, 2007

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by David L. Losey II, a/k/a David Losey II, and Cari A. Losey, Husband and Wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated June 3, 2005 and recorded August 25, 2005 in Liber 1051, Page 988, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Wells Fargo Bank, NA by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty-Six and 88/100 Dollars (\$90,927.88), 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 of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on MAY 24, 2007.

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

Part of the Northeast of Section 30, Town 12 North, Range 8 East, Township of Juniata, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as follows: Commencing at a point that is North 89 degrees 41 minutes 35 seconds West 592.67 feet from the Northeast corner of Section 30, Town 12 North, Range 8 East, Township of Juniata, Tuscola County, Michigan, thence North 89 degrees 41 minutes 35 seconds West 176.33 feet, thence South 247.00 feet, thence South 89 degrees 41 minutes 35 seconds East 176.33 feet, thence North 247.00 feet to the Point of Beginning.

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

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

Dated: April 25, 2007

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File No. 326.1409

4-25-4

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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 Thomas Hunt, a single man, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated December 21, 2004 and recorded on December 27, 2004 in Liber 1022 on Page 215 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Thirty-Eight Thousand Five Hundred Sixty-Two and 96/100 Dollars (\$238,562.96), including interest at 7.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on May 24, 2007.

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

Part of the Southeast quarter of fractional section 4, Town 13 North, Range 10 East, described as commencing at the South quarter corner of said section 4; thence along the South line of said section 4, South 88 degrees 55 minutes 05 seconds East, 1328.49 feet to the West line of the East half of said Southeast quarter of section 4, thence along said West line of the East half of the southeast quarter of section 4, North 1 degrees 22 minutes 26 seconds East, 650.00 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing along said West line of the East half of the Southeast quarter of section 4, North 01 degrees 22 minutes 26 seconds East, 865.04 feet to the centerline of State Highway M-81; thence along said centerline of State Highway M-81, North 45 degrees 26 minutes 00 seconds East, 678.61 feet; thence South 01 degrees 22 minutes 26 seconds West, 1350.30 feet; thence North 88 degrees 55 minutes 05 seconds West, 471.92 feet to the point of beginning.

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

Dated: April 25, 2007

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Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #139724F01

4-25-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mort-

gage made by Timm E. Ames and Kelly Ames, a/k/a Kelly Pappenfuss, husband and wife to Option One Mortgage Corporation Mortgagee, dated November 11, 2004 and recorded December 13, 2004 in Liber 1020, Page 619, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned to: Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Citigroup Mortgage Loan Trust, Series 2005-0PT1, Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates, by assignment dated April 11, 2006 and recorded April 28, 2006 in Liber 1079, Page 541, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Four Thousand Eight Hundred Three Dollars and Fifty-Nine Cents (\$94,803.59), including interest 8.8% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, front entrance of the Circuit Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI at 10:00AM on Thursday, May 31, 2007.

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

Part of the Northwest quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 22, Town 10 North, Range 7 East, described as beginning at a point on the West line of said Section 22 that is South 475.00 feet from the Northwest corner of said Northwest quarter of the Southwest quarter (West quarter corner); thence East 250 feet; thence South 200 feet; thence West 250.0 feet; thence along said West section line North 200 feet to the point of beginning. Commonly known as 9315 Barkley Rd, Millington MI 48746.

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: APRIL 26, 2007

Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Citigroup Mortgage Loan Trust, Series 2005-0PT1, Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates
Assignee of Mortgagee

Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C.
811 South Blvd., Suite 100
Rochester Hills, MI 48307
(248) 844-5123
Our File No: 07-69556

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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 Michelle Taylor, a single woman, original mortgagor, to Independent Mortgage Co. East Michigan, Mortgagee, dated September 3, 2004 and recorded on September 7, 2004 in Liber 1007 on Page 696, and assigned by mesne assignments to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns as assignee by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Two Thousand Six Hundred Thirty-Seven and 32/100 Dollars (\$132,637.32), including interest at 5.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on May 31, 2007.

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

Lot 110, Northwood Heights Subdivision No. 3, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 40, 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: May 2, 2007

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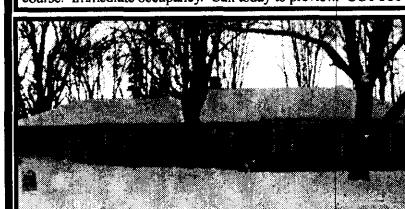
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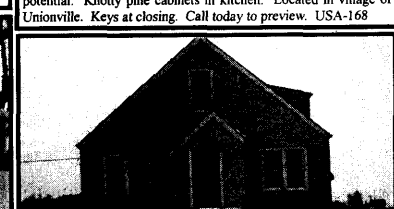
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Deford native's legacy includes novel

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Amberboy, who had left Deford at the age of 13, after his father was discharged from the U.S. Army. To-

gether with his father and stepmother, he traveled extensively in the West, finally settling in Salt Lake City, Utah. Amberboy graduated high school in 1950 and later worked as a signalman

for the Western Pacific Railroad for 6 months before enlisting in the U.S. Air Force. During the Korean War, he taught B-29 gunnery for 2 years, and B-36 and B-47 radar navigation systems.

He was discharged in March 1955 and returned to Utah, where he attended the University of Utah until 1958.

Amberboy, who started out pursuing a career as a teacher, later decided on engineering and in 1958 accepted a position with the Martin Co. of Denver, Colo. There, he worked as an engineer in a ground-based systems underground laboratory in conjunction with the Titan I and Titan 3 missile programs.

During the Cuban missile crisis, he served as a technical consultant to the Air Force through 1964. At the same time, Amberboy attended Denver University and the University of Colorado, and went to work for the Boeing Co. in 1965 as a research engineer on the Apollo program.

After year-long stays in Alabama and Washington, he moved to Houston, Texas, to contribute to the Apollo Moon Landing Program, first working as a systems engineer and then becoming an engineering supervisor. In that capacity, he worked on the Apollo, Apollo Soyuz, Skylab and Space Shuttle programs.

After that and prior to his retirement in March 1987, when he suffered a massive heart attack, Amberboy worked as a project manager for various engineering projects, including an experimental airborne laser system at Kirtland Air Force Base in New Mexico. He also worked as a proposal manager, preparing technical proposals presented to the armed services, NASA and industry.

During his visit to the Chronicle years ago, Amberboy's focus, passion and determination to write a novel about his younger days was

evident. "It started out for my own satisfaction" and for my children, he said at the time. "It's since evolved into more than that."

"It's overwhelming," he added. "There's a very fine line that has to be drawn" between a detailed history and a novel. "We just hope we can capture enough of it so it will be meaningful."

Mission accomplished, Marina Amberboy indicated over the weekend.

As an author, Amberboy took his time, creating his own personal masterpiece by writing about his younger years in a style not unlike Mark Twain — from the viewpoint of a little boy. Later in the book, he writes as a grown man looking back, she said, adding, "It's very cleverly written, I think."

"I don't know how he remembered his childhood so clearly. I don't know why he believed in it so strongly, but he had so many wonderful memories and he wanted them to be in writing," Marina said. "He just never gave up on it."

Schools brace for cuts

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about a half-million dollars, easily," Wilson said of the potential enrollment loss. "That's where the problems come in - we're going to have to make more cuts."

"It's going to push us more into making decisions about 2007-08 than making decisions for now," said Compton, who had hoped Owen-Gage would end this fiscal year with \$125,000 in the bank. "If we came out in that \$100,000 ballpark, we'd be doing well probably," he added, "but that's not a whole lot of money on a \$2 million budget."

At the same time, Compton pointed

out, "It really is getting more and more difficult, especially for the Class C and D schools, to meet the obligations of the Michigan Curriculum and No Child Left Behind."

Wilson, Bednerek and Compton, along with counterparts across Michigan, are urging their residents to demand action in Lansing.

"I would encourage everybody - everybody - to let their legislators know" how important it is that they act, Bednerek said.

"People need to contact their legislators and say, we elected you to do a job and we need you to do it," Wilson agreed. "We can't wait."

Brandel named principal

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of impact on a greater scale" as principal.

Brandel said he believes youngsters face many stressors today, making it even more important for educators to guide them through difficulties in their early years. "If you don't hit it at the elementary ages, you're probably not going to hit it," he added. "Life is a road, and if you get on the right road to begin with, chances are you're

my opinion, is to really hit the academics and help give kids learning opportunities that are going to foster academic achievement," he said, adding Uby Schools also emphasizes a positive behavior support program designed to instill in youngsters a number of traits such as honesty, integrity, responsibility and respect, that will help students to become productive members of society.

"I think we've been real successful in helping to shape our students," said Brandel, who indicated he's ready to fulfill his new role at Uby. "I am looking forward to it. We have a great staff here," Brandel said. "It's certainly going to be a challenge, but I'm looking forward to it."



Joel Brandel

going to have an easier time."

Brandel's approach to education focuses on both academics and behavior.

"The whole point of education, in

Brit Dorland honored as a volunteer



Brit Dorland

Brit Dorland was recently presented an award for her volunteer work with the United Way of Midland County. She was given her award for her work with Safety Town.

Dorland was nominated by Laurie Hardy, the lead teacher of Safety Town. She nominated Brit for her "take-charge attitude and taking a lead position" with the children. Her award was presented to her by Jack Telfer, editor of the Midland Daily News.

Dorland is a member of the Flames Home School basketball and volleyball teams. She is involved with the Delta College Home School co-op program and works as a sales assistant at an auto dealership. She plans to attend Northwood University to study international business. She will be a May 2007 home school graduate.

Dorland is the daughter of David and Kimberly Dorland of Coleman, the granddaughter of Otis and Donna Dorland, great-granddaughter of Dale and Freda Parrish, and "special" granddaughter of Harry and Harriet Hartwick, all of the Cass City area. She attended the Cass City Schools through the fourth grade.

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