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# Area United Way collects $57,000+

More than 2 dozen Tuscola County groups and agencies, including several in the Cass City area, will be receiving checks soon from the United Way of Tuscola County, thanks to a successful 2006-07 campaign.

Still, United Way officials say they are striving to build on that success in hopes of meeting an ever-growing need for many services throughout Tuscola County.

The United Way of Tuscola County Board of Directors conducted agency presentations March 20 and 22.

"These presentations allow agencies requesting funding to present their agency and programs to board members, and allows board members to become familiar with and ask question of the agency representatives prior to making fund allocation decisions," explained Jim Heiser of Cass City, who serves as director of operations for the county United Way. "A total of 30 agencies participated in these 15-minute presentations.

"Each year, it seems that the needs become greater, and the board of directors continues to work harder to raise additional funds to support the work these agencies perform," Heiser said.

The United Way board then met March 22 and allocated a total of $57,325 in funding. "Checks for 50 percent of each agency's allocation were mailed late last week, with the second check to be presented at the annual campaign kick-off breakfast in September," noted Heiser, who said $7,647.50 was collected as a result of last fall's mail-in campaign. "The original target was to get back to the $7,500 mark, and we are pleased that we had success in meeting this goal.

"Although this (year's overall) allocation is better than last year's $50,000, it is still not as good as we can be," he said. "Our emphasis again this year will be to improve payroll deduction participation at existing locations and solicit additional business and industry to begin payroll deductions."

Heiser pointed out that improving the amount of money collected each year is simply a matter of encouraging more individuals to contribute a modest amount of cash.

"To show the power of participation, take the total number of families in Tuscola County, and subtract the number of families at or below poverty level multiplied times 2, and then subtract the number of families that already give to United Way," Heiser said. "If the remaining families would give $1 per month, we would be able to allocate over $200,000 each year.

"This example points out that a high percentage of participation can be the answer to increasing funding significantly," he added. "Obviously, large donors are never discouraged, but all donors are welcome and needed."

When allocating money, United Way officials focus on 4 basic categories of need within the county. They are health, education, emergency preparedness assistance and avoidance, and youth activities and development.

With those areas in mind, officials spread out the funding to a host of agencies, including the American Association of University Women, Alzheimer's Association of Mid-Michigan, American Red Cross, Cass City Literacy Council, Foster Grandparent Program, Friends of the Thumb Octagon Barn, Mitten Bay Girl Scout Council, Rawson Memorial Library, Thumb Area Assault Crisis Center, Thumb Area Big Brothers-Big Sisters, Tuscola County Christmas Baskets, Tuscola County MSU Extension (4-H), and the Tuscola Homeless Coalition.

Heiser said some individual donors also request that their funds be given to specific agencies, including the Cass City Little League, The Fowler Center and Catholic Family Services, as well as United Way agencies in Huron, Sanilac, Bay and Saginaw counties.

Heiser reminds area residents that the Pension Protection Act was signed last August, giving IRA investors older than 70 1/2, who face making required minimum distributions (RMD), even though they don't need the income, an opportunity to donate up to $100,000 in 2007 from their IRA to a public charity and not owe any tax on that money. The United Way of Tuscola County qualifies to receive donations made this way.

"You do not have to claim the money as a taxable RMD before you make the donation," said Heiser, who suggests that interested residents contact the financial institution administering their IRA, their financial advisor, or their local United Way.

Business and industry representatives who would like to learn more about payroll deduction programs, or who would like to schedule a presentation from the United Way, can contact Heiser at (989) 325-1980, or e-mail: info@unitedwaytuscola.org.

**THE CALENDAR SAYS it's spring, but few folks could have convinced Todd Furness of that Saturday as he greeted passersby in front of Gaffney's Hometown Kitchen in Cass City. Furness, 29, Cass City, is a cook at the restaurant, owned by his mother, Carol Gaffney. Weather forecasters are calling for a gradual warm-up, with temperatures expected to reach the 50s by this weekend.**

# Boy succumbs to battle with cancer

**by Tom Montgomery**
**Editor**

He was just 7 years old, but Chase Szczepanski had a smile, a laugh, a sense of humor that left an indelible impression on those who knew him.

"He was the most happy, smiling, sweet little boy, just always a sweet disposition - always full of laughter and fun," said Shirley Tuckey, who had Chase in her kindergarten class at the Cass City Early Childhood Education Center. "He loved kids, he loved sports. He was just full of life."

Chase also battled cancer for several months. It's a battle he lost quietly Thursday, at his Shabbona area home, with his family, including parents, Ed and Tisa, at his side.

"It's very hard," said Tuckey, who along with fellow teachers Fran Lovejoy, Tracey Jaworski and Rebecca Walker - all of whom had Chase in their classes - organized a carnival benefit for Chase and his family last fall at the early childhood education center. The event drew hundreds of area residents and raised more than $25,000.

"It's so hard when it's 'your' child (student). You keep hoping that he's going to get better," Tuckey said Thursday. "We just kept hoping and praying. It's going to be a very tough weekend."

Paula LeValley, Chase's first grade teacher this year, spent a great deal of time with the family since Thanksgiving, when Chase could no longer attend classes. LeValley began tutoring the youngster at home, twice a week, one hour a day.

"He wanted to still be learning things, and he wanted to come visit (school)," LeValley said, adding Chase and his mother surprised his class with a visit on one occasion.

"He liked jokes - even when he was sick, he'd try to 'get you'," LeValley recalled. "And he loved to be read books. He was one of those kids who, when you read to him, you knew he was right there with you."

After starting her visits with Chase, LeValley began taking her family's Yorkshire terrier, "Little Guy" with her, knowing Chase loved dogs.

"There's nothing anyone wouldn't do to make him happy. And he knew how to get you wrapped around his little finger," said LeValley, who even drove to Caro once to buy a chocolate pie for Chase - who had agreed to take his medicine in exchange for

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**CHASE SCZCEPANSKI, 7, lost his battle with cancer Thursday at his Shabbona area home. He is pictured above with his parents, Ed and Tisa, and his sister, Courtney, during an interview with the Chronicle last fall.**

# Eagle Scout

## *Hanby earns scouting's highest rank*

It isn't unusual for prospective Eagle Scouts to select a final project that will improve their own hometown in some way, such as painting, landscaping or building benches.

Kurt Hanby, 18, of Cass City, went all the way to Mexico to compete his Eagle project, the last requirement to earn scouting's highest rank. In the process, the experience boosted his interest in possibly making the mission field his life's work.

Hanby, a senior at Cass City High School and member of Boy Scout Troop 500, Cass City, was formally honored Saturday afternoon at the Cass City Missionary Church, where more than 50 area residents, scouting officials, fellow scouts and members from Hanby's congregation attended his Court of Honor. The Court of Honor is the official ceremony in which a scout is presented with the Eagle Rank and medal.

Hanby actually completed his Eagle project last summer. He canvassed businesses in the community in an effort to collect personal care items — toothbrushes and toothpaste, combs, wash cloths and soap — for small "care packages". He and his fellow troop members then individually packed more than 100 sets of the items for distribution to poor families in a mountainous region of Mexico, about 3 hours southeast of Mexico City.

The trip to Mexico was actually a 10-day missionary outreach organized by Fred and Gail Tuckey, members of the Cass City Missionary Church.

Fred recalled Hanby was very enthusiastic about making the journey and making a difference. "Right away Kurt wanted to know what he could do to be a part of that trip and to be an asset to that trip," he said. "He took ownership right away.

"It (care packages) was a very popular gift in the mountains," Tuckey said, noting the families are very poor, living in wooden shacks with metal roofs and dirt floors.

Hanby's gifts and his efforts as part of the local mission team didn't go unnoticed. In fact, Tuckey said the teen received several personal invitations to return, and Hanby plans to spend 2 more weeks there this summer.

"I had a great time last year. It was such a life-changing experience," Hanby said of the trip. "It's humbling to see how the people there live and how much I have compared to what little they have. We take so much for granted.

"Every day we would split up into groups from the church where we were at, and we would go into small villages in the mountains," recalled Hanby, who indicated a single family would gladly share just one of his care packages.

"The people in Mexico are a lot nicer than what is perceived to be," Hanby added. They are generous and friendly."

The scouting officials and scouts in attendance at Saturday's Court of Honor included several family members. His parents, Jim and Rita, are both big supporters of scouting and Rita, currently the scoutmaster of Troop 500, has been a scout leader for many years. Also on hand were Kurt's older brother, Eric, 21, who previously earned the Eagle rank, and his younger brothers, Brad, 16, and Kyle 13, both also Boy Scouts.

"It just makes me so proud of him,"

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# *Seeley closing books on 48-year career*

Ask Sherryl Seeley about her career and chances are she'll tell you, jokingly, that she didn't get far in life.

Granted, Seeley was born and raised in Cass City, graduated from Cass City High School and then stayed in her hometown to pursue a job in banking. But those who have worked with Seeley say she has made a lasting, positive mark on the community in many ways.

The staff at the Chemical Bank in Cass City held an open house in Seeley's honor Friday, following her decision to retire after a 48-year career. She most recently served as assistant vice president and branch manager locally.

"The bank and its customers will miss her daily presence very much," commented Orvil A. Beecher, vice president, Commercial Lending, Chemical Bank. "It is very uncommon to mention a name in the Cass City area that she doesn't know. It is even more rare to have someone enter the bank that she doesn't call out by name in a warm greeting," Beecher added.

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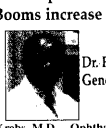
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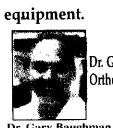
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# Bryan Abbe joins staff at NAPAJACK

Officials at NAPAJACK in Caro recently announced the addition of Bryan Abbe to their staff.

Abbe, who resides in Cass City, is the company's new sales manager. He previously worked at Pat Curtis Chevrolet and has 5 years of sales experience.

Bryan Abbe

An Owen-Gage High School graduate, Abbe studied marketing/management at Ferris State University.

The store hours at NAPAJACK, located at 1360 Prospect Ave. (in the Caro Industrial Park) are 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays.

# Round-up set in Kingston

Kingston School officials will host their annual kindergarten round-up and B4K registration Wednesday, April 18, at 7 p.m. in the elementary school cafetorium.

Parents are asked to bring their child's birth certificate and complete immunization record. Free daycare will be provided.

More information is available by calling (989) 683-2284.

## Holbrook Area News

Mrs. Thelma Jackson
Phone 989-269-6994

Visitors at the home of Mrs. Curtis Cleland this week were Judy Horton on Sunday, and Mrs. Gerald Wills on Wednesday.

Eleven members of The Traveling Breakfast Club met at McDonald's Thursday morning. They will meet at the Franklin Plaza next week.

Linda Tittjung, Sue Mergyl of Shelby Township, Vivian Rumptz, Marie Grifka of Ubly, Mrs. Dean Adams of Kinde, Thelma Jackson and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson visited Clarence Rumptz Thursday.

Mrs. Gerald Wills visited Reva Silver Thursday.

Mrs. Martin Sweeney took her daughter, Nancy Collins, out for dinner in Bad Axe for her birthday Thursday.

Mrs. Jim Doerr and Mrs. Curtis Cleland visited Bill Cleland in Bad Axe. Another visitor was Bill Sturgil of Alabama.

Dick Wallace and Keith Mitchell visited Thelma Jackson Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski spent Sunday at the K of C Hall and later visited Mr. and Mrs. Greg Krozek.

Angela and Brandon Toner

# Kubacki and Toner exchange their vows

Angela Rose Kubacki and Brandon Dale Toner were married Saturday, Aug. 12, 2006 at the Celebrations Wedding Chapel in Snover. The Rev. Max Gibbs officiated the ceremony.

Angela is the daughter of Daniel and Denise Kubacki of Argyle. Brandon is the son of the late Todd C. Toner and Betty and Wilbur Palmer of Cass City.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a white satin beaded halter bodice with an embroidered bottom and layered chapel train with rosettes along the backside. Her veil was made by her mother and was embroidered with tiny roses. She wore a rhinestone and periwinkle tiara. She carried a cascading bouquet of open and closed white roses, open light blue roses with ivy and baby's breath.

The matron of honor was Paula Booms of Harbor Beach, friend of the bride. The 6 bridesmaids were Tiffany Osentoski of Royal Oak, Nicole Osentoski of Kalamazoo, Michelle Neeb of Bad Axe, all cousins of the bride; Amanda Kaczor of Bad Axe, Tina Davis of Ubly, and Connie Ross of Unionville, all friends of the bride.

Flower girls were Madison and Mikayla Toner of Vancouver, British Columbia, nieces of the groom.

The best man was Greg LeValley of Deford, friend of the groom. The 6 groomsmen were John Jaworski of Bay City, friend of the groom; Brett Toner of Vancouver, British Columbia, brother of the groom; Mark LeValley of Cass City, friend of the groom; Al Glaza of Ubly, friend of the groom; Bryan Toner of Deford, brother of the groom; and Darren Ross of Unionville, friend of the groom

The ring bearer was Chandler Pawlowski of Cass City, second cousin of the bride.

The ushers were Jonathon Kubacki of Argyle, brother of the bride; and Brian Kubacki of Royal Oak, uncle of the bride.

The greeter was Suzette Glaza of Decker, aunt and godmother of the bride.

A reception was conducted at the Ubly Fox Hunter's Club for approximately 270 guests attending from all over Michigan and as far south as Texas and as far west as Vancouver, British Columbia. A buffet-style catered dinner was provided by Shari Bock of Snover, cousin of the groom.

The bride is a 1998 graduate of Ubly High School and the groom is a 1993 graduate of Cass City High School. They are both employed at Gemini Plastics of Ubly and reside in the Harbor Beach area.

# "Cornerstone" to perform concert

The Youth for Christ singing group "Cornerstone" is scheduled to perform at the Shabbona United Methodist Church Sunday, April 15.

The concert will begin at 6 p.m. The church is located at the corner of Decker and Severance roads.

"Cornerstone" is a music and drama ministry of Bluewater Thumb Youth for Christ. This year, the group consists of 75 high school students from the Bad Axe, North Huron, Lakers, Harbor Beach, Ubly and USA areas; 12 adult volunteers and 4 YFC staff. Cornerstone's theme this year is "Mission Impossible: God has given us a Mission that seems Impossible, but through Him everything is possible."

This year's program consists of a live band, music, drama and testimonies. Everyone is invited to attend.

# Blood drive set

The next opportunity to donate blood locally will be Tuesday, April 17, from 1 to 6:45 p.m. at the Cass City VFW Hall.

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## Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Mike Weaver, chairman of the Pinney Foundation, is again seeking worthwhile projects that may qualify for grants. The funds are restricted to nonprofit projects that help the Cass City area.

Grants that aid only one segment of the community, such as an individual church denomination, are ineligible.

Deadline for consideration this spring is May 1. Applications should be directed to Mike Weaver, 7972 Bay Drive Pigeon, MI 48755.

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As promised we report: no discernible action Monday visible through my office window on the proposed new Main Street buildings to replace the 2 former buildings that have been removed. But then it would be a surprise if there was, considering the weather that we have experienced in the last week.

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Don't ever expect to see a galaxy (9 this year) of valedictorians at Cass City High School again. The grade rating system changes with the class of 2008 in that a point system will be in effect.

That means that no longer can a student with an A- have the same overall grade as the student with an A+ grade. Now both grades are recorded as A at the end of the year.

While next year's valedictorian will be a more significant achievement and the record carry more weight with some college admission departments, it's with mixed emotions that I say good-bye to the current grading system.

It's entirely possible that the difference between the best and the runners-up could be as little as one important paper that calls for discretionary judgment by the teacher.

# Early childhood applications set

Applications for the Cass City Early Childhood Program (also known as the M.S.R.P. and the 4-year-old program) will be available Tuesday, April 24, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Baker College campus in Cass City.

The Cass City Early Childhood Program will again be having a joint enrollment with Cass City Head Start at Baker College.

For enrollment, parents will need a certified birth certificate, immunization record, 2006 tax return (or food stamp/FIP case number), and the child's Social Security number.

Parents may pick up an application from any Cass City School office beginning Wednesday, April 25, to be considered for any other openings, either at-risk or tuition.

Applicants wishing to apply for tuition only (if any positions are available) may pick up an application form beginning April 24 and return the forms by June 1.

More information is available by calling (989) 872-2148.

# *Church to host annual mystery dinner program*

The Cass City United Methodist Church will be presenting a mystery dinner featuring "Reading Aunt Louie's Will" Friday and Saturday, April 20 and 21 at 6 p.m., and Sunday, April 22, at 3 p.m. at the church, located at 5100 N. Cemetery Rd.

Area residents are invited to "come and help Gagney and Spacy sort through all the clues and unravel the evening's mystery. Louise Reindorf has left her considerable fortune to her wacky family - there are some surprises in the will that lead to murder."

Tickets are $20 per person April 20 and 21, and $12 per person April 22, including dinner. Reservations are available by calling (989) 872-1263 or 872-5425.

# The Haire Net

## *Change in seasons will hit attendance*

The 2 mothers who started the wheels turning 10 years ago that changed the seasons for school sports teams had it partly right when they said that after a couple of years the program will run and not be considered unusual (or difficult) at all.

It's sure that the schools will conform to the decision of the U.S. Supreme Court, but it remains to be seen if it will be accomplished without detriment to the athletes involved.

It's hard to buy into the belief that the change in seasons will help the outstanding athletes be offered scholarships because coaches will have more opportunity to be aware of them.

Supporters say immediately the great athletes will be noticed, but how about the athletes that teeter on the fence - good, but not great? Tell me why they would be more likely to be noticed because they play in the fall or the winter.

It's likely that basketball attendance will take a hit, especially in small towns where the teams are an integral part of the community and adults are perhaps 75 percent of the fans.

Not many fans are avid enough to attend 4 games in a week and when it comes to fan choices the boys have the upper hand.

When this change appeared inevitable a couple of years ago, I daydreamed that a doubleheader with both the girls' and boys' varsity teams playing would be attractive. That was before I stopped a moment to consider the drawbacks. While the doubleheader would attract fans, what happens to the junior varsities when that happens? Because the JV games are hitched to the varsity's games, it allows them to play before fans that perhaps would never see them otherwise.

A tentative schedule has been developed for the switch in basketball and volleyball seasons and the schedule in Cass City is expected to be duplicated in the Greater Thumb West.

The girls will start the hoop season a week or so earlier than the boys. Monday's have been left open to avoid Saturday practices.

There is lots of work to be done before the new schedules are hammered into a regular routine, especially in the junior high level.

My belief is that the crowds will be smaller and there will be no changes in the opportunities for the athletes at the next level.

And less chance for the high school athletes to have the fan attendance that they have always enjoyed.

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# The back forty

by Roger Pond

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This is an exciting time for gardeners. Everyone has been cooped up all winter, seed catalogs are arriving in the mail, and nurseries are a beehive of activity. It just seems natural to get outside and plant something.

We must be patient, however. As the old agronomists used to say, "If you are wondering if your soil is too wet to till, you can be sure that it is."

Experienced gardeners know it's too early for some gardening activities, too late for others, and maybe we should just lie down here for a while until we get our senses back.

The whole process of gardening has changed with the advent of rototillers and the adoption of no-till farming, but some folks still use a plow. There's something about the way a moldboard plow slices through the soil that's just more aesthetic to me. (The older guys, who farmed with horses, would probably say the old moldboard was even better with a big Percheron up front.)

There's still something about watching a guy with a new International and a eight-bottom plow pull into a garden that adds fervor to the whole thing. The bigger the tractor and the wider the plow the more exciting it is.

That's the way it was when I planted my first garden. I was just out of college and didn't have a tractor, so I decided to dig the garden with a spade. I was young and energetic in those days — and not real smart.

We had about 40-by-80 feet of garden space, but I only planned on planting half of it. I had turned only a few shovels of soil when the neighbor came by with his John Deere tractor — pulling a six-bottom plow. "We could take that fence down, and I'd plow that patch up for you," he said. "It would save you a lot of digging."

"Oh, that's O.K.," I said. "I need the exercise. I'll have this dug up in no time,"

I looked at the neighbor's big tractor and thought, "He couldn't even turn around in this garden. There's no point in taking the fence down."

When I was still digging a couple of days later, I began to wonder what sort of flaw in my upbringing caused me to turn down my neighbor's offer. Why would a halfway intelligent person decide to turn several hundred square feet of soil with a spade, when the neighbor could have plowed it up in no time?

Why would anyone with a B.S. in agriculture, two courses in basket weaving, and a minor in muskrat trapping do something like that? I was never the smartest kid in the class or anything like that, but I did pass all of the classes.

Then it dawned on me that my college training caused me to do it. I had been off at college for four years. It was so long since I had done any real work, I had completely forgotten what it was like.

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### 5-Day Local Forecast

**Wednesday** Rain/Snow High: 37 Low: 30
**Thursday** Rain/Snow High: 42 Low: 30
**Friday** Partly Cloudy High: 47 Low: 36
**Saturday** Mostly Cloudy High: 50 Low: 37
**Sunday** Mostly Cloudy High: 51 Low: 40

### In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see cloudy skies with a 70% chance of rain and snow, high temperature of 37°, humidity of 70% and an overnight low of 30°. The record high temperature for today is 72° set in 1955. The record low is 19° set in 1973. Thursday, skies will be mostly cloudy with a 40% chance of rain and snow, high temperature of 42°.

### Upcoming Moon Phases

| New | First | Full | Last |
|---|---|---|---|
| 4/17 | 4/24 | 5/2 | 5/9 |

### Sunrise/Sunset Times

Sunrise today .....6:57 a.m.
Sunset tonight .....8:11 p.m.

### Last Week's Local Almanac

| Day | High | Low | Normals | Precip |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Monday | 46 | 39 | 46/28 | 0.00" |
| Tuesday | 45 | 30 | 46/28 | 0.00" |
| Wednesday | 48 | 23 | 47/29 | 0.00" |
| Thursday | 27 | 18 | 47/29 | 0.00" |
| Friday | 25 | 18 | 48/29 | 0.00" |
| Saturday | 27 | 18 | 48/30 | 0.00" |
| Sunday | 32 | 21 | 49/30 | 0.00" |

Precipitation .....0.00"
Normal precipitation .....0.63"
Departure from normal .....-0.63"
Average temperature .....29.8°
Average normal temperature ....38.1°
Departure from normal .....-8.3°

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# Red Hawk Talk

by Kyle Swanson

For about 4 years, the after prom party has provided a safe and fun alternative for students after the conclusion of prom. However, due to constraints within the school district and a lack of people to work on the project, this year's after prom party was originally cancelled.

Fortunately, a group of determined parents and students have stepped up to bring back the after prom party this year.

For those who aren't very familiar with the after prom party, it is an event that begins after the conclusion of prom and offers students a variety of activities to participate in.

The event takes place at the high school and begins at midnight, running until four in the morning. At about 3:30 p.m., students begin to gather in the cafeteria for an auction of prizes. Students use the chips that they have won throughout the evening at various games to bid on the prizes. No actual money changes hands at any point during the evening.

This year's event was scheduled to be cancelled due to financial constraints and the absence of anyone to coordinate the event. Fortunately, a few parents and some students stepped forward and volunteered to take on the project. However, the group needs volunteers to work at the event, prizes to give away, and monetary support.

The after prom party for this year is being scaled back. Prizes will not be as elaborate, and some of the activities that were previously available for students to participate in, will not be returning this year. Proposed activities for this year include a variety of card games, bingo, dance dance revolution, guitar hero and movies. Additionally, refreshments will be provided throughout the evening.

Prizes in the past have included everything from a computer to savings bonds, DVD players, mp3 players, stereos, and mini-fridges. However, prizes for this year will not be as elaborate. Some of this year's prizes will be based on how many chips a student earns, while others will be drawn at random.

The group of organizers certainly has a lot of work ahead of them, but they are hopeful that everything will come together.

If you are interested in volunteering at the event or donating, please feel free to contact me. I can be reached by email at kswanson07@hotmail.com or by telephone at (989) 658-8690. Any help that anyone can provide would be greatly appreciated.

I know that this year's event will turn out successful and will be enjoyable for all who attend. If you are a student that has never attended the after prom party and will be going to prom this year, I would encourage you to come to the after prom party. It is a fun and memorable activity for all who attend.

# Rioux joins local Tendercare team

Tendercare, Cass City, officials recently welcome a new administrator - Shelly Rioux, who joined the Tendercare team in August 2006 and moved to the area from Grayling.

Rioux brings to Tendercare, Cass City, a background spanning 17 years in long-term care facilities with a wide variety of experiences, including dietary assistant, housekeeping and laundry assistant, medical records/ central supply director, business office manager, maintenance assistant, OSHA rules and regulations compliance manager, workmen's compensation coordinator, admissions coordinator and human resources director.

**Shelly Rioux**

She completed her cardiopulmonary in 1992, accredited medical records technician certification in 1993, AMBA medical billing certification in 2002, associate's degree in science management with a specialty in human resources in 2003, bachelor's degree in business administration in 2004, and received her nursing home administrators license in 2006.

Rioux said she has faced many challenges in the nursing home industry, from OIG audits to state surveys to a nursing home fire in 2005.

"Within 2 months as the administrator for Tendercare, Cass City, we went through our annual state of Michigan inspection," she said. "These surveys are very stressful as state inspectors review everything we do. The nursing home industry is the heaviest monitored industry in the state. Having every 't' crossed and every 'i' dotted is mandatory and not an option.

"Mistakes? We make them," Rioux acknowledged. "It is being accountable for those mistakes and correcting them so they do not happen again, and this is my intent as the administrator of Tendercare, Cass City. Can I do it alone? Absolutely not. It takes a caring and hard working staff, and this is what I have here.

"Our goal as a team is to improve to make Tendercare, Cass City, the number one choice of long-term care in the area," Rioux added. "I have a strong, caring and devoted team that I rely on and trust. I believe those are the people who make my job rewarding and provide the best care."

Rioux said the success of a long-term care facility depends on its employees along with the community, area hospitals, clinics and physicians.

"The simple label 'nursing home' can make most people cringe," she said. "Nursing homes are not 'where people go to die' anymore. In this day and age, long-term care facilities are more than what the past has made us. Long-term care facilities are specializing in quality of life care for their residents; wound care, rehabilitation services and many other specialties. Some offer special dementia units and others offer more extensive nursing care. I believe in working together with other nursing homes in the area and not against them. We all ride in the same boat."

Rioux said her welcome to the area has been a warm one.

"I have joined a new family here at Tendercare, Cass City, along with the community of Cass City," she said. "It is a very friendly community and I was welcomed with open arms and a lot of caring staff, which made the relocation a pleasant move.

"When my family from up north visits, they comment on how wonderful the local people are," Rioux added. "Everyone waves to everyone, which doesn't make me feel like a stranger. I feel like I have lived here my whole life."

# *Campbell Elementary Honor Roll*

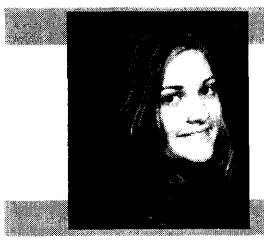
Campbell Elementary School officials announce the fourth marking period honor roll.

**4th Grade**

Jane Ballard, Crysta Beyette, Casandra Bloomfield, Sam Bootz, Kennedy Brown, Rachel Collins*, Dillon Cox, Brett Deering, Isaac Fisher*, Rebecca Graff, Jacob Guinther, Robert Haley, Acer Hana, Katie House, Justine Hulburt, Cody James, Jessie Kammer, Kendra Kerkau*, Luke Koepf*, Hunter Langenburg, Laken London, Drew Loomis, Erika Martin*, Aaron McClorey, Kimberly McCormick*, Natasha McNeil, Lindsey Montei*, Elijah Osentoski, Lydia Papovich*, Justin Peters, David Pitcher*, Kyle Potrykus, Dalton Prieskorn, Emily Repinski, Alliah Riddle, Sara Roberts, Kyle Ross*, Briana Samons, Elizabeth Sanders, Nathan Shantz, Emily Sopha, Miranda Spry, Barbara Steely*, Jackson Stern, Daymon Tabako, Libby Venema, Christopher Vincent, Aubrei Witherspoon, Genna Woodward, Lucas Wright and Erin Zdrojewski.

# Correction

A story in last week's Chronicle announcing Cass City High School's valedictorians and salutatorians for 2007 incorrectly stated that senior Jennifer Hacker is a past nominee for Cass City's "Junior Citizen of the Year" award. In fact, Hacker is a nominee for this year's award. The Chronicle regrets the error.



# Cardinal ChatBack

by Hannah Strauel

As the Easter holiday comes and goes, most schools around the country are on spring break or just got back.

This time of year the temperature begins to rise (or at least it should) and before you know it, everyone around you is experiencing "spring fever." Everyone breaks out the shorts, tanks, and sandals, even though the weather does not really call for them.

Throughout this frenzy, a conflict is bound to arise; the school dress code. Girls show up scantily clad for school and are often told to change. Guys break out the ball caps against school rules.

Does anyone like the dress code for school? At Kingston, shorts have a minimum inseam and if they are too short, the girl is supposed to change. Also, hats and hoods cannot be worn during school hours. However, asked whether they liked the school dress code, most students had no problem with it.

Senior Tony Lanava summed up the majority of opinions: "I'm fine with it," she said. Teacher Mary Ann Safranek, who teaches several science classes at Kingston, spoke of the dress code saying, "It is mainly common sense for a public place such as a school. If we are trying to help our young adults make their own good decisions, it is important to be somewhat flexible."

Whether the dress code is popular or not, is it enforced at Kingston? On this question, opinions differed.

Sophomore Jake Shinabarger felt that the dress code is "somewhat" enforced. Bill Kerr, an English teacher, added, "I feel that the dress code is enforced rather well. The parapros do an excellent job." Junior Stephanie Ramsey disagreed and Tony Lanava said the dress code was "not really" enforced "unless students notice and inform people."

It seems that most people do not have a problem with the dress code, whether enforced or not, but is there anything they would change? Freshman Megan James along with Lanava and Ramsey all like the way the dress code is now and would not change anything about it. However, Jake Shinabarger thinks students should "be able to wear hats and hoods."

Mr. Kerr proposed an idea that would end the struggle with low cut tops, short shorts, and hoodies, "Not necessarily at Kingston, but I wouldn't be opposed to public schools, in general, looking into school uniforms for the student population," he said.

Having every student wear uniforms might be a drastic way to resolve the issue, but then again it might be best. Most people might not have a problem with the school dress code, but are there rules that need to be changed, eliminated, or added? And is the school dress code properly enforced, or do schools need to be more strict or lenient? There are a lot of differing opinions on the matter; what is yours?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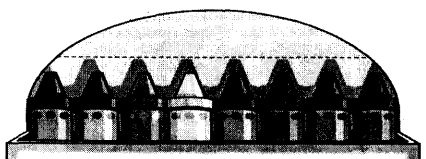

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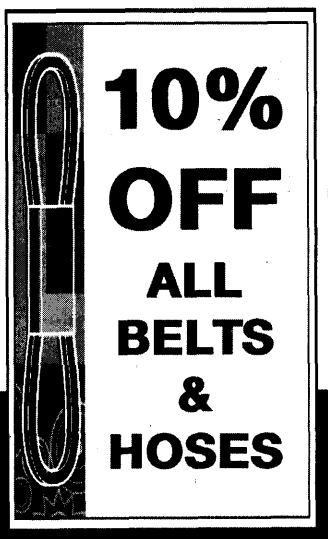

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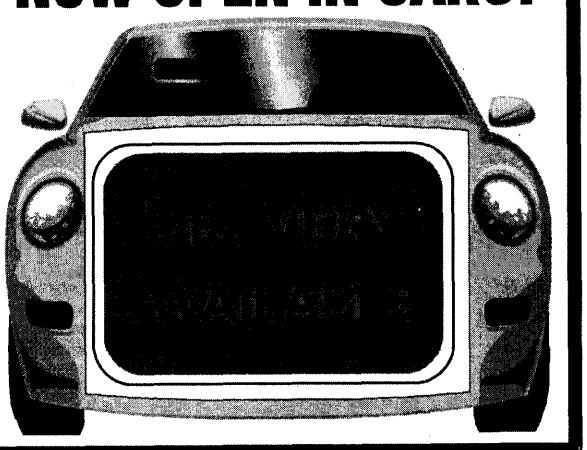

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**CASS CITY RESIDENT Art Randall visits with Sherryl Seeley during an open house Friday at Chemical Bank, where Seeley has served as assistant vice president and Cass City branch manager. A Cass City native, Seeley is closing out a banking career spanning 48 years. (See story, page one.)**

# Down Memory Lane

By Harmony Doerr

### 5 YEARS AGO

Not all of us are concerned about those snowflakes that come trickling down after the warm days that we all enjoyed in early March. Art Battel wasn't complaining a bit. This spring has been like two seasons in one, he grinned. Battel was referring to the collection of sap for maple syrup. The alternate cold and warm weather keeps the sap running. It's a great year in the sugar bush. (From Rabbit Tracks)

You may recognize Shabbona United Methodist Church for apple pies, submarine sandwiches and turkey dinners, but it is much more than that. Shabbona United Methodist Church has been in existence for over 100 years. It is a small country church that is growing with vision and passion. Church members are committed to children and youth. In the past few years, they have sponsored over 60 children and youth each year by paying their way to camp. The people of the church have taken on a new mission. They are planning to move the present church to a donated 10-acre parcel of land 3/4 mile north of the current location this spring. A new basement for Sunday school classrooms and activities, a fellowship hall, kitchen and greeting area will be added. An elevator will make the entire building handicap accessible.

From one of the world's most effective cancer drugs to athletic turf that grows indoors, Michigan State University can be credited for advances that have benefited nearly everyone. MSU's historic discoveries include the research that led to the development of hybrid corn and the process still used for the homogenization of milk.

### 10 YEARS AGO

Biotechnology means better tasting tomatoes year-round. Because the fruit softens more slowly, tomatoes bred through biotech can stay on vines longer before shipping to market, thereby adding flavor and color. This also will be possible with other fruits such as peaches, bananas and strawberries.

No TV for a week. It sounds like a punishment harsh enough to make just about any youngster cringe, but a group of Cass City fourth grade students will be giving up the boob tube for entire week. By their choice. The project is being held in conjunction with the Third Annual National TV-Turnoff Week!, April 24-30, according to Campbell Elementary School teacher Yvonne Sherman. The goal, she said, is to encourage people to get back to hands-on and physical activities.

Barb Hutchinson, Rawson Memorial librarian, was in the office clutching a letter from a local organization announcing a $500 donation. It just overwhelms me, the response that we have experienced in this fund drive, she said. The generous response is great, but shouldn't have been unexpected judging by the community's track record in support of worthwhile campaigns. Prime examples, of course, are the Cass City Recreational Park, Hills and Dales Hospital and the over-subscribing every year for the Cass City United Way. Hutchinson is not publicizing the most recent $500 gift giver, pending approval of the donor. (From Rabbit Tracks)

### 25 YEARS AGO

The Elkland Township Fire Department should have its new tanker truck in about 4 weeks. The township board Monday evening approved purchase of a stainless steel 3,100-gallon tank for the truck, to be constructed by Marcan Industries of Bay City at a price of $11,146. The tank will have a 10-year warranty and was the lowest price obtained for a stainless steel tank, according to Township Clerk Carol Ware. Marcan owner Jack McDaniel, an ex-Cass Cityan and Elkland fireman, was at the meeting, and after it was over, drove the tanker chassis to Bay City, she said.

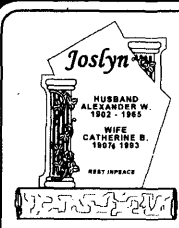
The Tuscola County Board of Commissioners Tuesday approved a resolution designating all of the county as the Economic Development Corp. project area for purposes of an agricultural and forestry enterprises program. Once the recently formed EDC is fully operational, it will be able to sell bonds, which will enable farmers to purchase equipment at a lower rate of interest. The EDC will also be able to help finance industrial development through the sale of bonds.

### 35 YEARS AGO

Administrator Byron Landholt announced this week that operation shift is expected to be started any day now as the brand new wing to Hills and Dales General Hospital is activated. Work on the new surgical patient unit is nearly complete and only a small piece of equipment is needed to give the green light to the waiting hospital staff. The equipment is in transit and if all goes well the wing will be in operation this weekend. When it is operating the improvement will likely be more apparent to the staff than the patient.

A 45-mile-an-hour speed zone on a section of M-81 just south of the Caro city limit in Tuscola County, was announced today by the Department of State Highways. The new zone, extending a quarter mile south of the city limit, will serve as a speed transition zone between the 65-mile-an-hour limit on M-81 and 35-mile-an-hour limit in Caro. The new limit will become effective as soon as signs are posted.

Four students from Cass City High School have been awarded Certificates of Merit by the Detroit Free Press for having distinguished themselves as outstanding debaters. The four are: B. J. Haire, Cara Prieskorn, Ronald Crandell and Mike Klinkman. The students participated during the 1971-72 season in the Michigan High School Forensic Association debate series, sponsored by the Free Press and the University of Michigan Bureau of School Services. The topic debated was: "Resolved: That the jury system in the United States should be significantly changed."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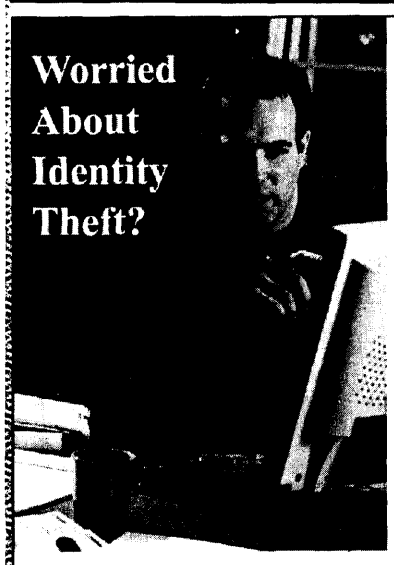

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4446 Ale St., Cass City, MI 48726
989-872-4088
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Pray/Bible Study & Youth Group 7:00 p.m.
Pastor - Chuck Carr
Transportation available

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

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

**Cass City Missionary Church**
4449 Koepfgen Rd., Cass City, MI 48726
989-872-2729
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service & Youth Group 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday Family Night 6:30 p.m.
Pastor - Bob Sweeney
www.casscitymc.org

**Community of Christ Church**
***Owendale Congregation***
3002 S. Elkton Rd., Owendale, MI 48754
989-375-2354
Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Seniors Group Last Tues. of the month 6:00 p.m.
Scrapbook Sunday, Last Sunday of the month, 1-7 p.m.
Pastor: Gary Gardner
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**Cass City United Methodist Church**
5100 N. Cemetery Rd.,
P.O. Box 125, Cass City, MI 48726
872-3422
Worship: 11:00 a.m.
(Summer 9:30 a.m.)
Sunday School - Sept.-May 9:30 a.m.
Community Dinner - Monthly (2nd Wed. at noon)
Pastor: Rev. Paul G. Donelson

**Evangelical Free Church of Cass City**
6430 Chestnut Blvd., Cass City, MI 48726
Phone: 872-5060
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.
Midweek Bible Studies
Biblical Counseling
Pastor: Rev. Todd R. Gould
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**First Baptist Church**
6420 Houghton St., Cass City, MI 48726
989--872-3155
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6:30 p.m.
Prayer Meeting & Bible Study,
Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.
AWANA 6:45 p.m. Wednesdays
Interim Pastor: David Hill
Website: www.fbccc.us

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872-5400
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Worship Service 10:45 a.m.
Pastor: Dave Blackburn

**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church**
6820 E. Main St., Cass City, MI 48726
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Bible Class & Sunday School 10:45 a.m.
Pastor: Gerald Meyer

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Worship 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.
Wed. (Family Training Hour) 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Keith Misany

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Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.
Pastor: F. Robert Tucker

**St. Agatha Catholic Church**
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665-9966
Sunday Mass 10:30 a.m.

**St. Pancratius Catholic Church**
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Pastor: Father Steve Fillion

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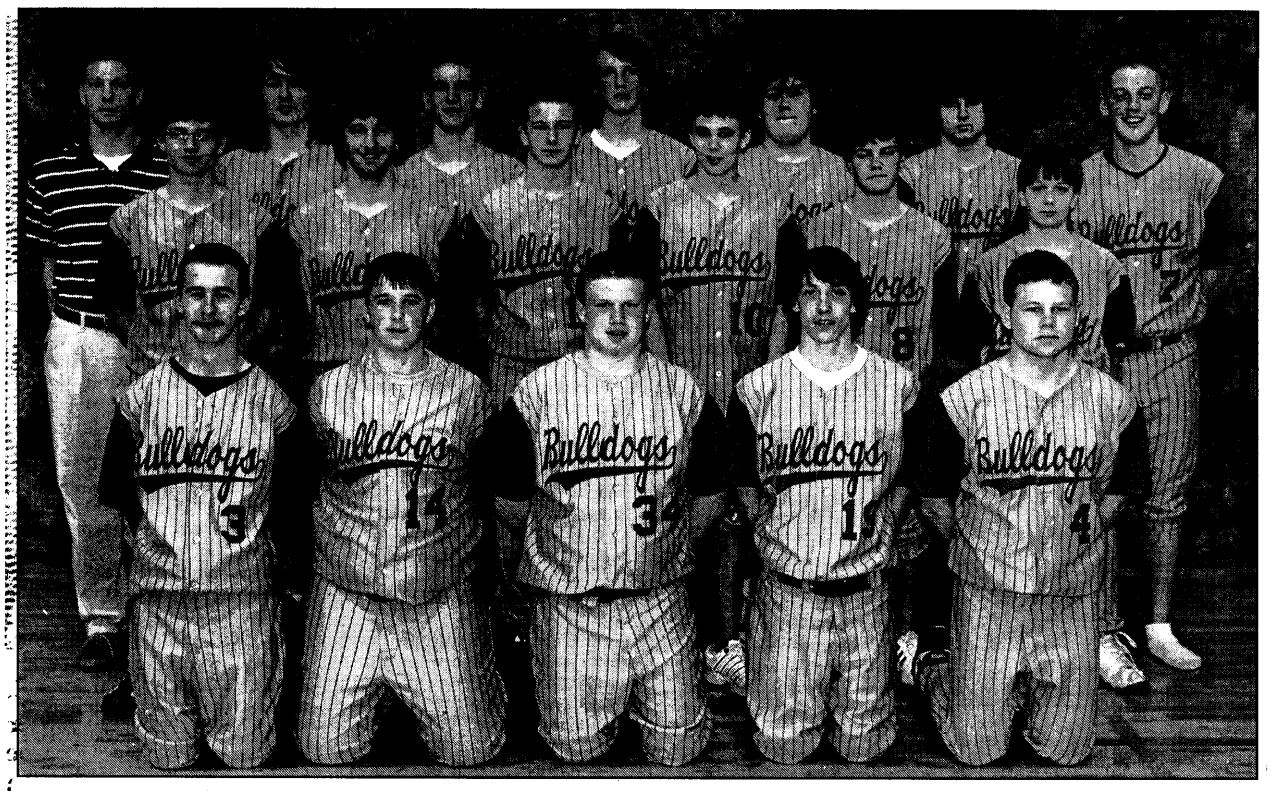
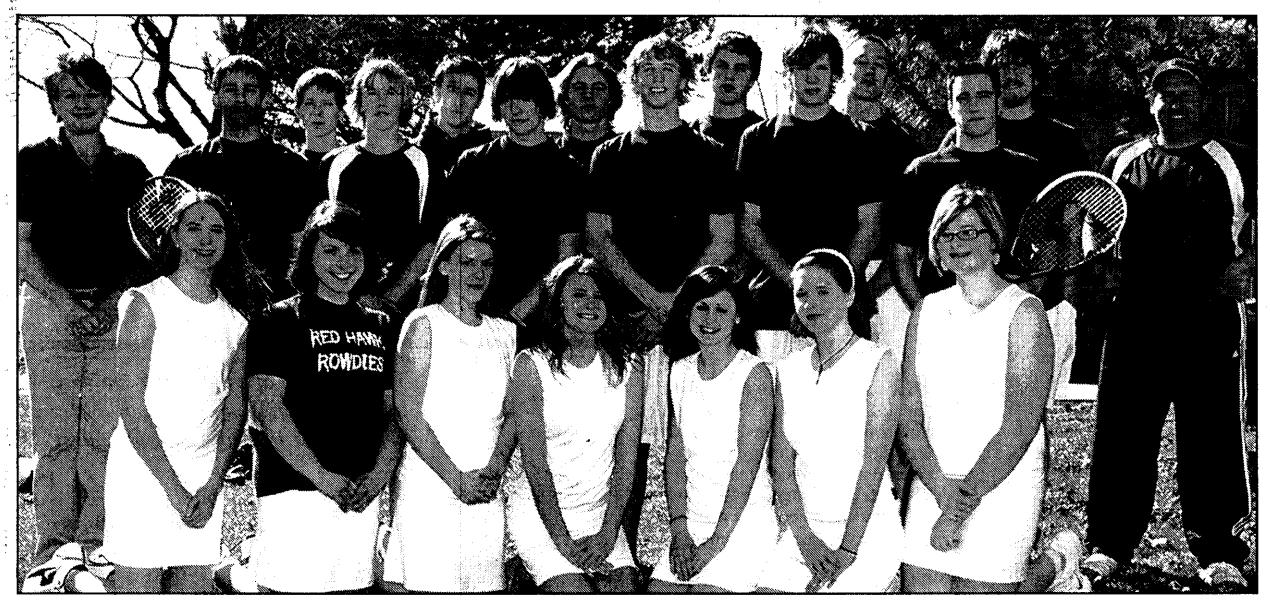


**THE OWEN-GAGE 2007 varsity baseball team members include: (front, l-r) Brent Reil, Branden Edler, James Harris, Justin Bauman, Will Rabun (middle) Justin Trupe, Kenny Brown, Nick Zaleski, Nathan Minkler, Devin Prich, Clyde Rhodes (back) coach Ricky Behm, Jim Hard, Eric Zaleski, Robert Leininger, Jacob Moore, Ryan Francis and Grant Champagne.**



**THE MAIDEN Cass City tennis team members include: (front, l-r) Sarah Reed, Jill Dillon, Whitney Kirn, Andrea Zimmerman, Theresa Imgraben, Elisa Ellis, Chelsea Israelson (middle) assistant coach Betsy Dillon, Chris Childs, Devin Jamieson, James Bonus, Kevin Ouvry, Kurt Hanby, Mike Green (back) Shane Brandmair, Zachary Carter, Justin Louks, Brandon Hartwick, Kyle Kausch, Aaron Bardwell, and coach Bill Potter.**

# O-G baseball team loaded with veterans

Owen-Gage coach Ricky Behm has a host of returnees from his maiden season as head of the Bulldog baseball program and is hoping for marked improvement in North Central Thumb League play.

While Behm will have over 10 players back from his 2006 squad that posted a 6-12 conference record, gone is all-conference first team performer Trace Lopez. He was the team's pitching ace in his final season and led the team in several offensive categories.

Despite Lopez's departure, the Bulldogs should be strong on the hill with the return of hard-throwing junior Eric Zaleski.

On the infield, the Bulldogs will have a trio of proven players in Brent Reil, Grant Champagne and Justin Trupe, while fellow returnee Kenny Brown will provide leadership in the outfield. The foursome should also be able to supply the Bulldogs with instant offense at the plate.

In addition, Owen-Gage's Will Rabun, Brandon Edler, Nathan Minkler, James Harris and Ryan Francis all return with a year of varsity play under their belts and are expected to give the Bulldogs a strong batting line up from top to bottom.

Behm also has a group of untested players for the 2007 season including Clyde Rhodes, Jim Hard, Robert Leiningerm Jacob Moore, Justin Bauman and Devin Prich. How they progress during the season will go a long ways in determining the team's success.

Owen-Gage is scheduled to open play this week against visiting Ubly.

**Owen-Gage Bulldogs 2007 Baseball/Softball**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **April 10** | **Ubly** | **4:00 p.m.** |
| **April 12** | **Deckerville** | **4:15 p.m.** |
| **April 14** | **Posen (BB)** | **10:00 a.m.** |
| **April 14** | **O-G Tourney (JV SB)** | **10:00 a.m.** |
| April 16 | Caseville | 4:00 p.m. |
| **April 19** | **Kingston** | **4:00 p.m.** |
| April 23 | A-Fairgrove | 4:00 pm. |
| **April 26** | **CPS** | **4:00 p.m.** |
| April 28 | Kingston Tourney (SB) | 4:00 p.m. |
| **April 30** | **North Huron** | **4:00 p.m.** |
| May 3 | Peck | 4:00 p.m. |
| May 5 | Huron County Tourney (BB) | 4:00 p.m. |
| May 7 | Memphis | 4:00 p.m. |
| **May 10** | **Port Hope** | **4:00 p.m.** |
| May 12 | A-Fairgrove Tourney | 4:00 p.m. |
| May 14 | Dryden | 4:00 p.m. |
| May 19 | Kingston Tourney (BB) | 4:00 p.m. |
| May 21 | Caro - JV (BB) | 4:00 p.m. |
| May 29 | Pre-Districts | TBA |
| June 1 | Districts | TBA |

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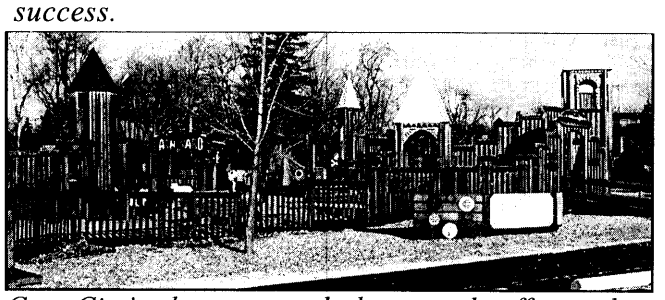

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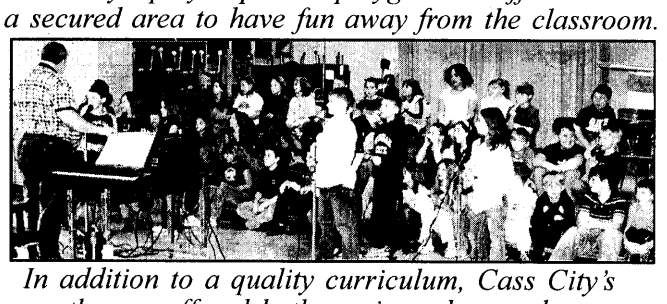
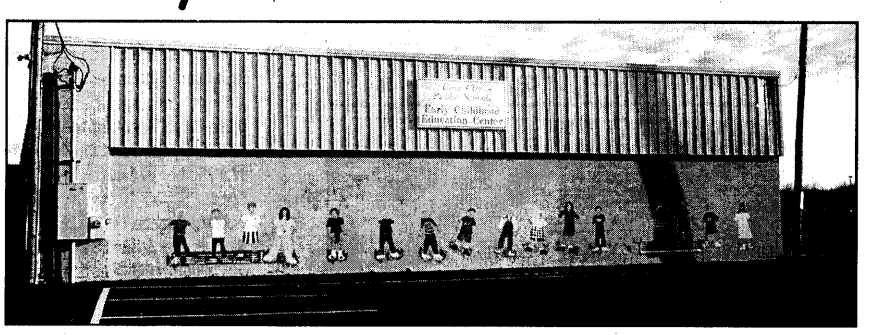


*In addition to a quality curriculum, Cass City's youths are offered both music and gym classes.*

## Thursday, April 19 - 6:30 p.m.
## Early Childhood Center



*Cass City has **ALL DAY** kindergarten as well as half day Young 4 and 5 Programs that are held exclusively in the Early Childhood Building. This allows all students to be taught in one safe and controlled environment.*

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***(Parents Only, Please!)***
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# Depth missing in Red Hawk thinclad teams

A lack of numbers on the Cass City track teams will have coaches Amy and Scott Cuthrell leaning heavily on the Red Hawks' top performers for success as they prepare to kick-off their season Wednesday at the Ubly Invitational.

Besides the low head count on each roster, both coaches will be without the services of 2 of the Thumb's best in the shot put from last year. Scott Meeker and Ashley Puterbaugh, both state qualifiers in their senior year, will be hard to replace in 2007. Puterbaugh is the current school record holder with a distance of 36' 10".

For coach Scott Cuthrell and the boys' team, the loss of Meeker will be lightened, somewhat, by the return of senior Dennis Bowen who also was a state qualifier in the shot put as a junior.

Elsewhere in the field events, the pole vault and high jump should also provide points for the Hawks with the return of Mark Koepf and Chris Zawilinski. Koepf finished as the Greater Thumb West runner-up in the pole vault (11' 6"), while Zawilinski was the GTW (6' 3") and regional (6' 1") high jump champion in 2006.

Around the track, the boys' team should fare well in the distance events with veterans Lukas Varney and Chris Childs leading the way, while Derek Ricker, Tommy Parrish, Austin Babich and Kyle Sieradzki will head the Hawk sprinters.

On the girls' side, returning hurdler Jennica Richards should be a top point earner for Amy Cuthrell's squad.

The Lady Hawks, under a dozen in total, should be strongest in the distance events with returnees Brittany Loomis, Leah Whittaker, and Ashleigh Rabideau back.

Caitlin Sorenson is expected to pace the Hawks in the sprints, while Megan Zawilinski will provide Cass City with a presence in the high jump.

**Cass City Red Hawks 2007 Track**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Apr. 18 | Ubly Invite | 4:00 p.m. |
| Apr. 20 | Brown City Invite | 4:00 p.m. |
| Apr. 23 | Frankenmuth Invite | 4:00 p.m. |
| Apr. 25 | USA JV Invite | 4:00 p.m. |
| Apr. 27 | H. Beach Invite | 3:00 p.m. |
| **May 2** | **Ubly/USA** | **4:00 p.m.** |
| May 4 | Reese Invite | 4:00 p.m. |
| May 8 | Brown City | 4:00 p.m. |
| May 9 | Reese JV Invite | 4:00 p.m. |
| May 11 | A-F Invite | 4:00 p.m. |
| May 15 | League Invite | 4:00 p.m. |
| May 19 | Regionals | TBA |
| May 22 | Huron Meet of Champs | TBA |
| May 29 | Caro Meet of Champs | TBA |
| June 2 | State Meet | TBA |

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**THE 2007 Cass City boys' track team members include: (front, l-r) Lukas Varney, Mark Koepf, J.C. Knight, Bryan Burk, Jeremy Farr, Clark Walsh, Kevin Phillips, Thomas Cotton (middle) Josh Ashe, Tyler Tomlinson, Eric Reif, MingYu Chen, Cody Nye, Joe Homrocky, Tommy Parrish, Derek Ricker (back) Logan Kausch, Derek Suro, Alex Walsh, Dennis Bowen, Chris Summersett, Brad Severance, Kyle Reif and Austin Babich.**

**THE 2007 Cass City girls' track team members include: (front, l-r) LaShae Radeka, Megan Zawilinski, Brittany Loomis, Caitlin Sorenson, Ashleigh Rabideau (back) Lindsey Bliss, Stephanie Healy and Kati Hill.**

## Brown's plan suspends tax

State Rep. Terry Brown (D-Pigeon) today unveiled the Homeowner Protection and Stimulus Plan, a package of bills that will help jumpstart Michigan's economy by suspending the so-called "pop-up tax" and also protect residents from losing their homes when they lose their jobs to outsourcing or downsizing.

"Eliminating the pop-up tax makes buying a home more affordable for young families trying to get a start in life," Brown said. "It also protects seniors from a sudden surge in taxes when they move out of the family home they've owned for years to a smaller, more manageable home."

The plan eliminates the pop-up tax for residents who buy a house during the next 18 months. They will not have to pay the pop-up tax for as long as they own the home. The plan could save a homebuyer up to $1,513 on the purchase of a $100,000 home, based on statewide average tax rates.

Currently, the assessed taxable value of a home may increase yearly by 5 percent or the rate of inflation, whichever is lower. When the property is sold or transferred, however, its assessment is "uncapped" and the home is taxed based on its State Equalized Value. This drastic re-assessment creates a pop-up tax that can double the amount of taxes new homeowners must pay for as long as they own the home.

In addition, Brown and his colleagues are developing a plan to protect homeowners who have lost their jobs to outsourcing or downsizing. Eligible residents would receive assistance to make their mortgage and tax payments for six months. The assistance would be funded by a second mortgage on the residence. The state would form a public-private partnership with lenders to run the program.

"As we work to get Michigan back on track, it is only right to support our workers who have lost their jobs to outsourcing or downsizing," Brown said. "Losing a home can devastate a family. Our hard-working residents deserve the dignity of being able to stay in their own homes while they get back on their feet."

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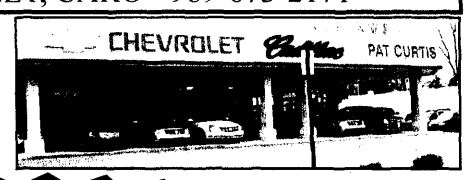


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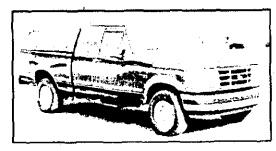

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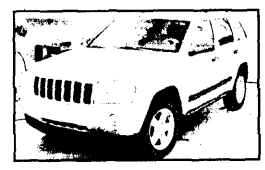

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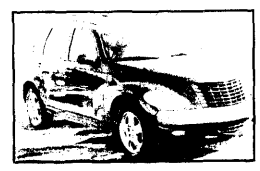

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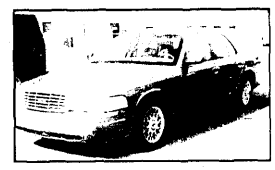

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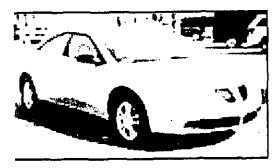

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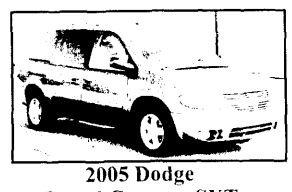

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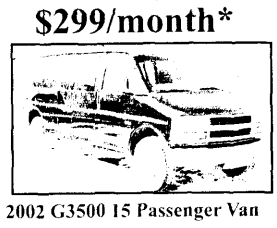

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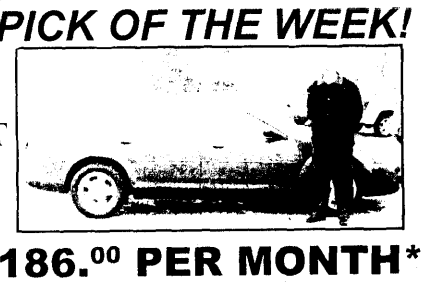

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# Obituaries

## Sharon Horne

Sharon A. Horne, 63, of Decker, died Monday, April 2, 2007 at home.

She was born May 2, 1943 in Cass City, the daughter of the late Russell and Julia (Sherman) Hayward.

She married Fred Horne May 18, 1984 in Cass City.

Horne was a 1961 graduate of Marlette High School. She was a member of the Marlette Classic Car Club, where she was an officer, and a member of the Lamotte Township Firefighters Auxiliary.

Horne is survived by her husband, Fred; 5 children: Dale R. (Susan) Potter of Kingston, Lora (Rodney Long) Walker of Sandusky, Elton John (Brandy) Horne of Decker, Levi (Barb Horak) Horne of Decker, and Reva (Bill) Diehl of Caro; a sister, Marion (Robert) Fields of Decker; a brother, Harold (Helen) Hayward of Oxford; her father- and mother-in-law, Alfred and Mary Horne of Cass City; a sister-in-law, Marie (Larry) Groombridge of Traverse City; brothers-in-law: Curt Horne of Virginia, Randy (Marie) Horne, Donald (Robin) Horne, Allen (Jenny) Horne, Michael (Danyal) Horne, and Robert Horne, all of Cass City; 13 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by 2 sisters: Doris (Art) Fishell and Norma Jean Hayward; and a brother, Duane Hayward.

Cremation has taken place at Sunset Valley Crematory, Bay City. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 15, at the Lamotte Township Hall, Decker, with Pastor Gerald Steele officiating.

Memorials may be made to United Hospice Service, Lamotte Township Firefighters Auxiliary, or the family.

Arrangements were made by Marsh Funeral Chapel, Inc., Marlette.

## Patricia McCloskey

Patricia "Patty" Joyce McCloskey, 54, formerly of Cass City, died Friday, March 30, 2007 following a lingering illness.

She was born July 23, 1952, the daughter of the late Charles "Bud" and Doris McCloskey.

McCloskey was a 1970 graduate of Kingston High School. She worked as a bartender at Rolling Hills Golf Course, Cass City.

McCloskey is survived by 3 children: Bob (Patty) Kababik of Caro, Billy (Julie) Maynard of Niles, and Christina (John McNaughton) Kababik of Bay City; 3 grandchildren; 5 siblings: Marion Wheil, Becky Wright, Robie (Dave) Crosby, Brian (Ruth) McCloskey, and Devin McCloskey; and 10 nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by 2 brothers, Brad and Tommy McCloskey; a grandmother, Marion Leham; a niece, Doris Nelson; and 2 nephews, Neil and Wayne Nelson.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, April 21, at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund.

## *Earn $50 off electric bill*

Thumb residents who attend the Human Development Commission's (HDC) Energy Education Class can receive $50 off their electric bill.

Participation also includes an energy-saving kit valued at $50, according to Carol Arman, HDC spokeswoman. "In addition, you will learn money-saving tips to help lower your utility bills," she said.

Residents can learn if they qualify, and register for the next class by calling HDC at (989) 673-4121 (Tuscola County), (989) 269 9502 (Huron County), (810) 648-4497 (Sanilac County), or toll-free at 1-800-843-6394 (ext. 1790).

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# Letters to the Editor

## *Voice your concerns in Novesta Township*

Last April I wrote to inform the people of Novesta Township that Ralph Zinnecker, township treasurer, had spoken for the supervisor who was absent indicating that at the annual budget proposal hearing for the next fiscal year (April 1, 2007 - March 31, 2008) the supervisor was asking for an annual $1,000 raise and that he also would request an additional annual $1,000 raise as his position as township assessor.

I also wrote on how they want to employ a new zoning enforcement officer at $15 an hour plus mileage and I also informed the people that the township board wanted to spend $8,400 to pay the attorney to rewrite the new zoning book.

I indicated in my letter that I believed that because of the terrible economic situation we are presently facing that now is not the time for these expenses. This hearing normally should have been in March but the township board decided to have the hearing on April 2 this year.

There was a nice turnout of concerned citizens and the majority of the persons attending the hearing - those that were not township officials, indicated to the township board that they would be displeased if the board went ahead with the approval of these expenses. Many of the people indicated they would like to be able to vote for these expenses but because the board discontinued annual meetings and then created a resolution to allow themselves to give themselves salary increases which the law allows for townships that don't have annual meetings, the board decides on the increases.

In the end, the board decided to hold off on Mr. Palmer's increase in salary as supervisor, but Dale Churchill made a motion to give to Mr. Palmer in his position as assessor a $1 per parcel raise which there is 1,042 parcels resulting in a $1,042 annual raise to Mr. Palmer as township assessor. The board also approved $8,400 for the making of the new zoning ordinance. It wasn't clear to me if the board was going to approve the employment of a zoning enforcement officer because they didn't really make that clear, however, when I asked Mr. Churchill, who seems to be the driving force behind the employment of this new officer and has been doing the research into employing this officer, he admitted that the officer would actually be a luxury for the township to do a job that the township is already equipped to do.

I for one, object to the employment of this new officer. So did several other folks at the budget hearing.

I have done some research about the annual township meetings and, according to Michigan law, the people have a right to petition to have put on the next election ballot the question as to whether the township should have annual meetings reestablished, and if approved by a majority vote of the electors at the next primary or general election, to reestablish the annual meeting, the annual meeting is reestablished and the electors at the annual meeting shall resume powers conferred by statute.

Once the annual meeting is reestablished it may only be abolished by the township board submitting the question to abolish the annual meeting to the electors at the next primary or general election. I intend to get a petition written up and circulated to put the question to reestablish the annual township meetings in Novesta Township to a vote and if the people pass it according to what I understand the people will have a direct say so as to whether the township officers should get a raise.

The next evening after the budget proposal hearing the township zoning commission (formerly the zoning board) meeting was held and the township attorney was there and the creation of the new zoning ordinance and rewriting of the zoning book began.

The zoning commission meetings are every other first Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. and they will be spending a lot of time throughout the next 3 or 4 (or more if needed) zoning commission meetings with the attorney to write and create the new zoning ordinance and to decide exactly what they would like to include in the new zoning ordinance. This new zoning ordinance will be in effect for the next several years and serve as a guide as to how zoning will be enforced in Novesta Township and is very important because it affects everyone in Novesta Township.

I encourage all those interested in voicing their opinion and to express their concerns as to the direction the zoning ordinance may be heading to attend these meetings. They are open to the public and it is your right to express your concerns to these officers. Hope to see you at these meetings and at the township board meetings every first Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

Bob Dickson
Deford

**Letters to the Editor**

*The Chronicle welcomes letters to the editor.*

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

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

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

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

## Parents - check out free lunch guidelines

Do to the overwhelming amount of students that are behind on their lunch accounts, Cass City Public Schools is concerned that many students may be falling through the cracks of our free and reduced lunch program. We would like all parents to look over the free and reduced lunch application guidelines and apply if they feel that they can be qualified.

Cass City Public Schools would like to assure all parents of the confidentiality of this program. The status of all students is kept confidential and is not shared with others. All students have a pin number that identifies them, the number does not reflect the status of each child's lunch account.

Parents that are self-employed may qualify using your adjusted gross income from your taxes. Unemployed or displaced workers may also qualify. Once you qualify, you are qualified for the rest of the year. If you are currently reduced, but your income has dropped since you originally filled out your form, please submit a new form and see if you now qualify for free lunch. You may re-apply at any time throughout the year.

We are also looking into a program that assists struggling parents that may need additional help. We have not worked out all the details yet, but are trying to help fund some of our reduced lunch students that need additional help paying for their meals.

If you would like assistance or more information on contributing to this fund, please feel free to call Shari Bock, Cass City Public Schools Food Service director, at (989) 872-5729.

Thank you,
Shari Bock

## *Hospice agency in need of volunteers*

Home and Hospice Advantage in Cass City is seeking volunteers in Huron, Tuscola and Sanilac counties to work with our hospice patients.

Hospice Advantage was founded in 2004 to better serve the needs of terminally ill patients. Driven by patients' choices and the manner they wish to live out their lives, we strive to establish the highest standard in hospice care.

Typically, the needs are simple - companionship and friendship, emotional support, and someone to listen. You may be asked to help write letters or perhaps read a book for someone who has difficulty seeing the words. Maybe you are a worthy opponent at cards or checkers or maybe you are the world's greatest listener. You don't need any special qualifications to be a hospice volunteer. You just need to be a friend.

We offer a comprehensive training program that will better prepare you to offer your vital support. Volunteers are supervised by a volunteer coordinator and are supported by other members of the patient care team.

If you have an extra hour or 2 of time and are interested in hospice volunteer opportunities, contact Kim Jones at Home and Hospice Advantage at (989) 872-5852 or toll free at (877) 872-5852.

Kim Jones, volunteer coordinator
Home and Hospice Advantage

## HDC seeks contractors for programs

The Human Development Commission (HDC) is seeking local contractors to participate in its Community Development Rehabilitation Programs.

The programs are designed to provide repairs, which will enhance energy conservation, health, safety, and handicapped-accessibility as well as lead abatement. Upon Completion, all homes will (at minimum) pass a Housing Quality Standards Inspection and Lead Clearance test.

A contractor meeting will be held at 429 Montague Ave., Caro, April 27 from 9 to 11 a.m. All new and existing contractors are required to attend.

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## Calendar of Events

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

### Friday, April 13

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.

### Monday, April 16

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.

Cass City Area Historical and Genealogy Society meeting, 7 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library.

### Tuesday, April 17

Toddler Story Time, 10 a.m., Rawson Memorial Library. Call to register, 872-2856.

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, April 18

Preschool Story Time, 10 a.m., Rawson Memorial Library. Call to register, 872-2856.

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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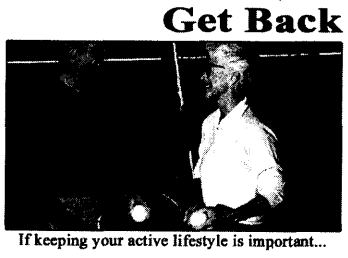

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Michelle L. Martell and James D. Martell, Husband and Wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated May 22, 2003 and recorded on May 30, 2003 in Liber 933 on Page 800 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Chase Home Finance LLC as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Two Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty-Two and 46/100 Dollars ($102,822.46), including interest at 6% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on May 3, 2007.

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

Part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 28, Township 11 North, Range 9 East, Fremont Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, Described as: Commencing at the Centerline of the C and O RR which is North 00 Degrees 00 Minutes 05 Seconds West 628.70 feet from the East 1/4 Corner; thence North 00 Degrees 00 Minutes 05 Seconds West 160.0 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence North 00 Degrees 00 Minutes 05 Seconds West 150.0 feet; thence West 300.0 feet; thence 150.0 feet South; thence East 300.0 feet to Point of Beginning.

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Dated: April 4, 2007

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Michael J. Snow, a married man and Tamara R. Snow, his wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated January 10, 2005 and recorded on January 26, 2005 in Liber 1025 on Page 495 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Sixteen Thousand One Hundred Ninety-Five and 63/100 Dollars ($116,195.63), including interest at 6% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on April 19, 2007.

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

Part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 3, Town 10 North, Range 9 East, Township of Watertown, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as Beginning at a point on the South section line that is East 378.59 feet from the Southwest corner of Section 3; thence continuing along said South section line, East 350.39 feet; thence North 00 degrees 10 minutes 30 seconds East 745.56 feet; thence South 89 degrees 59 minutes 36 seconds West 307.39 feet; thence South 00 degrees 10 minutes 30 seconds West 198.48 feet; thence South 89 degrees 59 minutes 36 seconds West 77.00 feet; thence South 07 degrees 19 minutes 16 seconds West 117.99 feet; thence East 48.68 feet; thence South 00 degrees 10 minutes 30 seconds West 430.00 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.

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Edwin Blackmer and Diane Blackmer, 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 30, 2005 and recorded on December 9, 2005 in Liber 1063 on Page 1249 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company as Trustee as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Sixty-One Thousand Four Hundred Sixteen and 91/100 Dollars ($161,416.91), including interest at 8.35% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on May 3, 2007.

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

Beginning at a point 670.00 feet South of the Northwest corner of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 26, Town 10 North, Range 9 East; thence running East 168 feet; thence South 130 feet; thence West 168 feet; thence North 130 feet to the place of beginning.

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

Dated: April 4, 2007

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Norman Hawe, a single man, original mortgagor, to New Century Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated October 24, 2003 and recorded on January 30, 2004 in Liber 977 on Page 264, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, Trustee on behalf of the Certificate Holders of Morgan Stanley ABS Capital Inc., Trust 2004-NC2, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-NC2 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 Seventy-Six Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-Eight and 25/100 Dollars ($76,478.25), including interest at 10.625% 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 April 19, 2007.

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

Lots 4 and 5, Block 15, Plat of the Village of Fostoria, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 1, Page 45A of Plats, 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: March 21, 2007

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jason L. Hulburt, a married man, and Shari L. Hulburt, his wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated March 13, 2006 and recorded on March 21, 2006 in Liber 1074 on Page 1245 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Wells Fargo Bank, NA as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Sixty-Six Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty-Three and 66/100 Dollars ($166,983.66), including interest at 6.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on May 3, 2007.

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

The East 30 acres of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 13, Town 14 North, Range 11 East.

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

Dated: April 4, 2007

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Leonard J. Chaltraw Jr., a married man, and Angela K. Chaltraw, his wife, joint tenancy with full rights of survivorship, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated March 30, 2005, and recorded on April 14, 2005 in Liber 1034 on Page 1294, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Thirteen Thousand Three Hundred Ninety-Four and 74/100 Dollars ($213,394.74), including interest at 6.375% per annum.

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

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

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

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

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

Dated: April 11, 2007

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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on April 19, 2007.

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

Lot 11 and the South 22 Feet of Lot 12, Block 1, Merrits Addition to Vassar, according to the Plat thereof as Recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 21, now being Page 22A, 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: March 21, 2007

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Dorothy A. Benmark, a single woman, original mortgagor, to Household Finance Corporation III, Mortgagee, dated January 22, 2003 and recorded on January 28, 2003 in Liber 912 on Page 1230 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Three Hundred Ninety-Nine and 88/100 Dollars ($175,399.88), including interest at 9.43% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on April 26, 2007.

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

Part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 21, Town 10 North, Range 7 East, commencing at the West 1/4 corner of Section 21, Town 10 North, Range 7 East; thence East 1111.61 feet along the East-West 1/4 line to the Point of Beginning; thence North 0 degrees 49 minutes 39 seconds West 250.00 feet; thence East 261.38 feet to the West 1/8 line; thence South 0 degrees 49 minutes 39 seconds East 250.00 feet along the West 1/8 line to the East-West 1/4 line; thence West 261.38 feet along the East-West 1/4 line to the Point of Beginning.

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

Dated: March 28, 2007

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
FC H (248) 593-1300
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
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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 Judy E. Taylor, a single woman, and John L. Taylor, a single man, original mortgagors, to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc., Mortgagee, dated April 16, 2003 and recorded on April 22, 2003 in Liber 927 on Page 243 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-Five and 69/100 Dollars ($59,945.69), including interest at 5.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on May 3, 2007.

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

Lot(s) 16, Block 1, James Cleavers Addition to the Village of Gagetown, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 1B.

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 4, 2007

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #136703F01

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THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by JOAN FACKLER, a single woman, of 9158 Willits Road, Mayville, Michigan 48744, Mortgagor, to OXFORD BANK MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC, 60 South Washington, Oxford, Michigan 48371, Mortgagee, dated the 21st day of May 2003, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 4th day of June 2003, in Instrument No. 200300832373 (Liber 934, Page 287) of Tuscola County Records, and a Modification of Mortgage dated February 14, 2006 and recorded with the Tuscola County Register of Deeds on February 16, 2006 in Instrument No. 200600877670 (Liber 1072, Page 69), on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, as of the date of this notice, the sum of TWO HUNDRED FIFTY-THREE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED TWENTY-NINE AND 96/100 DOLLARS ($253,629.96). Interest continues to accrue at the rate of seven and one-half percent (7.5%) percent per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage, and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by 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 April 26, 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: March 28, 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 Marcia L Langworthy and Clair Langworthy Jr., Husband and Wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated November 10, 2005 and recorded on November 18, 2005 in Liber 1061 on Page 1446 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Seven Thousand One Hundred Seventy-Four and 02/100 Dollars ($137,174.02), 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 April 26, 2007.

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

Beginning at the Southeast corner of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 17, Township 10 North, Range 7 East; thence West 250 feet; thence North 175 feet; thence East 250 feet; thence South 175 feet to the point of beginning.

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

Dated: March 28, 2007

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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File #135320F01

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Steven W. Bristle and Marlena K. Bristle, Husband and Wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated October 23, 2002 and recorded February 27, 2003 in Liber 917, Page 1208, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-One and 67/100 Dollars ($69,751.67), 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 of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on APRIL 19, 2007.

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

Lot 2, Block 3 of the Plat of the Village of Millington, Tuscola County, Michigan.

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: March 21, 2007

Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 457-1000
File No. 280.1945

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Merry Gebauer and Michael Gebauer, Wife and Husband, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated September 8, 2005 and recorded January 12, 2006 in Liber 1068, Page 830, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Four Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy-Eight and 44/100 Dollars ($204,978.44), including interest at 6.89% 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 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 10, 2007.

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

The South 495 feet of the Northeast quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section 32, Township 14 North, Range 10 East, Elmwood Township, Tuscola County, Michigan.

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 11, 2007

Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 457-1000
File No. 207.7311

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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 SHARON KAY MITCHELL and LARRY R. MITCHELL, WIFE AND HUSBAND, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns,, Mortgagee, dated December 28, 2005 and recorded on January 9, 2006, in Liber 1067, on Page 1468, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Two Dollars and Eighty-Two Cents ($68,902.82), including interest at 7.250% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statue in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, front entrance of the Courthouse Building in the Village of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM o'clock, on April 19, 2007.

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

LOT 32, ALSO WESTERLY 75 FEET OF LOT 31, MILLER SUBDIVISION, SECTION 17, TOWN 10 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST, TOWNSHIP OF TUSCOLA, TUSCOLA COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

TAX ID NO. 017-017-400-3200-00

More correctly described as: LOT 32, ALSO WESTERLY 75 FEET OF LOT 31, MILLER SUBDIVISION, SECTION 17, TOWN 10 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST, TOWNSHIP OF MILLINGTON, TUSCOLA COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

TAX ID NO. 017-017-400-3200-00

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

Dated: March 16, 2007

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns
Mortgagee/Assignee

Peter M. Schneiderman & Associates, P.C.
23100 Providence Drive, Suite 450
Southfield, MI 48075

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Carson J. Farnham, a single man, original mortgagor, to Indymac Bank, F.S.B., a federally chartered savings bank, Mortgagee, dated December 10, 2003 and recorded on January 23, 2004 in Liber 975 on Page 1044 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Three Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-Four and 16/100 Dollars ($93,724.16), including interest at 8.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on April 19, 2007.

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

Commencing 591 feet South of the Northwest corner of Section 13, Town 11 North, Range 7 East; thence East parallel with the North line of said Section, 39 rods; thence South 135 feet; thence West 39 roods; thence North 135 feet to the place of beginning.

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

Dated: March 21, 2007

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Nancy Petzold, a single woman, to Flagstar Bank, FSB, Mortgagee, dated August 22, 2002 and recorded September 3, 2002 in Liber 892, Page 103, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Chase Home Finance LLC successor by merger with Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Eight Thousand Three Hundred Two and 90/100 Dollars ($48,302.90), 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 APRIL 19, 2007.

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

That part of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 25, Township 10 North, Range 7 East, Arbela Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as: Commencing at the Northeast, corner of said Section 25; thence South 251.50 feet along the East Section line; thence North 89 degrees 34 Minutes 00 Seconds West 400.00 feet parallel with the North Section Line; thence North 251.50 feet parallel with the East Section line; thence South 89 Degrees 34 Minutes 00 Seconds East 400.00 feet along the North Section Line to the Point of Beginning. Subject to the Right of Way for Birch Run Road along the Northerly side thereof. Also subject to the right of way for Vassar Road along the Easterly side thereof. Also subject to all easements, restrictions, and rights-of-way, if any, 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 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: March 21, 2007

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File No. 310.0227

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Michael J. Gaval and Michele M. Gaval, Husband and Wife, to Lincoln Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated June 29, 1999 and recorded July 14, 1999 in Liber 776, Page 1278, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. successor by merger to Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota, National Association, solely in its capacity as Trustee, under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated September 1, 1999, Home Equity Loan Asset Backed Certificates, Series 1999-3 by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Fifty-Three Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Five and 44/100 Dollars ($153,485.44), including interest at 10.687% 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 10, 2007.

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

Part of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 31, Township 10 North, Range 8 East, described as beginning at a point on the East Section line that is South 165.0 feet from the Northeast corner of Section 31; thence continuing South 670.28 feet; thence North 89 degrees 37 minutes 20 seconds West 1341.61 feet; thence North 500.14 feet; thence South 89 degrees 37 minutes 20 seconds East 1077.61 feet; thence North 170.14 feet; thence South 89 degrees 37 minutes 20 seconds East 284.0 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: April 11, 2007

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File No. 210.1176

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by JOAN FACKLER, a single woman, of 9158 Willits Road, Mayville, Michigan 48744, Mortgagor, to OXFORD BANK MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC, 60 South Washington, P.O. Box 17, Oxford, Michigan 48371, Mortgagee, dated the 30th day of June 2006, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 12th day of July 2006 at Instrument No. 200600883741 (or Liber 1087, page 1395) of Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, as of the date of this notice, the sum of SEVENTY-SIX THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED NINETY-ONE AND 65/100 DOLLARS ($76,591.65). Interest continues to accrue at the rate of 7.875% percent per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage, and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by 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 April 12, 2007.

The premises are situated in the Village of Millington, County of Tuscola, Michigan and are described as:

Lot 6, Block 14 of the Plat of the Village of Millington, part of the South 1/2 of Section 9 and part of the North 1/2 of Section 16, T10N, R8E, Village of Millington, Tuscola County, Michigan, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 42A, Tuscola County Records. Commonly known as: 4802 Beckwith, Millington, Michigan 48746.

Tax ID No. 041-500-114-0600-0

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: March 14, 2007

OXFORD BANK MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC
Mortgagee

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Dale R. Bryson and Linda M. Bryson, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated March 22, 2004, and recorded on April 13, 2004 in Liber 987 on Page 1000, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Wells Fargo Bank, NA as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Forty Thousand Four Hundred Sixty-Seven And 28/100 Dollars ($140,467.28), including interest at 6.25% per annum.

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

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

Part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 10, Town 10 North, Range 9 East, Watertown Township, Tuscola County, Michigan being further described as: Commencing at the Northwest corner of said Section 10; thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East 342.94 feet along said Section line; thence South 00 degrees 16 minutes 22 seconds West 1324.11 feet to the North 1/8 line; thence South 89 degrees 59 minutes 15 seconds West 324.24 feet along said 1/8 line; thence North 00 degrees 15 minutes 56 seconds East 1324.18 feet to said North Section line and the point of beginning.

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

Dated: April 11, 2007

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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Attorneys for Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Robert Neuville and Sarah Neuville, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated February 23, 2006, and recorded on March 3, 2006 in Liber 1073 on Page 231, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Eight Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-Three and 96/100 Dollars ($98,293.96), including interest at 9.4% per annum.

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

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

Part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 34, Town 13 North, Range 9 East, described as: beginning at a point which is North 00 degrees 00 minutes 45 seconds West, 440.00 feet along the West line of Section 34 from the Southwest corner of said Section 34; thence continuing along said West line, North 00 degrees 00 minutes 45 seconds West, 100 feet; thence East 183.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes 45 seconds East, 100.00 feet; thence West 183.00 feet to the point of beginning.

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

Dated: April 11, 2007

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Kristopher F. Zachmann and Sherrie L. Zachmann, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Icon Financial Group, Inc., Mortgagee, dated March 15, 2002 and recorded on March 21, 2002 in Liber 871 on Page 15 in instrument 200200810586, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Flagstar Bank, FSB as assignee by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-Two and 14/100 Dollars ($57,572.14), including interest at 7.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on April 26, 2007.

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

Lots 24 and 25, Block 3 of Charles Montague's Subdivision, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of plats, Page 10, now being Page 11A of 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: March 28, 2007

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**Riverhaven Coordinating Agency**, a Division of Bay-Arenac Behavioral Health Authority, will proctor the ***Fundamentals of Alcohol and Other Drugs (FAODP)*** exam for the Michigan Certification Board for Addiction Professionals on Friday, May 18, 2007 at 8:30 a.m. at the Riverhaven Coordinating Agency building located at: 5453 Hampton Place, Saginaw, Michigan. There is a $50 charge for the exam.

For more information or to register, please call Sarah at (989) 497-1344. Payment must be received with your registration prior to April 30, 2007.

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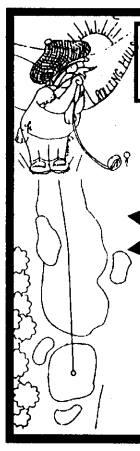

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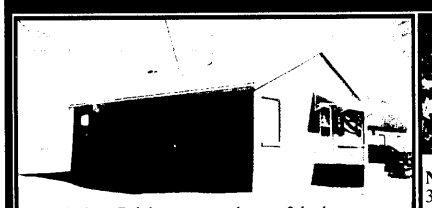

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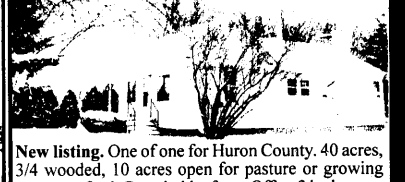

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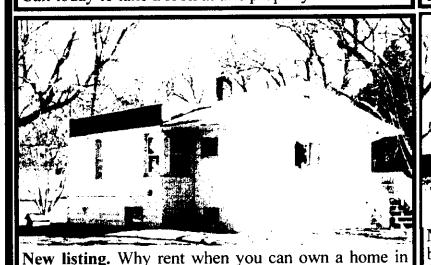

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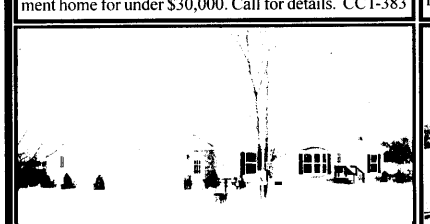

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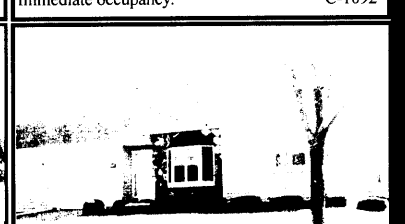

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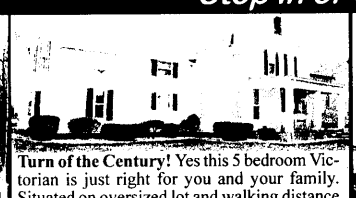

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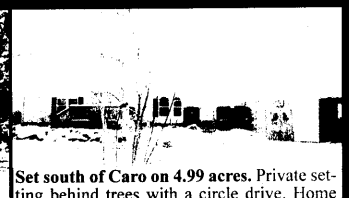
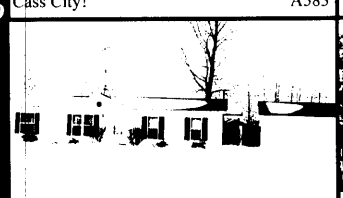
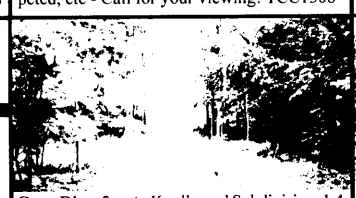
**Just south of Cass City!** 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath home on acre lot - up to 20 acres available. Most of this home has been updated. Motivated sellers - call today for personal viewing! CY2477



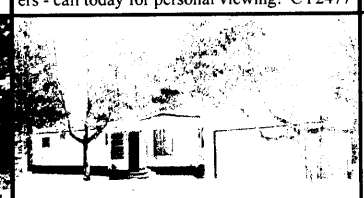
**Set south of Caro on 4.99 acres.** Private setting behind trees with a circle drive. Home has 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, large side deck, wooden fencing, 12'x20' storage shed, 2 car garage. Well landscaped with rock walls and lots of flowers. CY2533



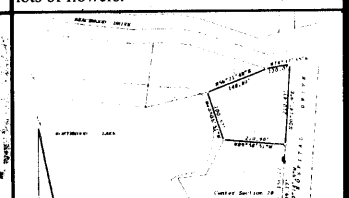
**Motivated Seller** - 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2-car garage, 12'x12' screened-in porch, L-shaped kitchen, nice country setting. CY2534



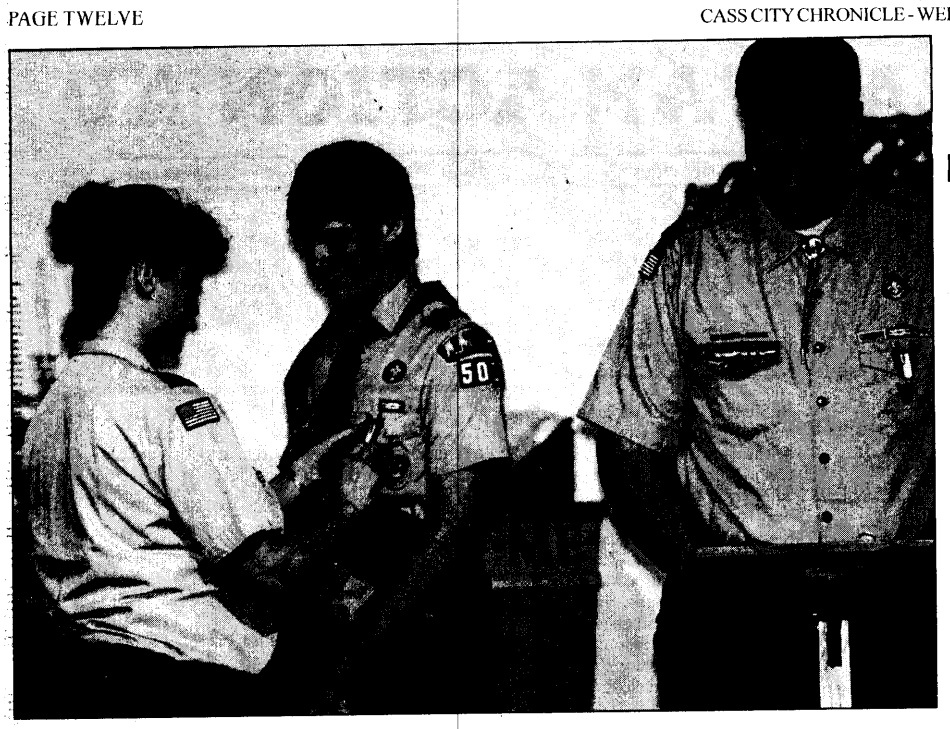
**Caro-Riverfront** - Knollwood Subdivision, 1.4 acres with 99.83' frontage on the Cass River. Driveway already in, electric available, excellent building site, nicely wooded, one of the few available in this area. WAF245



**Country living!** Cass River frontage, immediate possession, Cass City Schools, 2.5 acres, 2 bedrooms, detached garage. MH939



**A very attractive home building site.** Located in the northwest section of Cass City, right on Northwood Lake. TL354



**RITA HANBY OF Cass City pins the Eagle Medal on her son, Kurt, during his Court of Honor Saturday at the Cass City Missionary Church. Also pictured is Kurt's older brother, Eric, who has also earned scouting's highest rank.**

# Cancer claims area youngster

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the sweet treat.

Most of all, LeValley remembers how Chase's presence, alone, was enough to pick up the spirits of her and her other students. "He's got the nicest smile that just lights up the room," she said.

"My heart's breaking for them," LeValley said of Chase's family. "He was a super kid, always liked to laugh. He was just really special to me."

The Szczepanski family's ordeal began last spring when Chase developed chest pains that continued to worsen.

Doctors at C.S. Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor discovered the boy had a tumor covering 5 of his upper vertebra. They removed a portion of the tumor, but couldn't remove all of it. Emergency surgery followed after Chase developed headaches from leaking cerebral fluid. Radiation and chemotherapy treatments followed.

In spite of the pain and uncertainty he faced, Chase was thrilled when he learned about the carnival benefit organized on his behalf last fall.

"It was a wonderful day. It looked like a great turnout," Chase's dad, Ed, said following the event. "This was just such a tremendous experience. I'm still in awe of the whole thing. I'm speechless. (Chase) was just in awe. He couldn't believe all of that was just for him. It was just a good day overall. He had a great day."

***OBITUARY***

Chase was born June 9, 1999, in Bad Axe, to Ed and Tisa (Darr) Szczepanski.

He is survived by his parents; a sister, Courtney; grandparents, Thomas Szczepanski of Decker, Lois Swan of Decker, and Chuck Darr of Saginaw; a great-grandfather, Walter Szczepanski of St. Clair Shores; aunts and uncles, Richard Szczepanski of Bradenton; Fla., Charles Szczepanski of Harrison, Dawn (Ronald) Decker of Harrison, Tonya Darr of Decker, and Terri (Darrel) Field of Deford; several cousins and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his grandmother, Linda Mullins; and great-grandparents, Walter and Maxine Goodall, Helen Szczepanski, and Glen and Mildred Darr.

Funeral services were held Sunday at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with Chuck Emmert, pastor of the Novesta Church of Christ, officiating.

Interment was in Elkland Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home.

# *EDC joining effort*

The Tuscola County Economic Development Corporation is helping to spread the word about getting more ethanol and agricultural products into local gas stations and gas tanks of vehicles.

Three service stations have been awarded incentives to install or convert fueling equipment to ethanol (E85) or bio-diesel (B20) under the State of Michigan's Bio-fuel Infrastructure Grants (BIG) program; signed into law last July as part of a larger effort to increase the availability of bio-based renewable transportation fuels around the state.

The incentives, approved by the Michigan Strategic Fund chaired by MEDC President and CEO Epolito, were awarded to: WOW Utica and Groesbeck, Fraser, E85, $12,000; Wesco Inc., Howard City, Lakeview, E85, $12,000; and Imperial Co. Inc, Traverse City, B20, $4,000.

Under the BIG program, cash incentives for converting equipment or installing new equipment to dispense E85 or B20 range from $3,000 to $12,000 per station and station owners must agree to provide the bio-fuels for at least 3 years. A total of $172,000 is available for incentives.

For further information, interested business owners should contact the Next Energy Center in Detroit at: www.nextenergy.org

The BIG program is funded through a grant from the U.S. Department of Energy and administered by the Department of Labor and Economic Growth's Office in cooperation with the Michigan Strategic Fund.

# Seeley closing books on career

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"It's a lifetime, but it doesn't seem like 48 years, that's for sure," said Seeley, who began her banking career with the former Cass City State Bank Jan. 7, 1959. She started out by posting saving and checking account transactions, later became a teller and in time was promoted to assistant cashier.

At the time Seeley accepted that first job, she was studying accounting and bookkeeping at the Saginaw Business Institute. "I had completed 2 semesters there, and then I quit because I had a chance to work at the bank," she recalled. "I had thought about maybe becoming a CPA or a secretary, but then when that job came up, I thought, that's something I'd like to do."

Seeley, a 1958 Cass City High School graduate, was promoted to Cass City branch manager when Chemical Bank Bay Area bought the Cass City State Bank in 1989. In 2000, Chemical Bank Thumb Area (now Chemical Bank) promoted her to assistant vice president and branch manager.

Although it's unusual these days for someone to stay in the same job in the same field for so many years, Seeley indicated she never really considered moving on.

"The customers are a big part of it. I always enjoyed my customers," she said.

"I've always felt fortunate that I could make a pretty decent living in my home town, and I was content to stay here," she added. "It's a good town. It's just what I like."

And Seeley has done more than her share when it comes to contributing to her community.

In addition to her professional career at the bank, Seeley is a charter member and current treasurer of the Cass City Women's Club (formerly the Cass City Business and Professional Women's Club) that was established in November 1961. She has served as the organization's president, vice president, treasurer and secretary several times. Seeley also served as district secretary for the Michigan Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs and has attended several district and state meetings representing the Cass City club.

Seeley is a board member of the Tuscola County Community Foundation and Habitat for Humanity - Cass City chapter. She is also a member of the Cass City Planning Commission, Cass City Chamber of Commerce, Tom Thumb Choir, Cass City Historical Society and the Cass City Genealogy Group, and has served as a local representative of the Salvation Army for many years.

Also active in her church, Seeley spent her earlier years in various positions with the Salem EUB Church and has been a long-time member of the Cass City United Methodist Church, currently serving as treasurer and as a member of the parish committee, building fund committee and United Methodist Women.

It's certain Seeley will continue to serve the community in many ways, but she also plans to devote a little more time to having fun in retirement. She figures on getting in a few extra rounds of golf, fishing and even some woodworking. "I have a lot of hobbies, so I don't think I'm going to be bored," she said.

Still, Seeley isn't actually going to retire completely, at least not yet.

"I'm going to work a couple days a week, basically doing what I'm doing," she confided. "I was actually concerned - just to cut it off cold turkey - if I could handle it," Seeley added. "This has been my life."

# *Hanby earns the Eagle rank*

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said Rita, who participated in the Court of Honor. She offered some interesting statistics about scouting: although just 2 in 100 boys will earn the Eagle rank, few scouts will stand before a juvenile court judge, most are involved in a church, one-half will serve in the military, and many find that their participation in Boy Scouting plays a key role in landing a job later in life.

Saturday marked the completion of a trek that Kurt Hanby began in the first grade when he joined the Tiger Cub Scouts.

Completing his project and earning the Eagle rank puts Hanby in some pretty impressive company.

He joins a host of Eagle alumni that include Apollo Astronaut James A. Lovell Jr., former Senator Sam Nunn, businessman H. Ross Perot, Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld, and former President and Michigan native Gerald R. Ford.

Earning the Eagle rank takes a great deal of dedication.

To become an Eagle Scout, a scout must fulfill a set list of requirements in the areas of leadership, service and outdoor skills. Although many options are available to demonstrate proficiency in those areas, a number of specific skills are required to advance through the ranks — Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, Life and Eagle.

Scouts must pass tests that are organized by requirements and merit badges, which signify mastery of specific skills and also help the boys focus on activities of personal interest.

Of the 120 available badges, a Boy Scout must earn a minimum 21 to qualify for Eagle Scout. Of those, 12 are required, including first aid, citizenship in the community, communications, environmental science, personal fitness, camping and family life.

Scouting plays an important role in helping to shape young people, according to Hanby, who for now is planning to study business administration at Bethel College after receiving his high school diploma.

"I have a better idea of how to handle emergencies. It's helped me to be a more well-rounded person," he said.

And the Eagle rank?

"It's an accomplishment," Hanby said. "That's always been something to shoot for. It holds a lot of weight and it's respected."


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