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Cass City firefighter killed

Speed, booze played role in fatal accident

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Tuscola County Sheriff's deputies say alcohol and a high rate of speed were factors in a fatal one-vehicle accident that claimed the life of an Elkland Township fire fighter on Koepfgen Road early Sunday morning.

Investigators identified the victim as Christopher P. Heckroth, 23, of Cass City, the driver of the vehicle. Heckroth was employed as graphics center manager at TotalCom, Cass City, and had served with the fire department in Cass City for nearly 3 years.

"He's going to be missed im-

mensely," Elkland Township Fire Chief Ron Pawloski said of Heckroth. "He was a friend and a fellow fire fighter. He was a brother to us all. "He was another good fire fighter," Pawloski added. "What can you say? It's a hard thing to cope with."

According to Undersheriff Jim Jashinske, Heckroth was northbound on Koepfgen Road at a high rate of speed in his 1999 BMW when he left the roadway, then overcorrected, then went off the roadway on the east side. The vehicle struck a tree, entered a ditch and hit the east bank, rolling over several times.

Jashinske said Heckroth was not wearing a seatbelt and was ejected from the vehicle. He was deceased at the scene.

A passenger in the vehicle, Andrew E. Bock, 16, also of Cass City, was wearing a seatbelt. He suffered non-life-threatening injuries and was able to give a statement to deputies, according to reports, which state Bock was treated for his injuries at Hills and Dales General Hospital, Cass City.

MMR Ambulance of Cass City and the Elkland Township Fire Department assisted deputies at the scene of the 4:30 a.m. crash.

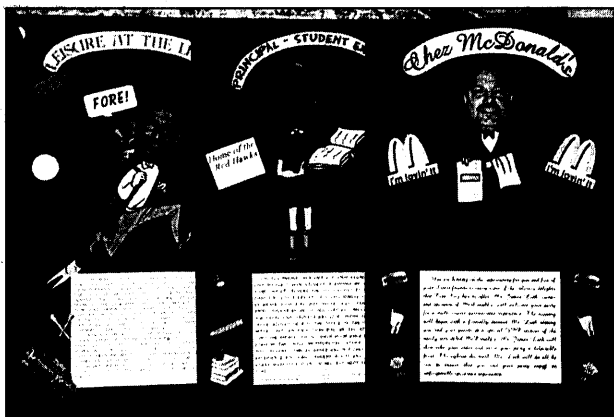
Jashinske said the accident remains under investigation.

"We're still in the early stages of determining what this project will be," he said. "We're at the stage, as of last Monday night, where the board told me to (contact) a construction manager and an architect and see if it's feasible to do it."

One positive factor is that the Ubly Community Schools hasn't lost students at the rate that some neighboring district's have experienced, costing hundreds of thousands of dollars in per-pupil funding from the state.

"Our enrollment has been stable. The biggest loss of students we've

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KEVIN MULLIGAN (from left), Jeff Hartel and Jim Luth are among the Cass City Chamber of Commerce members donating their time and talents for this year's silent auction during the chamber's annual dinner, slated for Saturday.

Novel auction part of chamber dinner

Members of the Cass City Chamber of Commerce Board take pride in their efforts to "sell themselves" to the community, and they plan to do just that - literally - during this year's annual chamber dinner.

The event, which honors the Cass City Citizen of the Year and Junior Citizen of the Year, is scheduled for Saturday starting at 5 p.m. at Northwood Meadows.

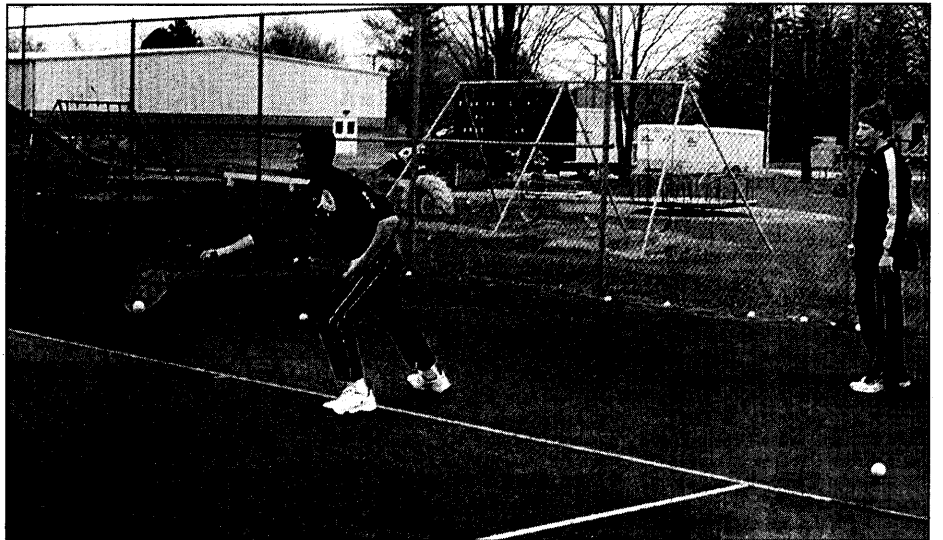
"We're taking kind of a novel approach to the silent auction this year," said Kevin Mulligan, chamber member. "What's happening is, chamber members are donating their time and services."

For example, Mulligan explained,

one of the auction items is dinner for 6 at the new, improved Cass City McDonald's, where owner Jim Luth himself, dressed formally, will serve and wait on the winners.

Sonya Tschirhart, Independent Bank assistant vice president for branch management, meanwhile, is donating 2 hours of her time to count someone's coins in the lobby of the bank. And, someone else will win a special day for a Cass City Middle School student - Principal Jeff Hartel has agreed to auction off a day of switching places with a student of the winner's choice.

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CASS CITY HIGH School sophomores Kyle Kausch and Travis Mozden were among the members of Cass City's new tennis team that braved a chilly breeze to get in some practice strokes Saturday with Coach Bill Potter (not pictured). The squad was scheduled to enter competition this week.

Aboard the Lincoln

Cass City grad to join carrier crew

Spring break has been just like old times for Marcel Helland, who has been enjoying hanging out with friends and family, and even getting in some time playing saxophone with a local group. It's been a welcome break after some pretty intense schooling.

Unlike his peers who are returning to college, however, the 2005 Cass City High School graduate won't be going back to class when his break ends May 9.

Helland, 20, will be reporting to a U.S. Naval base in Everett, Wash., where he will take his place as a nuclear reactor operator among the crew of up to 5,500 aboard the aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln.

Helland was previously stationed at the Naval Weapons Station in Goose Creek, S.C., where he has been training for his job while at the same time hanging on to a dream of one day earning a living as a professional saxophone player.

"I thought (joining the Navy) would be a good intermediate start before I go to college, and the military is something I wanted to do," said Helland,

the son of Annette Bell of Cass City and Wayne Helland of Kingston. He signed up for 6 years in the Navy, shipping out for boot camp in Great Lakes, Ill., in August 2005.

"I plan to extend that by 2 years," he said of his time in the service. "There's a nice bonus for re-enlisting, of course, and that will help me with my career aspirations."

Helland is a petty officer third class. After arriving in Goose Creek, he graduated from a nuclear power training school and, just recently, completed the final 6 months of training through the Nuclear Power Training Unit, also located in Goose Creek.

"I didn't know what to expect - it was really intense," he said of the final phase of training, which began with 7 weeks of classroom work, 12 hours a day, 5 days a week. He then spent the remainder of his time in hands-on instruction, 12 hours a day, 7 days straight followed by 2 days off.

As a nuclear reactor operator, Helland's role is to help assure that the nuclear reactor plants used to propel U.S. Naval vessels are main-

tained in a safe condition. He'll have his work cut out for him aboard the Abraham Lincoln, which is powered by 2 nuclear power plants (see related story).

Helland had planned to request orders to serve on a submarine, but he said a desire to visit various foreign ports changed his mind. "The Lincoln was actually the ship I requested because I wanted to go to Washington State," he said, noting an acquaintance of his lives there - Dr. Jay C. Easton, a noted musician and educator who has earned fame as being one of the few musicians in the world to perform on the entire saxophone family of instruments along with 30 other woodwind instruments.

Although military service has delayed his plans for studying music performance, Helland has managed to enjoy his first love by joining the Naval Weapons Station Choir while stationed in South Carolina.

It was a natural choice for the area resident, who was involved in just about every music ensemble during his years at Cass City High School, including marching band, pep band, concert band, jazz band and choir.

At the same time, he has found the Navy to be a perfect fit for him at this stage in his life.

"They provide pretty much everything I need - money for food, money for housing," said Helland,

Lincoln a floating city

Marcel Helland's orders to join the crew of the aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln will put him aboard a "floating city" with a population more than twice that of his native Cass City.

According to the U.S. Navy's official website, the USS Abraham Lincoln is America's fifth Nimitz-class aircraft carrier. The ship was named in honor of the nation's 16th president and is the second ship in the U.S. Navy to bear his name (the other, the ballistic missile submarine Abraham Lincoln, was in service from 1961 through 1981).

The aircraft carrier Abraham Lincoln, commissioned in 1989, boasts all of the amenities found in any American city with a comparable population, including a post office (with its own ZIP code), TV and radio stations, a newspaper, fire department, library, hospital, general store, barbershops and more.

The ship has enough electrical generating power to supply electricity to 100,000 homes, food and supplies to operate for 90 days, and the capability of distilling more than 400,000 gallons of fresh water from the sea each day.

Of course, there are a few things that are unusual for a city (crew) of 5,500 people. For example, the Abraham Lincoln is a floating airport, capable of launching as many as 4 aircraft every minute. In fact, the ship hosts 7 different aircraft that perform a variety of missions.

During flight operations, the 4.5-acre flight deck is the scene of intense activity, with crew, aircraft and other equipment functioning as a well-rehearsed and carefully choreographed team to ensure efficiency and safety.

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Marcel Helland



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A party was held Saturday at Courtney Manor Nursing Home for the 94th birthday of Clarence Rumpitz. Family members attending were Mrs. Clarence Rumpitz, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Rumpitz, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson, Marie Grifka, Mr. and Mrs. David Grifka and family, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Rumpitz and Jolene of Uby, Mr. and Mrs. Chet Leppek of Parisville, Mrs. Luther Adams of Kinde, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Tittjung of Sterling Heights, Mr. and Mrs. Rich Bukowski of Lake Orion, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Bukowski and family of Oakland, Mandy Bukowski, Jeff Bukowski, Sue Mergl, Mr. and Mrs. Don Kulish of Shelby Township, Thelma Jackson, and Mrs. Cory Klein and family of Ann Arbor. Everyone wished Mr. Rumpitz a happy birthday and enjoyed cake and ice cream.

The Over 50 Club met at Oswald Hall Tuesday for a potluck dinner. After the Rosary was said, the group played Bingo.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Depcinski and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski attended the funeral of Tom Schumaker at the Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Ruth, at 11 a.m., Monday.

Fifteen members of The Traveling Breakfast Club met at the Peppermill in Bad Axe Thursday morning. They will meet at the Coffee Cup Plus next week.

Mrs. Gerald Wills, Joan and Gary Wills of Florida, Larry Silver, Donna, Grant McKee, Theda Seeger, Mr. and Mrs. Louie Hill, Mr. and Mrs. James Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Nicol and family, Mr. and Mrs. Marc Hill of Pigeon, Dorothy Hadley of Elkton, and Betty Meyers of Gladwin took Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski to Rachel's for dinner and later went to the home of Bob and Carol Osentoski.

Ordean Michalski and Kevin Robinson visited Thelma Jackson. Larry Silver visited Larry Devon. Mr. and Mrs. Dale Hind, Mrs. Gerald Wills and Mrs. Harold Ballagh visited Reva Silver in Cass City.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Hurford visited Thelma Jackson Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski, John and Fran Zurek, Jardine Zurek, Bob and a friend and Mrs. Krozek attended a baby shower for Kimberly Roland. Carol Osantoski made and decorated the cake for the shower.



Todd and Stacey Bliss

Horiski and Bliss exchange vows

Stacey M. Horiski and Todd M. Bliss were married Aug. 19, 2006 at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Caro by the Rev. Dennis Kucharczyk.

Stacey is the daughter of Connie Pachla and the late Donald Willis of Cass City and Donald and Cynthia Horiski of Sebawaing. Todd is the son of Phil and Carol Wagner of Essexville.

The matron of honor was Kellie Beecher, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Kristine Strickler, Laura Kosal, and Renee Martinez, all friends of the bride. The junior bridesmaid

was Kristin Smale. The flower girl was Keri Smale, goddaughter of the bride.

The best man was Garen Hallwood, friend of the groom. Groomsmen were Gregory, Kevin and Kurt Bliss, brothers of the groom. The ring bearer was Zackary Beecher, nephew of the bride. Ushers were Mark Irrer, friend of the groom, and Donald Horiski Jr., brother of the bride.

The couple greeted guests at the Franklin Inn in Bad Axe and honeymooned in Lake Tahoe, Nev. They currently reside in Cass City.

U-M Women air meeting

Twenty-two members of the United Methodist Women met April 2. Louise Buehrly and Judy Wallace along with group 2 prepared and served the noon luncheon.

Pastor Paul Donelson presented a program on Easter, showing pictures related to Holy week.

Louise Buehrly will be the speaker for Mother's Day.

Linda Derfny will give a program on Germany for the mother/daughter banquet. Marge Dickinson and her committee of Shirley Wagg, Sherryl and Janis Seeley will make the favors for the banquet. Judy Wallace will help with prizes and decorations.

Connie Schwaderer reminded the group that they will be filling health kits that will be taken to conference at the end of May. Sherryl Seeley will organize the preparation of this event.

President Connie Schwaderer re-

minded the group that books were available for the reading program.

Local couple among those at conference

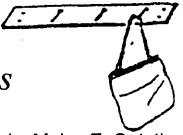
Nathan and Jaime Fritz of D/S Services Inc., Cass City, recently attended the Global Industries 2007 National and International Sales Conference in San Francisco, Calif.

The annual conference attracted more than 400 attendees from all over the United States, Canada, and several foreign countries. The conferences are held to enable dealers and contractors to interact with dealers from all over the country and world to discuss and share ideas.

Meg's Peg

Plan D-itis

by Melva E. Guinther



Misery loves company.

A recent article in an area paper evoked empathy from much of senior citizenry. It told of the frustration of a retired couple dealing with insurance companies.

For the benefit of younger, uninitiated readers, a couple years ago, the government stepped in to help seniors who were struggling to pay for insurance and their ever more costly prescription drugs. Enter Plan D.

Someone has said the scariest words in the English language are "We're from the government and we're here to help."

To put it mildly, it's been an ongoing nightmare.

Short version: Two years ago we had to pick an insurance company and a plan for prescription coverage. In itself, that was a daunting, complicated task. There were so many options and considerations and there was a deadline for choosing.

The insurance companies seemed to be as confused as the customers.

Some of us naively thought once the plan was chosen, the worst was over. Hah! Towards the end of 2006, plans were changed or cancelled. The cost increased dramatically, and we were once again faced with a deadline to pick a policy for 2007.

We reluctantly went through the

whole process again, checking our needs against what the various plans offered and the cost involved, mindful of the deadline for changing policies.

The horror stories of the past few months wouldn't fit into one column - or even 2.

For fear of a libel suit, I'll refer to them as Co. A and Co. B. We notified Co. A by phone and by letter, well within the deadline, that we would no longer be part of their program.

We also had several phone conversations and written correspondence with Co. B, the one we were joining for 2007. We wanted to be sure of our coverage in case we needed it. For the time being, we'll leave Medicare out of the mess, although they too are involved.

We were assured repeatedly that Co. B had our backs, so to speak.

Imagine our surprise to learn when Stan was released after a brief hospital stay in February, that he had been "disenrolled" from Co. B.

One person has said there are 2 qualifications for employment with an insurance company - incompetence and apathy.

There are exceptions. Thank goodness for Marla and Olivia, who represent Co. B and Medicare, respectively. When I finally got through the phone mazes to them, I felt that each of them not only cared, but was able to help. However, the task is too formidable even for 2 dedicated individuals.

As of this writing, Co. A is still withdrawing a premium at the 2006 rate for my policy in spite of numerous phone calls, letters and a visit to the bank.

Co. B charged each of us \$29.80 for January for a \$165 policy, then nothing for 3 months. Eventually we received a statement for \$465 for Stan's policy.

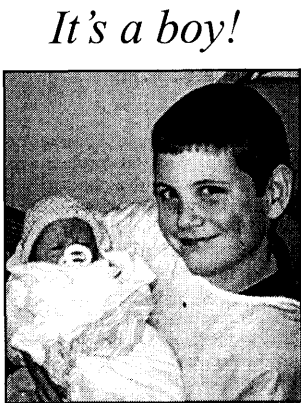
I'm still waiting, although assured that I am covered.

It's become a game - wondering in what new and unique way the companies will frustrate us today.

"Going postal" became a common phrase after an unusual number of deranged post office employees lost it and became violent.

It wouldn't surprise me if "Going Plan D" soon makes the news as hordes of white haired individuals descend on insurance offices armed with canes, walkers and huge bundles of policy red tape.

And no jury of their peers would convict them.



Justin David Daniels

Joshua Daniels of Cass City announces the birth of his baby brother, Justin David.

Justin was born on April 11, 2007 at 9:46 p.m. at Huron Memorial Hospital in Bad Axe. He weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces and was 23 inches long.

Justin is the son of Chad and Michelle Daniels of Cass City. His grandparents are Pat and Mari Siemen of Caseville and Earl and Myrna Daniels of Bay Port.

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Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Right now the 41-cent "Forever" first class stamp is available to all and the premium price can be justified because in a very short time it will be the same as the regular first class stamp after the price jumps 2 cents May 14.

For holding the stamp for about a month, owners will receive a bonus of owning a stamp that will mail a first class letter years down the road for 41 cents, despite the cost of subsequent price increases. The longer you own them the greater the savings, as inevitable price increases are implemented. Five years down the road it's easy to see that the stamps in 2012 may be able to mail letters at a substantially lower cost than the normal regular rate at the time.

The stamps will be available at the 41-cent rate after the May 14 increase until the next price increases when the 41-cent price will be increased, probably forever.

At the very least, the Forever stamp will eliminate the need for using one-cent and 2-cent stamps to meet the coming new first class rate.

Two winners have emerged from the Chronicle's recently completed subscription contest. They are John Battel now of Dandridge, Tenn. and Geraldine Glaspie of Cass City who transferred her reward to her granddaughter, Alyssa Glaspie, in California.

The winners receive a free one-night stay at the Grand Traverse Resort and Spa at Acme, just north of Traverse City.

Due to a combination of snow and switching to the treadmill at times, there has been a drought in my collection of "lucky" pennies. That changed last week when I found a bonanza on the walking trail - a quarter, a nickel and 2 pennies.

The next day there were no pennies, but a nickel shining in the sun was easy prey.

Funny, but finding a penny is much more fun than picking up a nickel.

From my desk observation post, there was no sign of a building under construction on Main Street between Howard's Heating and Copeland Gornowicz Insurance buildings. But I cheated Monday and walked past the site and can report that a new basement is well under construction.

It was a long trip for the Jon Fahrners, but proved to be certainly worth it. They attended their granddaughter Kaitlyn's junior high basketball tournament game at Las Vegas. The team was 29-0 and finished on top among 52 Clark County middle schools competing.

The Fahrners also attended a 2-day soccer tournament that included teams from 5 states. Kaitlyn's team won all its games, including a decision over the Utah State Champs in the final.

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HHW collection set May 5 in Huron Co.

Huron County officials are seeking residents to participate in an upcoming household hazardous waste (HHW) collection.

The event, slated for Saturday, May 5, is being offered in an effort to reduce the amount of waste going into area landfills, and the negative impact those products have when mixed with the regular waste stream.

Residents will be required to pre-register and will be assigned an appointment to participate in this collection.


Acceptable items include toxic, flammable, caustic and chemically reactive materials such as oil-based paints, drain cleaners, pool chemicals, pesticides and antifreeze. Unacceptable items include ammunition/explosives, biohazard (medical) materials, prescription medications, smoke detectors, latex paint, motor oils and batteries.

All applications to participate in the May 5 collection must be turned in to the MSU Extension office in Huron County by Monday, April 23. The office is located at 99 W. Soper Rd., Suite B, Bad Axe.

Applications and more information are available by calling the office at (989) 269-9949.

The Haire Net

Desire key to giving up smokes



Maybe I was able to quit a 2-pack plus smoking habit over 40 years ago because my brain didn't function the same as many addicted smokers.

And here I always figured it was because of my super will power, not because probably less dopamine was triggered by nicotine when it reached my brain. Dopamine gives a short feeling of pleasure.

Anyway, less dopamine is the reason that doctors have hailed a new drug, Chantix, for its success in early quit smoking trials that began last summer.

Chantix is said by doctors to be the first medication in a long time that is promising.

Chantix is different than the myriad of previous stop smoking options that are designed to replace the nicotine in cigarettes, Chantix reduces the pleasure and helps decrease nicotine cravings created by withdrawal. It's usually taken for 12 weeks.

The treatment in one test that I read about said 44 percent quit and 21.4 percent were still not smoking a year later. I know many smokers that resumed smoking after quitting for periods of 6 months up to 5 years.

A key to the treatment is that to be successful the smoker has to really want to quit and Chantix is most successful with smokers who have tried and failed in the past.

I know that there must be thousands of smokers who were successful by reducing the number of cigarettes they smoke until they finally quit - but I never met one.

It was cold turkey from day one for me and dozens of guys I talked with who kicked the habit. It doesn't take much to get us quitters to tell our story. I've talked with former smokers who said that they still missed them after a period of years. Personally, after a year in which desire steadily diminished I no longer thought about smoking again.

When I first quit it was a trying time for my wife, as I was climbing the walls. She said for goodness sake, start smoking again. My pacifier in the early weeks was gum and I managed to use 2 or 3 packages a day. Whatever works.

I often wonder if most former smokers went through a key moment or event that tested their will. Mine was returning home from a fishing trip after a couple of months without cigarettes. I remarked that I guess I would have a cigarette. My friend, the late Alden Asher, said don't do it, and I listened.

When that crisis passed I never came close to smoking again.

Note: Further information is available online: American Cancer Society: www.cancer.org.



The back forty

by Roger Pond

Here's a smart thief for you. Someone has been stealing parking meters in Oregon City, Oregon and smashing them up down by the railroad tracks.

Police are puzzled as to why anyone would go to all of that trouble for less than \$100 worth of change. They found 12 of the 50-pound meters last week.

The authorities are assuming this person did it for the money, but maybe he didn't. He might have put a quarter into a meter and got no time in return. Or maybe this person just hates parking meters?

That's possible, you know. The little town where I grew up installed parking meters many years ago, and people hated them so much the city had the meters removed a few years later.

Our burg was different from most, however. The business district was only a block long, but the city didn't remove all of the meters at once.

The council found that half the people in town actually liked the meters, and the other half hated them. So they did the fair thing: They removed every other meter.

That way a person who likes parking meters could park at one, and those who don't like meters could park in a spot without a meter.

I've heard the same thing suggested for school levies: Those who like schools could pay more property taxes than those who don't.

There is a difference, however. You can't just take out every other student like you can parking meters.

I know some folks will ask why a small town needs parking meters in the first place, but I've seen this happen many times.

City residents are used to parking in big garages and walking blocks to shop, but we're not. If we have to walk more than 100 feet, we think we have a parking problem.

My old hometown was no exception. We had guys hanging out in the bars and poolrooms all day and taking up parking spaces. So folks complained until the council installed the meters.

Soon we had merchants handing out pennies so people would shop at their store, and folks driving around the block, looking for a meter with some time left on it. Some people burned 50 cents worth of gas, trying to save a penny.

A few shoppers wanted full measure from their parking money. If they finished shopping early, these folks would stand beside their car until the meter ran out. This created considerable animosity from the people who were driving around the block.

Finally, the city council decided to take out every other meter, and this led to another problem. Anyone who wasn't pretty good at parallel parking had to park in the next block, because there was no way they were getting into one of those vacant spaces.

I always think of my old hometown when I hear about folks moving to the country and wanting everything they had in the city. It's a small town, for heaven sakes! Anyone who wants a parking meter is more than welcome to bring their own.

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Wednesday
Few Showers
High: 43 Low: 33

Thursday
Partly Cloudy
High: 49 Low: 33

Friday
Partly Cloudy
High: 55 Low: 35

Saturday
Mostly Sunny
High: 59 Low: 44

Sunday
Mostly Cloudy
High: 69 Low: 48

In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a 40% chance of showers, high temperature of 43°, humidity of 81% and an overnight low of 33°. The record high temperature for today is 83° set in 1976. The record low is 20° set in 1965. Thursday, skies will be partly cloudy with a high temperature of 49°, humidity of 81% and an overnight low of 33°.

Upcoming Moon Phases

First 4/24 Full 5/2 Last 5/9 New 5/16

Sunrise/Sunset Times

Sunrise today 6:45 a.m.
Sunset tonight 8:20 p.m.

Last Week's Local Almanac

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip
Monday	36	23	49/30	0.00"
Tuesday	39	23	49/31	0.00"
Wednesday	36	27	50/31	0.00"
Thursday	43	34	50/31	0.00"
Friday	45	32	51/32	0.00"
Saturday	39	25	51/32	0.00"
Sunday	45	28	52/32	0.00"

Precipitation 0.00"
Normal precipitation 0.63"
Departure from normal -0.63"
Average temperature 33.9°
Average normal temperature 40.8°
Departure from normal -6.9°

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Red Hawk Talk

by Kyle Swanson

With the end of the fifth marking period on Friday, students at Cass City High School are getting ready for the end of the year. Some student activity groups are winding down, while spring athletics are just getting into the swing of things. And soon, at least we hope, temperatures will be rising and students will find it hard to stay focused in the classroom.

Yes, spring is here and school is almost over. With this in mind, I started talking to students to see what has been most memorable about the past year of school.

The first student I talked to, senior Leah Whittaker, told me that she really enjoyed gymnastics. She told me that over the year, the team grew really close and that she will miss competing.

High school sophomore Brittany Loomis said that homecoming was

3,200 sign up to locate offenders

Since the service became available in early January, over 3,200 Michigan residents have signed up to receive notification via email when a registered sex offender moves into their neighborhood.

Residents have subscribed to nearly 1,000 Michigan zip codes with over 17,000 emails sent in the last 3 months. The notification system sends an automated email to registered subscribers when an offender moves into a specified zip code.

Interested individuals may sign up for the free service at <http://www.mipsor.state.mi.us>. Users can enter up to 6 zip codes, and may modify their zip code list at any time.

The email notification system was stipulated by Public Act 46 of 2006 and is part of recent upgrades to the Public Sex Offender Registry (PSOR) website. Over the next year, additional features and information will be added to the site in an ongoing effort to make the PSOR a helpful tool for the public.

The PSOR has been online at <http://www.mipsor.state.mi.us> since 1999. As of Feb. 13, there were 19,401 offenders on the PSOR.

her favorite memory. She said that she liked the excitement of spirit week and working on the float. She also added that she really enjoyed the homecoming dance.

Talking to senior Adam Wentworth, it was clear that his favorite memory was going to the football games and supporting the team. To add to his comment, I must agree that there seemed to be something extra special about this year's season. Perhaps because we are seniors and these were the last games we would watch with our class members playing or maybe it was just the amount of spirit people seemed to have this year, but something was truly special.

Keeping with the athletic and extra-curricular theme, sophomore Brent Doerr told me that his favorite memory of this year was playing basketball. Not only did he enjoy playing, but also watching the other teams play. Thinking of this, I couldn't help but remember the excitement everyone felt when Cass City beat USA. I can imagine that if asked, quite a few of the basketball players would say it was a highlight of the season.

When I was talking with students, I began to think of what my favorite thing about this past year was.

I thought about it for a long time, but I couldn't force myself to choose just one. So I guess if I was asked what my favorite moment was, I would have to reply by saying it was the time I spent with my classmates. Whether in a classroom, in the halls, at lunch, or at a sporting event, I don't think the memories are quite as special without someone to share them with.

It has certainly been a memorable year filled with many highs and a few low points. As the end of the year draws near, one word of advice for fellow students - hang in there! Make sure to keep studying, as you don't want to be forced to take final exams.

However, don't lock yourself in to studying all the time; make sure to spend time with your friends and perhaps your favorite memory of this school year is yet to come. I know that as soon as May 25 rolls around, my favorite memory will probably change to the moment I walk across the stage and receive my diploma.

Good luck with the rest of the school year!



THE AIRCRAFT carrier USS Abraham Lincoln is nearly 1,100 feet long and has a 4.5-acre flight deck. The full crew, with air wing, totals 5,500 men and women.

Lincoln a floating city

Continued from page one.

Four aircraft elevators, each the size of 2 average city lots, bring the aircraft up to the flight deck from the hanger bays below. Aviation fuel is pumped from the tanks below, and bombs, rockets and missiles are brought up from the magazines.

Powerful steam catapults (affectionately known as "Fat Cats") can accelerate a 37-ton jet from zero to 180 miles per hour in less than 3 seconds while traveling nearly the length of a football field. In recovery, pilots use a system of lenses to guide their aircraft "down the slope" (the correct guide path for landing). Four arresting wires, each consisting of 2-inch thick wire cables connected to hydraulic rams below deck, snag the aircraft's arresting wires, stopping aircraft from 150 miles per hour to zero in a distance of less than 400 feet.

Some other interesting facts about the Abraham Lincoln:

- *The ship's length is nearly 1,100 feet and the height, from keel to mast, 206 feet and 6 inches.
- *Propulsion is provided by 2 nuclear power plants and 4 main engines, with a maximum speed of more than 30 knots. The Abraham Lincoln has 4 propellers, each with 5 blades measuring 21 feet high and weighing 11 tons. The ship is equipped with a pair of anchors, each weighing 30 tons.
- *More than 20,000 meals are prepared aboard daily. The crew consumes 600 to 800 loaves of bread each day along with 13,000 sodas, 600 gallons of milk, 620 pounds of hamburgers, 180 dozen eggs, 800 pounds of vegetables and 900 pounds of fruit.

When deployed, the Abraham Lincoln is the nucleus of a carrier battle group that includes guided missile cruisers, destroyers, frigates, replenishment ships and submarines.

The ship's deployments to-date have included support of Operation Desert Storm, Operation Desert Watch (the U.N.-sanctioned enforcement of a "no fly zone" over southern Iraq), Operations Enduring Freedom and Southern Watch, and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Cass City grad to join crew

Continued from page one.

who indicated the service has also helped him to mature.

"Discipline is a big one — when you have a job to do, do it promptly and correctly — a good education, a steady job, decent pay," he said. "When I was in high school, I was a terrible procrastinator. I still did well in high school, but I delayed a lot of things."

Helland plans to eventually pursue his bachelor's degree in music performance. Until then, he says, serving in the Navy is allowing him to accomplish another goal in his life.

"I just felt it was something I should do," he said. "I didn't want to get old and look back and say, that's something I should have done."



Cardinal ChatBack

by Hannah Strauel

She opened her eyes to the sunlight streaming in her window. A content smile played across her lips as she stretched and yawned. Today was her sixteenth birthday. Besides the usual cake, ice cream, and presents, later that day she would be taking her driving test, and hopefully, going to the Secretary of State's office afterwards to get her license.

It turned out that this girl passed her test with flying colors. However, less than a week after she got her license, with a group of friends in the car, she was involved in a serious car accident. Fortunately, no one was killed, but she left the crash with injuries that would forever alter her life and never allow her to walk again.

Thank goodness, this is not a true story, but there are plenty of real life tragedies like this that actually take place.

The percentage of teenage drivers who are involved in automobile accidents, less than a month after they receive their license, is startling. Often right after a young driver acquires their first car, they damage it in some shape or form. Knowing that younger, inexperienced drivers are more likely to be involved in accidents, is it safe to give a teenager a driver's license and a car as soon as they turn 16? Better yet, are they capable of making mature and smart decisions behind the wheel in order to be a safe driver?

When someone gets behind the wheel of a car, there are numerous things that can be distracting. For one, the majority of teens today have cell phones, and even when experienced drivers talk and drive at the

same time; they have less awareness and accidents are more likely to occur. Cell phones are extremely convenient and invaluable, but chatting with your friends while driving is not worth the risk.

Put a young driver in a car with a group of their friends and, statistics show, they are bound to take more risks and drive less cautiously to show off to their friends. A dare to "play chicken" or speed excessively can lead to danger not only for the passengers of the car, but also for others on the roads around them.

Another thing to consider — the car will probably be full of noise and chaos that can distract the driver from paying attention to the road while driving.

Driving comes with a lot of responsibility that can be often taken too lightly. When driving, you are responsible for your life and the lives of your passengers. While young drivers love the freedom it gives, they need to realize that it can be abused. Some decisions that have to be made only come with experience, and, unfortunately, sometimes it takes an accident to wake up some people and make them realize the seriousness of driving.

Do not get me wrong, I love being able to drive myself. If I asked any high school student, all would say that 16 is a great time to get your license. The sooner, the better.

However, raising the age requirement to get a driver's license may be a good way to decrease young reckless driving. Or are there other ways to solve this problem?

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OWEN-GAGE HIGH School graduate Laura Enderle (middle row, far left), along with her missions team, will be leaving for Sierra Leone, Africa, this week.

O-G grad Enderle headed for Africa as missionary

Editor's note: Laura Enderle recently sent the Chronicle the following update on her latest adventure - a 4-month training and mission outreach overseas.

Readers should recognize her name. Enderle, 21, Cass City, wrote a student column for the Chronicle before her graduation from Owen-Gage High School in 2004. She also provided updates on her year as an exchange student in Brazil during her junior year in high school and, later, told readers about her efforts to assist Hurricane Katrina victims.

Enderle, the daughter of Arlene Jamieson, Cass City, and Frank Enderle, Bay City, recently graduated from Delta College with an associate's degree in journalism and international studies. For the past 3 months, she has been preparing with a mission's team in Tieton, Wash., for their month-long trip to Africa. The team members are scheduled to leave Thursday for Sierra Leone.

According to Arlene Jamieson, Enderle's interest in the trip was sparked by her affiliations with the Owendale United Methodist Church and The River's Edge Church, Caseville. She has since raised the \$3,000 it will cost each member of the team to participate in the mission, along with another \$2,000 for training. Jamieson emphasized that Thumb area residents were big contributors towards her daughter's effort.

Hello everyone!

I want to thank you all for your prayers and support this far as I continue on my journey with the Lord to Africa, London, Ireland and Turkey for the next 2 months. The outpouring of love from home has been overwhelming! Today the Lord completed our monetary needs to go to Africa, now all the extra money that comes in will be left there to help further establish the ministry being built.

Our ACTS (Antioch Christian Training School) team of 12 has been preparing extensively for the past 3 months for the challenges we will face in Africa, and we are greatly anticipating our departure in one week. We will spend nearly 4 weeks on the hill-top village of Regent, Sierra Leone, Africa. There we will be doing street evangelism to the locals who are hungry to find the Lord, while also establishing a vacation Bible school for the children. Our team will assist the local preacher to build a new home closer to the church that is being planted by four former ACTS students who have dedicated 10 months to establishing a Bible believing church.

All of this will be in between personal time with the Lord, cooking local cuisine for each other and also hauling water up to the house daily because as of now there is no water in the house. If you would like to join us in prayer about that, it would be greatly appreciated. If there is water in the house then our team can dedicate more time to doing other things,

and it will be a great testimony to the locals of how God provides for those who are faithful to Him.

After our outreach to Africa the team will debrief in London for 3 days. While most of the team will return to the states, myself and three other teammates will continue on to Ireland and Turkey for extended mission work for 3 more weeks. There will be 2 guys and another girl with me on this journey to share the Gospel, relieve other missionaries, and we will probably engage in much prayer walking.

I ask for your continual prayers in this extended journey since it is a 99.8 percent Muslim country. We are trusting in the Lord to protect us because we feel He has big plans for us over there to further His kingdom and to draw us closer to Himself as well.

I will be home in the states June 12 to spend a week with my sister in Georgia before returning to Michigan for the rest of the summer. I look forward to seeing you all and sharing the many experiences and lessons the Lord will bring me through. Again your love and support has been great during this time and your continued prayers will certainly be appreciated. Take care.

Love,
Laura

Down Memory Lane

By Harmony Doerr



35 YEARS AGO

There was only one change among Thumb schools in classification for sports as designated by the Michigan High School Athletic Association. Carsonville-Port Sanilac moved up from class D to class C. Two years ago, Cass City was in class B, but is now class C with 462 students. Class C includes schools with high school enrollments between 243 and 491 for the next school year. (From Rabbit Tracks)

An estimated 150 friends, family members and co-workers gathered Sunday afternoon at Rawson Memorial Library to honor Barb Hutchinson, who recently retired after more than 30 years as library director. Library board member Bob Him presented Hutchinson with a gift.

It's probably hard for many staff members in the Owen-Gage School District to imagine a school year without Bill Britt. After all, Britt not only hired many of them, from custodians, cooks and secretaries to teachers, he also watched them grow up in the community, starting with kindergarten on up to their graduation day. The same goes for some board of education members, including former student and now board President Randy Howard. "He came (to Owen-Gage) when I was in sixth or seventh grade, so basically my entire memory in the school district has involved Mr. Britt," Howard said. "He's been a family friend. It's going to be a real change," Howard added. "It's going to take some getting used to not having Mr. Britt to go to." After 37 years at Owen-Gage - his entire career in education - Britt is retiring.

25 YEARS AGO

Brewster Shaw Jr. did not grow up with dreams of someday flying into outer space, but since the late 1960s, that has been his dream and goal and wish. Monday, his wish was granted when the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) announced he will be the pilot on a space shuttle flight, scheduled to be launched in September, 1983. The son of Brewster "Bruce" and Leone Shaw of Cass City, was the speaker at the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet Friday evening. Monday evening, he called his parents to tell them he had been informed earlier that day he had been assigned to make his first flight. "He's real excited," his father told the Chronicle. According to Bruce Shaw, his son said six persons will be making the flight. The mission commander will be John Young, who was one of 2 astronauts on the first flight of the Columbia shuttle craft in April, 1981.

Cass City High School senior Dale Cleland has been nominated to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. He reports to the Army academy July 1, he said, and if he passes a final physical test, he becomes a cadet. The son of Jerry and Theo Cleland was notified Feb. 24 by the academy that he was accepted, contingent on continuation of his excellent school record. Although Congressman Bob Traxler, D-Bay City, didn't announce his nominations to the service academies until Monday, Cleland was actually notified of the nomination by the Congressman's office before he was notified by the academy of his provisional acceptance. Traxler nominated a total of six high school seniors to West Point.

The standards and symbols we use today for graduation attire were set back in 1894 by the Intercollegiate Commission.

The State's oldest country correspondent has finally decided that enough is enough. This week Miss Rosalia Mall quit writing the Gagetown News. She can look back at 43 years of continuous outstanding work for the paper and service in the Gagetown community. Now 91 and still hale and hearty, Miss Mall finished with the same dedication to the job that marked her 43 years. She found her own replacement. Mrs. Elery Sontag is the new Gagetown correspondent and the news from Gagetown should be directed to her. (From Rabbit Tracks)

John J. Garety of Saginaw, a former resident of Cass City, has retired after 15 years as an automotive maintenance mechanic with the Michigan Department of State Highways. The Garety name, however, will continue in service with the department's maintenance division. A former shipyard machinist and automotive mechanic with the Tuscola County Road Commission, Garety perfected a spreading mechanism for paving highway shoulders. Dubbed the "Garety Spreader" by maintenance engineers, the device automatically compensates for shoulder bumps and depressions to deliver a smooth paved or gravel surface.

Seven Cass City Industrial Education students received first place honors in their project divisions last weekend when they competed in the regional division of the Michigan Industrial Education Fair held at the Essexville Garber High School. Six boys received second place ribbons. First place winners and their projects are: Dale Doyen, taxidermy; Mike Sieradzki, plastic casting; Louis Papp, copper tooling; Robert Mitchell, who made a hunting bow; Randy Wright and Mark Posluszny, carpentry, and Ron Hendricks, who made a mini bike starting with a regular bicycle frame.

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Dronsella 'student of the month'

Andy Dronsella has been named Owendale-Gagetown School's "Senior Student of the Month" for April. Dronsella was a member of the basketball team all through high school. He also played golf for 3 years, football for 2 years, and baseball his freshman year.

As a freshman, he was a member of the French Club and was a class representative for the snowball court. He was a "reading buddy" to elementary students as a junior. As a senior, Dronsella was selected as a king candidate for homecoming and currently serves as a teacher's aide.

Dronsella is the son of Art and Carol Dronsella of Sebawaing. He plans to attend Delta College in the fall to study a skilled trade.



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HDC offers help to home buyers

Area residents who would like to purchase their own home but aren't sure how or where to start may be interested in attending a homebuyer education class planned by the Human Development Commission (HDC).

The class will offer residents the opportunity to learn about services and programs for which they may be eligible, according to Carol Arman, HDC communications manager.

"Purchasing a new home is an exciting opportunity to fulfill the dream of home ownership and make a new beginning," she said. "It can also be a confusing, complicated process requiring an understanding of how to obtain financing, document your ability to repay a loan, negotiate a fair price, determine your total financial picture, and protect your investment."

Those in low or moderate income households often think there are no options for them except to rent or lease a residence, and that home ownership is out of their reach, Arman said.

"HDC homebuyer education counselors will help you learn how to shop for a loan, qualify for lower rates, budget for monthly payments and unexpected expenses, where to look for down-payment assistance, how to work with realtors, the importance of home inspection programs, programs for assistance in making needed home repairs, and how to protect your greatest investment," she explained.

"During the 4-hour class the coun-

selor will help you to understand the documents you are signing, the various types of mortgage products that are out there, and prepare you with the right questions to ask when you meet with a realtor," Arman added. "The class will also review additional programs such as home purchase rehabilitation (HPR), and Rural Development (USDA) and Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) loans."

Interested residents who live in Tuscola, Huron, Sanilac, or Lapeer counties and would like to sign up for the homebuyer education class can learn more by calling (989) 672-1792.

Rose society gearing up for plant auction

The Thumb Rose Society will host its annual plant auction Monday, May 7, starting at 7 p.m. at the Huron County MSU Extension Office, 99 W. Soper Rd., Suite B, Bad Axe.

Everyone is invited to attend and bid on plants and other items that fit their landscaping needs. Clayton Kauffman, auctioneer, will be on hand to auction items such as perennial plants, bulbs, garden accessories, rose bushes and annual plants.

Individuals are encouraged to bring their excess garden plants to be included in the auction.

Directions and more information are available by calling (989) 269-7154.

Calendar of Events

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

Thursday, April 19

AYSO Board meeting, 7 p.m., Gaffney's Hometown Kitchen. Genealogy Group meeting, 7 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library.

Friday, April 20

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.

Senior Movies, 1:30 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library.

Chris Klco Benefit Dinner, 4-7 p.m., VFW Hall, Cass City. Donations will be taken at the door. For more information, call Amy Peters at (989) 872-5114.

Saturday, April 21

Spring Clean-up in the Park, 8 a.m.-noon. Everyone interested in helping is invited to meet at the Gazebo. For more information, contact Aaron at (989) 872-7346, Nathan at (989) 872-2911 or email reccdirector@cass-city.net.

Duct tape workshop, 1-3 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library. Please call to register, 872-2856.

Sunday, April 22

Owendale Lions Club Pancake Breakfast, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Owen-Gage High School cafeteria. Adults \$6, Children \$3. Proceeds will benefit Lions Club and community activities.

Monday, April 23

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 School Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Hills & Dales General Hospital Auxiliary meeting, 11:30 a.m., Gilligan's.

Tuscola County Right to Life Organization meeting, 6:30 p.m., Caro Library.

PTO meeting, 7 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library.

Tuesday, April 24

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

Wednesday, April 25

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

Thumb Retired Officers of Police Service (TROOPS) meeting, 11:30 a.m., Franklin Inn, Bad Axe.

Owen-Gage School Board meeting, 7 p.m.

Chamber dinner slated

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"We've sort of outgrown the (usual) auctions, so this is something unique and a little different," Mulligan said.

The highlight of the evening, of course, is the announcement of the year's top citizen(s) and junior

citizen(s). Last year's winners were Ken Micklash, former longtime Cass City Schools superintendent (Citizen of the Year), and Nicole Froede (Junior Citizen of the Year).

In addition, Mulligan noted, the chamber will be honoring a Business of the Year for the first time. "I think we've got a half-dozen to a dozen nominations," said Mulligan, who added the award will recognize a business that has made a noteworthy contribution to the community.

The dinner will kick-off with cocktails and the silent auction at 5 p.m., followed by the program and entertainment at 5:30 p.m. and the dinner at 7 p.m. This year's entertainment will be provided by the Cass City Middle School Choir and the Cass City High School Jazz Band.

The menu will consist of cheese and crackers, tossed salad, chicken cordon bleu, prime rib, baby red potatoes, green beans, dinner rolls and New York style cheese cake with toppings.

Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. They may be purchased from any chamber of commerce board member or at Thumb National Bank, Chemical Bank and Independent Bank, which along with Blue Cross Blue Shield are sponsors of the dinner.

Bond issue

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had in the past 10, 12 years, is 6 students (in one year)," Sweeney said. "Knock on wood, we've been lucky."

In addition, school officials are looking forward to retiring a 1991 debt that started out at 3.4 mills and currently is fewer than 3 mills, which paid for several improvements, including classrooms that replaced portable buildings, a pair of computer labs and a multipurpose room. That debt will be retired next month.

Although there is no cost estimate for the new building project yet, Sweeney indicated the total shouldn't exceed the need for 3 or 4 mills initially, meaning taxpayers wouldn't face a significant tax increase over what they are paying now.

255 attend 47th picnic

The 47th annual Huron County Picnic was recently held at Sun-n-Fun Resort in Sarasota, Fla.

The oldest guest was Ella Barker and the longest married were Mr. and Mrs. Ed Detgen. In all, 255 people attended.

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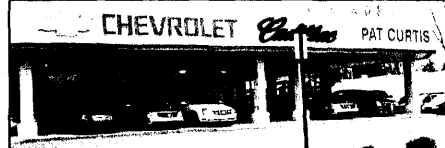
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NOT IN TIME! Bulldog Kati Rhodes positions for a relay throw during the second frame of their season opener with Ubyly. The Bearcats broke open the contest with a 5-run frame.



BEARCAT BETH Weber collected a pair of victories on the hill against Owen-Gage, earning complete game decisions of 15-6 and 12-11.

O-G drops non-conference affairs

Following a pair of non-conference twin bills, coach Doug Hyatt and his Lady Owen-Gage Bulldogs are still in search of their maiden win early in the campaign.

During each of the doubleheader sweeps, the hosts' bats went silent in the opener before coming to life in game 2.

In Owen-Gage's season opener against Ubyly, the Greater Thumb East visitors scored in each inning but the first, en route to a 15-6 win. Owen-Gage was even at 6-6 after 3 frames, but wouldn't score again over their final 9 outs.

At the plate, April Nowaczyk led Owen-Gage with a 2-3 performance, including a double and run scored. Ubyly's hit parade had Becky Kubacki with a pair of triples, while Danielle Mazure, Sarah Block, Lindsey Baslock, Rebecca Gentner and Gene Briolot all added 2 hits apiece.

In game 2, the Bulldogs put 7 runs across the plate in the 4th inning to gain an 8-7 advantage, but couldn't hold on and fell, 12-11.

Offensively, Kubacki had 3 extra base hits, while Pointe, Block, Baslock and Shannon Weber each had 2 safeties.

Ashley Rockefeller slugged a 3 run double in the third and Francis added a 3 run double in the sixth for the Bulldogs.

Beth Weber went the distance on the hill in both games and was credited with the wins. She fanned 5 in the opener. Mariah Francis was tagged with both losses for the Bull-

dogs.

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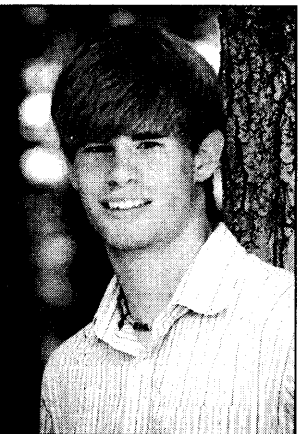
On Friday, Deckerville invaded Owendale and returned home with wins of 16-1 and 14-8.

Lander looks to head down under

Kalihib Lander, son of former Cass City resident Vicky Lapp Lander and Alton Lander of Cookeville, Tenn., has been invited by International Sports Specialist Inc. (ISSI) Down Under Sports to represent the United States-state of Tennessee Cross-Country Team in Australia in July.

Lander, who will graduate from the Livingston Academy in May, is the grandson of June Lapp and the late George Lapp of Cass City.

His mother, Vicky, attended Cass City High School and was active in several sports. She was a member of the Cass City Class of 1978 and moved to Tennessee in 1987.



Kalihib Lander

The Lander family is seeking donations to help cover expenses for Kalihib's upcoming trip to Australia.

For more information or to make a donation, contact Vicky Lander at (931) 498-5250. Donations may also be sent to June Lapp at 3700 Cemetery Rd., Cass City, MI 48726.

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Tennis lessons offered to Thumb residents

The sport of tennis has become increasingly more popular. Schools are expanding their varsity sports programs to include the sport of tennis, while people of all ages are picking up rackets and heading to the courts.

Allison Garrett, a native of Caro and 2005 graduate of Caro High School is one of those tennis enthusiasts!

Garrett was a 4-year varsity tennis player in high school and then moved on to the collegiate level at Freed-Hardeman University in Henderson, Tennessee. During the summer of 2006 she taught tennis to students ages 8 to 17 at Carmel Valley Tennis Camp in Carmel Valley, California. Allison is coming home to Caro this summer in hopes of providing individual and small group lessons to residents of the Thumb.

"Tennis is a great way to develop gross motor skills and eye-hand coordination in children," says Garrett, "as well as a fun way to increase fitness and cardio in adults."



Allison Garrett

Instructions for beginners to advance level players, at \$15 per hour (1-2 students) and \$10 per hour (3 or more students), will be offered in all phases of the game. Areas to be covered will include groundstroke development, footwork, serve and volley, consistency, and on court strategies. Lessons will begin in mid-May and will be offered in both Caro and Cass City with flexible scheduling to include daytime and evening appointments.

"There just hasn't been much available of tennis instruction in this area," says Garrett, "I had to travel to Midland and Saginaw to get lessons, and with everyone's busy schedules that isn't always possible."

If you are interested in obtaining tennis lessons for yourself or a family member during the summer months, contact Allison at 989-673-7573.

Kati Rhodes had a big day at the plate for the Bulldogs. She doubled and scored Owen-Gage's only run in the opener and then in the night cap belted a pair of singles in 4 trips to the plate and scored twice.

Again, Francis handled all the Owen-Gage pitching chores and was the pitcher of record in both defeats.

"We made a lot of fielding errors (in

the first week)," Hyatt said. "We also haven't had our whole line up together yet, because of spring break."

Owen-Gage is scheduled to host Kingston Thursday in a North Central Thumb League early season showdown. The Cardinals are favored to claim the NCTL-North title, while the Bulldogs are the defending NCTL-South champs.

Exploration Days slated

Want to learn something new this summer, get away from home for a couple of days, meet new people and make some friends? Then 4-H Exploration Days is for you. This annual youth conference attracts more than 2,500 participants and chaperons who represent all 83 Michigan counties.

4-H Exploration Days is open to any youth age 11-19 (age as of Jan. 1, 2007), not just 4-H members. Exploration Days will be held June 20-22 on the campus of Michigan State University.

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more. Other highlights include Wharton Center entertainment, a planetarium show, 4-H awards celebration and more.

Exploration Days is an exciting experience that can change a youth's outlook and their life. Parents and 4-H volunteers have remarked that they notice many improvements in their children's interest, knowledge and social skills after they attend 4-H Exploration Days. Participants often return to MSU as students due to the positive experiences they've had during 4-H Exploration Days.

Sessions fill quickly, so register early. The registration fee is \$155 for 4-H members and \$165 for non-members. The cost includes all meals, shared lodging, sessions and a T-shirt. Registration materials are available at the Tuscola County MSU Extension office located at 326 Green St. in Caro.

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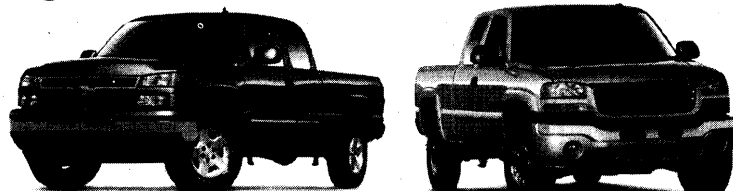
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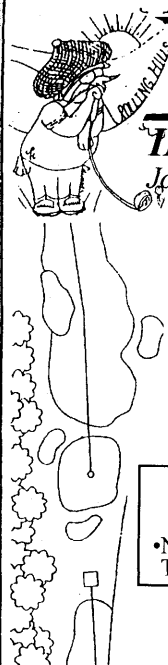
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Arrowhead Golf Club

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What the Caro club offers is a challenge for every level of play. Golfers are now coming to the Thumb to play the taxing peninsula greens and scenic new holes cut through the mature trees. It is not uncommon to see deer and waterfowl during your round. All this in a very friendly small town atmosphere at reasonable prices.

Arrowhead offers several specials throughout the week. On Monday any golfer can take advantage of 2-for-1 green fees from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. Wednesday, senior play is encouraged for golfers 60 years and older, with the same 2-for-1 green fees bargain from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Fridays, golfers can stop by and take advantage of the fabulous Golf and Fish Special. For only \$50, 2 people can play 18 holes of golf and then enjoy a delicious cod dinner afterward, offered baked or fried with all the trimmings. No need to worry about being too tired to eat, a cart is included in the low fee.

All year long the clubhouse is available for small weddings and class reunions. Business outings, meetings and Christmas parties are specialties of Arrowhead. Dates are booking fast, so if you want your special event handled in an exceptional way at fair prices, call 989-673-2017. You'll be glad you did.



Marlette Golf Club

For the diehard golfers out there - Marlette Golf Club is the place to be.

Located in the heart of Michigan's Thumb area, the fun, yet deceptively challenging, 9-hole course offers several unlimited golfing opportunities. Rated at "above average" difficulty by the U.S.G.A. (a slope rating at 117-119) the course is kept in tip-top condition by Bill Kmet, an avid golfer and the Marlette High School golf coach. The course presents all golfers with a stern test of their golf skills, while still being fun for newcomers to the sport.

Golfers can take advantage of an all-day golf fare of only \$11 on Mondays and Fridays, and \$16 Tuesday through Thursday, weekends and holidays. For \$10 more per golfer, you can get a cart.

The par 36 course has league openings for men, women and couples. This season, starting Saturdays, Kmet, who has owned the course, with wife Sandy, since 1989, will run the club's Young Golf Program. In addition, Marlette Golf Club is starting a mentor program designed to help parents teach their children how to golf at an affordable price.

"My husband is always willing to give out a few pointers," says Sandy. "It's not unusual for him to see someone struggling and hop off his tractor while cutting grass to help them out. We believe that children should learn to golf at an early age and what better place than on a golf course."

Along with the manicured course, is the Coach House Tavern, known for its friendly service and great food. The tavern also has Keno and Pull Tabs and offers feature entertainment on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights starting at 9 p.m.

Banquet facilities are available for any event such as weddings, anniversaries, birthdays and the like. For more information, or to arrange an outing, contact the golf course at 989-635-3009 or the tavern at 989-635-3478.

Bird Creek

Bird Creek Golf Club in Port Austin has been a favorite of players from all over the state and Eric Sump, PGA professional, has several early season offers sure to appeal to area golfers.

The first is customer appreciation day Wednesday, May 2, when customers can play golf free. The only expense is the rental of a cart for \$15 for each player and is required for 18 holes. A tee time is required and there will be no refunds or rain checks on this special day.

Golfers will have the opportunity to win a free 2007 membership. Golfers register to win each time they play during this limited time special offer.

Special rates will be in effect until May 19. Nine holes with cart is \$15 each person and 18 holes with cart, \$25 each person.

The Bird Creek course blends perfectly with the naturally rolling terrain. It has beautiful tees, fairways and greens. It's a course that you want to share with friends again and again.



Rolling Hills Golf Course

Despite unusual cold and snowy conditions so far this spring, early season golfers at Cass City's Rolling Hills Golf Course will enjoy great conditions at the 3,000-yard par 35 track.

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The clubhouse offers a wide variety of dining choices from its restaurant & sports lounge. Offering splendid views with an ideal location, it is the ideal meeting spot for business, family and group outings. The clubhouse can also be rented for banquets, class reunions and similar activities.

New members can gain access to all of the club's services and save money at the same time, but only if they act in April. Owner Ben Varney is offering an additional \$50 off already low membership rates if new members join during the month.

Several of the course's most popular activities are set for another year. Topping the list is the 8th annual Kally Maharg Memorial Tournament. Over the years, \$95,000 has been raised. This year's event is scheduled for Saturday, July 28th. All proceeds are used to benefit the community, including the Cass City Boosters Club, local student scholarships, and the yearly 8th grade Washington, D.C. trip.

Additional tournaments planned for over the summer include the annual Gavel Club Tournament, May 12, the Lions Club Tournament, June 14th and the July Fourth Tournament, June 28.

Also back this season is the popular 2-for-1 golf special every Friday. It's the perfect opportunity for family and friends to gather and split the cost of green fees.

Several leagues are now forming. For the ladies, Tuesday nights' Ladies Fun League starts at 6:00 p.m. The league follows traditional scramble format rules and all are welcome to join.

The vastly popular Wednesday morning Senior Men's League is back this year and new league members are always welcome to join the 9 a.m. starting time. For more information, or to set up a tee time, call 989-872-3569.



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Golfers will appreciate the low cost green fees and the specials that are offered. On Mondays until 3 p.m., 9 holes are just \$6. Thursday, 2 golfers can play, with carts, for just \$25.

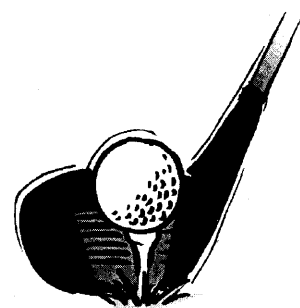
Friday a package special is available between 3 and 7 p.m. Two persons can play 9 holes and enjoy a fish and chips dinner for \$34 walking and \$38 with a cart.

Sherwood On The Hill has some sand traps and a few hills. Number 8, a par 3, is 180 yards, but plays at about 200 yards because it sets right at the top of a hill. Number 4 is the longest hole on the course and has a sloping green that makes putting a real challenge.

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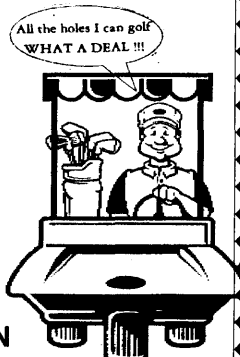
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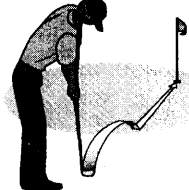
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Ubyly Heights Golf and Country Club

Ubyly Heights Golf and Country Club is celebrating its 10 Year Anniversary and club officials would like to express thanks and appreciation to their stockholders, members, guests, customers, businesses, and communities for their support.

According to Brian Natzel, PGA Head Professional, planning for a huge 10 Year Anniversary party and golf outing is under way and details will be available on their web site: www.ublyheights.com.

Area golfers will find several improvements both on and off the course at the Huron County facility.

Highlighting the enhancements is the construction of a rock wall in front of the 16th green set for completion in early June. Boulders, the size of small cars, were set in place guarding this difficult green, along with dredging of the pond this past winter. A new portion of the existing green will be brought right down to the rock wall and some tasteful landscaping will add that extra something special. The fairway, especially at the second shot landing area, has been widened to benefit golfers and to provide some security before facing the wall, hopefully for your third shot to this incredible par 5 - our signature hole.

On the course's par 3 holes, yardage markers have been added to all teeing areas. Granite stones with the yardage to the middle of the green will help golfers navigate the huge tee boxes.

Also a new Toro fairway mower was purchased to ensure that our fairways remain the best condition around and to provide that perfect tight lie that golfers dream about.

Some major improvements have also been made in the clubhouse. Remodeling, painting, and cleaning of the banquet halls were completed this April, along with some painting in the clubhouse bar.

Natzel noted that a new heating and air conditioning unit was installed at the end of the 2006 golf season to warm you up or cool you down, although "no matter the weather, your golf game might determine this."

Continuing, Natzel added, "We are very proud of the accomplishments we've made this year and over the past 10 years. All of these projects were completed with company funds and from helpful donations of time and funds from our stockholders and members. We thank all those involved and couldn't have done it without the help from these individuals and our community and customer support. Come help us celebrate and check out what's new! Additional improvements are still to come."

Play to great heights at Ubyly Heights Golf and Country Club.

Vassar Golf & Country Club

While the Vassar Golf & Country Club is now under new management, it's still the place to meet new and old friends and play a round of golf on a well groomed course.

Ideally located on M-46 at Kirk Road, the 18-hole course offers golfers a chance to use all their clubs and shot making ability to navigate this Tuscola County masterpiece with plenty of sand, water and trees.

Club officials encourage all level of players to come experience their course and note that the early bird specials cannot be beat and extend into the weekends for affordable play.

If you're a walker, 9 holes cost just \$10, while green fees for 18 holes run just \$16. Seniors can save even more. Every day, golfers 60 years old and older, play 9 holes for just \$8 and 18 holes for only \$13.

Carts are also available and are included in a super special that includes 4 rounds of 18 holes for only \$88.

In the fully stocked Pro Shop, Titleist balls and Cleveland clubs are available at competitive prices in addition to gloves, spikes, shirts and other golfing equipment. The Pro Shop is also the spot to sign up for lessons at a reasonable rate for those who feel they need a little confidence boost.

Vassar Golf and Country Club has long been known for its beautiful banquet room overlooking the fresh greens on holes number 6 and 7. There you can sit and enjoy bragging rights, or wander outside and use the patio to enjoy one of our many dining and drink specials. To arrange an outing, please call 989-823-7221.

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The par 71 course has over 6,000 yards and is tree-lined and filled with strategically positioned ponds, creeks and sand traps.

The signature hole, appropriately called "The Hell Hole", is an S-shaped beauty. With a narrow fairway lined with trees, 2 ponds and several sand traps, it calls for a precise left-center tee shot, followed by a lengthy second shot to an undulating green. Most players opt to leave their drivers in the bag on this spectacular par 5.

Willow Springs also offers a complete full-service restaurant that includes homemade soups and delicious salads. Weekly specials include a Friday night steak fry or fish and chips.

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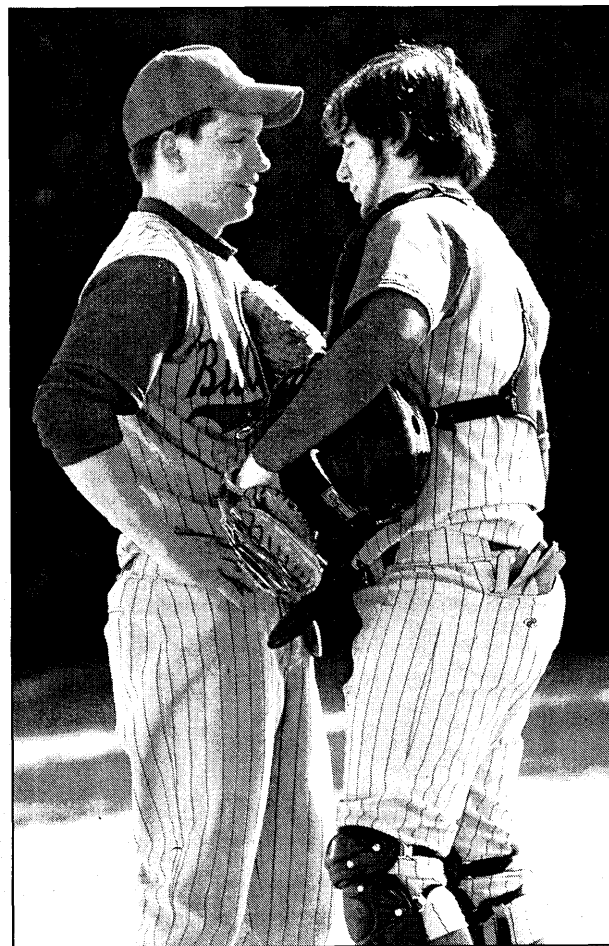
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OWEN-GAGE pitcher Eric Zaleski and catcher Ryan Francis discuss strategy during the Bulldogs' season opener against Ubyly. The Bearcats captured both ends of the twin bill, 14-1 and 11-0.

Zaleski homers twice in Bulldog victory over Deckerville; Ubyly sweeps

Four games into the season and it appears that for the Owen-Gage Bulldogs to be successful on the baseball diamonds they'll need plenty of offensive firepower.

And that's just what coach Ricky Bhem received Friday against guest Deckerville in the opener of a non-conference doubleheader.

The Bulldogs broke into the win column on the season against the Greater Thumb East Eagles, belting out 19 hits en route to a 14-11 victory.

Eric Zaleski picked up the win on the hill for the Bulldogs and helped his own cause at the plate with a 3-4 showing. Zaleski's hit total included back-to-back blows that cleared the outfield wall in his first 2 trips to the plate.

Zaleski received plenty of help at the plate from teammates Grant Champagne and Jim Hard, who each added 3 hits, while Nick Zaleski and Ryan

Francis split 4 knocks for the winners. In game 2, the Eagles rebounded to earn an easy 14-1 victory.

Nick Zaleski was perfect in a pair of bats for the Bulldogs, but proved not nearly enough for hurler Hurd who suffered the loss.

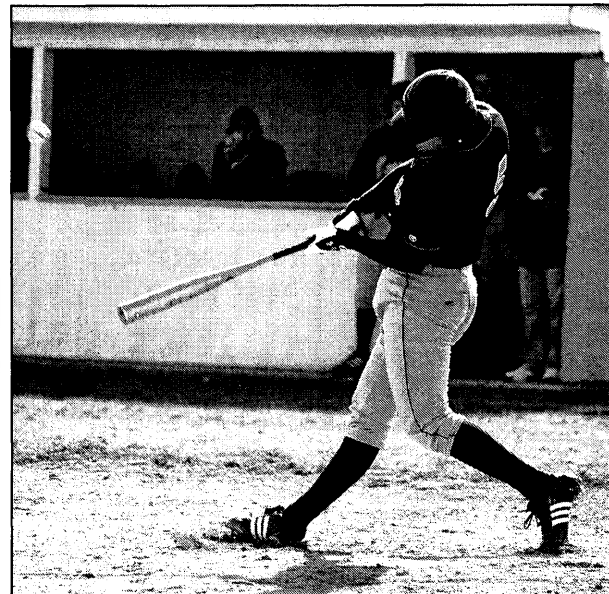
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Earlier in the week, on Tuesday, Owen-Gage suffered a pair of non-conference defeats to Ubyly by the scores of 14-1 and 11-0.

Joel Maurer started on the mound for the Bearcats and earned the win. Maurer went 3 innings and fanned six. Mitch Cleary was credited with a save.

Zaleski went the distance for Owen-Gage. He walked 11 and whiffed 5 over 5 innings.

The Bearcats received a pair of doubles from Maurer, while Evan Drowiewski added 2 hits.



BIG STICK. Ubyly's Joel Maurer slugged a pair of doubles during the Bearcats' season opening win against Owen-Gage.

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Obituaries

Frank Harbec

Frank Harbec, 87, died Tuesday, April 10, 2007 at Tendercare after a lengthy illness.

He was born Jan. 20, 1920 in Gagetown, the son of Steve and Katie (Rabec) Harbec.

He married Joan "Polly" Kelley Jan. 5, 1949 in Vassar.

Harbec worked as a crane operator. He was a member of Operating Engineers Local 324 for over 45 years. He was a member of the Caro Polish American Club and the Moose 1049. He enjoyed gardening, hunting and fishing.

Beloved husband of Joan "Polly" Kelley Harbec for 58 years. He is also survived by a daughter, Deborah Elliott of Cass City; a son, Frederick Frank of Naples, Fla.; cherished grandsons: Ean, Bryar, Colbi and Marshall; a sister-in-law, Frances Hrabec; and several nieces and nephews.

Harbec was preceded in death by 3 brothers: Steve Jr., Jack and Joe Harbec; and 3 sisters: Marian Kociel, Margret Laux, and Catherine Moser. Cremation has taken place. A memorial and celebration of his life will be held at a later date for family and friends.

Christopher Heckroth

Christopher Paul Heckroth, 23, of Cass City, died Sunday, April 15, 2007 in Tuscola County from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

He was born Aug. 30, 1983 in Cass City, the son of Ann (Pobanz) Heckroth and Daniel Heckroth. He married Stephanie Willet June 26, 2006 in Cass City.

Heckroth was a 2002 graduate of Cass City High School. He worked for TotalCom-ProGraphics in Cass City as the graphics center manager. He served with the Cass City Fire Department for nearly 3 years.

Heckroth is survived by his wife, Stephanie; his mother, Ann (Greg Meyers) Heckroth of Cass City; his father, Dan (Heather) Heckroth of Cass City; a sister, Stephanie Grace Heckroth of Cass City; a half-sister, Jennifer P. Heckroth of Cass City; grandparents: Keith and Joann Pobanz of Cass City, and Paul W. Heckroth of Deford; a great-grandfather, Clarence Pobanz of Warren; aunts and uncles: Suzanne Pobanz of Bremerton, Wash., Kelly Ann (Kelly) Smith of Cass City, Keith (Laura) Pobanz of Columbus, Vicky (Tim) Sontag of Silverdale, Wash., Rick (Joyce) Pobanz of Bremerton, Wash., Tim (Vicky) Heckroth of Spencer, Iowa, Karen (Matt) Cooper of Wichita, Kan., Jan (Jeff) Tuckey of Cass City, Paula (John) Walker of Caro, Ron (Raine) Heckroth of Pontiac, Randall (Shelley) Heckroth of Caro; Dale (Donna) Rabideau of Omaha, Neb., Dean (Tina) Rabideau of Cass City, Dave (Jen) Rabideau of Decker, Darin (Trisch) Rabideau of Winder, Ga.; and many cousins.

He was preceded in death by his grandmother, Donna Heckroth; and an aunt, Nancy Stokes.

Funeral services will be held at 11:15 a.m., Thursday, April 19, at St. Pancratius Catholic Church, Cass City, with the Rev. Stephen J. Fillion officiating.

Interment will be in Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Memorials may be made to the Stephanie G. Heckroth Education Fund.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

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He was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Cynthia Lynn Stewart.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m., Wednesday, April 18 at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with Debra L. Kranz, Funeral Service Celebrant, officiating.

Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

Donald Umbreit

Donald C. Umbreit, 85, of Minden City, died Friday, April 13, 2007 at Huron Medical Center, Bad Axe.

He was born May 25, 1921 in Detroit, the son of the late Arthur and Gertrude (Mortenson) Umbreit.

He married Beatrice Chadwick July 12, 1950.

Umbreit was a graduate of the Forestville Country School. He farmed with his family. He worked in Cooper Yard in Detroit and was manager of Harmony Hall for many years. Umbreit then worked for General (Sugden) Construction from 1967 until his retirement in 1986. He was an umpire for the Inter County Softball League.

Umbreit is survived by his wife, Beatrice; a daughter, Roberta Daniel of Harbor Beach; 3 sons: Donald A. and A. Dennis Umbreit, both of Minden City, and Daniel A. (Mary "Roz") Umbreit of Ruth; 9 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren; a sister, Dorothy Oliphant of Cass City; and a brother, Ralph (Kathy) Umbreit of Minden City.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Arlo Preescorn; and 2 brothers, Arthur "Art" and Robert Umbreit.

Funeral services will be held at 8 p.m., Tuesday, April 17, at the Smigielski Funeral Home, Minden City, with Pastor Richard G. Wilson of Trinity Lutheran Church in Forestville officiating.

Cremation will take place at Sunset Valley Crematory in Bay City.

Arrangements were made by Smigielski Funeral Home, Minden City.

Spencer scholarship recipient

Beth A. Spencer will be a freshman at Northwood this fall and is recipient of the Free Enterprise Scholarship for the 2007-2008 academic year. The Free Enterprise Scholarship is \$5,000 per year with renewal options yearly if criteria is met.

The Free Enterprise Scholarship is awarded to a student who has exhibited academic excellence during their high school years.

Spencer will graduate from Cass City High School this spring and plans to work toward a business degree at Northwood University. She is the daughter of Allan and Marica Spencer of Cass City.

Rep. Brown announces art contest

State Rep. Terry Brown (D-Pigeon) recently announced he is sponsoring an art contest for students in the 84th House District.

Any student who lives in Huron or Tuscola counties and is in grade 9, 10, 11, or 12 is welcome to enter the contest. Local art teachers will serve as judges, choosing the entries that best represent the artist's county.

The artwork may be of any reasonable size and in any medium (other than photographs).

"I am eager to have reminders of home in my office, not just to inspire me but also to show my visitors what makes the Upper Thumb so special," Brown said.

One winner from each county will be chosen. Brown will donate money to have both pieces of art professionally framed and will hang them in his office for one year. The students will receive their artwork back at that time, with a placard stating that it was proudly displayed in State Rep. Terry Brown's office. Both winners will also receive a \$50 savings bond from Brown, and all entrants will receive a certificate of appreciation.

The deadline to submit entries is Friday, May 11.

Entries may be dropped off or mailed. In Tuscola County, entries should be sent to Carol Socha at the Tuscola Intermediate School District, 1385 Cleaver Rd., Caro, MI 48723. In Huron County, entries should go to Shirley Miller at the Huron Intermediate School District, 711 E. Soper Rd., Bad Axe, MI 48413.

If you are an art teacher who would like to serve as a judge in the contest, please contact Brown's office at (868) 254-5284.

Martha Nicholas

Martha Margaret Nicholas, 81, of Cass City, died Friday, April 13, 2007 in Grand Blanc Rehabilitation and Nursing Center following a long illness.

She was born Aug. 27, 1925 in Bingham Township, Huron County, the daughter of Frank and Rose (Rosinski) Preba.

She married Floyd Nicholas Sept. 27, 1945. He died June 26, 1967.

Nicholas is survived by her children: Judy (Larry) Merchant of Cass City, Dan Nicholas of Cass City, Mary (Richard) Tate of Cass City, Ken (Sally) Nicholas of Bad Axe, Rose (James) Apley of Cass City, Terry (Melanie) Nicholas of Cass City, and Paul Nicholas of Cass City; a daughter-in-law, Linda Nicholas of Caro; 15 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren; a brother, Frank Preba; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her sons, Eugene and Les Nicholas; brothers: Eddie, Ray, and Bernie Preba; sisters: Frances Strange, Rose Steiner, Josephine Preba, and Annie Pelot.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m., Tuesday, April 17, at Ellington Church of the Nazarene, with Pastor Ronald Comfort officiating.

Interment will be in Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Memorials may be made to Rawson Memorial Library.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

Robert Stewart

Robert David Stewart, 65, of Deford, died unexpectedly Friday, April 13, 2007 in Riverside Methodist Hospital, Columbus, Ohio.

He was born Dec. 31, 1941 in Ashland, Ky., the son of Woodrow W. and Ann (Kimber) Stewart.

He married Sharon L. Gambell Sept. 9, 1961 in Almont.

Stewart worked for many years for Huff Orchards in Romeo and was currently working for Waste Management as a truck driver.

Stewart is survived by his wife, Sharon; children: Curtis (Lisa) Stewart of Deford, Robert Bradley Stewart (Kathy Hillman) of Port Huron, Elizabeth Jane "Sissy" Stewart of Deford, Christopher Lee (Christine) Stewart of Mayville, and Christal Lee Stewart (Andy Williams) of Deford; 8 grandchildren; 3 great grandchildren; siblings: Paul Stewart, Charles Stewart, Theodore Stewart, Michael Stewart, Marty Stewart, Doug Stewart, Charlotte Parker, Sharon Stewart, Essie Gallvin, Donna, Vicky, Diane, Geri Stewart; and many nieces and neph-

Senior Citizen Movies slated Friday at library

Rawson Memorial Library, Cass City, will show the following Senior Citizen Movies Friday, April 20 at 1:30 p.m.

Australia's Kangaroos - Discover what Australia's beloved kangaroo is really like as National Geographic takes you from lush rain forest to rugged outback for an up close encounter with kangaroos and the spectacular land down under!

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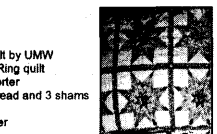
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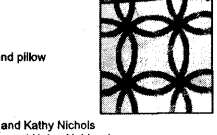
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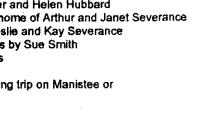
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Michelle L. Martell and James D. Martell, Husband and Wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors 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.

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 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:

Dated: April 11, 2007

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by 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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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 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 Sub-division, 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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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 to 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

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Leonard J. Chaltrow Jr., a married man, and Angela K. Chaltrow, his wife, joint 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 fore-

closed 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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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 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 Arbel, 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

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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

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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 Willets 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 North-west 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 North-west 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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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 Arbel, 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

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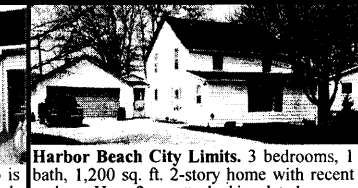
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CASS CITY'S Jim Turner (second from left), who is celebrating his 30th year as a MHSAA official, is pictured above with his crew mates, (from left) Alex Graham of Snover, Jim McLane of Elkton, Jerry Osentoski of Ubly and Mark Schultz of Bad Axe.

Still calling 'em

Cass City's Turner marks 30 years in stripes

They're the guys high school football fans sometimes love to hate - wearing stripes, running up and down the field with some of the Thumb's best athletes, and making the calls that are often unpopular on one side of the field or the other.

They're Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) officials. And while some guys leave the business after a few years, others, like Cass City's Jim Turner, are still making the calls and loving every minute of it. Well, almost.

"I just love the game, and the kids, 9 times out of 10, the kids are great," said Turner, who along with his crew figure they have the best seat in the house when the football season comes around. "You have to tune out fans and coaches sometimes, but for the Thumb, things are generally well behaved," he added. "We've seen a lot. There's always something different that can happen. It's amazing."

Turner is among dozens of MHSAA officials who will be honored for varying years of service during MHSAA's 28th annual Officials' Awards and Alumni Banquet, May 12 at the Lansing Sheraton Hotel.

Turner, a Cass City native and veteran program manager and foster care services staff supervisor for the Michigan Department of Human Services in Caro, is marking his 30th year as a sports official.

"When I started out I did softball, I did baseball and some basketball (games), but then I got into coaching," recalled Turner, whose interest in girls' softball - from the minor leagues up through varsity - was sparked by his own daughters' participation. Daughter Laura is a 1990 Cass City High School graduate, while Kristi graduated in 1993 and his son, Nick, received his diploma in 2003. Nick's interest in sports prompted Turner to get involved with coaching baseball as well.

"I just loved sports and got into coaching the little kids. It was fun," he said. "What I do for work can be pretty stressful, and I think it's been an outlet. It was a fun time - all we had to do is teach the kids something that's fun."

"I always liked sports and I played them when I was young," Turner added, noting his start in working as an official came when an area crew,

including Cass City's Dan Erla, found themselves in need of an extra guy. That's all it took.

Today, Turner spends his officiating time on football fields across the Thumb and beyond. His duties and that of his crew take them to distant cities such as Bay City, Saginaw, Standish, Midland, Imlay City, Capac, Dryden and Port Huron.

"Our crew is - now we do everything; junior high, junior varsity and varsity. Most weekdays and weekends are spoken for. Our fall is filled up," he said. "Some weeks, we'll have a game every night of the week."

For the most part, Turner said, Thumb athletes, coaches and fans behave themselves, but he and his fellow crew members aren't hesitant to ask coaches or athletic directors to speak to an overzealous player or a fan who goes a bit too far with his or her comments during a game. Most coaches, he added, are quick to correct poor sportsmanship issues, "but some guys, you're just not going to please."

"I personally have ejected only one coach, and our crew has ejected only 2 players for just blatant - trying to hurt someone," he said.

Turner said he and his crew also aren't afraid to admit when they've made the wrong call. "If you make a mistake, you make a mistake," he continued. "This is their (athletes) time to shine, and we want to do the best job we can."

Of course, verbal abuse isn't the only risk an official faces during a season, Turner acknowledged. "All of us have gotten banged up one way or another or been run over," he said, noting his injuries over the years have included some broken ribs, a sprained ankle and pulled groin.

Today, at age 60, Turner said he pays a great deal more attention to pregame stretching and exercise.

But age also has its advantages. "On the one hand, you would say it's more difficult," he said. "On the other hand, there's a comfort as far as knowledge of the game and the coaches. I'm much more confident with that (keeping emotions in check when making a call during a big play or big game)."

"I think teamwork (among the crew members) is probably the key, knowing the group is bigger than the individual."

Turner won't rule out retirement in the near future. All he'll say, for now, is that he knows he'll be on the field again this fall.

"You've got to love the game. It's quite an investment in time. It's certainly not the money," he said, adding schools typically pay each crew member \$45 to \$50 for a varsity game and \$35 to \$40 for a junior varsity contest.

"It's just a love of football," he said, "a way of being part of it and staying close to it."

Library to host pair of events

Two great events are coming during April for young adults grades 5 and up at Rawson Memorial Library.

"You Can't Do That at the Library, Vol. IV" is set for Saturday, April 21 from 6 to 8 p.m.

The theme for this year's activities is a visit to Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. There will be food, lots of fun and it is free!

The second event is a "Duct Tape Workshop" presented by William Beacom.

Beacom has appeared on the David Letterman Show and he will share tips and tricks for making all things duct tape. Check out a clip from his show at www.youtube.com and search for "letterman duct tape." This program is slated for Saturday, April 28 from 1 to 3 p.m.

Space is limited for both programs, so those interested must register in advance at the library or by calling 872-2856.

State Rep. T. Brown to host coffee hour April 23 in Caro

State Rep. Terry Brown (D-Pigeon) will host a coffee hour Monday, April 23, in Caro.

The event is scheduled for 10 to 11 a.m. at the Caro Area District Library, located at 840 W. Frank St.

All residents from Tuscola and Huron counties are invited to come and have a cup of coffee and offer Brown their thoughts and concerns. Brown holds the community coffee hours throughout the upper Thumb in order to meet as many residents as possible.

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