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How do you do?

ANDREW CLARENT, 15 months, greets the Easter Bunny Saturday in Cass City with some help from his mother, Rikkii Clarent of Deford. The visit took place at the playscape, site of an Easter egg hunt sponsored by the Elkland Township Fire Department Women's Auxiliary. (Related photos, page 10)

O-G Board extends Compton's contract

Owen-Gage School Supt. Dana Compton will remain at the helm of the area district for the next 3 years following his annual evaluation last week.

The Owen-Gage Board of Education discussed Compton's performance over the past year during a 90-minute executive session last Wednesday night. After returning to regular session, the board voted unanimously to retain their superintendent.

"It went fine," Compton said of his review. "It (contract) has been a rollover contract and now it's been renewed for 3 years." The new contract will expire June 30, 2010.

The executive session also included some preliminary discussion related to upcoming teacher contract negotiations. The teachers' current 3-year pact is expiring June 30.

Compton acknowledged both sides will have to take into consideration the state's economy and the uncertainty over whether legislators will cut into funding earmarked for Michigan's schools to help balance a budged that's deeply in the red.

"We're still doing fine. We're still in the black," Compton said of Owen-Gage's finances. "But we're concerned, as all districts are, about Lansing, and whether there are going to be funding (cuts). We just have to make sure we continue to be a viable district, and we don't know what's going to happen with the economy and the governor."

The latest discussion in Lansing has school's losing $34 per student in state funding this year, which translates into about $6,800 for Owen-Gage.

"For anybody - whether you have 200 kids or 1,000 kids - that hit, percentage-wise, is going to be the same on your budget," Compton said, adding school officials have few options when cuts are made so late in the fiscal year. "Our personnel costs are all locked in, the benefits are locked in, our supplies - we've already purchased them - your transportation and food service - those are all paid for. Basically, at this point you just sustain a hit on your budget. It's

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Badge of courage

Bronze Star awarded to Stine for actions in combat

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

When Carol Stine talks about her son, Kevin's, high school days in Almont, she remembers a young man with little motivation and no direction.

"Kevin was a horrible high school student. It's not that he wasn't smart, he was just lazy," the Kingston woman recently recalled. "He quit school when he was 16 and went back and got his GED."

Ask her about Kevin today, however, and she'll tell you about a young man with not only direction, but also a strong sense of patriotism, responsibility and courage. "He's just a take-charge person, but with a reason and a calmness — Kevin doesn't raise his voice," she said. "He's become what I knew he could be."

CAROL STINE holds a photo of her son, Kevin, along with the Bronze Star presented to him for his actions during combat in Afghanistan.

Stine, 28, has also become a decorated war veteran since enlisting in the U.S. Army back in the fall of 1999 and serving in a variety of locations, including a stint patrolling the streets of Baghdad, Iraq. A staff sergeant currently stationed at Fort Bragg, N.C., he was recently awarded The Bronze Star, the fourth highest combat award of the U.S. Armed Forces, for his actions during combat in Afghanistan last year.

"Due to security reasons, I can't go into detail (about the mission)," said Stine, a member of the 82nd Airborn Division who was deployed to Afghanistan in March 2006 after 18 months of special training.

"I'm still stationed at Fort Bragg," he noted. "I love airborne operations — nothing like jumping out of a perfectly good airplane."

"I am what I call myself a true Patriot," Stine said. "I don't question why America is at war; I just know she needs me and that is all I need. I truly believe if people like me and other service members weren't on the front lines, the fight would be here and more American families would suffer. I think some people forget that or don't want to admit that."

A LONG ROAD

Stine is quick to say his outlook and sense of purpose has changed drastically since his days as a teenager.

"I was never interested in school," he acknowledged. "After high school I became a young father at the age of 18 — a beautiful girl named Hailey, who is now 10. Two short years later my son, Jerod, was born and I soon found the financial difficulties of having a family so young. Without any college and a lack of money to attend, it was difficult to find a career that could provide for my family the way I wanted. That is why initially the armed forces attracted my attention as a career."

Stine enlisted in the Army in September 1999 and attended basic training at Fort Knox, Ky., followed by additional training as a Bradley Infantry Fighting Vehicle mechanic. He completed both, earning a "distinguished honor graduate" citation in the process.

"I was sent to 1st Battalion 94th Field Artillery, 1st Armored Division, stationed out of Baumholder, Germany, in May of 2000," Stine said. "Being stationed in Germany, I was able to travel across Europe and see the different cultures. It was definitely an extraordinary experience to live in Europe for 3 years.

"Just before I was to return to the states, the horrible attacks of Sept. 11 happened," he recalled. "Within an hour every soldier in Europe had been put on full alert — weapons loaded, gates locked for months straight. We kept guard on the American families across Europe. Although I never slept those first 3 days, the outpouring of affection from the German citizens was great. They often brought us warm drinks and warm food in the middle of the cold nights."

IRAQ INVASION

Stine's unit was then sent to Kuwait to prepare for the invasion of Iraq.

"We came in right behind the 3rd Infantry Division and assisted in the taking of Baghdad," he said. "I spent the next 8 months patrolling the streets of Baghdad — made it through with minor injuries.

"If there is one thing that I can remember about Baghdad, it's how different Saddam's living conditions were (compared) to his...countrymen," Stine said. "The city streets are horrible. Imagine your home town without any simple government or city services. Your hometown having no trash disposal, so the last 10 years of trash are in the streets. It's sickening, especially when Saddam's palaces had groomed

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CHRIS AND Correna Klco are pictured above with their children, (clockwise from left), Shelby, 11, Samantha, 17, Elijah, 6, Jessica, 13, and Caylana, 9.

Benefit set for the Chris Klco family

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Chris Klco's plans to take his passion for youth ministry overseas fell apart in an instant on a damp fall day last year at his Rockford home.

The 38-year-old former Cass City man was painting his house along with a group of missionary youths Oct. 1 when he and a 16-year-old youth member made accidental contact with a nearby electrical wire. The youth was killed and Klco was critically injured by the jolt of electricity that surged through their bodies.

"We're not sure if the ladder touched the line or if (the electricity) just arced over," said Klco's sister, Amy Peters of Cass City, who noted it had been a wet fall and the ground was damp.

Klco was burned and his heart stopped beating. He wasn't breathing when he entered the hospital and was revived with the use of electric shock paddles.

Peters said her brother lost a toe, but his burns are healing. Tragically, however, the lack of oxygen when his heart stopped caused significant brain damage.

Klco, the son of Alan Klco, owner of Knight Insurance in Cass City, grew up in Cass City and attended school in town. He is now back at his Rockford home, but faces a long and difficult road to recovery. Not surprisingly, the medical expenses have been staggering, and the couple's medical insurance has run out.

Although he is miles away, friends and family members in the Cass City area are showing their support for the Klco family by hosting a fundraiser this month.

The event, slated for Friday, April 20 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the VFW hall in

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9 valedictorians and 2 salutatorians top class

Nine valedictorians and 2 salutatorians top the Cass City High School Class of 2007, school officials announced Friday.

This year's valedictorians are: Ryan Biddinger, son of Greg and Michelle Biddinger; Jennifer Hacker, daughter of John and Marnie Hacker; Lysa Knight, daughter of David and Carol Knight; Jessica Lange, daughter of David and Susanne Forster; Andrew Martin, son of Kenneth and Roselyn Martin; Courtney Rabideau, daughter of Rick and Teresa Rabideau; Allyn Richards, daughter of Scott and Janet Richards; Nicholas Sattelberg, son of Richard and Joan Sattelberg; and Kyle Swanson, son of Mark and Ann Swanson.

The 2007 salutatorians are Jeremiah Fritz, son of Lester and Mary Fritz, and Laura McComas, daughter of Dennis and Lisa McComas.

Biddinger has been involved in a

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Church "adopts" missionaries

Members of the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City, recently "adopted" the Rev. Dale Talsma and his wife, Cheryl, who serve as Lutheran Church Missouri Synod missionaries to Guatemala.

Dale, who has a master's degree and 2 additional years of doctoral studies from Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Ind., assists the Lutheran Church in Guatemala, an LCMS partner church, in training pastors and church leaders through the Lutheran Center for Theological Studies.

The couple previously served as evangelistic missionaries in Nigeria, West Africa, from 1986 to 1999. Dale was born and raised near Ludington. Cheryl was born in Oak Park, Ill., and has an associate's degree in science. She is working toward a bachelor's degree in education so that she can be certified as a teacher. The Talsma's have 5 children.

For the next 3 years, Good Shepherd congregation, along with other Lutheran churches around the country, will be providing financial support for this missionary and his family as well as encouraging him and praying for the work he is doing in the mission field.

Congregation secretary Kelly Shaw and president Kevin Mulligan signed the official "adoption" papers on behalf of the congregation.

GOOD SHEPHERD Lutheran Church congregation Secretary Kelly Shaw and President Kevin Mulligan sign the official "adoption" papers on behalf of the Cass City congregation, which has "adopted" the Rev. Dale Talsma and his wife, Cheryl. The couple serves as Lutheran Church Missouri Synod missionaries to Guatemala.

Meg's Peg

Duh

by Melva E. Guinther

I put off watching the TV show, "Are You As Smart As A Fifth Grader" for quite a long time. Maybe I was afraid I wasn't, and that would be depressing.

Last year I tried to help my 5th grade grandson with his math homework and got lost in the methodology.

But throwing pride aside, I finally watched it one night.

Some of the contestants *should* have been more fearful. It's hard to believe it wasn't staged.

What halfway intelligent American doesn't know that Canada is our neighbor to the north? The adult contestant on the show had to cheat by looking at her fifth grade partner's answer.

Another guy couldn't figure out what half the area would be (in square inches) of a 12-inch square. That one took a little more effort, but even a math dummy like me was able to figure it out, as were the fifth graders.

Perhaps I give the general population too much credit.

An email account told of a contestant on another TV show I don't watch, "Who Wants To Be A Millionaire?"

If it's true, which it claims to be, the woman failed the very first question, which is generally considered a gimmee.

According to the account, the original question was: Which of the following is the largest: A) A peanut; B) An elephant; C) The moon; D) Hey, Who are you calling large?

She opted to use her first help line to have 2 of the wrong answers removed and was left with the choice of an elephant or the moon. Then she went against the advice of her remaining 2 lifelines, a friend and the studio audience, and answered that an elephant is bigger than the moon.

Do you think it's time to start worrying?

A lot of us aren't as smart as we think we are. I heard about a hotshot lawyer who thought he could outsmart a policeman who had stopped him on the highway. The cop asked for his license and registration.

The lawyer asked, "What for?"

Policeman: You didn't come to a complete stop at the stop sign.

Lawyer: I slowed down, and no one was coming.

Policeman: But you didn't come to a complete stop. License and registration, please.

Lawyer: What's the difference?

Policeman: The law says that you have to come to a complete stop. License and registration, please.

Lawyer: If you can show me the legal difference between slow down and stop, I'll give you my registration and license, and you can give me a ticket. If not, you let me go and don't give me the ticket.

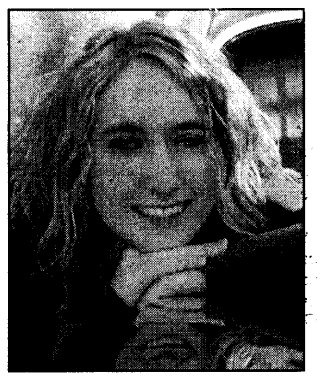
Policeman: Sounds fair. Exit the vehicle please.

He got out of his car, and the patrolman took out his nightstick and proceeded to beat him unmercifully.

Then he asked, "Now, do you want me to stop or just slow down?"

I think he made his point.

Hendrick "student of month"



Jaclyn Hendrick

Jaclyn N. Hendrick has been named Owendale-Gagetown School's "Senior Student of the Month" for March.

Hendrick was a member of the varsity softball team her sophomore year. She was chosen as a class representative for homecoming her junior year and also was a queen candidate for homecoming and snowball as a senior.

She served as her class treasurer and was named a "focus" student as a junior. This year, she has served as an aide to the athletic director. Hendrick has been a student in the automotive technology class at the Huron Area Technical Center the past 2 years.

The daughter of Dennis and Michelle Hendrick of Deford, she plans to attend college in the fall and work at Bell-Wasik in Caro.

Cass City High School Honor Roll

Cass City High School officials announce the fourth marking period honor roll.

Grade 9

All A's: Jacob Ballard, Josiah Battel, Richard Doerr, Kevven Dorland, Amanda Kaake, Logan Kausch, Jennifer Manwell, Emily Martin, Elise Nicol, Steven Rychlewski, Jenna Sattelberg, Stephanie Steely and Samantha Swiderski.

B or better: Rachel Auten, Abby Ellis, Kent LaFave, Andrew Leslie, Paige Lester, Thomas Marker, Paul Martin, Ashleigh Moore, Dylan Murphy, Brittany Nicol, Tyler Perry, Dillon Peruski, LaShae Radeka, Eric Reif, Paul Rubey, Kelsey Rudy, Rochelle Rushlow, Nicholas Shantz, Angelena Simpson, David Steely, Ashleigh Stoeckle, Sara Venema, Brandon Weaver, Jordan Yax and Megan Zawilinski.

Grade 10

All A's: Krystal Alexander, Brandon Hartwick, Michael Howard, Kyle Kausch, Jaymes Knight, Amanda Langenburg, Greggory Leslie, Brittany Loomis, Travis Mabe, Carly Rabideau, Sarah Reed, Jennica Richards, Christopher Summersett, Benjamin Varney, Ariel Veneziano and Clark Walsh.

B or better: Samantha Auten, Aaron Bardwell, Deidre Bowen, Bryan Burk, Thomas Burns II, Michelle Butler, Cody Chappel, Thomas Cotton, Chelsea Depner, Elisa Ellis, Ashley Frankowski, Matthew Hallwood, Gage Hardesty, Bernadette Homrocky, Carly Howard, Sarah Howard, Alexandra Kappen, Kelli Lautner, Candice Marks, Roger McKee Jr., Elizabeth Michalski, Amanda Miller, Travis Mozden, Brandon Myers, Carl Nicol, Andrew Rohlfs, Steven Schotter, Jennie Thorp, Krysta Timko, Tyler Tomlinson, Chantell Toner, Joram Tyson and Megan VanVliet.

Grade 11

All A's: David Acker, Isaiah Battel, Evan Bushong, Ethan Damm, Danielle Delamarter, Stephanie Healy, Trey Helwig, Kristie Karr, Adam Kranz, Thomas Parrish, Jeffrey Sparks and Derek Weidman.

B or better: Rodney Abasso, Meleah Auten, Lauren Bennett, Jessica Bessler, Anna Deel, Ashley Deel, Andrew Deering, Madeline Dooley, Scarlett Helland, Darrin Howard, Ashley Hutchinson, Devin Jamieson, Jacob Leslie, Brandi McKee, Lacey Morrish, Alicia Osentoski, Brandy Rychlewski, Nicholas Smith, Ashlee Spencer, Justin Stilson and Jennifer Zmierski.

Grade 12

All A's: Karen Aldrup, Ryan Biddinger, MingYu Chen, Terra Czekai, Jill Dillon, Courtney Hacker, Jennifer Hacker, Allison Hillaker, Renee Horn, Theresa Imgraben, Stephanie Jamieson, Ryan King, Whitney Kirn, Kathryn Klco, Lysa Knight, Jessica Lange, Andrew Martin, Laura McComas, Thomas Mittlestat, Courtney Rabideau, Kyle Reif, Allyn Richards, Eric Romain, Ryan Ross, Nicholas Sattelberg, Kari Spencer, Kyle Swanson, Rebecca Sweeney, Adam Wentworth, Leah Whittaker and Tyler Whittaker.

B or better: Andrea Badgley, Brent Becker, Rebecca Bennett, Dennis Bowen, Whitney Braun, John Brown, Alyssa Cryderman, Kristen Curtiss, Raymond Ellis, Kurt Hanby, Kyle Hartwick, Kati Hill, Lauren Howard, Andrew Jones, James Ketterer, Galen Kuebli, Jessica Lange, Anthony Langlois, Tyler Mabe, Sara Meeker, Brandon Miller, Deric Murphy, Megen Odell, Kevin Ouvry, Lief Parr, Andrew Peruski, Ashleigh Rabideau, Micah Randall, Danielle Reed, Derek Ricker, Emily Schinnerer, Bradley Severance, Kyle Sieradzki, Preston Stec, Brent Stine, Philip Strong, Andrea Thane, Sheila Wasserman, Brent Weaver and Samantha Wright.

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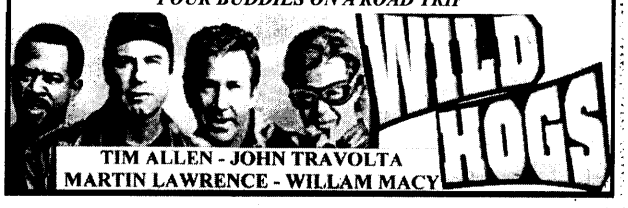

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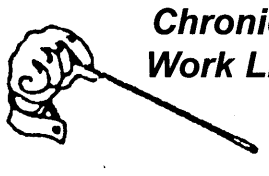

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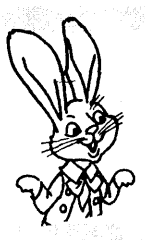

Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Ashley Klemkowsky

Ashley Klemkowsky, the daughter of Pete and Tammy Klemkowsky of Morgantown, WV, has signed a letter of intent to play soccer at the University of Charleston, WV starting in the fall.

The parents are well known in the area. Both are 1980 graduates of Owendale-Gagetown. Her grandparents are George and Joan Klemkowsky of Caro and Virginia Kain of Owendale. A cousin, Brandon Dubs, was one of the top players for the Owen-Gage basketball team this season.

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It was about 10 years ago that I was taken to Maxfield's Restaurant, tucked away in the middle of nowhere, 3 miles north of Edmore. It had obviously been expanded at that time and I wondered to myself if it could survive.

I returned last week and not only did the restaurant survive, it boomed. It will seat about 500 and I was told that in peak periods there usually was a waiting list.

A history of the organization revealed that it was now run by a fourth generation of the Maxwell family. Additions to the Maxwell empire now include an Inn and the Depot, a convenience store, both located in Edmore.

Now Maxfield's offers buffets Tuesdays through Saturdays for $7.95 or $8.95. The difference is that for an extra buck you gain access to an extensive salad bar. The cheaper buffet has a cole slaw in place of the salad bar.

The "mini" buffet includes potatoes, 3 vegetables, a pork dish and fish. The food was tasty and avoided becoming unattractive and no longer fresh.

Give it a 6.5 on the 1-10 scale.

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Cass City had a tentative plan in place to move girls' and boys' sports as requested in decisions by a lower court and will be dusting them off following the refusal of the U.S. Supreme Court to hear an appeal by the Michigan High School Athletic Association.

The changes required to be in force by the start of the 2007-08 school year will switch girls' basketball from fall to winter and volleyball from winter to fall. Boys' golf and girls' tennis switches from fall to spring in the Lower Peninsula.

In one plan for the change in Cass City it was suggested that the girls play on Monday and Thursday and the boys play Tuesday and Friday and switch dates each season. However, for a smooth operation it may well be that changes in season be correlated with other schools in the various conferences.

Some of those details will be ironed out in a special meeting slated today (Wednesday), athletic director Aaron Fernald said.

At the very least the myriad problems that the switches will require will be a headache for athletic directors already hard-pressed to find coaches and referees, as well as available gym time for all sports.

Elkland Township Board approves '07 spending plan

Elkland Township officials "held the line" in spending as they approved a trio of budgets for the new fiscal year during their annual meeting last week. The township's fiscal year began April 1.

The township board approved a general fund budget totaling $331,070, a decrease of $57,530 compared to the previous spending plan.

"We really didn't do much increasing (in spending) at all," said township Clerk Norma Wallace, who noted the board's pay remains the same, although the cemetery sexton received a small increase because he no longer utilizes a township-owned residence.

Township Supervisor Dan Erla said another reason the budget is reduced is because of cuts in revenue sharing from the state. And, the township spent $80,000 in roads last year.

The board also approved the township's cemetery budget, which totals $118,000, about $27,000 more than the previous year. A majority of the increase is due to the purchase of a replacement pickup truck, according to Wallace.

The 2007-08 fire fund, meanwhile, totals $91,815, a spending decrease of about $6,000 compared to 2006-07.

In a related matter, the board held a Truth in Taxation hearing and approved an operating tax millage of 1.6468 mills in the coming year.

A Truth in Taxation hearing is required by the Headlee Amendment, which limits to the rate of inflation the annual increase in property tax revenue that schools, townships and governments receive.

"It's not an increase in taxes," emphasized township Assessor Doug Powers, who explained the board action simply prevents the millage rate from being rolled back. There may still be a rollback, he said, depending on the final numbers once the county completes the equalization process over the next couple of months.

In any event, the difference in revenue brought into the township because of the Truth in Taxation hearing is minimal, according to Powers, who said the increase last year totaled about $3,000.

In other business last week, Erla reported the second phase of the Elmwood Road project is scheduled to get underway this summer. The project, covering a one-mile section from Doerr Road to Koepfgen Road, will include ditching, culverts and gravel. The work will cost an estimated $67,000.

The Haire Net

Recycling expensive but well worth it

Over the last quarter century, while tramping through the woods or disturbing the fish in a favorite river, any bottles that littered the area were more than likely to have been transported into Michigan from a neighboring state.

It's changed a little today, and now when a bottle is found discarded it may well be one that held a health drink or water that does not require a bottle deposit.

For me, it's an oxymoron to drink water for its healthy purity and then toss the container to pollute the environment.

Polls show that a sizeable majority approve of the bottle deposit law and would be happy to see it expanded to cover all bottles and cans.

So the question is not whether an expanded law would be popular, but how it can be handled.

Retailers point out with justification that handling bottles adds at least a nickel to the cost in addition to the bottle deposit. Bottles filled with objectionable waste are a perennial problem and shouldn't be around food stores, opponents of an expanded law point out.

There have been several suggestions for a way to expand the bottle law, including a penny tax on purchases of $2 or more regardless of the amount spent that would be used for bottle pickup and recycling.

All of the suggestions have a common denominator-they require more money than is generated today.

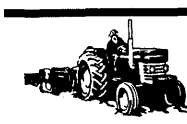
If projections are accurate, the problem will become more acute in the future. By 2010 the sale of bottled water and non-carbonated beverages will exceed that of beverages now sold in deposit bottles. That means that there will be 4 billion more cans and bottles to care for.

Despite the environmental advantages that a bottle deposit brings, it has been slow to catch on nationwide. There are 11 states with deposit laws ranging from a low of 2 cents and a high of 15 cents with the majority charging 5 cents.

When I enter Ohio or Indiana, that are among the many states without a bottle deposit law, the difference in roadside bottle litter is easy to see.

Harder to see will be a solution that pleases environmentalists and a high percentage of the people in the state and includes a solution to the problem that it creates for retailers.

That solution would ultimately be more expensive, but one that's well worth the few cents per bottle that it would cost to increase recycling and keep Michigan clean.



The back forty

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by Roger Pond

I feel better now. The city council in Portland, Oregon has voted not to bomb Iran.

This makes Portland the second city to pass such a resolution. Berkeley was the first. (I don't believe any cities have decided we should bomb Iran.)

Berkeley went one better than Portland. That city council also encouraged Germany to indict former Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld for war crimes.

This all seems odd to me. These towns have rotting sewers, gangs shooting each other, and people living under bridges; but the council is debating about whether to bomb Iran.

In recent years the Portland City Council has voted to call for an end to the war in Iraq, to condemn abuse of the U.S. Patriot Act, and to deplore the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy toward homosexuality. And the sewers are still leaking.

Why don't these folks tend to what they were elected for? Maybe they should have a training meeting or something?

I'm reminded of a psychologist who spoke at a county agents meeting back in the '70s. This man believed a major factor in a person's personality was the time period in which we grew up.

He said folks who grew up in the '20s and '30s liked to do things in groups: Company picnics, church socials, square dancing. (My parents, for example, took most of their vacations with other couples.)

The psychologist said people who grew up during the depression were hard working and careful with money, as we might expect. They were very reluctant to quit a job, because it might be hard to find another one.

This fellow said folks who grew up in the 1960s were into causes. Everybody had a cause in the '60s. Save the whales, ban the fur trade, save the forest.

Sometimes the '60s people get so caught up in their causes they forget where their responsibilities begin and end. The psychologist said everyone would be better off if these folks went home and cleaned up their rooms.

About the time I heard the psychologist speak, some folks decided they needed to reform our local schools. They were most concerned about the curriculum, I think.

Sports were getting too much attention. The arts were under-appreciated, and the kids needed more foreign languages.

These people conducted surveys, met with administrators, and pestered the school board. It was a small group, but they created quite a fuss.

A couple of years after this little crusade, one of the women involved told my wife she probably wouldn't have gotten so caught up in all of that school stuff if she hadn't had so much free time on her hands.

She should have been home cleaning up her room.

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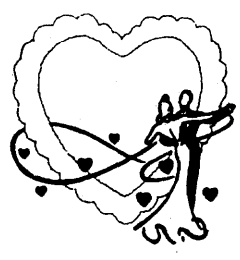

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Wednesday
Snow Possible
High: 38 Low: 22

Thursday
Snow Possible
High: 33 Low: 21

Friday
Mostly Cloudy
High: 29 Low: 22

Saturday
Cloudy
High: 39 Low: 26

Sunday
Mostly Cloudy
High: 40 Low: 28

In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see cloudy skies with a 40% chance of snow, high temperature of 38°, humidity of 75% and an overnight low of 22°. The record high temperature for today is 79° set in 1999. The record low is 11° set in 1954. Thursday, skies will be mostly cloudy with a 40% chance of snow, high temperature of 33°.

Upcoming Moon Phases

Last	New	First	Full
4/10	4/17	4/24	5/2

Sunrise/Sunset Times

Sunrise today .....7:09 a.m.
Sunset tonight .....8:03 p.m.

Last Week's Local Almanac

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip
Monday	75	48	43/26	0.00"
Tuesday	63	45	43/26	0.00"
Wednesday	46	36	44/26	0.00"
Thursday	50	32	44/27	0.00"
Friday	48	30	45/27	0.00"
Saturday	46	36	45/27	0.00"
Sunday	66	41	46/28	0.00"

Precipitation	0.00"
Normal precipitation	0.59"
Departure from normal	-0.59"
Average temperature	47.3°
Average normal temperature	35.5°
Departure from normal	+11.8°

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Red Hawk Talk

by Kyle Swanson

Spring Break. It's a time for teachers and students to catch their breath and relax before they gear up for the end of the year rush. Over the past week, I have talked with several students from Cass City to see what they are planning to do over spring break.

A number of students told me that they would be traveling over spring break. Several people said that they were headed south for a little vacation. Carly Rabideau, a sophomore who recently went to Europe on the forensics trip, told me that she was going to North Carolina to visit family. However, she also added that she will actually be stopping to visit some of the kids from North Carolina that went on the tour in Europe with her.

A few other students told me that they too were headed south, some to South Carolina, some to Tennessee, and, of course, some to Florida.

However, some students said they wouldn't be traveling so far. There were a few students who told me that they would be going to a relative's house for an Easter dinner. Other students told me that they weren't traveling, but rather that they were having family over at their house.

Still, there were other students that told me they would just be staying home over spring vacation.

One student, Katie Klco, told me that she was planning to go shopping for prom and that she was going to plan everything for her open house. Andrew Martin said that he too was planning to stay home, get some work done, and play a little basketball.

Yet, there was still another group of students. These are the students who said they had absolutely no clue what they were doing. It seemed that for most of the people in this group, they didn't think they would be traveling anywhere too far from home, but rather staying in the general area. However, most said that they weren't sure what they would do during the week. One student told me, "I guess I will just be around, hanging out with friends and stuff."

As for me, since I went to Europe just a few weeks ago, I will be spending my spring break in Cass City. And after talking with Katie Klco, I might try to follow her lead and get some of my open house stuff done, too. It may not feel like it yet, but there are only 25 days of school left for seniors, and 30 days until graduation.

So, whether you're traveling to a place far away or just staying home, enjoy your spring vacation and try to relax. It won't be long until final exams are here and school is out.

Several appear in circuit court

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

•Richard J. Fisher Jr., 45, Vassar, was sentenced to 10 to 25 years in prison for his pleas of guilty to 2 counts of first degree criminal sexual conduct involving a victim at least 13 years of age but under 16 between January 1998 and November 2005 in Vassar Township.

He was also ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling $180.

•Timothy W. Loomis, 35, Millington, was sentenced to 5 to 20 years in prison for his pleas of no contest to fleeing a police officer and operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, May 28 in Millington. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convictions).

•Boyce C. Kirkwood, 39, Mayville, was sentenced to 180 days in the county jail (deferred) and 24 months probation for his plea of guilty to writing 3 non-sufficient fund checks within 10 days. The checks were for $102.72, $41.94 and $201.54. They were written Jan. 21-28, 2006, in Mayville, and drawn on Bank One, according to court records.

Kirkwood was ordered to pay $820 in costs and fines plus restitution of $421.22.

•Gloria M. Proctor, 46, Decker, was sentenced to 90 days in jail (45 days deferred) and 12 months probation for her plea of no contest to delivery/manufacture of a controlled substance last October in Indianfields Township.

She was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling $1,320.

•Louis A. Mays, 30, Caro, was sentenced to 90 days in jail and 18 months probation for his plea of guilty to assault with a dangerous weapon Jan. 1 in Caro. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

In addition to jail time, he was ordered to pay $870 in costs and fines.

•David R. Goodwin, 43, Mount Morris, was sentenced to 180 days in jail and 24 months probation for his plea of guilty to unlawfully driving away an automobile Jan. 1 in Caro. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

He was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling $1,120 plus restitution of $10.

•Ryan John-Allan Wutzke, 21, Cass City, was sentenced to 2 to 20 years in prison for his pleas of guilty to delivery/manufacture of marijuana, subsequent offense, Oct. 8 in Cass City; uttering and publishing involving a $600 check drawn on Independent Bank, forgery involving a $500 check, also drawn on Independent Bank, and larceny in a building between Sept. 30 and Oct. 4 in Almer Township; and uttering and publishing involving a $600 check drawn on Thumb National Bank, and obtaining money/property valued at $1,000 to $20,000 by false pretenses Sept. 17-18 in Cass City.

In addition to prison time, Wutzke was ordered to pay $2,880 in costs and fines. Restitution is to be determined.

•David T. Verbeek Jr., 20, Millington, received a one-year delayed sentence following his plea of no contest to larceny of money/property totaling $1,000 to $20,000 Nov. 6-8 in Millington Township and/or the city of Vassar.

He was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling $720 plus restitution of $100.

•Charity L. Stratton, 28, Mayville, pleaded guilty to 2 counts of attempting to obtain a controlled substance by fraud Jan. 9 and Aug. 18 in Caro.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case and bond was continued at a combined $15,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Kenneth S. Mahan Jr., 18, Caro, pleaded no contest of larceny of money/property valued at $1,000 to $20,000 July 26 in Caro.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at $10,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be set.

•Robert K. Tonchen, 31, Millington, pleaded guilty to second degree home invasion Jan. 23 in Millington. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convictions).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at $8,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•David M. Strickland, 22, Cass City, stood mute to a charge of possession of marijuana, subsequent offense, March 12 in Caro.

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

•Donald R. Bliss, 48, Fairgrove, stood mute to charges of first degree home invasion, larceny in a building, larceny of a firearm and 3 counts of possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony March 1 in Gilford Township.

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

•Michael H. Frambes, 47, Unionville, pleaded guilty to 5 counts of embezzlement while serving as a trustee of the ACW Ambulance Account between June and September 2004 in Akron Township.

The plea was taken under advisement by the court, which ordered a pre-sentence investigation and continued bond at $25,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Jeffrey B. Preston, 27, Fairgrove, was sentenced to 180 days in jail and 24 months probation for his pleas of no contest to assaulting a police officer, domestic violence and malicious destruction of a building Dec. 13 in Fairgrove.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling $1,010.

•Joel E. Gibson, 21, Vassar, pleaded guilty to breaking and entering a building with intent to commit larceny Jan. 28 in Millington.

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

•Matthew E. Davis, 20, Vassar, pleaded guilty to possession of marijuana, subsequent offense, and operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor Feb. 22 in Vassar Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at $1,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Bradley W. Hawkins, 20, Millington, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor - causing serious injury, July 2, 2005, in Watertown Township.

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

Deputy credited with foiling escape attempt

An observant deputy is being credited with foiling a planned escape at the Sanilac County Jail last week.

Police arrested 20-year-old Sara Marie Bauer, Deckerville, Tuesday, March 27, after allegedly attempting to help a Sandusky man escape during a hospital visit, Sanilac County Sheriff Virg Strickler announced Thursday. The inmate's name has not been released yet.

Strickler said the planned escape was uncovered early last week after Corrections Deputy Ryan McConnachie discovered some irregularities while closing out the account of an inmate who had been released from custody.

"He discovered that another inmate was contacting an outside source through the 'releasing inmates account'," Strickler explained. "Upon further investigation he discovered a plot to escape. The information was forwarded to Detective Sgt. James Johnson, who headed up the investigation."

That investigation revealed that a suspect outside the jail planned to hide several items at McKenzie Memorial Hospital in Sandusky, and the inmate, who was scheduled for a routine visit to the hospital, was going to attempt to pick up those items and escape with the help of the outside suspect.

At about 7:40 p.m. Tuesday, the female suspect traveled to the hospital, where she entered a restroom and then left the building.

"Investigators and hospital staff then entered the restroom and located several items hidden above a ceiling panel," said Strickler, who didn't describe the items. "It was then decided by investigators to allow her to leave the area and continue to (keep an eye on) her, hoping to identify any other accomplices that may be involved. Investigators believed she would return to a parking area at a pre-determined time to facilitate the...escape."

About 4 hours later, members of the sheriff's department's Special Response Team arrested the female suspect as she was en route to the planned escape location. Strickler said investigators seized several items of evidence in her vehicle and through the execution of search warrants and jail cell searches.

Bauer is being held on a $100,000 bond and faces several charges, including aiding a prisoner escape, conspiracy, possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony, and possession of a short-barred shotgun.

The prisoner, a 35-year-old male, is awaiting trial on charges out of Sandusky and the state of Maine. He remains in custody and now faces additional charges related to the escape attempt.

Strickler said the county owes a debt of gratitude to Deputy McConnachie for his professionalism. "His actions avoided possible serious injury or even death, to fellow officers and innocent bystanders," the sheriff added.

Band concert set May 6

The Sanilac Community Symphonic Band will present a variety of springtime music during its annual spring concert, Sunday, May 6, starting at 3 p.m. at the Sanilac Career Center, located 7 miles south of Sandusky on Aitken Road, just east of M-19.

Admission is free, but donations will be accepted — all contributions will go towards band expenses and the purchase of new music.

Cardinal ChatBack

by Hannah Strauel

On a wall right outside the office at Kingston High School hangs a bulletin board. It is decorated in red, white, and blue and contains a scattering of pictures of soldiers.

To the far right of the board, there are pictures of soldiers completing their missions either entitled "Operation Iraqi Freedom" or "Operation Enduring Freedom." To the left of these are 2 sections separated by a poem dedicated to the troops stationed over in Iraq. The first section is labeled "In Honor of Our U.S. Soldiers" and has the names, military branches, and pictures of 11 different men and women from our area who are either currently serving or have already served. The other section has the names, ages, and pictures of 4 other individuals. The words over this section read, "In Memory of Our Fallen Soldiers Who Gave the Ultimate Sacrifice."

Since March 20, 2003, the United States has had troops over in Iraq fighting. In the past 4 years, we have managed to find and capture Saddam Hussein and set up some semblance of a government for the Iraqis. But many of us (Americans) are asking ourselves, is it worth it? Or better yet, was it worth it in the first place?

In just the small community of Kingston, many have gone to Iraq to fight, and some have lost their lives in the process. Also, recently in the news, Congress has been talking about pulling the troops out of Iraq, but President Bush believes they still have a long way to go before we pack our bags and leave the Middle East.

Opinions on the conflict are plentiful and varying. Should we have ever sent troops to Iraq?

Senior Sarah McLellan believes we were right in doing so, "I believe that if we (the U.S.) have the power to help others that we should do so," she said. Sophomore Brent VanHorn agrees with Sarah adding, "How can we ever forget what happened Sept. 11...some say Iraq has nothing to do with Sept. 11, well, that is yet to be determined, but, what, are we going to...just leave Iraq alone, even when their dictator had connections to terrorists?"

However, Freshman Mack George disagrees, "We had no reason to go over there, except for the weapons of mass destruction, for which there (are) none," he said. Mrs. Shelly Terbush, an English teacher at Kingston High, shared her opinion: "I believe that lack of communication between countries and NATO could have prevented our current situation."

Troop withdrawal is another controversial topic. When? How quickly or how slowly?

What will be the result? Freshman Chelsea Ruggles answered the "when" question by stating, "I believe we should pull the troops now. We've given Iraq enough guidance, so they can go on their own now." But Brent VanHorn does not believe the job is done. "When the work there is finished [we can pull out]. I know the longer the troops stay, the more the death count for the war will go up, but freedom comes with a price," he said. Answering the "how quickly or how slowly" question, Junior Sarah Vroman thinks that "we should slowly pull out." The answer to the "what will be the result" question is, "If we pull the troops out now, Iraq will go back to the way it was; if we pull out later, more troops will die," according to Mack George.

No matter how many opinions each of us possess, this topic will be a sore spot until the issue is completely resolved and the troops are back home. Teacher Mrs. Sara Roberts sums up the conflict, "Overall, I feel we are fighting a battle that will never end- they were fighting long before we came along and will be long after we leave," she said.

However, a good question to ask ourselves is how would we like it if the shoe was on the other foot; if we lived in a country without liberties, oppressed by a dictator. And once the dictator is gone would we want the country that liberated us to continue to help?

Security funding set for county agencies

Enhancing homeland security measures is the goal of more than $40,000 in federal funding recently awarded to Tuscola County law enforcement agencies.

Congressman Dale E. Kildee announced last week that the $40,099 grant will come from the fiscal year 2006 Appropriations Act for the Department of Homeland Security.

Of the total, $10,553 will go to the Michigan State Police post in Caro for the purchase of thermal imaging equipment, including a surveillance camera that can detect activity/movement through smoke, fog, rain and darkness. Another $15,712 will be given to the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department, also for thermal imaging equipment, and the Caro Police Department will receive $13,834 for the purchase of surveillance equipment.

"Preserving our safety is a top priority," Kildee said in announcing the grant. "This funding will strengthen local emergency preparedness by helping to equip our first responders with the tools they need to protect their communities, and themselves, during an emergency."

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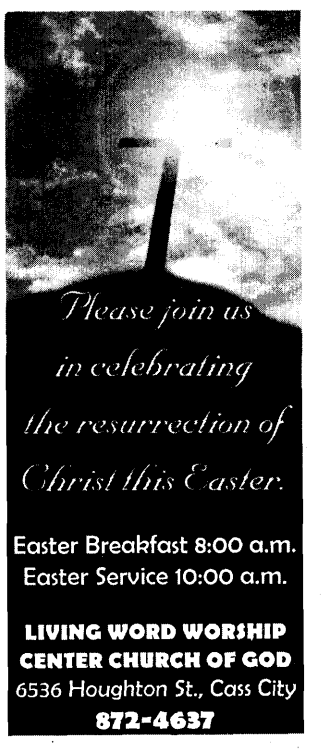

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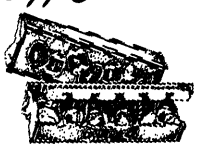

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LaBuhn, Lackowski top 2007 graduates at Ubly

Ubly Community School officials last week announced the top graduates of their Class of 2007.

The valedictorian is Shelby L. LaBuhn, daughter of Steve and Vicki LaBuhn of Bad Axe, and the salutatorian is Kara L. Lackowski, daughter of Dan and Karen Lackowski of Ubly.

LaBuhn, who will graduate with a grade point average of 3.9572, has earned numerous academic medals in high school. She has been Academic All-State and a finalist for the MHSAA Scholar-Athlete Award. She has also been a "student of the month" and "co-student of the month".

LaBuhn has been a member of Ubly's volleyball and track teams throughout high school. In volleyball she earned most improved player honors as a junior - the squad was the Greater Thumb East Conference champions and Class C District champions in both her junior and senior years. LaBuhn has been an all-conference pick for the past 3 years on the track team, which has been Greater Thumb East Conference champions for 3 years, regional champions 2 years and state champions one year. As a junior she was named most improve athlete.

LaBuhn has also been a member of the Ubly marching, pep and concert bands the past 4 years and served as drum major for 2 years.

Last year she was initiated into the National Honor Society (NHS) and served as an honor guard during graduation. As a senior she served as the NHS president. She was also elected class treasurer in her sophomore year and is a class representative this year. LaBuhn is a 4-year team member of Teens Against Tobacco Use and the Youth Advisory Committee, and serves on both the yearbook and high school newspaper staffs.

Her activities also include volunteering for events such as Special Olympics and as a 4-H camp counselor.

The granddaughter of William and Rose LaBuhn of Bad Axe and Mary Lou Maurer and the late Norman Maurer of Ubly, LaBuhn plans to attend Lake Superior State University and major in environmental science.

Shelby LaBuhn

Kara Lackowski

Lackowski, who will graduate with a 3.8967 grade point average, has also earned several academic honors and medals, and is currently a dual enrollment student through Saginaw Valley State University.

She has been a member of Ubly's cross country team for 2 years, the basketball team for one year, the cheerleading squad for one year and the volleyball team for 4 years. In cross country she earned "rookie of the year" honors, the Will to Win Athlete Award, and All-Scholar Athlete honors. The squad was the district and league champions during her junior and senior years.

Lackowski has served on the yearbook and newspaper staffs for 2 years and has been very active in student government throughout high school. She is currently vice president of the student council, which competed at regionals and placed in the top 3. Lackowski was inducted into the NHS as a junior and has been active as a fundraising committee and honor guard member. She was also a member of the 2006 homecoming court.

Lackowski is active as a volunteer as well, donating her time and efforts for a variety of programs, including Adopt-A-Family.

The granddaughter of the late Bill and Lorraine Lackowski of Parisville and Charlene and the late Gordon Bensinger of Ubly, her future plans include attending Saginaw Valley State University. She has been accepted into the school's honor program and received a Presidential Scholarship, and will be a pre-dental major.

Ubly's other honors graduates in the Class of 2007 are:

High honors - Andrea Hill, daughter of Marvin and Lois Hill; Steven Rutkowski, son of Thomas and Sandra Rutkowski; Heath Farrelly, son of Mark and Delores Farrelly; Rebecca Kubacki, daughter of Michael and Ann Kubacki; Rita Gentner, daughter of Allen and Deborah Bischer and the late Robert Gentner; Jade Kaufman, daughter of David and Robin Kaufman; Nicole Klee, daughter of Irvin and Cheryl Klee; and Courtney Ney, daughter of Larry and Cindy Morrell.

Honors - Sawn Oberski, son of Mark and Teresa Oberski; Ryan Simmerlein, son of George and Sue Simmerlein; Renee Melnik, daughter of Ronald and Cindy Melnik; Cynthia Rumptz, daughter of Gary and Kathy Rumptz; James Mazure, son of John and Joyce Mazure; Faith Osentoski, daughter of Tony and Elaine Osentoski; Shelby Partaka, daughter of Joseph and Barbara Partaka; Michael Koglin, son of Donald and Joyce Koglin; Phillip Movish, son of Lewis and Kelly Movish; and Alison McDonald, daughter of Scott and Rebecca McDonald.

Down Memory Lane

By Harmony Doerr

5 YEARS AGO

Dr. Gary W. Baughman knows marathons. A podiatrist who serves patients at the Northeastern Foot and Ankle Clinic in Cass City and Essexville, Baughman logs 20 to 40 miles a week and has completed more than 60 marathons, including 3 ultra marathons - a pair of 50-mile and one 100-mile event. "You're so focused and concentrating on what you feel, you don't see anything," he said of a distance runner's focus when he or she competes. Baughman recently ran a very different kind of race. The event was a standard marathon (26.2 miles), but it was anything but typical - his surroundings this time included the Coliseum and the Trevi Fountain in Rome, Italy.

Cass City High School graduate Whitney Osentoski is achieving his goal to be on stage performing. After moving to New York City last summer, he began auditioning the next week after settling in the Big Apple. After just 6 weeks he had his first paying job in Atlantic City as a dancer for a show at the Sands Hotel for a run of 2 months. After returning to New York, he was faced with unemployment again, so it was back to auditioning every day. He also landed a couple of part-time jobs to pay his bills and was lucky enough to have a flexible schedule so he could continue to audition. An audition came up for a European Tour of "Chorus Line". He excitedly called home after receiving a callback, and after 4 additional callbacks and a week of sitting on the edge of his seat, he received the news that he had won the part of Mike in the musical.

Catching fish was a bonus, Clarke Haire said, as the annual father-son fishing trip for steelhead trout ended last Thursday afternoon. A big bonus it was, after spending 8 hours floating a 5-mile stretch of the Manistee River downstream from Tippy Dam. The trip produced 3 steelhead, 9.5 pounds, 10 pounds and a giant 14.5 pounds, weighed on the scales of guide Dennis Borsum. It wasn't a day when the trout were indiscriminately pouncing on any bait that came their way. The weather was tolerable, ranging between 23 and 32 degrees. Our first fish was landed at about 8:30 a.m., and we started fishing at 7 a.m. It took another hour and a half before the second fish struck and the big fish hit around 1 p.m.

10 YEARS AGO

Richard Shemko has tested his skills on more courses than most golfers will ever see, but he'll have a difficult time topping his latest adventure. A 1986 graduate of Owen-Gage High School, Shemko recently returned from a 2-week expedition to Antarctica, where he saw countless species of plants, birds and animals, as well as enormous glaciers, icebergs and mountains. And, yes, he even swung a golf club after reaching his destination - Neko Harbor. The trip of a lifetime was a milestone for the accounts receivable analyst, who previously had visited sites in North America, South America, Africa, Europe, Asia and Australia, as well as a majority of the United States. The trip proved to be a real challenge, according to Shemko, 28, who said he wouldn't recommend the journey for an inexperienced traveler.

The Greenleaf Township Board adopted a 1997-98 budget totaling $84,035 during the annual township meeting, held March 29 at the township hall. The new budget represents a planned spending decrease of nearly $3,000, or about 3.5 percent, compared to 1996-97 expenditures, according to Clare Brown, acting deputy clerk. He noted the township starts the new fiscal year with a combined fund balance of $83,000. In other business during the annual session attended by 23 people, including 5 board members, the board discussed a possible addition to the township hall. No formal action has been taken yet on the proposal, according to Brown, who explained the township is considering adding bathroom facilities and possibly a kitchen.

The Owen-Gage Bulldogs have historically counted on contributions from underclassmen - Becky Howard, Susie Salcido, Angie Wildman - when making a run for the North Central Thumb League softball title. And that's exactly what coach Dean Roller sees happening with his 1997 team. And although the underclassmen will need to contribute if the Bulldogs are to challenge Kingston for the league crown, the Dawgs are a team dominated by a fine core of senior athletes.

25 YEARS AGO

Brewster Shaw, astronaut speaking here, will be transported to Cass City from Selfridge Field, Mount Clemens, by Dale McIntosh. The Army hasn't changed much. He needed to present the Army with his car license number, time of arrival, etc. in advance. Incidentally, Shaw will fly here from the west coast. That's a two-hour trip. He may detour a bit and fly over Cass City on his way to Selfridge. That's 10 minutes more. (From Rabbit Tracks)

Hard driving - It wasn't a good week last week for Crawford Road or for those who normally drive on it as a result of the heavy rains Tuesday, March 30. Just south of M-81, it was flooded. About .7 mile south of Kelly Road, part of the road had washed away.

Fears of rain during Saturday's fourth annual Wilmot to Kingston road race proved unfounded. Instead, what was falling was snow flakes. That combined with strong winds made conditions miserable for the 5.4 mile event, but despite that, 113 runners finished and no one became ill. Finishing first was Tim Brown, 25, in a time of 32:11, with Kingston High School senior Jack Barden coming in second at 32:20, and Jim Finlayson, 42, third at 33:22. Top woman finisher was Kingston senior Jill Barden at 41:43. She was 15th overall and the only woman in the top 25.

35 YEARS AGO

Donald Miller Jr., 23,started work Monday as Cass City's fourth police officer. The 6' 3", 230-pound man is an ex-Marine sergeant and served four years in the corps, spending time in Vietnam. He comes to Cass City from Flint, where he recently completed 20 weeks of police training at the Genesee Community College, which is assisted by the Flint Police Department. Miller and his wife Bridget are looking for a home in Cass City. He will work with Police Chief Gene Wilson for about a month. The addition of the fourth man will give 23-hour police protection when he begins working alone.

I don't know if Edsel Connell of Inkster was trying to tell me something when he dropped off a book on English usage the other day, but I infer that he was. He implied, no, he told the office staff that I like to get arguments going and I can have some fun with this book. I don't know about that, but wasn't it tricky the way I tied in a couple of words that most of us feel say the same thing, but don't? I'm referring to the words, infer and imply. When someone tells you taxes are too high, he is implying that his are too high, too. When I draw that conclusion from what he says, I'm inferring it from what he says. I'm indebted to the office staff for those little pearls of English usage...but I do have a pet no-no of my own. Take this sentence: Everyone does it, but I'm different, am I not? Nine of 10 these days would say, "I'm different, aren't I?" What they are really saying is "I'm different, are not I? That's affected usage. I'd much rather hear "ain't I." That's wrong, sure, but it's not artificial or pseudo-correct. (From Rabbit Tracks)

Cass City selected its 10th citizen of the year Tuesday night before a crowd of some 200 persons who crowded the cafetorium for the highlight event of the Cass City Chamber of Commerce year. Selected were W. E. Walpole, president of Walbro Corporation. James Bauer, a member of the selection board, introduced Walpole and reviewed his history and achievements.

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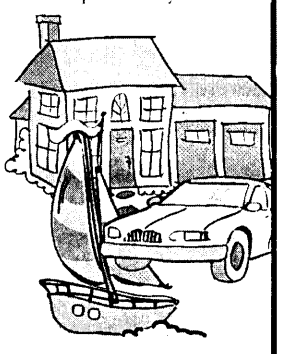

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Contacts 872-2367 or 872-3136
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6538 Third St., Cass City, MI 48726
872-2604 or 872-5201
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study
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Pastor - Judy A. Esckilsen

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

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989-375-2354
Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Seniors Group Last Tues. of the month 6:00 p.m.
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5100 N. Cemetery Rd.,
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872-3422
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(Summer 9:30 a.m.)
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Pastor: Rev. Paul G. Donelson

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Worship 11:00 a.m.
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THE CASS CITY varsity softball team is expected to challenge for the GTW conference title. Team members include: (front, l-r) Stephanie Jamieson, Heather Moore, Megan VanVliet (middle) assistant coach Ken Martin, Alyssa Cryderman, Lauren Dillon, Amanda Langenburg, Madeline Dooley, Lauren Bennett, coach Josh Stern (back) Terra Czekai, Becca Bennett, Emily Schinnerer, Ashleigh Rabideau. Missing is Courtney Rabideau.

Lady Hawks eyeing GTW championship

Despite the loss of 6 outstanding players, the Cass City Red Hawks promise to be in the thick of the Greater Thumb West softball race this spring.

The trouble is that even though Cass City has the pitching and the veterans ready to roll, other teams in the GTW also are loaded and ready to compete. Cass City could finish on the top or possibly as low as fourth.

One of the strengths of the Hawks should be pitching. Ace Courtney Rabideau will be the anchor as she starts her fourth year on the varsity. Backing her will be senior Emily Schinnerer, who steadily improved last season.

There will be holes to fill, including 2 first team all-conference players, Brandi Talaski and Jenni Brinkman. Also gone will be Ashley Hendrick, a veteran infielder-pitcher and Renee Czekai, who was one of the team's top hitters and a veteran catcher. Aimee Hennessey has also graduated and Sara Meeker will not compete this season.

Replacing Czekai behind the plate will be sophomore Megan VanVliet. Returning to first base will be senior Becca Bennett. Coach Josh Stern said that she came on strong last season and has played well in practice.

Second base promises to be a battle between sophomore Amanda Langenburg and junior Lauren Dillon. Senior Ashleigh Rabideau will take over at third and junior Heather Moore will start her second year at shortstop.

All of the 13 members of the squad will see action during the year.

Expected to provide strong competition are Bay City All Saints, Reese and Unionville Sebewaing. Stern says Bay City All Saints is ranked number 2 in the state in class D with a veteran team built around the pitching of sophomore Louise Rezmer and veteran Lynsay Weaver. Reese is a feared team, as is USA. The Patriots lost their dynamic pitching duo of Sarah Alegria and Erica Houthoofd, but coach Stern pointed out that any team that is the defending state champion will be tough despite the absence of their top pitchers.

Weather permitting, Cass City will have 8 non-conference games to iron out the wrinkles to prepare for the conference opener April 30 at Bad Axe. It begins today (Wednesday) at Millington. The first game starts at 4 p.m.

Cass City Red Hawks 2007 Girls' Softball

Apr. 4	**Millington**	**4:00 p.m.**
Apr. 16	Brown City	4:15 p.m.
Apr. 19	Ubly	4:15 p.m.
Apr. 20	Caro	4:00 p.m.
Apr. 23	**Harbor Beach**	**4:15 p.m.**
Apr. 24	Capac	4:30 p.m.
Apr. 26	**Sandusky**	**4:15 p.m.**
Apr. 28	County Tourn.	9:00 a.m.
Apr. 30	Bad Axe	4:15 p.m.
May 3	Reese	4:15 p.m.
May 5	Marlette JV Invite	10:00 a.m.
May 7	**USA**	**4:15 p.m.**
May 10	**BCAS**	**4:15 p.m.**
May 15	Saginaw Nouvel	4:15 p.m.
May 17	**Lakers**	**4:15 p.m.**
May 19	Imlay City Tourn.	9:00 a.m.
May 21	**Marlette**	**4:15 p.m.**
May 24	Mayville	4:15 p.m.
June 1	Districts	TBA

***Home games are BOLD**

THE CASS CITY varsity baseball team is under the direction of first year coach Bill Hartzell. Team members include: (front, l-r) coach Matt Irrer, Chad Bolton, Cameron Lautner, Brandon Miller, Lukas Varney, Cole Miller (back) Brad Hartel, Dereck Halasz, Andrew Martin, Brent Doerr, Luke Newton, Austin Babich, Chris Zawilinski, coach Hartzell. Missing are Zachary Carter and Micah Randall.

Cass City ready for baseball opener

Weather permitting, Bill Hartzell will formally begin his Cass City varsity baseball coaching career tonight (Wednesday) when the Red Hawks face visiting Millington in non-conference play.

While the Hawks will feature 5 returnees from last year's team that battled for the Greater Thumb West championship until fading in the final week of play, it will be without the services of several key performers.

Absent for the 2007 campaign, via graduation, are 3 GTW all-conference first team selections in Brad Langenburg (player-at-large), Jeff Stoutenburg (catcher) and Justin Glaza (third base). Coach Hartzell will also need to fill the offensive firepower supplied by senior second team all-conference player Derryll Schenk and honorable mention choice slugger Cody Halasz.

Despite the heavy graduation toll, the Hawks should once again figure into the GTW race. To do so, the Hawks will need to rely heavily on their 3 returning GTW honorees and several unproven players.

Senior Brad Hartel, a second team all-conference pitcher in 2006, will give Cass City a pitcher capable of holding any opponent in check. When Hartel isn't on the mound, look for the southpaw to patrol center field.

Making the switch from outfield to infield this year is senior Cameron Lautner. He, like Hartel, was a second team GTW performer in 2006, and will be counted on to use his speed to score runs for the Hawks.

Austin Babich, an honorable mention GTW pick as a freshman, should be a team leader in RBIs and will help out on the pitching mound. His strong arm allows him to cover more ground as the team's shortstop.

Another senior returnee, Andrew Martin, will also spend time on the hill, in addition to guarding the infield at first base.

Among the most important untested newcomers are Chris Zawilinski and Dereck Halasz.

"Chris has a big job to do replacing Jeff (Stoutenburg)", said Hartzell. "But he's been my catcher for a long time. And Dereck will be a utility player."

Halasz will spend most of his time in the outfield, but could also fill in on the infield and help with the pitching chores, according to Hartzell.

Hartzell, who coached the junior varsity in 2006, has also called on the services of 4 sophomores to help this year's effort. Luke Newton, Cole Miller, and Lukas Varney will all see duty in the outfield, while Brent Doerr will handle the throws at first base when Martin is on the rubber.

Cass City Red Hawks 2007 Boys' Baseball

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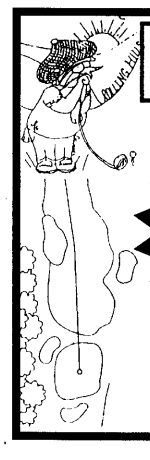

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THE OWEN-GAGE 2007 varsity softball team members include: (front, l-r) Bethany Kovach, April Nowaczyk, Brittany Parks (second row) Brandy Plowman, Mariah Francis, Kelsey Quick, Katie Rhodes, Lauren Mandich, Christy Fields, Allyson Brown (third row) Samantha Radabaugh, Ashley Rockefeller, Stacie Dorsch, Amanda Faist, Christy Schmidt, Sara Lesoski, Alisha Kovach (rear) coaches Angie Mandich, Dennis Hyatt and Doug Hyatt. Missing is Nicole Woodruff.

O-G set to defend title

Owen-Gage coach Doug Hyatt has several reasons to feel confident about his Bulldog softball team's chances to successfully defend its North Central Thumb League - North title as the 2007 season approaches.

Hyatt, in his second year in charge, has 11 returnees from last year's squad that compiled a 14-4 conference mark. The defending champions' roster, 18 in all, has the potential to become an NCTL-N annual power in the years ahead as it is void of any senior members and consists of only 4 juniors.

The Bulldogs, however, will need to find a pair of replacements in the infield from 2006, but will otherwise field a team with plenty of playing experience. Gone via graduation are third basemen Michelle Brown and second basemen Barbie Littlepage. Both were NCTL-N all-conference performers in the final Bulldog season.

"If we can find a solid second and third basemen we should have a good season," Hyatt said. "Defensively, we should be good up the middle in the early season and we have talent at the other positions to be good as the year progresses."

Stepping in to fill Brown's shoes along the third base line will be sophomore Sammy Radabaugh. One of the Bulldogs' top utility players as a freshman, she saw action in every position, except catcher, in 2006.

Topping the list of returnees for the Bulldogs will be sophomore shortstop Amanda Faist and junior center fielder April Nowaczyk. The pair combined for 120 stolen bases in 2006.

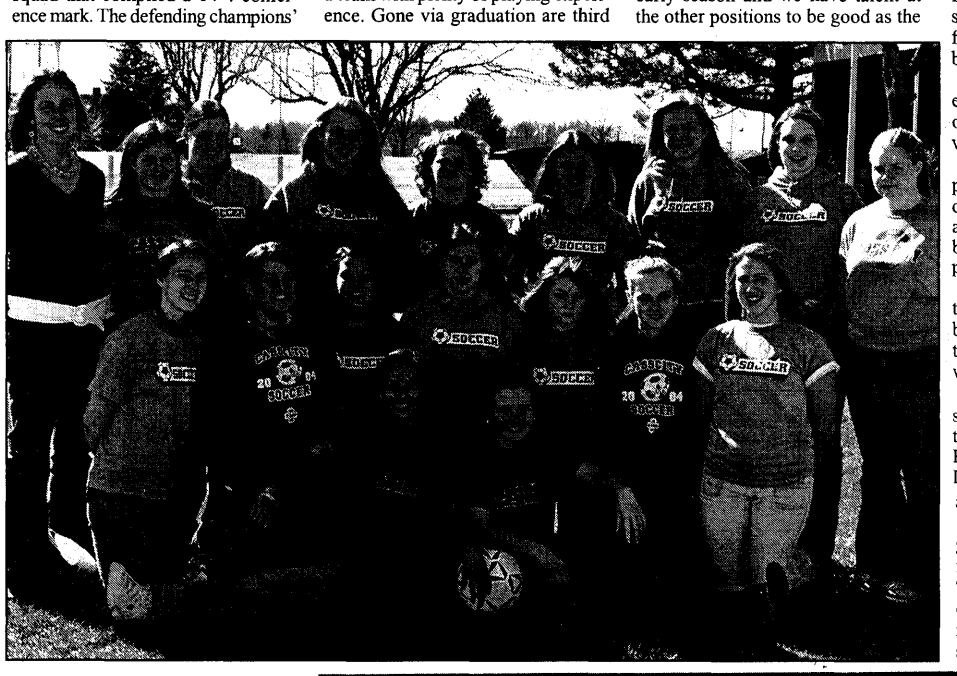
"(Amanda) is one of the team leaders on and off the field and probably our best hitter," Hyatt said. "April is very solid as our leadoff batter."

The Bulldogs will also have an experienced pitching and catching tandem as sophomore Mariah Francis and catcher Katie Rhodes are both back from last year's team that compiled a 16-14 mark overall.

Hyatt feels Rhodes was a big key to the team's success last year and will be again this year, while Francis was the pitcher of record in the team's 16 wins as a freshman.

Also back from last year's squad and sure to see an abundance of action in the early season are Bethany Kovach, Alisha Kovach, Stacie Dorsch, Sarah Lesoski, Brittany Parks and Ashley Rockefeller.

"Several of these girls are willing to give up their position (from last year) for the good of the team." Hyatt says. "We will try to get to know our players and their strengths and weaknesses in the early part of the season. We are still a very young team."



CASS CITY'S lady soccer team members are: (front, l-r) Whitney Braun, Katie Klco (middle) Krysta Timko, Kristen Curtiss, Taryn Vatter, Mirrissa Curtis, Danielle Delamarter, Andrea Badgley, Caitlyn Rickett (back) coach Kristin Dubs, Rachel Auten, Meleah Auten, Amanda Stevens, Abby Ellis, Nikki Guigar, Megan Woodruff, Kayla Haebler and Amanda Woodruff. Missing are Karen Aldrup and Cassie Simpson.

Cass City Red Hawks 2007 Girls' Soccer

Apr. 16	Lakers	5:00 p.m.
Apr. 18	**Caro**	**4:30 p.m.**
Apr. 20	**Millington**	**4:30 p.m.**
Apr. 23	**Marlette**	**5:00 p.m.**
Apr. 25	Bad Axe	5:00 p.m.
Apr. 30	**Sandusky**	**5:00 p.m.**
May 2	Harbor Beach	5:00 p.m.
May 7	**Lakers**	**5:00 p.m.**
May 9	Marlette	5:00 p.m.
May 14	**Bad Axe**	**5:00 p.m.**
May 16	Sandusky	5:00 p.m.
May 21	**Harbor Beach**	**5:00 p.m.**
May 23	Millington	4:30 p.m.
May 29	Districts	TBA

***Home games are BOLD**

Cass City Bowling Leagues

Sunday No Rollers as of March 25

Sometimers	36
Par-T-Ranch	28.5
Jebco	27
Pinheads	26
Damn Near Last	24
Gutter Gods	22.5

Individual High Games & Series: G. Silance 220; R. Wright 214 (604); J. Erla 212; J. Zdrojewski 203; D. Silance 194 (509).

Team High Game & Series: Pinheads 697 (1904).

Merchanettes as of March 29

Gagetown C. Corners	56
Osentoski Realty	43
Thumb Octagon Barn	31
All Season Video	22

Individual High Games & Series: K. Maurer 198-180 (518); L. Pabst 181 (486); B. Watson 175 (486).

Splits: P. Hellwig 3-9-10; D. Haney 3-6; J. Koch 3-10.

Team High Game & Series: Gagetown C. Corners 648-620-605 (1874).

Owen-Gage Bulldogs 2007 Baseball/Softball

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

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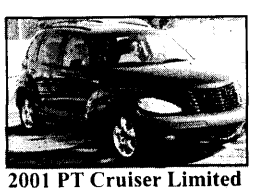
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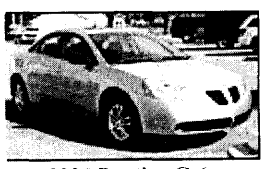
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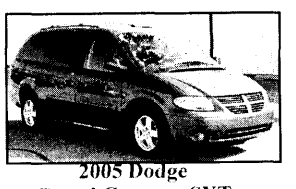
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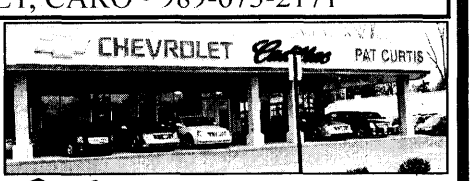

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2004	Pontiac Grand Prix GT	33,334	$13,500.00
2005	Pontiac Montana SV6	31,271	$18,595.00
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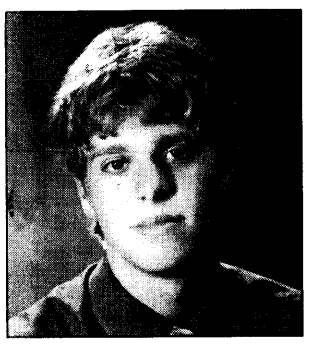

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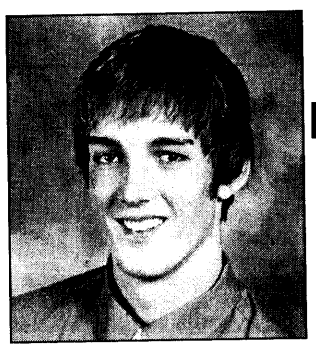

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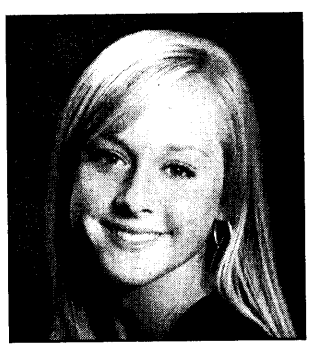

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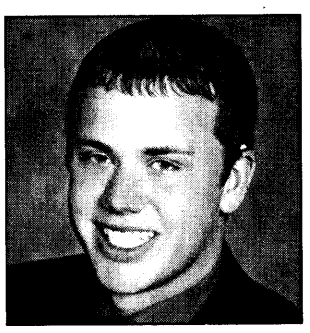

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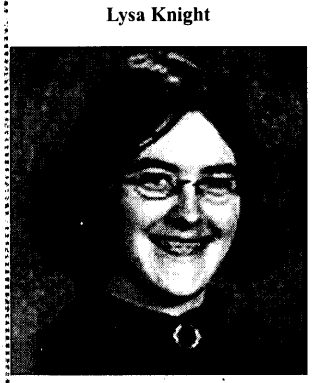

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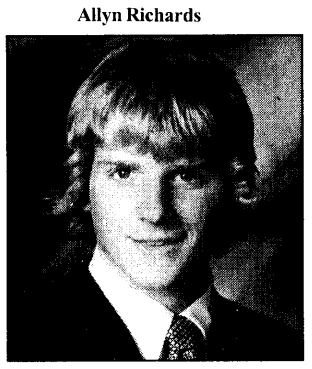

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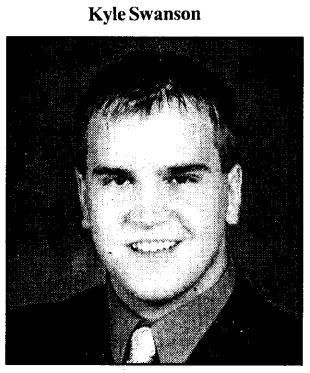

Jeremiah Fritz

Laura McComas

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variety of activities throughout high school, including student council. A member of the National Honor Society, he has been a member of the varsity basketball and golf teams, and was a first team all-area pick in golf.

His future plans include attending the University of Michigan to study sports medicine.

Hacker, a past Junior Citizen of the Year nominee, has been active in student council, National Honor Society, Academic Games, Youth for Christ, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Vacation Bible School, and Bay Shore Camp. She was a member of Cass City's state championship forensic team, and served on the homecoming, snowcoming, after-prom and prom committees.

After graduation, Hacker plans to enter the pre-med program at Central Michigan University.

Knight's activities include Quiz Bowl and Academic Games. She is also a member of the symphony band, was drum major of the marching band and earned top honors at the state solo and ensemble festival.

A National Honor Society member, Knight plans to major in music education at Alma College.

Lange plans to pursue a college education as well. She has been accepted into the honors program at Saginaw Valley State University, where she plans to pursue a bachelor's degree in graphic design.

Martin is a member of the National Honor Society, student council, forensics team and Academic Games. He has also been active in sports as a member of the varsity football, basketball and baseball teams. He lettered in all 3 sports, earning all-conference honors in basketball.

His future plans include earning a degree in electrical engineering at the University of Michigan.

Rabideau is student council president, vice president of Future Youth Involvement and a National Honor Society member. She has also been active in Quiz Bowl, Academic Games and Forensics, and was a leader in sports as captain of the varsity basketball and softball teams. She earned a variety of scholar-athlete, all-conference and all-district honors, and was a member of the district champion volleyball team.

Rabideau plans to attend the University of Michigan after graduation. Her major will be international relations with an eye on making broadcast journalism her career.

Richards has been active in Academic Games, Forensics (she was a member of the 2004-05 state champion team), student council and the National Honor Society. She played basketball, earning all-conference honorable mention, and was a member of the gymnastics team (regional qualifier) and pom pon squad.

She will be attending Central Michigan University, where she plans to major in physical therapy.

Sattelberg also plans to seek a degree. His future plans include studying physics at the University of Michigan.

Swanson serves as the student representative on the Cass City Board of Education and as board liaison to Future Youth Involvement. He is the National Honor Society president, student council parliamentarian, Tuscola County Community Foundation trustee and a member of the Michigan Community Foundations' Youth Project Committee. He has also been active in Forensics, Quiz Bowl, Academic Games, Student Congress and Discussion Festival.

A Red Hawk Award of Excellence recipient, he will be entering undergraduate studies at the University of Michigan, with plans to eventually enter law school.

Fritz is a member of student council and National Honor Society (vice president). He is senior class treasurer and has been active in forensics and a variety of volunteer activities.

An active member of the Cass City Missionary Church and church youth group, he plans to pursue a degree in accounting at Bethel College.

McComas has been active in music (band) and the yearbook staff. She plans to pursue a career in nursing, starting with attending Western Michigan University.

School officials also announced the following seniors graduating with honors:

Dennis Bowen, son of Jack and Elizabeth Bowen; John Brown, son of Timothy and Cheryl Brown; Alyssa Cryderman, daughter of Carolyn Westerby; Jill Dillon, daughter of Rick and Betsy Dillon; Courtney Hacker, daughter of Brian and Melissa Hacker; Allison Hillaker, daughter of James and Susan Hillaker; Stephanie Jamieson, daughter of James and Diane Jamieson; Ryan King, son of Mary King and Gary King; Whitney Kirn, daughter of Michael and Barb Kirn; Kathryn Klco, daughter of Alan and Marilyn Klco and the late Terri Klco; Andrew LaFave, son of John and Pam LaFave; Sara Meeker, daughter of Judith Hopkins and Steven Meeker; Brandon Miller, son of Scott and Shelly Miller, Lindsey Montgomery, daughter of Tom and Deb Montgomery; Megan O'Dell, daughter of Robert and Shari O'Dell; Lief Parr, son of Bryan and Annette Toner; Andrew Peruski, son of Kirt and Deb Peruski; Ashleigh Rabideau, daughter of Leigh and Dave Rabideau; Danielle Reed, daughter of Duane and Jeanette Reed; Kyle Reif, son of Kevin and Jane Reif; Eric Romain, son of Rose Martin and Tim Romain; Ryan Ross, son of Donald and Debra Ross; Emily Schinnerer, daughter of Lloyd and Laura Schinnerer; Bradley Severance, son of Randy and Deb Severance; Kyle Sieradzki, son of Ron and TeriAnn Sieradzki; Kari Spencer, daughter of Kenneth and Karen Spencer; Philip Strong, son of Sandra Caister and Woodrow Strong; Rebecca Sweeney, daughter of Terry and Colleen Sweeney; Brent Weaver, son of Craig and Lisa Weaver; Adam Wentworth, son of Sandra Schulz and James Wentworth; Leah Whittaker, daughter of Larry and Michelle Whittaker, Tyler Whittaker, son of Dave and Tammie Whittaker; and Ming Yu Chen (host parents Joe and Kaye Graham).

Other seniors earning honors are:

Terra Czekai, daughter of Terry and Shannon Czekai; Chelsa DeLuyck, daughter of Lucky and Darla DeLuyck; James Froede, son of James and Sheila Froede; Kurt Hanby, son of James and Rita Hanby; Kati Hill, daughter of Kim and Dorothy Hill; Joseph Homrocky, son of Lawrence and Anne Homrocky; Lauren Howard, daughter of Tom and Becky Howard; Meredith Kirn, daughter of Michael and Barb Kirn; Galen Kuebli, son of Helen Pinder and Steven Kuebli; Anthony Langlois, son of Michael and Ruth Langlois; Cameron Lautner, son of Douglas and Susan Lautner; Tyler Mabe, son of John and Trisha Mabe; Chelsea McCallum, daughter of Ross and Beth McCallum; Thomas Mittlestat, son of Melvin and Carolyn Mittlestat; Jessica Pratt, daughter of Denise Connolly and Keneth and Julie Pratt; Brent Stine, son of Ivan and Roxanne Stine; Derek Suro, son of Shelley Guilds; and Samantha Wright, daughter of Jim and Sherry Wright and John and Barb Doerr.

STINE PATROLLED the streets of Baghdad for months following the invasion of Iraq by American forces.

Badge of courage

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lawns, beautiful moats and, yeah, gold plated toilets."

That experience changed Stine's direction in the Army.

"In one mission, we assisted the Army Special Forces on a raid for weapons," he recalled. "During the mission, I was drawn to their professionalism and abilities. It was then I decided on my career change into combat arms. I loved being a mechanic, but there was something more that I could do and I knew it."

Stine was sent home from Baghdad in December 2004 and received orders to report to Fort Bragg, home of the 82nd Airborne Division and Special Forces.

Stine indicated information about his duties since is classified, so he can't go into detail. All he said was, "I have worked with some of the best organizations the military has and am proud to be associated with them."

KINGSTON IS HOME

On the other hand, Stine has plenty to say about his "adopted" home and the people who live in the Tuscola County village.

"Kingston has definitely become my home town. I have had so much support from the community there," said Stine, whose brother, Brian, 18, has been a standout athlete in several sports at Kingston High School and will graduate this fall.

"I have had unbelievable support from everyone in the town of Kingston," he continued. "The VFW members sent care packages to many of the soldiers that deployed with me, and they were greatly appreciated, and I was able to bring them a flag that we flew over our camp in Afghanistan as a symbol of our appreciation for what they did when they served, and also for the support they gave us.

"It took guys like them so I can enjoy my freedoms — it's just my generation's turn."

Stine's mother believes the armed forces is the best thing that ever happened to her son.

"You know the old expression — the Army can make or break you?" she said. "The Army made a man of him. It was already in him, but the Army brought it out.

"He's making a career out of it — he loves what he does," she added.

And, he's racked up a host of awards, including 2 Army Commendation Medals, 5 Army Achievement Medals, a pair of good conduct service medals, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, National Defense Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Overseas Service Medal, Army Service Medal, Parachutist Badge, and the German Schutzenschnur.

"The only medal I don't want him getting is the purple heart," Carol Stine added. "It's scary, but you're proud. You're just so proud of them."

"I can't imagine myself doing anything else," Stine said. "I am a soldier and will be till the day I die."

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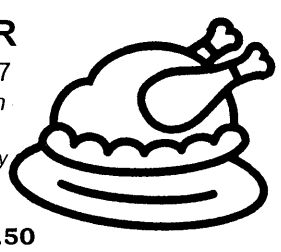

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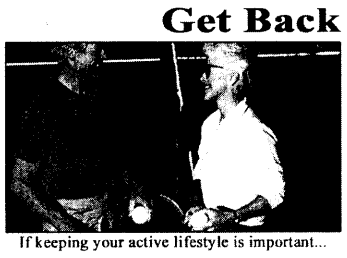

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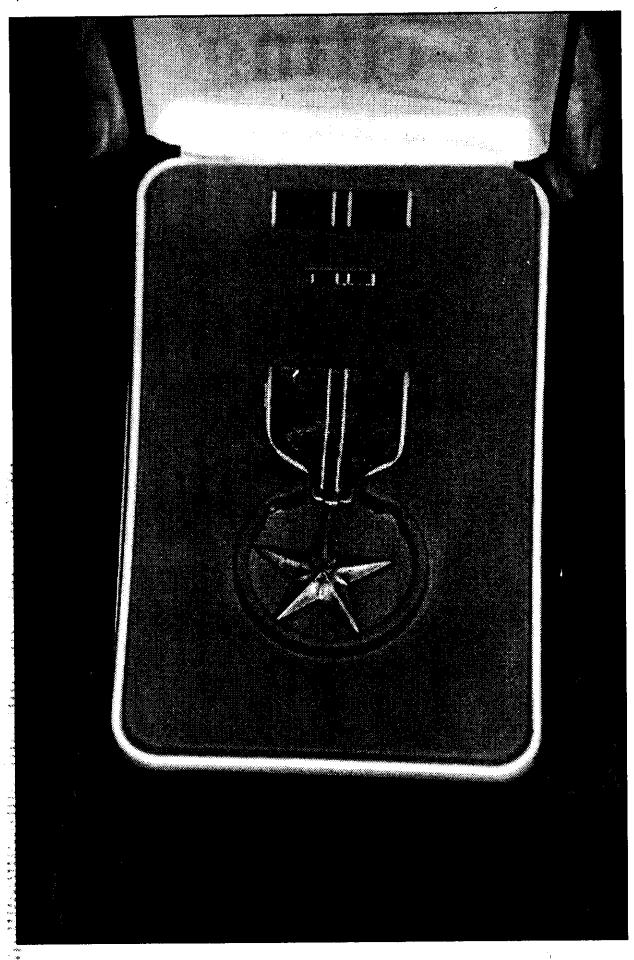

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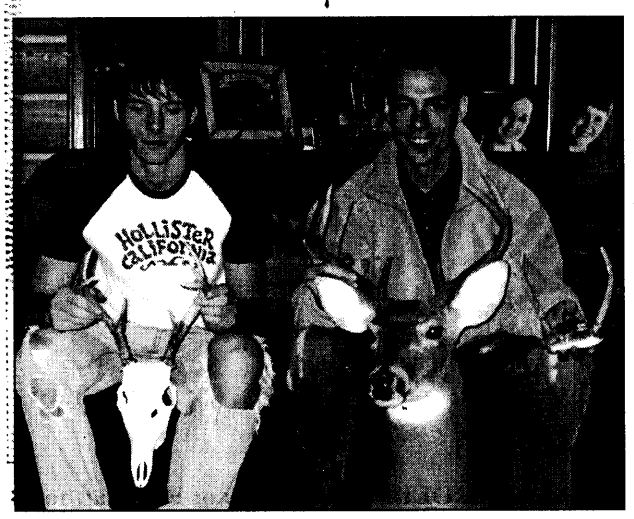

STINE (RIGHT) and his brother, Brian, 18, both bagged bucks when Stine was home for a brief visit last October.

O-G extends pact

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just an unfortunate thing."

IN OTHER BUSINESS

In other business during the regular monthly meeting, the board:

•Heard a presentation from Erika Karg, a school psychologist provided by the Huron Intermediate School District (HISD), on efforts to improve student achievement.

Compton explained HISD officials are working with local districts on preventative and remediation programs for all students. "It's really focused, number one, on reading, so the reading skills are supported by the grade level. Secondly, there's positive behavior support, which is required by the state of Michigan," he said, adding Owen-Gage has been proactive in both areas for some time.

•Approved upcoming trips to the Upper Peninsula for fourth and fifth grade students. Organizers of the trips have already raised a bulk of the money needed to cover expenses, Compton noted.

•Approved the nomination of Jaclyn Hendrick as "Senior Student of the Month" for March.

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Obituaries

Ruthann Czekai

Ruthann Carol Czekai, 66, of Cass City, died Thursday, March 29, 2007 following a short illness in Marlette Hospice Residence.

She was born Oct. 25, 1940 in Cass City, the daughter of Leslie and Bernice (McKellar) Muntz.

She married Wallace S. Czekai Sept. 24, 1959 in Cass City. He died Oct. 22, 2001.

Czekai worked for 9 years at Provincial House in Cass City as a cook and kitchen helper. She later worked for Hardy's Restaurant. She was a member of St. Pancratius Catholic Church.

Czekai is survived by her children: Kim (Tim) Williams of Inkster and Kevin (Jennifer) Czekai of North Port, Fla.; and a grandson.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and a sister, Dorothy Crawford.

Funeral services were held Monday, April 2, at St. Pancratius Catholic Church, Cass City, with the Rev. Stephen J. Fillion officiating.

Interment was in the Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

Opal Hunter

Opal Elaine Hunter, 86, of Mayville, died Thursday, March 29, 2007 following a short illness in Covenant Medical Center Cooper Campus, Saginaw.

She was born March 17, 1921 at home in Tuscola County, the daughter of Roy E. and Kathryn (McTavish) Durkee.

She married Clayton R. Hunter Jan. 27, 1940. He died Jan. 26, 1976.

Hunter graduated from Kingston High School in 1937. She attended County Normal in Caro to get her teaching certification. Hunter began teaching in Smith School and later in West Dayton School, both located in Dayton Township. In 1959, she started working at Caro State Hospital as an attendant nurse. Ten years later, Hunter worked for Tuscola County Probate Court as a caseworker, later becoming a county juvenile officer. After retiring in 1986, she served as Dayton Township clerk for 12 years. She was a lifetime member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Hunter is survived by 2 daughters: Rebecca (Loren) Helmreich and Karen (Robert) Roberson, both of Mayville; 7 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren; and 4 great great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by 4 sisters: Doris Durkee Nicol, Avis Durkee Starr, Ethel Curry Seddon, and Iola Curry Ross; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Monday, April 2, at Kingston United Methodist Church, Kingston, with the Rev. Richard Brown officiating.

Interment was in the Indianfields Township Cemetery, Caro.

Memorials may be made to the Kingston United Methodist Church.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Kingston.

Joseph L. Mosher

Joseph L. Mosher, 60, of Gagetown, died Tuesday, March 27, 2007 suddenly at Hills and Dales General Hospital, Cass City.

Mosher was born September 1, 1946 in Elmwood Township, the son of E. James and Joyce (Chisholm) Mosher. In August of 1987 he married Nadine Conley.

He was a lifelong farmer and also worked as a mechanic.

He is survived by his wife, Nadine, his mother Joyce Mosher of Cass City, 3 brothers, Robert Mosher of Lansing, James Mosher of Rochester, and Gary (Janice) Mosher of Texas.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Lori Ann Mosher in 1986, his father, E. James Mosher, and a sister, Geyle Mosher.

Honoring his wishes, cremation has taken place.

Arrangements were made by Thabet Funeral Home, Cass City.

Thomas Schumacher

Thomas James Schumacher, 65, of Sherman Township, died Thursday, March 29, 2007 from an apparent heart attack.

He was born July 25, 1941 in Sherman Township, the son of the late Raymond and Lauretta (Kirsch) Schumacher.

He married Jacqueline Ann Messing Nov. 27, 1965 at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Ruth.

Schumacher was a 1958 graduate of Harbor Beach High School. He was a retired construction worker and farmer. He was a member of Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Old Farts Pool Team, The Thumb Two Cylinder Club, and the "House of Knowledge" in Ruth. He was president of Farmers' Mutual Fire Agency.

Schumacher is survived by his wife, Jacqueline; 5 daughters: Michelle (Gerard) Seidt of Croswell, Kathleen (Thomas) Hall of Livonia, Francine (Robert) Kinsella of San Diego, Calif., Stephanie (Mohan) Kartha of Ypsilanti, and Kimberly Schumacher of Ypsilanti; 9 grandchildren; 3 step-grandchildren; his father- and mother-in-law, Clement and Donna Messing of Ruth; a brother, Lloyd (Betty) Schumacher of Sandusky; 4 sisters: Arlene Martin of Northville, Ann Uicker of Madison, Wis., Bessie (Donald) Kirsch of Port Hope, and Jane (Ronald) Volmering of Ruth; and 24 nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by 3 brothers-in-law: Richard Martin, Ronald Messing, and Richard Feury; and one nephew, Terence Kirsch.

Funeral mass was held Monday, April 2, at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Ruth, with the Rev. T.J. Fleming, pastor of Our Lady of Lake Huron Parish, Harbor Beach, officiating.

Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund.

Arrangements were made by Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home, Ubly.

James Sherman

James Sherman, 67, of Cass City, died Sunday, April 1, 2007 in Select Specialty Residence of Covenant Medical Center, Harrison Campus, Saginaw, following a long illness.

He was born April 26, 1939 in Miami, Fla., the son of Neil James and Janet Faye (Gainor) Sherman.

He married Erika Ursula Thierer Aug. 27, 1961 in Cass City.

Sherman served in the U.S. Army after the Korean War. He worked for General Motors, as a journeyman carpenter, and at the family farm and restaurant. He worked for Plastech in Caro until his retirement and was a member of the Caro Moose Lodge #1049.

Sherman is survived by his children: Tina (Tim) Senior, Howard Sherman of Cass City, Katy (Greg) Irwin of Sandusky, and Ruby (Brian) Rideout of South Bend, Ind.; 5 grandchildren; and 5 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Monday, April 9, at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with Debra L. Kranz, funeral service celebrant, and the Cass City VFW Post #3644 officiating.

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

Interment will be in the Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association or the Cass City VFW Post #3644.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

Servicemen's jobs protected by bill

State Rep. Terry Brown (D-Pigeon) last week announced a plan to protect the jobs of military members by giving them 90 days to re-apply once they return to Michigan.

"Our servicemen and women who come back from fighting on the frontlines need time to transition ease back into civilian life," Brown said.

Currently, state law requires employers to keep service members' civilian jobs open for just 15 days once they get home from active duty. Brown's proposal extends that to 90 days. The extension shows our service members the respect and consideration they have earned.

Campbell School "round-up"' slated Thursday, April 19

Campbell Elementary School will host its annual kindergarten round-up this month.

The spring kindergarten registration, for parents only, is scheduled for Thursday, April 19, starting at 6:30 p.m. at Campbell's Early Childhood Education Center.

School officials say this meeting is important for anyone who has a child who will be 5 years old by Dec. 1, 2007.

Parents need to bring their child's birth certificate and immunization record. To obtain a certified birth certificate, contact the county clerk's office in the county where the child was born.

At the round-up, parents will need to set up an appointment for a Gesell Screening along with vision and hearing screening. Every child entering kindergarten will participate in each of these screenings.

Those parents unable to attend kindergarten roundup are asked to call the school at (989) 872-2158 to make an appointment as soon as possible after April 19.

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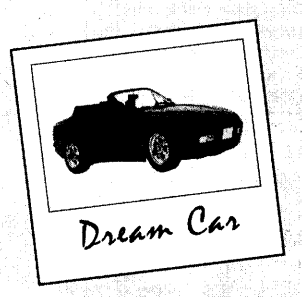

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Kristopher F. Zachmann and Sherrie L. Zachmann, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Icon Financial Group, Inc., Mortgagee, dated March 15, 2002 and recorded on March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

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

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

Lots 24 and 25, Block 3 of Charles Montague's Subdivision, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of plats, Page 10, now being Page 11A of Tuscola County Records.

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

Dated: March 28, 2007

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

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

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

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

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

Dated: March 21, 2007

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Michael Moody and Shanna Moody, Husband and Wife as Tenants by the Entireties, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated November 30, 2005 and recorded on January 10, 2007 in Liber 1107 on Page 1309 in instrument 200700891058, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety-Seven and 52/100 Dollars ($107,797.52), including interest at 9.55% per annum.

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

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

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

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

Dated: March 21, 2007

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Marcia L Langworthy and Clair Langworthy Jr., Husband and Wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated November 10, 2005 and recorded on November 18, 2005 in Liber 1061 on Page 1446 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Seven Thousand One Hundred Seventy-Four and 02/100 Dollars ($137,174.02), including interest at 6.5% per annum.

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

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

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

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

Dated: March 28, 2007

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Benjamin J Stahl, an unmarried man, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated March 23, 2005 and recorded on June 15, 2006 in Liber 1084 on Page 1273 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Seven Thousand Three Hundred Nine And 93/100 Dollars ($67,309.93), including interest at 7.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on April 12, 2007.

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

Commencing 13 1/2 rods North and 4 rods East of the Southeast corner of the West half of the Northwest quarter of section 3, Town 12 North, Range 9 East, Village of Caro, Indianfields Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, running thence East 5 rods 6 feet; thence North 8 rods; thence West 5 rods 6 feet, thence South to the place of beginning.

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

Dated: March 14, 2007

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Daniel Joseph Merz, a single man, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated March 2, 2005 and recorded on March 10, 2005 in Liber 1030 on Page 580 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to FV-1, Inc. as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety Thousand Three Hundred Seventy and 97/100 Dollars ($90,370.97), including interest at 6.8% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on April 12, 2007.

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

Commencing 6 Rods South of the Quarter Stake on the North side of Section 3, Town 12 North, Range 9 East; thence Running South along the Center of Almer Street in the Village of Caro, Michigan, 4 Rods; thence West 10 Rods; thence North 4 Rods; thence East 10 Rods to 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 14, 2007

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

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

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

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

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

Dated: March 28, 2007

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

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

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

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

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

Dated: March 21, 2007

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Michael J. Bryson, a single man, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated January 22, 2004 and recorded on March 18, 2004 in Liber 984 on Page 1116 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to LaSalle Bank National Association 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 Three Thousand Twenty-One and 35/100 Dollars ($103,021.35), including interest at 12.5% 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 12, 2007.

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

Lots 7 and 8, Block 3 of L. Fox's Third addition to the Village of Mayville, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Pages 32A-33A.

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

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage, and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Tuscola is held) at 10:00 a.m. on April 26, 2007.

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

PARCEL 1: Part of the North 20 acres of the Northwest fractional quarter of the Southwest fractional quarter of Section 30, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, Township of Vassar, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as follows: Beginning at a point on the West line of Section 30, that is South 00 degrees 08 minutes 20 seconds East 282.56 feet from the West quarter corner of Section 30; thence North 88 degrees 35 minutes East 303.25 feet; thence South 00 degrees 08 minutes 20 seconds East 110.56 feet to the South line of said North 20 acres; thence along said line South 88 degrees 35 minutes 20 seconds West 303.25 feet to the West line of said Section 30; thence along said West line North 00 degrees 08 minutes 20 seconds West 110.56 feet to the point of beginning; above parcel being known as Parcel A of a survey recorded in Liber 469, pages 400 and 401, Tuscola County Records. Commonly known as: 5957 Hasco, Vassar, Michigan 48768.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dated: March 28, 2007

OXFORD BANK MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC
Mortgagee

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by 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

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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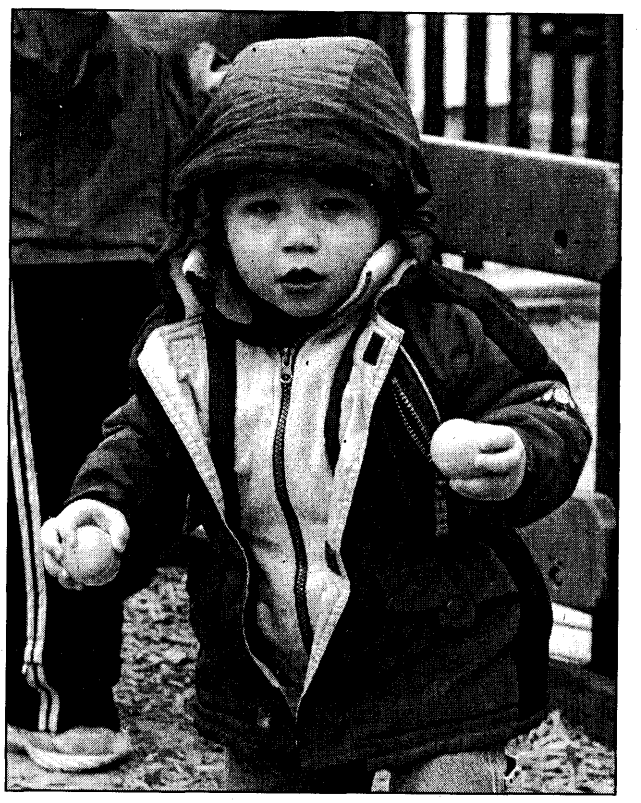

COOPER MALLORY, 15 months, son of Brooke and Darryl Mallory, had his hands full Saturday.
(Related photo, page one)

CHRISTIAN MALLORY, 4, picks up another egg during Saturday's Easter egg hunt in Cass City. He is the son of Brooke and Darryl Mallory, Cass City.

Crisis center in need of volunteers

The Thumb Area Assault Crisis Center in Caro is in need of some help.

The center, which provides a safe shelter for victims of domestic and sexual violence and their children, is seeking volunteers to help with a wide variety of tasks.

"Volunteers are wanted for one-time events, such as spring cleaning and yard work, as well as (for) on-going needs such as providing childcare, tutoring, or transportation for victims who are searching for employment or a permanent place to live," explained Carol Arman, communications manager for the Human Development Commission (HDC), which operates the facility.

In addition to providing emergency shelter to domestic violence victims, the assault crisis center operates a 24-hour crisis line that offers counseling, support and information about domestic and sexual violence. Arman noted volunteers are needed to answer the crisis line and would be trained to do so by assault crisis center staff members.

The assault crisis center serves victims throughout the Thumb area, and provided counseling or shelter to 67 women and 75 children last year.

"The shelter offers them the necessary help to break free from situations of domestic violence, which can increase in frequency and severity over time and even end in death," Arman said. "Our volunteers are instrumental in (helping these victims) within our community."

Anyone interested in volunteering a few hours a week or month is asked to contact Toni or Kathy at the assault crisis center at (989) 672-1788.

Legal Notices

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by David Dragus and Kandi A. Dragus, A/K/A Kandi Dragus, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Citizens Bank, Mortgagee, dated June 29, 2002 and recorded on August 14, 2002 in Liber 889 on Page 1279 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Three Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty-Six and 11/100 Dollars ($53,736.11), including interest at 8.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on April 12, 2007.

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

Part of the Northwest 1/4 of section 20, Township 12 North, Range 10 East, Wells Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as beginning at a point on the West line of said section 20, which is North 00 degrees 23 minutes 02 seconds East, 659.24 feet from the West 1/4 corner of said section 20; thence continuing along said line, North 00 degrees 23 minutes 02 seconds East, 331.41 feet; thence South 89 degrees 53 minutes 12 seconds East 1315.74 feet to the West, North and South 1/8 line of said section; thence along said line South 00 degrees 18 minutes 57 seconds west, 331.41 feet; thence North 89 degrees 53 minutes 12 seconds West, approximately 1316.03 feet to the West line of said section 20 and the point of beginning. Subject to the use of the westerly 33.00 feet thereof as Underwood road so-called.

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

Dated: March 14, 2007

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

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

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

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

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

Dated: March 21, 2007

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

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

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

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

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

Dated: April 4, 2007

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Norman Hawe, a single man, original mortgagor, to New Century Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated October 24, 2003 and recorded on January 30, 2004 in Liber 977 on Page 264, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, Trustee on behalf of the Certificate Holders of Morgan Stanley ABS Capital Inc., Trust 2004-NC2, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-NC2 as assignee by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Six Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-Eight and 25/100 Dollars ($76,478.25), including interest at 10.625% per annum.

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

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

Lots 4 and 5, Block 15, Plat of the Village of Fostoria, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 1, Page 45A of Plats, Tuscola County Records.

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

Dated: March 21, 2007

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

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

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

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

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

Dated: April 4, 2007

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by David A. Church, a/k/a/ David Church, a married man, and Nina Church, a/k/a Nina R. Church, his wife, in bar of dower, to PCFS Financial Services, Inc. an Ohio Corporation, Mortgagee, dated May 13, 1999 and recorded May 19, 1999 in Liber 771, Page 1209, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Credit Based Asset Servicing and Securitization LLC by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Fifteen Thousand Four Hundred Sixty-Seven and 28/100 Dollars ($115,467.28), including interest at 12.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on APRIL 12, 2007.

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

Part of the West half of the Southeast quarter of Section 9, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, described as: Beginning at a point which is North 89 Degrees 26 Minutes 40 Seconds West, 1271.18 feet along the South line of said Section 9, and along the East line of the West half of the Southeast quarter (also the East line of Bostick's Addition to the Village of Millington) North 00 degrees 08 Minutes 49 Seconds East, 909.48 feet along the North line of said Bostick's Addition, North 89 Degrees 20 Minutes 00 Seconds West, 334.38 feet to the Northeast corner of Lot 2 of Block B of Bostick's Addition and parallel to the East line of said West half of the Southeast quarter, North 00 Degrees 08 Minutes 49 Seconds East, 2.00 feet from the Southeast corner of said Section 9; thence parallel to the North line of said Bostick's Addition, North 89 Degrees 20 Minutes 00 Seconds West, 127.62 feet; thence parallel to the East line of said West half of the Southeast quarter, North 00 Degrees 08 Minutes 49 Seconds East, 64.00 feet; thence South 89 Degrees 20 Minutes 00 Seconds East, 127.62 feet; thence South 00 Degrees 08 Minutes 49 Seconds West, 64.00 feet to the point of beginning.

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

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

Dated: March 14, 2007

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File No. 213.0672

3-14-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Paul R. Zumbach, a married man, and Teresa K. Zumbach, his wife, to Michigan National Bank, a National Banking Association, Mortgagee, dated July 26, 1994 and recorded July 29, 1994 in Liber 662, Page 176, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. successor by merger to Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc. f/k/a Norwest Mortgage, Inc., a Minnesota Corporation by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Eight Thousand Six Hundred Sixty-Nine and 24/100 Dollars ($58,669.24), including interest at 9% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on APRIL 12, 2007.

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

Lot 1 of Morgan Subdivision No. 1, according to the recorded plat thereof as recorded in Plat Liber 4, Pages 7 and 8, 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.

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

Dated: March 14, 2007

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Don Mayer, a married man, original mortgagor, to PTF Financial Corp., a Colorado Corporation, Mortgagee, dated March 9, 2006 and recorded on April 24, 2006 in Liber 1078 on Page 654 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by mesne assignments to Citibank, N.A., as Trustee for the registered holders of Structured Asset Securities Corporation, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-S2 as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Six Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty-Four and 88/100 Dollars ($56,934.88), including interest at 10.875% 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 April 12, 2007.

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

The West 660 feet of the East half of the Southwest quarter of Section 11, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, EXCEPT, commencing at a point that is South 89 degrees 14 minutes 34 seconds West 966.10 feet from the South quarter corner of Section; thence South 89 degrees 14 minutes 34 seconds West 320 feet; thence North 00 degrees 51 minutes 54 seconds East 650 feet; thence North 89 degrees 14 minutes 34 seconds East 320 feet; thence South 00 degrees 51 minutes 54 seconds West 650 feet to the point of beginning.

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

Dated: March 14, 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 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 conditions of a mortgage made by Dianna Pikyavit, a single woman, to Argent Mortgage Company, LLC, Mortgagee, dated January 13, 2006 and recorded January 25, 2006 in Liber 1069, Page 904, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by LaSalle Bank, N.A. as Trustee for the MLMI Trust Series 2006-AR1 by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-Nine and 29/100 Dollars ($87,769.29), including interest at 8.7% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on APRIL 12, 2007.

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

Parcel B: Commencing at the South one-quarter corner, Section 21, Town 12 North, Range 11 East, Kingston Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, running thence North 0 Degrees 02 Minutes 17 Seconds West 984.35 feet along the North-South one-quarter line; thence South 89 Degrees 56 Minutes 23 Seconds East 467.96 feet; thence South 0 Degrees 24 Minutes 12 Seconds East 824.82 feet; thence North 89 Degrees 53 Minutes 30 Seconds West 86.0 feet; thence South 0 Degrees 24 Minutes 12 Seconds East 160.0 feet; thence North 89 Degrees 53 Minutes 30 Seconds West 388.23 feet along the South Section line to the point of beginning. Being part of the Southeast one-quarter, Section 21, Town 12 North, Range 11 East, Kingston Township, Tuscola County, Michigan.

Being the same property conveyed to Dianna Pikyavit, a single woman by Deed Dated 1-30-04 and Recorded 3-10-04 in Deed Book 983, Page 1252, in the Office of the Recorder of Tuscola County, Michigan.

Being the same property conveyed to Edith M. Wayman, a single woman, and Eric A. Smith, a single man, a joint tenants with full rights of survivorship by Deed Dated 2-1-99 and Recorded 2-22-99- in Deed Book 763, Page 1307, in the Office of the Recorder of 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: March 14, 2007

Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 457-1000
File No. 269.3941

3-14-4

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by William Maxson, a single man, original mortgagor, to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc., Mortgagee, dated December 16, 1999 and recorded on December 20, 1999 in Liber 790 on Page 1402 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Eight Thousand Three Hundred Ninety and 78/100 Dollars ($58,390.78), including interest at 8.5% 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 12, 2007.

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

Commencing at the Southeast corner of a parcel of land described as the East 20 acres of that part of the Southwest quarter of Section 14, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, lying between Old State Highway M-38 and the P.M.R.R. right of way; thence Westerly along Old M-38, 384 feet to the point of beginning of this description; thence Westerly along Old M-38, 120 feet; thence North and parallel with North and South quarter line 13 rods; thence Easterly and parallel with Old M-38, 120 feet; thence South 13 rods to the point of beginning.

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

Dated: March 14, 2007

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
FC C (248) 593-1301
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Attorneys for Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #132988F01

3-14-4

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Terry W. Craig and Renate G. Craig, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Argent Mortgage Company, LLC, Mortgagee, dated February 23, 2005 and recorded on April 21, 2005 in Liber 1035 on Page 746, and modified by Affidavit or Order executed on February 12, 2007 and received by and recorded, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to U.S. Bank National Association 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 Forty-Nine Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-One and 86/100 Dollars ($149,361.86), including interest at 8.4% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on April 12, 2007.

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

Commencing at a point on the Section line 1225.00 feet North of the Southwest corner of Section 23, Town 12 North, Range 89 East; thence 330.00 feet at right angles to the West line of said Section 23, North 508.44 feet parallel to the West line of said Section 23, West 330.00 feet to the West line of said Section 23, West 330.00 feet to the West line of said Section 23, South 508.84 feet to beginning, being a part of the West half of the Southwest Quarter, Section 23, Town 12 North, Range 9 East, Subject to Highway right of way, Tuscola County, Michigan.

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

Dated: March 14, 2007

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #128183F02

3-14-4

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

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

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage, and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Tuscola is held) at 10:00 a.m. on April 12, 2007.

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

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

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

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

Dated: March 14, 2007

OXFORD BANK MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC
Mortgagee

Michael G. Cruse
Warner Norcross & Judd LLP
Attorney for Mortgagee
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3-14-5

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dated: March 16, 2007

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

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

3-21-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jodi Lynn Benitez, a single woman, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated December 30, 2002 and recorded January 6, 2003 in Liber 909, Page 1139, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Wells Fargo Bank, NA by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Five Thousand Six Hundred Two and 04/100 Dollars ($105,602.04), including interest at 6.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on APRIL 12, 2007.

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

Commencing at a point on Section line 275.1 feet East of the Southwest corner of Section 6, Town 12 North, Range 7 East, thence East 105 feet; thence North 231 feet; thence West 105 feet; thence South 231 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.

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

Dated: March 14, 2007

Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 457-1000
File No. 326.1159

3-14-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Nancy Petzold, a single woman, to Flagstar Bank, FSB, Mortgagee, dated August 22, 2002 and recorded September 3, 2002 in Liber 892, Page 103, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Chase Home Finance LLC successor by merger with Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Eight Thousand Three Hundred Two and 90/100 Dollars ($48,302.90), including interest at 7.5% per annum.

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

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

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

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

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

Dated: March 21, 2007

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The Village of Cass City will accept written sealed bids for the sale of a 2004 Ford Crown Victoria Police Package, four-door vehicle.

Written sealed bids will be received until 3:00 PM on Friday, April 20, 2007, at the Village of Cass City Municipal Building, 6506 Main Street, PO Box 123, Cass City, Michigan 48726, and must be marked as "2004 Ford Crown Victoria Bid". The sealed bids will be opened at the Village Office at 3:00 PM on Friday, April 20, 2007. The bid will be awarded on Monday, April 30, 2007 at the Regular Village Council meeting.

The Village of Cass City is selling this vehicle in "as is" condition. The vehicle may be seen for "viewing only" at the Village Wastewater Treatment Plant located at 3998 Doerr Road, Cass City, Michigan. The Village reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

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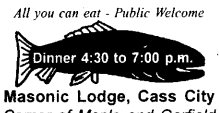

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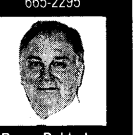

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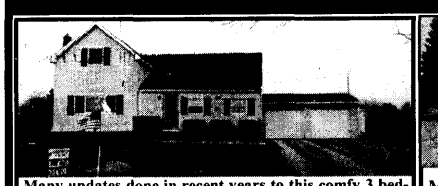
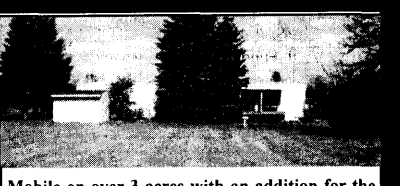


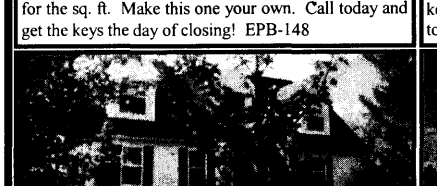
Many updates done in recent years to this comfy 3 bedroom home on 3 acres. Updated kitchen with oak cabinets, all new appliances. Siding, windows, well and furnace in 2003. AC in 2001. Roof new in 1999. Has a hot tub room. Call to get more info or to make an appointment to see. CC-582



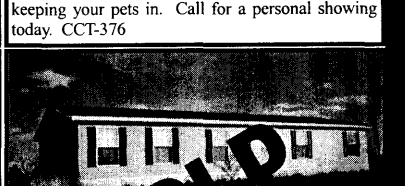
Mobile on over 3 acres with an addition for the 3rd bedroom. Has a new well house for outdoor storage as well as a 12'x17' shed for outer storage. Property offers fruit trees and grapes. Call to set up a showing. CC-576

Back on the Market - Work was started but not all completed. Offers 3 bedrooms, 1.5 bath, large family room. Furnace looks updated as well as windows. Priced right for the sq. ft. Make this one your own. Call today and get the keys the day of closing! EPB-148

2 Story, 5 bedroom home, a few blocks from village of Cass City - Updated siding and windows. 1st floor laundry. Very nice backyard, fenced for privacy or keeping your pets in. Call for a personal showing today. CCT-376



Newer Ca[illegible]ering 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 1,700 sq. ft. Less [illegible]0 yrs. old. Lot has mature trees and is appealing. All appliances included. Large 3 tier deck off the patio doors. Keys at closing. Call for a personal showing today! CPS-005



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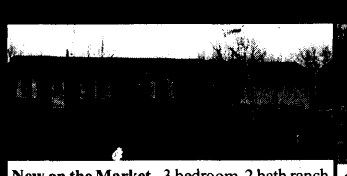

New on the Market - 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch home on 5 acres. Paved road, full basement with access from the garage and house. Nice sun room with doors to a deck. Set back off the road on a hill for a great view of the countryside. Cy2540

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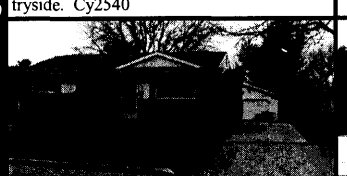
4 Bedrooms, 2 Baths - Family room, natural wood burner, walk-out basement. Sun room with beautiful woodwork. Hot tub. Gas log fireplace. TC478



New on the Market - 3 bedroom, 2 bath home. Close to schools and shopping. Extra large 2 car garage. TCC1497

• **3 bedrooms** • **Full finished basement**
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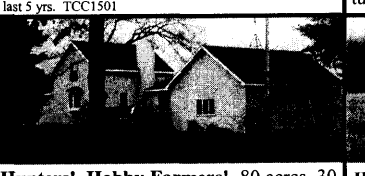
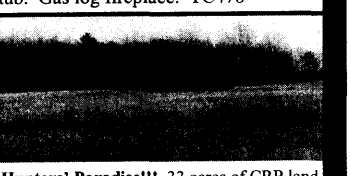


Hunters! Hobby Farmers! 80 acres, 30 wooded, White Creek runs through property. 80'x40' pole barn. 4 bedroom, 3 bath home. 2 1/2 car attached garage. Home Warranty. F756



Hunters' Paradise!!! 33 acres of CRP land (3,000 pine seedlings). 23 acres of woods, wildlife, pond, QDM for over 10 years. $1,600.00 income from CRP. Lots of deer, pheasants, turkeys and rabbits. A582

Calendar of Events

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

Thursday, April 5

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

Friday, April 6

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.

Community Good Friday Service, 1 p.m., Cass City Evangelical Free Church, 6430 Chestnut Blvd. Speaker: the Rev. Todd Gould, pastor. Sponsored by Cass City Ministerial Association.

Monday, April 9

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

Elkland Township Board meeting, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, April 10

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

Thumb Octagon Barn meeting, 7 p.m., fire hall in Gagetown.

Tuscola County Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Family Support/Education Group meeting, 1:30 p.m., Adult Day Services building, 435 Green St., Caro. For more information, call (989) 672-2273.

Wednesday, April 11

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

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

Benefit slated for Chris Klco family

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Cass City, will feature a baked potato dinner with a variety of toppings, salad, dessert and beverage. Free-will donations will be accepted at the door, and organizers are planning a silent auction throughout the evening.

Area residents and businesses that would like to make a donation are asked to drop off auction items at Knight Insurance, 6468 Main St. Monetary contributions should be made out to the "Chris Klco Benefit Fund" and taken to the Independent Bank branch in Cass City.

Klco's accident came just as he and his wife, Correna, were preparing to put their house on the market. They had planned to pack up their belongings and move with their 5 children, ages 6 to 17, to Brazil to work as missionaries.

"That was his passion - working with kids, with youth groups - that type of ministry. He was very involved for 20 years," Peters said of her brother, who was employed as chief financial officer for Datacomp, a Grand Rapids company that appraises manufactured homes. She noted Klco was responsible for starting an inner-city basketball league for kids in the Grand Rapids area, and had hoped to start a youth program in Brazil.

Now, he is struggling with the aftermath of electrocution.

Klco will have to re-learn everything, according to Peters, who said her brother is confined to a bed and undergoing physical, occupational and speech therapy. He can't speak, but recently began taking solid food again, although he's still being tube fed. "It's definitely 24-7 care. It's very trying," Peters added.

In spite of the challenges he faces now and in the future, Klco's prognosis has improved drastically since the accident occurred. Peters recalled doctors initially believed her brother would spend the rest of his life in a vegetative state.

"He can read, he recognizes people, he can watch movies, he smiles when he's supposed to, he cries when he's supposed to," she said. "He's definitely improving."

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Diabetes key factor

While many people know someone who has had a heart attack or stroke, they may not realize the role that diabetes plays.

In fact, adults with diabetes are 2 to 4 times more likely to suffer a stroke or heart attack than someone who does not have diabetes, according to officials at Hills and Dales General Hospital.

The American Diabetes Association and the American Heart Association have recently made a joint statement that health care providers must step up efforts to prevent diabetes and cardiovascular disease.

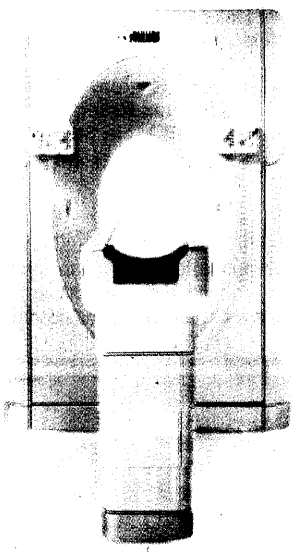
"Heart disease remains the number one cause of death in both adult men and women," said Kathy Dropeski, R.N., education director at Hills and Dales. "The statement identifies a core set of risk factors that lead to diabetes, heart disease and stroke. These risk factors, which apply to men and women, include elevated blood glucose (blood sugar), elevated LDL cholesterol levels (the "bad" cholesterol), elevated blood pressure, tobacco use and obesity.

Education, Dropeski said, is the key to prevention.

"Research has shown that controlling these risk factors is a vital step in preventing heart disease and stroke," she added. "A critical first step is for each person to discuss their risk factors with their doctor. If a person has diabetes or pre-diabetes, it is critical that he or she get the condition under control."

"A certified diabetes self-management education program teaches not only about blood glucose control, but also weight control, cholesterol control, healthy eating and activity," Dropeski said.

Anyone interested in learning more about diabetes management and available education programs is encouraged to contact their doctor or call the Diabetes Education Program at Hills and Dales at (989) 912-6365.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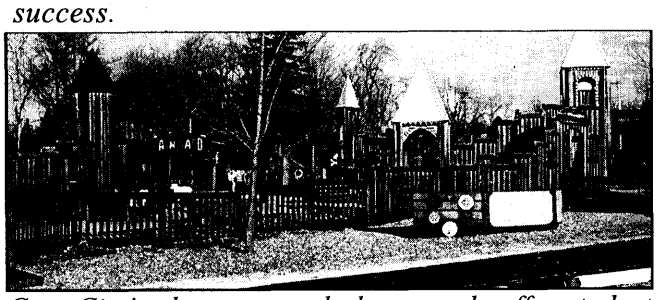
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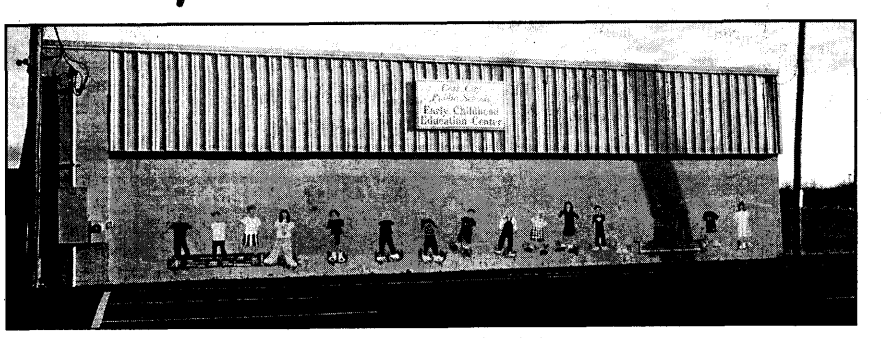
*Cass City has **ALL DAY** kindergarten as well as half day Young 4 and 5 Programs that are held exclusively in the Early Childhood Building. This allows all students to be taught in one safe and controlled environment.*
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