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Teachers' union wants 3% and 3 years, school says no chance

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Teacher contract negotiations in Cass City have been brief and uneventful in recent years, but tough economic times have put a screeching halt to that trend in 2007.

In fact, school officials and union bargainers are so far apart in their proposals for a new contract, the Cass City Board of Education recently requested mediation, a process that was scheduled to begin Tuesday with the arrival of a mediator from the Michigan Employment Relations Commission.

It will be a challenging process. For starters, the union wants pay increases and a 3-year contract, school officials want a pay freeze and a one-year contract.

"Instead of getting closer together, we were getting farther apart," Cass City School Supt. Ron Wilson said, noting the 2 sides have met 5 times since last spring.

The mediation process typically involves a group meeting with both sides followed by separate meetings with school and union bargainers. The mediator will then make a recommendation, but neither side is bound to follow it, Wilson explained.

The school and union are working to hammer out a pact to replace a 3-year contract slated to expire Aug. 15. Under that agreement, teachers

received pay increases of 2.5 percent each year.

Wilson has said that contract has had a huge impact on the district's weak financial situation today because it simply cost more than the district could afford - about \$500,000 in instructional costs the first year. He acknowledged, however, that no one could have predicted some other key factors that have also cost the school hundreds of thousands of dollars in state funding.

"You combine that (contract) with declining enrollment and increased costs, and it just put the district in a terrible situation," Wilson said.

Those factors combined to quickly increase red ink in the district, which recorded a surplus of about \$13,500 in 2003-04, but then saw deficits of more than a half-million dollars in 2004-05 and \$1.343 million in 2005-06. Over the past 18 months, district officials have reduced costs by about \$1.6 million by eliminating 2 dozen staff positions, most of them teaching jobs, along with various program cuts.

While the existing contract gave teachers a 2.5-percent pay hike in each of the 3 years, Wilson said, the reality is that the increase actually totaled about 8 percent when figuring in annual increases as teachers moved up the pay longevity scale from steps one through 11. And, those who further their education earn even more. For example, the salary increase for a teacher with a bachelor's degree who goes on to earn his or her master's degree is about \$2,200.

A chart showing the Cass City Schools' pay scale for teachers in 2006-07 accompanies this story.

Wilson said school negotiators initially received a proposal from the

union outlining recommended changes in contract language, including provisions for more sick/personal days and an increase - from \$8 to \$12.50 per student - in the pay for teachers whose class sizes exceed set limits.

"Just this little package would have increased the district's liability next year by \$447,000," he noted.

Wilson said the union would also like to return to a 6-period day, which was expanded to 7 periods last school year, enabling school officials to eliminate 6 teaching positions.

The proposal did offer what Wilson called a "token" concession in the area of insurance that would add up to a savings of perhaps \$1,400 for the district.

"In the board's estimation, they're playing games with us," he said. "They want a 3-year contract. We told them we can't give you a 3-year contract. We don't even know what we're going to have for revenues."

According to the union's salary proposal, teachers would receive a 3-percent pay increase in each of the next 3 years - 1 1/2 percent at the beginning of each year and 1 1/2 percent at the end of each year.

"Just one year of this increase would increase the district's liability by another \$150,000," Wilson said. "The other problem we're looking at is the (projected) loss of 51 kids this year."

Wilson estimates Cass City Schools will have a fund balance of roughly \$300,000 at the end of this school year. It's a small balance for a district with a \$12 million budget, he said, and the board has taken the position that it's not going to pay for raises out of fund equity.

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BEN SIEBERT, an employee of Village Glass Works, tediously scrapes away at the adhesive keeping the stained glass windows in place Thursday at the First Presbyterian Church. The windows, which date back to the late 1800s, have undergone substantial strain from the heat of the sunlight. They will be restored over the summer and returned to the window frames sometime in November. (Related photos, page 8)

School to spend \$94,000 on updated phone/pager system

The Cass City Board of Education voted Monday to proceed with plans to update the district's phone/pager system, a project that comes with a price tag of more than \$94,000 that will be paid off over the next 5 years.

The board also accepted the resignations of 3 teachers during the regular monthly meeting.

Lyle Severance, who serves as technology coordinator for Cass City Schools, outlined 2 proposals for the phone/pager system, which he said would provide needed updates in the elementary, middle and high schools. Severance noted the middle school equipment is the district's newest at about 10 years, while the high school system is at least 15 years old and the system at Campbell, 20 years old or older.

Severance, who recommended a \$94,153.46 bid submitted by Hi-Tech System Service Inc., Casco, told the board that the equipment is state-of-the-art and offers a number of advantages, including the ability to direct dial to staff and page specific areas and classrooms in each school. The

new system would also save the district on local call charges between the buildings as well as maintenance, he said.

School Supt. Ron Wilson said school officials would pay off the project over a 5-year period, with annual payments of about \$20,000.

Wilson acknowledged the board's uncertainty about making a large expenditure now in light of the Cass City Schools' financial situation, but he pointed out it's an expenditure that will have to be made at some point. More importantly, he said, is the role a phone/pager system plays in the school district's emergency response procedures, and the equipment now in use, particularly at Campbell Elementary, is inadequate.

The board approved a motion to proceed with the project and to accept Severance's recommendation to go with Hi-Tech Service System Inc.'s bid. Hi-Tech submitted the low bid, with Netech Corporation, Novi, presenting a proposal costing \$102,700.

Turning to the resignations, teachers Cathy Cooper Stickney, Linda Derfiny and Carol Pasant all accepted

a retirement incentive package totaling \$10,000 per instructor.

"It's a wash for us because our exposure for those teachers who are unemployed - the ones who are drawing unemployment - is \$9,700 for the first year," Wilson said, referring to teachers who have been laid off. "It brings back some of my young teachers and really doesn't cost the district anything. It's a trade."

Wilson said school officials will be meeting soon to determine which laid off teachers will be offered employment again.

Cooper Stickney has served as the Reading Recovery teacher at Campbell for more than 20 years, while Derfiny and Pasant have each taught at the middle school for many years. The board accepted their resignations "with regret".

The incentive package offer was the second offered by the school in the past year. The last round offered \$30,000 per teacher, and 8 instructors accepted.

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Bus driver arrested in cell phone photo case

A former Cass City School bus driver has been arrested on charges stemming from a Feb. 21 incident in which she allegedly allowed 3 boys on her bus to view a photo showing male genitals on her cell phone.

Leah K. Soldan, 37, Cass City, has been arraigned on 3 counts of distributing obscene matter to children, a "high misdemeanor" punishable by up to 2 years in prison and/or a \$10,000 fine. Bond in the case was set at \$500, and Soldan is currently awaiting a rescheduled preliminary examination date in Tuscola County District Court.

Cass City Police Chief Craig Haynes said Soldan allegedly allowed a student on her bus to use her personal cell phone, and that the photo on the phone's screen saver was that of male genitals. In all, he reported, 3 boys, ages 12 to 14, stated they saw the photo.

Soldan told police that the photo was stored in her phone and not the screen saver, according to reports, which state that a parent contacted school officials, who confronted Soldan with the allegations.

Cass City School Supt. Ron Wilson said Soldan resigned her job shortly after the allegations were made.



THE FORBIDDEN CITY. Stephanie Richards visited the 600-year-old site, which was the location of the Chinese imperial palace from the mid-Ming Dynasty to the end of the Qing Dynasty. It is located in the middle of Beijing, China and now houses the Palace Museum. (See story, page 6)

MHSAA ruling to cost O-G \$3,500

by Caitlin M. Foyt
Staff Writer

Owen-Gage basketball teams will be forced to forfeit every home game if athletic uniforms are not replaced before the winter season.

At the monthly Owendale-Gagetown Area regular school board meeting Monday night, it was announced that replacement jerseys will be needed by December in accordance with recent Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) rulings.

Passed late last year, changes require that jerseys worn during home games must be primarily white, a ruling that will cost the district between \$3,000 and \$3,500 for both teams. MHSAA officials noted that even if white is not considered a part of school colors, each team must still comply with the regulations and may utilize stripes or numbers to diversify their team.

"We'll be ok," said Owen-Gage School Supt. Dana Compton. "It's just kind of ridiculous in some ways. You have uniforms and to say you have to have all white - why? It might be

easier on officials. But it's hard on schools that are tight on money."

The Palace Fundraising Group, a parent and teacher organization that earns money by working concession stands at entertainment events at large venues in the Detroit area, has agreed to absorb the majority of the costs. The group has raised \$28,000 in the last 14 months working at DTE Energy Music Theatre and the Palace of Auburn Hills.

Owen-Gage athletes have worn their jerseys for about 5 seasons, which is the usual lifespan for the standard equipment. Typically, in Owen-Gage Athletics, uniforms can be used for 12-15 years after they are passed down to the JV and junior high level sports teams.

Athletes will be included in the uniform selection process. Company representatives will come to the school and present samples to the athletes, and the preferred consensus will be taken into consideration. Prices and quality are the main concern in making

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Dena McDonald of Ferndale, formerly of Owendale, and David Harris of Ann Arbor announce their engagement.

Dena is the daughter of Jeannette McDonald and the late Bud McDonald of Owendale. She is a 1985 graduate of Owen-Gage High School and attended Delta College for one year. She transferred to the School of Photography at Lansing Community College and graduated in 1988. She trained at Henry Ford Hospital as a retina eye photographer, receiving her certification as retina angelofer. She is now employed with Kresse's Eye Institute of Detroit/Ypsilanti.

David is the son of Mimi Harris and the late Robert Harris of Ann Arbor. He graduated from The Darrow Schools of Ann Arbor and Western Michigan University with a bachelor of science degree in 1985. He is currently employed as a purchaser at Fingerle Co. of Ann Arbor.

An outdoor wedding is being planned at the home of David's mother Sept. 29, 2007.



THE CASS CITY HIGH School Class of 1987 recently gathered for their 20th reunion at Gilligan's Restaurant and Bar. Those who attended included: (front row, from left) Deb Blue, Robyn (Powell) Murdoch, Lisa Hirn, Denise (Francis) Janssen, Heidi (Iseler) Barrigon, (back row, left) Jim Yun, Steve Ross, Deb (Wutkze) Frank, Mike Britt, Ken Pasanski, Randy Guinther, Dan Merchant, Virgil Peters, Doug Caister, Chris Pawloski, Rob Nicholas, Dennis Hyatt, Michele (Smith) Pohlod, Brent Kostanko, Stephanie (Burns) Hutchinson, Dave Miller, Pete Gamet, Jim Kritzman and Randy Izydorek.

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Mr. and Mrs. Bob Dennis and Sharon Sturgil brought 4 of her nieces and nephews to visit Mrs. Curtis Cleland. They went to the Amish garden and the Petroglyphs.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Depcinski and Cindy and Brooke, Dean and Nancy Carpenter, Dean Jr., Michael and Jessica from Caro, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Osentoski and Bradley of Bad axe, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Depcinski, Bradley, Shawn and Nicole of Bad Axe, Janet Mauerseta and friend Alex were at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rand Smith from Wednesday till Sunday for a family reunion. Pictures were taken from Wednesday to Sunday.

June Rutz of Sterling Heights spent a few days with Allen Farrelly and attended the Ubyl Homecoming Sunday.

Ten members of The Greenleaf Extended Homemakers met at Gaffney's in Cass City Thursday for lunch. Olga gave a lesson on homemakers. Jean will host the next meeting in August.

Recent visitors to see Thelma Jackson were Debbie Siebel, David and Becky of Frankenmuth, Beverly Puvalski, Mrs. Clarence Rumpitz of Ubyl, and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson.

The barn on the former Ed Jackson Farm burned. It also ruined 2 silos and an implement shed.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Sweeney of Auburn Hills was an 8 pound, 6 ounce daughter on July 11 at the former Detroit Medical Center. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Sweeney spent a couple of days with Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Sweeney and daughter at Auburn Hills.

Correction

It was reported in the Wednesday, July 4 front page article "Crowds enjoy Freedom Festival in Cass City" that the M-T Pocket Pullers were present at the weekend's festivities. The M-T Pocket Pullers group did not host the tractor pull competition.

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Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

What is that old saying? Something like cigarettes are one thing, but a good cigar is a smoke.

I don't know what a "good" cigar costs these days, but if a tax plan aired recently is enacted a cigar would instantly become an expensive habit, even if you smoked just one a day.

That's because it was suggested that the tax on cigars be increased. We are not talking about a reasonable fundraiser here. How about a tax increase of 2,000 percent or \$10 per cigar?

A tax like this would be sure to foster a black market. How would the criminals that sell cigarettes illegally for tax savings resist getting a truckload? One successful untaxed truckload sold and they retire for life.

My first experience with outstanding walking trails was the Pere Marquette Rail-Trail that stretches from Midland to Clare for 29.4 miles. I wrote about it previously with its comfort stations, snack areas and smooth, paved roadway ideal for walking or bike riding.

I ranked it the best, a 10 on the 1-10 scale. It still ranks that high, but others that I have since used rank as high or maybe a touch higher.


One of them starts around Bay Harbor, west of Petoskey, and runs along the Lake Michigan shoreline on U.S. 31 to Charlevoix. It has several picnic areas and places to park cars. In some places it cuts through forest areas. On weekends, at least, it is used by many walkers and bicycle riders who know a good thing when they see it.

On the north side of Lake Michigan, Manistique has a trail that is shorter, but also is well conditioned and runs along the shoreline.

There are undoubtedly others that are great for the walkers and bike riders in Michigan and the long-term goal is to have them connected so that a rider can cruise through Michigan without needing to buck traffic on a busy highway.

If you have used any other great Michigan trails, write or come in and tell about it, or phone, 989-872 2010, fax, 989-872-3810, or web, chronicle@cass-city.net We will pass it on and make a mental note to try a new one if the chance occurs.

Meanwhile, let's not overlook the Cass City trail. It's still good and one of the few in the Thumb and makes walking to the Cass River fun.



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Saturday
Partly Cloudy
High: 82 Low: 62




Sunday
Mostly Sunny
High: 83 Low: 64


In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see partly cloudy skies with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, high temperature of 81°, humidity of 61% and an overnight low of 56°. The record high temperature for today is 94° set in 1987. The record low is 42° set in 1955. Thursday, skies will remain partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms.


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Thursday	75	57	81/59	0.00"
Friday	66	48	81/59	0.00"
Saturday	73	43	81/59	0.00"
Sunday	79	43	81/59	0.00"

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Gaylord pair hurt in Saturday crash

A Gaylord mother and daughter both suffered injuries in a 2-vehicle traffic accident in Sanilac County's Moore Township Saturday afternoon.

Sanilac County Sheriff's deputies reported the crash occurred at about 1 p.m. at the intersection of M-19 and Snover Road.

Sgt. Paul Rich reported that Helen Edwards, 80, of Gaylord, and her daughter, Robin Edwards, 49, were eastbound on Snover Road and failed to stop for the stop sign at the intersection. As they proceeded through the intersection, their vehicle was struck by a northbound vehicle driven by Elaine Laming, 48, of Ubly.


Both Helen and Robin Edwards were transported to McKenzie Memorial Hospital in Sandusky and then transferred to a Saginaw area hospital for treatment of their injuries. Laming and her passenger, Gary Laming, 20, were not injured.

Sanilac EMS, Moore Township fire fighters and the Sandusky Community Fire Department all assisted deputies at the scene.

The accident remains under investigation.

The Haire Net

Better lock the doors at night



The vast majority reading the stories connected with the Detroit riots 40 years ago would equate it with other historic occasions that are noted because it sparked a change that still continues.

I happened to be in Detroit the day before the riots started and, walking to my car from Tiger Stadium, there was nothing that I could see was different than it always was after a game. No one was cruising around, no one was waving signs around the stadium and 12th street looked unchanged.

Reading about the riots in Detroit was similar to reading about the riots in Los Angeles, an interesting event without any real consequences to us in Cass City.

It did spark a new awareness of what might happen and I wince today when I recall an instance that happened shortly before the riots. The Haire family checked into a downtown hotel. It wasn't rare in those days to stay in the city, look into the busy stores, always including Hudson's, to sometimes buy and always let the kids ride the escalators.

My 2 daughters, young teenagers, were dead set on attending a concert at the Fox Theater that was about 6 blocks or so from our hotel. It was an afternoon show, so I reluctantly let them go. WITHOUT A CHAPERONE.

They reported with delight that they were the only white persons in the audience.

Even in those days there were sections of Detroit that it was best not to visit at night, much like it was 30 years later when a black associate of the mayor pointed out some of the better features of the city as part of a tour for the editors of out state newspapers. He said, yes, there were sections of the city that he wouldn't care to visit at night, but there was still a vibrant city that could safely be enjoyed.

The wheel turns, and that area in downtown Detroit today is probably as safe as it was when I foolishly let my kids go without a chaperone.

There was a stark difference between the cities and the rural areas prior to the riots and there still is, but the margin of safety is markedly less.

Many Thumb old-timers will tell you that they never locked the doors at night, but do so now as incidences of vandalism and robbery increase.

So the continuing reaction to incidents in the city has changed from figuring what happens in Detroit has no effect on us in the safe Thumb, to better lock the doors at night, just to be safe.

And more of us are doing it every night.



The back forty

by Roger Pond

I should have known when I saw the sign stating, "Under new management—truckers welcome." The previous owner must have gone broke or was run out of town, and the truckers didn't feel welcome for some reason.

A sign like that is a dead giveaway. Everybody knows truckers don't care if they're welcome or not — as long as the food is good. (Did you ever see a sign saying, "Truckers not welcome"?)

I walked by the sign without even thinking and sat down at the end of the counter. I was in a hurry and ordered apple pie and coffee.

What could be more American than apple pie and coffee? Well, I'll tell you straight away this wasn't an American apple pie. This was about the most foreign piece of cookery I have ever seen.

This pie was floating around the saucer in some sort of liquid I assume dripped from the refrigeration unit. The crust was soggy. The apples were soggy. It was like pie ala moat.

But I was in a hurry and began to eat as best I could. Then I heard a woman's voice in the kitchen, "I hope we make some money at lunch time, 'cause I got to buy some Pine Sol and see if I can get rid of that smell."

I began to think, "I'm having enough trouble trying to get this pie down without hearing about any smells in the kitchen."

The woman comes out of the kitchen and stands at the end of the counter. She says, "Boy, that's the awfulest smell I ever seen. Have you ever smelled a skunk up close like that? You know when you go by one on the road you just git a whiff, but up close they smell just awful!"

The other customer was finished eating, and I suppose he was listening, but I couldn't look up. Sometimes it's best to mind your own business.

"My dog got into it with a skunk this morning, and boy did he get nailed!" she continued. "My boyfriend heard a racket out in the yard and ran out to break it up — and that skunk squirted the dog right in the face just as he got there. Frank came running back in the house with the dog right behind him, and before I could slam the door, he ran in and rubbed his face all over the rug."

"Frank?" I thought.

"The dog," she said. "And now I got to git some Pine Sol or something to git rid of that smell. You can put tomato juice on a dog, but you can't do that with a rug."

"How about Frank?" I wondered.

"I don't know how I'm gonna git rid of that smell," she went on.

"And how about Frank?" I thought to myself.

The bill for that apple pie float and a lousy cup of coffee was \$3.80. It was worth it, though. I did get a column out of it.

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Circuit court proceedings

Erla's driver pleads last week

An Erla's Inc. delivery driver pleaded no contest to embezzlement of more than \$1,000 but less than \$20,000 during an appearance in Tuscola County Circuit Court last week.

Jeffery S. Hallock, 45, of Elkton, was a meat delivery driver for the Cass City food store at the time of the offenses, which took place between November 2006 and March 2007, according to court records.

Cass City Police Chief Craig Haynes investigated the crime and reported that Hallock failed to turn in cash payments collected from 2 of the store's business customers in Bay City. Haynes said Hallock admitted to taking about \$700, but that invoices prove the missing amount totals nearly \$6,700.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case and bond was continued last week. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

In other circuit court proceedings:

•Andrew J. Wonnacott, 19, Caro, pleaded guilty to second degree home invasion and larceny in a building May 23 in Juniata Township.

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

•John Robert-Hamilton Sanders II, 26, Flint, pleaded guilty to possession with intent to deliver marijuana March 12 in Almer Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at

\$4,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Martin R. Rose, 34, Jackson, pleaded no contest to attempted assault of a police officer, fleeing a police officer and operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor May 24 in Vassar Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

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.

•Arthur J. Mullin, 48, Vassar, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, May 30 in Vassar Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$4,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•James A. Grabowski, 31, Macomb, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, May 26 in Wells Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$1,500. Sentencing is to be set.

•Jesse R. Smith, 19, Mayville, pleaded guilty to second degree home invasion and larceny in a building

May 23 in Juniata Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$25,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Kevin L. Parsons, 25, Kingston, pleaded no contest to assaulting a police officer Jan. 25 in Caro, domestic violence, third offense, Jan. 25 in Koylton

Township, assisting an individual commit suicide Jan. 25 in Caro, and larceny from a vehicle and possession of marijuana Dec. 17 in Indianfields Township. 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 a combined \$34,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be set.

•Joseph A. Prosser, 40, Caro, was sentenced to 18 months to 10 years in prison for his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor Feb. 6 in Indianfields Township.

He was also ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$870 plus restitution of \$95.

•David J. Warren, 27, Vassar, was sentenced to 2 to 15 years in prison for his plea of guilty to assault with a dangerous weapon May 12 in Caro.

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

•Steven R. Hitter, 25, Kingston, was sentenced to 14 days in the county jail, with work release and worksite privileges, for his pleas of no contest to interfering with electronic communications and assault and battery Feb. 16 in Kingston.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$885.

•Amber N. Burns, 19, Cass City, was sentenced to 365 days in jail (305 days deferred), with work release and worksite privileges, for her pleas of guilty to second degree home invasion and 2 counts of breaking and entering - illegal entry between Feb. 3 and March 13 in Cass City.

She was also placed on probation for 36 months and ordered to pay \$3,150 in costs and fines plus restitution of \$209.

•David S. Hayes, 28, Cass City, was sentenced to 120 days in jail, with work release, and 36 months probation for his plea of no contest to second degree home invasion Nov. 27 in Novesta Township.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,340 plus restitution of \$866.35.

•Adam E. King, 18, Reese, was sentenced to 90 days in jail (deferred) and 36 months probation for his pleas of guilty to assaulting a police officer and domestic violence Feb. 7 in Reese.

He was also ordered to pay \$2,655 in costs and fines.

•Bruce A. Weber Jr., 41, Fairgrove, was sentenced to 365 days in jail for

his plea of guilty to violating the Sex Offenders Registration Act by failing to notify law enforcement of a change of address within 10 days between Sept. 16 and Jan. 31 in Fairgrove. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convictions).

He was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$320.

•Charles J. Culpepper, 47, Saginaw, was sentenced to 120 days in jail and 24 months probation for his pleas of guilty to driving while his license was suspended or revoked Feb. 7 in Millington, and to absconding or forfeiting bond March 30 in Caro. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convictions).

He was ordered to pay \$1,080 in costs and fines.

•Clarence C. Bittner, 48, Elkton, was sentenced to 180 days in jail and 60 months probation for his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, March 3 in Elkland Township.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$620.

•Larry D. Detgen II, 30, Millington, pleaded no contest to 2 counts of first degree criminal sexual conduct involving a victim under the age of 13 years in January-February in Millington.

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

•Rocky L. Spencer, 48, Caro, stood mute to a charge of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, June 28 in Caro.

A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled in the case, bond was continued at \$4,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department.

•James H. Taylor, 30, Mount Pleasant, stood mute to charges of assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder and assault with a dangerous weapon June 25 in Caro. He is also charged with being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convictions).

A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled and bond was continued at \$50,000.

•Jeremy R. Riness, 27, Vassar, pleaded guilty to possession of marijuana, subsequent offense, June 17 in Vassar.

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

•Timothy J. Westendorf, 46, Vassar, received a one-year delayed sentence for his plea of no contest to assault with a dangerous weapon May 27 in Vassar Township.

He was ordered to pay \$1,000 in costs and fines.



CAR WASH. Dana Woodward washed any and all modes of transport that were brought to the Cass City Girls' Softball Car Wash Thursday afternoon at Mr. Chips. Cars could be washed for \$5 and trucks for \$8.

Unionville resident threatens to kill his baby, self in incident

A Unionville man is facing multiple charges after allegedly assaulting his wife and threatening to kill himself and the couple's month-old baby last week.

The incident occurred Monday, July 16, at about 5:30 p.m. in Wisner Township. Troopers from the Michigan State Police post in Caro were dispatched to the scene to investigate a reported domestic assault in progress.

According to reports, Kevin E. Ewald, 23, Unionville, had allegedly assaulted his wife, Sarah Ewald, 25, and her sister, Melanie Dutcher, 14, and then grabbed his baby daughter, Savannah Ewald, and told family members that he was going to kill himself and his daughter by driving into a tree.

While officers were en route, family members fought for control of the baby. Because responding officers were coming from Caro, assistance was requested from Hampton Township police.

The suspect's description was broadcast as well as a description of his vehicle in the event he was able to flee, according to troopers, who said First Lt. Mitch Krugielki of the Bay Area Narcotics Team, who was in the area, overheard the request for assistance and responded. Krugielki was able to confront the suspect and keep him occupied long enough for responding officers to arrive. Reports state the suspect had already thrown

the baby in the rear seat of the vehicle and was preparing to drive off when Krugielki confronted him.

Sgt. Brian Newcomb of the Caro post arrived and observed the suspect standing by the open car door with his keys in hand. He and Krugielki were able to arrest Ewald after a brief struggle, and family members recovered the baby safely from the vehicle during the struggle.

Sarah Ewald, Dutcher and the baby all suffered minor injuries, but no medical treatment was needed, reported troopers, who were also assisted at the scene by the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department.

Ewald was lodged at the Tuscola County Jail. Troopers were seeking charges of domestic assault, second degree child abuse and resisting and obstructing police officers.

Sanilac credit rating going up to A-minus

Sanilac County officials were recently notified that Standard and Poor's rating on debt for the county has been raised from a BBB rating to an A- rating.

Standard and Poor's is the world's foremost provider of independent credit ratings, indices, risk evaluation, investment research and data, according to Sanilac County Administrator John R. Males, who explained Standard and Poor's supplies investors with the independent benchmarks they need to feel more confident about their investment and financial decisions.

In raising the rating on debt for Sanilac County, Males said, the agency cited the following: "The improved rating is due to a good track record of stable financial performance and maintenance of good reserves, supported by limited capital needs and a manageable debt burden."

The report went on to say "The county's financial performance has been stable with good general fund reserves bolstered by the Delinquent Tax Reserve Fund (DTRF). At fiscal year-end Dec. 31, 2006, the county posted a small \$164,000 operating shortfall in the general fund with an unreserved general fund balance of \$839,000 or 5.6 percent of expenditures. The DTRF held the bulk of the reserves at \$3 million or a good 30 percent of expenditures and has grown every year since 2002."

Kathy Dorman, Sanilac County treasurer, said the improved credit rating will benefit county taxpayers in a number of ways should capital improvement and other debt be issued.

She noted that a complete Standard and Poor's report is available for viewing at her office.

Bad Axe driver dies from injuries

A 21-year-old Bad Axe man died as a result of injuries he suffered in a traffic crash Tuesday, July 17, in Sanilac County's Forester Township.

Sanilac County Sheriff's deputies were dispatched to the intersection of Deckerville and State roads at about 9:55 a.m., according to Detective Sgt. Jim Johnson, who said investigators found one vehicle in a ditch with no apparent damage. However, inside the vehicle they discovered the victim bleeding with severe injuries.

"Investigators later pieced together that the person had sustained a self-inflicted injury at a roadside park on M-25 and Mills Road in Forester Township," Johnson reported. "After being injured it appears he had attempted driving himself towards Deckerville for medical treatment."

The victim's vehicle entered a north side ditch on Deckerville Road, about 6 miles from the roadside park.

Johnson said the man later died from his injuries.

Deputies are continuing their investigation.

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FAMILY AFFAIR. Jeremy Hulburt, fishing with his dad, Dennis (rear), and son Aaron, reeled in this trophy 43" Northern pike while fishing the Cass River Friday near the Evergreen Park.

THE CARO 10-and-under softball team captured the District 14 championship and will now advance in state tournament play this weekend near Grand Rapids. The team members are, from left, Abbie Brown, Emily Wells, Savanna Fielder, Megan Peters, coach Jason Root, Micaylee Root, Jessica Spencer, Kelsey Setla, Allie Brown, coach Ken Hardenburg, Brittney Tallman, Kaila Ewald, Taylor Moen, Melissa Cockerill, Jordan Hardenburg, and coach Pat Peters.

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Dieter Roth	104
Craig Helwig	103
Scott Richards	97
Rich Tate	91
Corey Ulfig	81
Don Ouvry	78
Rick Coleman	76

Flight #2	
Gary Robinson	119
Jon Zdrojewski	111
Tom Kelly	107
Dan Curtis	102
Clark Erla	101
Jim Peyer	100
Daryl Iwankovitch	98
Dan Mosher	97
Jim Hobbs	95
Jon Langley	91
Russ Biefer	73
Virgil Peters	65

Flight #3	
Pat Casey	125
Jack Hool	120
Terry Hendrick	112
Dick Wallace	101
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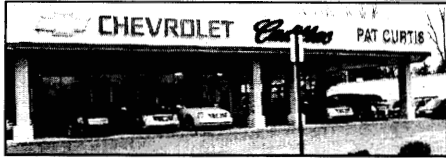
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Calendar of Events

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Thursday, July 26

Rawson Memorial Library Summer Reading Program closing picnic, 11:30 a.m., Lions Pavilion at Cass City Park.
 Seniors' Lunch, noon, Shabbona United Methodist Church.

Friday, July 27

Christ-centered 12-step recovery: pain management, addictions; divorce, "Celebrate Recovery," 7-9 p.m. New Creations Church, 114 N. Almer St., Caro (across from Caro Post Office). For more information, call (989) 673-3274 or visit www.colwood.org.
 Closed Al-anon meeting for family and friends of alcoholics, 7 p.m., United Methodist Church, Elkton. For more information, call (989) 872-4042.

Monday, July 30

Alcoholics Anonymous, "Monday at a Time," 8 p.m., Parkside Cafe, 2031 Main St., Uby. For additional information, call Angela R. at (989) 658-2319.
 Cass City Village Council meeting, 7 p.m., municipal building.

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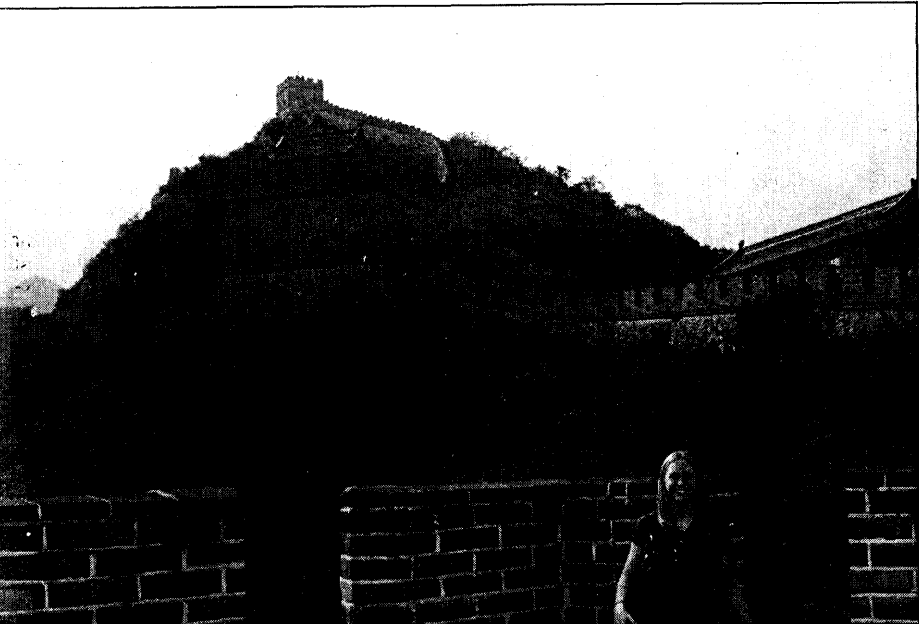
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Ask your neighbor

Oakland County Schools will teach Mandarin Chinese

Do you think Cass City Public Schools could benefit from an expansion in the foreign language program?

Public schools in Oakland County will be expanding foreign language programs to include courses in Mandarin Chinese this fall.

This fall classes are expected to be available in Royal Oak, Waterford, Avondale, Lamphere, Brandon, Berkley, West Bloomfield, Clawson, Ferndale, Madison and Oak Park.

The Oakland County Executive Office, teamed with the public school system, say the new program will give an advantage to students interested in business, which is significant to an area that is an economic magnet for Chinese investment.

It is estimated that districts will need about \$2 million over the next five years to implement new curricula. Both Oakland County and Oakland Schools are pursuing grants to cover these costs.

The current goal is to offer curricula about Chinese culture in grades second, third and seventh in all districts, even if it's a social studies class about Asian history.

Cass City Public Schools foreign language program offers Spanish language courses to students.

Superintendent Ron Wilson said there has not been any discussion of implementing any other foreign languages at this time.

"I know that Universities require that students take a foreign language. With the global economy it's something we could certainly look at, but we have not had any special requests," he said.

Jennifer Hacker, 18, of Cass City, said Cass City students would benefit from an expansion in the foreign language program.

"Universities are starting to look at whether or not people have taken a foreign language and there is only Spanish offered at the high school," she said.

Dee Mulligan, 40, also of Cass City, said she is in favor of more diverse foreign language programs in public schools and believes they should be taught at an earlier age. With global relations becoming more prominent, she said, communication is increasing in importance.

"I remember reading somewhere that by the year 2010, a significant part of the world's population will speak Chinese," Mulligan said.

Hacker and Mulligan both work at the Chamber of Commerce where communication is the most crucial part of their job.

The Oakland Press and Detroit Free Press contributed to this report.



Dee Mulligan & Jennifer Hacker

7 teachers from Huron back in class

Former Huron County resident Bill Oaks recently took 7 Huron County teachers to class at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Ind.

The participating teachers were Clark Brock, North Huron; Steve Lynn, Harbor Beach; Dr. Dan Tighe and Dru Leppek, Caseville; Don Wheeler, Lakers; Ricky Behm, Owendale-Gagetown; and David Jaroch, Ubly.

The teachers became "students" in the EPICS (Engineering Projects in Community Service-Learning) Program, learning how to integrate student participants into service-learning projects in their curriculum, according to Jaroch, who noted Oaks is the grandson of the former Dr. Oaks of Harbor Beach and is a professor at Purdue University.

"With engineering techniques as the focus delivery system, the week rapidly flew by," Jaroch said. "Along with the classroom content, the participants networked with corporate sponsors who are backing the \$15,000 program."

Jaroch explained research has shown that students exposed to social-based volunteer programs greatly expand their learning of engineering techniques and project implementation.

"The ultimate goal of the EPICS project is to prepare students to learn life applicable problem-solving techniques and to be exposed to engineering as a career," he said. "They will, with the support of local resources, solve problems that organizations don't have the time or the expertise to implement."

Made in China

Richards says memories from her study abroad trip will last lifetime

by Caitlin M. Foyt
Staff Writer

After her first day in China, Stephanie Richards desperately craved American food.

In a place where the consumption of fish heads and headless frogs is about as common as ordering a pizza, she returned after 2 weeks with renewed appreciation for the food of her motherland.

"They ate every single part of everything. Here, the shrimp head is gone and they eat the whole shrimp there, the whole fish with the head still attached. One of the ladies in our group was from Malaysia and she was teaching us how to suck the stuff out of the fish head," Richards recalled, with a look of disgust.

In restaurants, chopsticks replaced silverware and groups of people would eat exotic dishes from the same bowl in banquet dish sized portions. Richards sampled Jellyfish, fish bladders, shellfish, tofu soup, eel, duck and squid.

"If you were a germaphob, it wouldn't work out very well because everyone's eating out of the same bowl," she said.

Richards, a junior at Central Michigan University, traveled to Beijing and Shanghai, China May 13 through 27 with 7 other CMU classmates and 3 faculty members.

The trip was through the honors program and CMU College of Business Administration, focused on business economics in China.

The students attended lectures on Chinese History and culture and on business practices at the University of Shanghai for Science and Technology. They toured both American and Chinese Corporations including Johnson Controls, General Motors, Coca-Cola, The Friendship Trading Company and Bow Steel, which is the largest business in Shanghai.

Richards, who is pursuing degrees in Communication Disorders and Psychology, said she participated in the expedition to meet foreign language requirements of the honors program.

Discussing business relations for a solid 2 weeks only further convinced Richards that she did not have a promising future in the field, but the Chinese communication barrier assured her that she was on the right career path.

"As a speech pathologist, there will be times I will have to deal with other cultures or even people that don't speak English as a first language. Learning how to communicate through these translators, that was a new experience for me and that's something that I'll potentially have to do," she said.

Her means of communication with the Chinese people were limited. She memorized a maximum of 6 basic phrases- which were simple greetings, expressions of thanks, and how to ask "how much?". A young English speaking Chinese student accompanied the group to translate and everyone carried "Chinese Survival Sheets," which were pages that listed several different Chinese phrases.

Sometimes it got complicated when visiting the market places, where vendors would bargain with potential

buyers for Chinese goods. The students were encouraged by their translator to offer 10 percent of the initial price given by the vendors on each item, because it was the likely price originally paid by the shop owner.

"If they spoke English, it went a lot smoother," Richards said. "But if they didn't, you just kind of pointed to what you wanted and asked them 'how much?' They'd give a price and you'd just kind of debate back and forth. If they didn't speak good English, you'd pull out a calculator and type numbers back and forth."

Richards said she bought Chinese cultural souvenirs like silk scarves, chopsticks, pearls and fans and avoided the imitation designer bags that were sold on every corner.

She visited many popular Chinese tourist attractions including The Forbidden City, the Ming Tombs and the Great Wall of China, which was her favorite part of the entire trip.

The Great Wall was not at all what she had initially expected. It was completely restored and the wall was not some sort of concrete pathway, but a

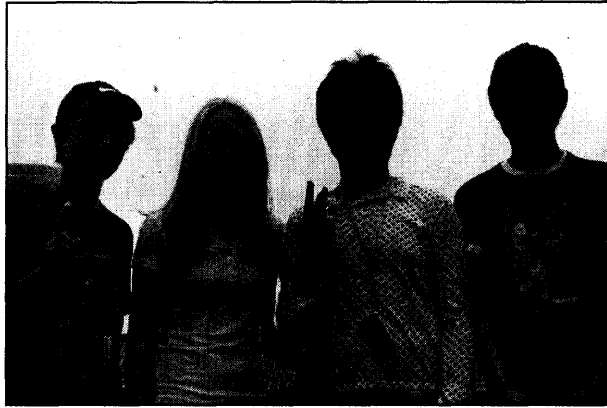
colossal staircase, each step of varying height.

"We only spent a few hours there. You had to be in really good shape to climb the stairs, only half our group made it to the top of the section we were at. It took about 45 minutes to climb up, but it was so worth it," she said.

Richards herself was a tourist attraction for being the only known blonde person in China. Both Chinese and tourists from other Asian cultures would stare at and follow Richards with cameras, sometimes making gestures that they wanted to take a photo with her.

"I had my own miniature paparazzi," she said. "I was glad to come back to America and blend in with everybody else."

To fund her trip, Richards received scholarships from the Office of International Education, The Honors Program and Study Abroad program. The College of Business Administration and her preexisting Centralis Scholarship also aided in funding.



In a class by herself

TOURIST ATTRACTION. Chinese locals as well as tourists from other Asian cultures followed Stephanie Richards throughout her trip to get a closer look at her blonde hair. Many people requested to have their picture taken with her as a souvenir. "I was basically the only blonde person in China," she explained.



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FRIENDS OF THE Octagon Barn member Bob Hirn presents Diane Rapson Gabil with the 2007 “Friend of the Barn” award for her dedication and years of volunteer work.



Drum Corps Summer...

By Lauren Hudson

Editor's note: Cass City High School student Lauren Hudson has been contributing an occasional column to the Chronicle this summer, sharing her experiences as a first-time member of a Division I drum and bugle corps, the Milwaukee, Wis.-based Pioneer Drum and Bugle Corps.

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

It's always eerie when a show is over and the corps gathers to talk about the show. I hear other corps on the field and an idea strikes me: I just marched on that field. It's a cool feeling.

I'm probably never going to experience seeing the country in such a unique way ever again. It is just about halfway through the season. I'm having a blast; marching, music and hanging with my corps buddies for a whole summer. What else can a “marcher” ask for?

I'm losing track of days. It's getting harder and harder to remember what the day and date are, especially to write these letters! But “today” was a day that I must remember.

Pioneer jumped a few days ago from

(a score of) 57 to 60 and “today” from 60 to 64! And at the beginning of the season we started at 54 and went up one point at a time, so 4-point jumps are sweet! But scores don't really hype me as much as the crowd does.

I believe this year is Pioneer's year. I chose Pioneer to march with because of their family values, togetherness and “old school” drum corps ways. Not because they get “1st” or they make finals or their show is awesome. But this year could be Pioneer's year. We have an awesome show and I believe that we could make semi-finals (during world championship week). Which is cool because the last time Pioneer made semis was 1998!

Better Every Day,

Lauren

P.S. Scores are okay, but the crowds are awesome! Two little boys and their mother were walking around “the lot” (the place where the corps buses are parked) and the boys were getting corps members' autographs. The mother talked to me and said our show was cooler than the show of “some other corps” that they had originally planned to see. I think those boys became Pioneer fans that day. I also think they thought I was pretty cool for being a female baritone player. They thought I was in the guard. When I told them otherwise, their eyes grew wide. I can't wait for our next show!

Rapson Gabil honored by barn group

The “Friend of the Barn” award is presented annually to one of the volunteers for their dedicated service to the barn, and this year's winner is Diane Rapson Gabil, who is being honored for her commitment to the barn and volunteering her time in so many ways.

Rapson Gabil began her involvement with the restored, historical Gagetown area barn in 1995 when she organized a mystery trip for a group of fellow teachers from the Bangor Lincoln School District in Bay City. Then she brought her special needs students to school tours the first year they were conducted in 1996 and every year thereafter until her retirement in 2002.

Also in 2002, the “friends” needed someone to take over the chairmanship for the school tours, a responsibility she accepted. Rapson Gabil also arranges all of the publicity for the annual Fall Family Days celebration, and she chaired the committee charged with getting the “Squeaky the Mouse” book published with illustrations.

Past recipients of the “Friend of the Barn” award are: Margaret Sergeant (2002), Rose Putnam (2003), Bob Him and Doris Schember (2004), Doug Monroe and Joan Koch (2005), and Ray Caverly and Norma Wallace (2006).

Agri-business project gets state grant

Beginning in July, the Thumb Region (Huron, Lapeer, Sanilac and Tuscola counties) was awarded a special Michigan Regional Skills Alliance (MiRSA) grant to initiate the state's first cooperative agri-business project.

Entitled Thumb Area Agri-Business 2100, the project is the result of joint planning by a number of agriculture-related businesses and organizations.

Thumb Area Michigan Works! assisted in organizing the Agri-Business 2100 Project and will be responsible for ensuring the project is successful.

“We are pleased, proud and cautiously optimistic for creating a unified, progressive opportunity for all involved in agri-business” said Marv Pichla, Thumb Area Michigan Works! director. “The Thumb Area has a great history of working together on a number of issues and I know the Agri-Business 2100 Project builds on the strength already felt in this specialty business sector.”

5 YEARS AGO

Mabel O'Quinn laughs when she's asked about the conversation at her dinner table on some nights. O'Quinn, who was born and raised in the Snover area, now lives in Florida, where she worked at the Kennedy Space Center as a NASA federal law enforcement training instructor for Space Gateway Support, a firm that contracts with both the Kennedy Space Center and the Cape Canaveral Air Force Station. “It's a wonderful job to have,” O'Quinn commented Friday morning from her office at the Kennedy Space Center. O'Quinn's career with NASA began in the fall of 1998, when she was first hired as a security officer. “I've been in management, going on 3 years now, and I've been an instructor for 2 years,” she said. “Our pace has been wild and furious. It's been non-stop.”

When the son of a Snover couple walks onto his driveway in the small town of Cold Lake, Alberta, Canada, tucked into the middle of nowhere, it seems like the entire town comes out to greet him. It's a common experience this time of year in this remote area where moose and trout far outnumber people. For Air Force Capt. Ronald J. King, son of Boyd and Linda King, Snover, his driveway is actually a 12,000-foot runway and the commotion that draws the locals to him is an annual NATO exercise dubbed “Maple Flag.” King was one of more than 4,000 pilots, maintenance crew members and support specialists from the U.S., Canada, Germany, England, France, Sweden and Singapore who recently converged on this Canadian air base to test the skills of new pilots in a combat environment, simulating their first 10 hours of flying sorties over enemy territory. King is an F-16 Fighting Falcon pilot, normally assigned in Italy with the 555th Fighter Squadron “Triple Nickels.”

10 YEARS AGO

This year's Grand Champion steer belonged to Kate DeLong of the Cass City Livestock Club. Joseph Chevrolet and Pontiac purchased the steer for \$2.85 a pound during the annual livestock sale held Thursday at the Tuscola County Fairgrounds in Caro.

Roger Marshall loves to fly. So much so, that he has his own plane. Something most pilots would consider tops. His wife, Linda, did that one better. She booked the couple a surprise trip to Europe for Roger's 60th birthday. The flight, on the Concorde, was icing on the cake. (From Rabbit Tracks)

Down Memory Lane

By Harmony Doerr



During the 1995-96 corn marketing year, 118 million bushels of corn were used to make breakfast cereals, cornmeal and other corn-based food products.

Dee McKrow, chief executive officer of Hills and Dales General Hospital, has accepted appointment to serve as a member on the Michigan Health & Hospital Association Council on Small and Rural Hospitals for the 1997-1998 program year. The purpose of the council is to provide a forum for small or rural hospitals to provide input into the policy and decision making of the Michigan Health & Hospital Association.

25 YEARS AGO

I was so sure that Charlie Carpenter was trying to pull my leg that I bet him a buck he was fibbing. I lost. What Charlie told me was that Herb Ludlow chipped in three times in a row on the same hole at Rolling Hills Golf course. In the fun league that Ludlow plays in you can make an opponent shoot a shot again a couple of times a round. On hole seven, Ludlow used his putter and sank the shot from a foot off the green. Naturally, his opponents called for him to discard that shot and shoot again. Ludlow sank the shot the second time. Again the shot was recalled and Ludlow did it the third time. That one counted. I paid the bet after Carpenter got signed affidavits from Mary Rabideau and Gladys Albee. (From Rabbit Tracks)

Cass City's new doctor has come a long way to be closer to home. Dr. Robert A. Genovese, MD, an internist, started Monday at Hills and Dales General Hospital as a consultant for hospitalized patients and hopes to have his office in the Hills and Dales Medical Center, across from the hospital, open by Friday. When he opens his practice depends on when all his newly ordered office equipment arrives. Dr. Genovese (pronounced jeno-veese) comes to Cass City after three years of residency in internal medicine at Virginia Mason Hospital in Seattle, Wash. The 29-year-old native of Allen Park, a Detroit suburb, received his bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan in 1975 and graduated from the Wayne State University Medical School in Detroit in 1979, after which he went to Seattle.

The great artist Michelangelo is known to have painted only one easel picture. He much preferred working in marble.

35 YEARS AGO

I used to think that B. A. “Curley”

Calka was the best, or at least one of the best, salesman I know. But it just might be that Curley is only the second best salesman in his family, judging by an item that appeared in a recent Detroit Free Press. It told how Delta Junction, Alaska, was trying for a new fire engine using Betty Crocker coupons and trading stamps instead of money...5 million of them. The story went on to say that Bernard “Barney” Calka, Curley's brother, took up the cudgel for the tiny community and started a campaign in his home community, Sterling Heights. The result? He shipped 162,348 coupons to the tiny town to put the drive over the top. That's a better job than Cass City's Calka used to do selling Lions' program ads, which most area businessmen know he did quite well. (From Rabbit Tracks)

The Yankees added the playoff title to the regular season championship Monday night with a 7-3 extra inning decision over the Tigers. It was probably the best played and most exciting game of the season. In the end, it was the pitching depth that told the story. Both teams started out strong, scoring two runs. The game remained deadlocked until the fourth when the Tigers went in front with a single counter. The Yanks tied it with a last inning rally as Dean Severance and Tony Doerr cracked back-to-back doubles. In the last of the sixth the Tigers loaded the bases with nobody out. Clarke Haire bore down to retire the next three batters on strikes to get out of the inning and send the game into overtime.

Ten boys and two girls took a 900-mile canoe trip last week in Canada as a reward for active participation in the local chapter of the Future Farmers Association (FFA). The annual trip began Monday, July 10, and ended July 15, with Mr. and Mrs. Ross Beach accompanying the young people. Beach, vocational agriculture teacher at the Cass City High School, said the trip centered around Algonkian Provincial Park in Canada.

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

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

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

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Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
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872-3422
Worship: 11:00 a.m.
(Summer 9:30 a.m.)
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Community Dinner - Monthly (2nd Wed. at noon)
Pastor: Rev. Paul G. Donelson

Evangelical Free Church of Cass City
6430 Chestnut Blvd., Cass City, MI 48726
Phone: 872-5060
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.
Midweek Bible Studies
Biblical Counseling
Pastor: Rev. Todd R. Gould

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989-872-3155
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Sunday Morning Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
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Wednesday
Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
AWANA Clubs 6:45 p.m. During School Year
Pastor: David G. Hill
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First Presbyterian Church
Barrier Free
6505 Church St., Cass City, MI 48726
872-5400
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Worship Service 10:45 a.m.
Pastor: Dave Blackburn

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872-2770
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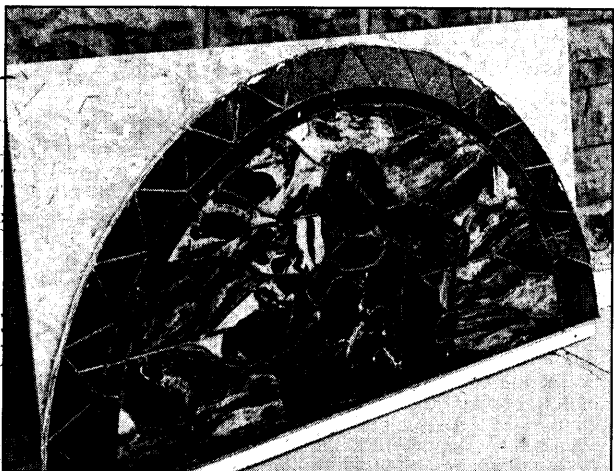
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Said premises are situated in City of Vassar, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lots 6, Block 7, Johnson's Addition to the City of Vassar, according to the recorded Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 29 of plats, Page 88.

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

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

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Joel J. Mata, an unmarried man, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns. Mortgagee, dated October 12, 2004 and recorded on November 1, 2004 in Liber 1015 on Page 578 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to U.S. Bank National Association as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the

sum of One Hundred Ninety Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-Four and 07/100 Dollars (\$190,894.07), including interest at 10.1% 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 August 23, 2007.

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

Part of Section 15, Town 11 North, Range 9 East, Fremont Township, Tuscola County, Michigan commencing at the West 1/4 corner of Section 15, Town 11 North, Range 9 East, Fremont Township, Tuscola County, Michigan; thence South 0 degrees 04 minutes 58 seconds West 330.00 feet along to West line of said Section 15 to the Point of Beginning. Running thence North 90 degrees 00 seconds East 801.00 feet; thence South 0 degrees 04 minutes 58 seconds West 243.40 feet; thence North 90 degrees 00 East 123.63 feet; thence North 81 degrees 53 minutes 06 seconds East 400.14 feet; thence South 0 degrees 07 minutes 02 seconds East along the West 1/8 line of Section 15; thence North 89 degrees 55 minutes 40 seconds West 1320.19 feet along the South 1/8 line of said Section 15; thence North 00 degrees 04 minutes 58 seconds East 991.48 Feet along the West Section 15, to the Point of Beginning.

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

Dated: July 25, 2007

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC S (248) 593-1304
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #152719F01

7-25-4

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Diane M. Spencer, a married woman, and Paul H. Spencer, her husband, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns. Mortgagee, dated July 27, 2005 and recorded on August 3, 2005 in Liber 1048 on Page 676 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Aurora Loan Services, LLC as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-Eight and 10/100 Dollars (\$99,778.10), including interest at 5.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on August 16, 2007.

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

Part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 12, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest corner of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of said Section 12; thence North, 8 rods; thence East 10 rods; thence South 8 rods; thence West 10 rods to the point of beginning. Also, commencing at a point 8 rods North of the Southwest corner of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of said Section 12; thence North 8 rods; thence East 10 rods; thence South 8 rods; thence West 10 rods to the place of beginning.

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

Dated: July 18, 2007

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC L (248) 593-1312
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File #151708F01

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Christopher P. Gusek, a single man, to Conesco Finance Servicing Corporation, Mortgagee, dated June 20, 2002 and recorded June 27, 2002 in Liber 883, Page 534, 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 Ninety-Eight Thousand Six Hundred Fifty-Three and 73/100 Dollars (\$98,653.74), including interest at 15.564% 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 AUGUST 16, 2007.

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

Section 3, Town 11 North, Range 10 East, Township of Dayton, Tuscola County, Michigan described as: Commencing at a point that is South 00 degree 03 minutes 41 seconds West, 681.93 feet from West one-quarter corner of section; thence South 00 degree 03 minutes 41 seconds West, 150 feet; thence South 89 degrees 56 minutes 19 seconds East, 200 feet; thence South 00 degrees 03 minutes 41 seconds West, 140 feet; thence South 89 degrees 56 minutes 19 seconds East, 647.54 feet; thence North 00 degree 03 minutes 41 seconds East, 290 feet; thence North 89 degrees 56 minutes 19 seconds West, 847.54 feet to point of beginning.

Mobile Home make Schultz, Year 1994 28 feet X 52 feet, VIN # PEI 022912.

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: July 18, 2007

Orlans Associates, P.C.
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File No. 213.1928

7-18-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Robert A. Sivak, a married man and Kimberly K. Sivak, his wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns. Mortgagee, dated June 26, 2006 and recorded June 29, 2006 in Liber 1086, Page 536, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Twenty-Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-Nine and 72/100 Dollars (\$29,869.72), including interest at 7.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on AUGUST 23, 2007.

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

Lots 4 and 5, Block 1, also alley lying adjacent to said Lots and Block 1 of Helen Gage Annex to the Village of Gagetown, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 38.

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: July 25, 2007

Orlans Associates, P.C.
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File No. 280.2533

7-25-4

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by BERNARD O. KILLIN II and CHRISTINE N. KILLIN, HUSBAND AND WIFE, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns. Mortgagee, dated August 18, 2005 and recorded on August 24, 2005, in Liber 1051, on Page 487, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Three Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty-Six Dollars and Eight Cents (\$83,736.08), including interest at 7.875% 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, front entrance of the Courthouse Building in the Village of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM o'clock, on August 23, 2007.

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

LOT 21, WELSH ESTATES, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 1 OF PLATS, PAGE 37, TUSCOLA COUNTY RECORDS.

MORE CORRECTLY DESCRIBED AS: LOT 21, WELSH ESTATES, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 3 OF PLATS, PAGE 17, 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: July 19, 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

7-25-4

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Violet Bidingier, a single woman, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns. Mortgagee, dated August 4, 2005 and recorded on August 8, 2005 in Liber 1048 on Page 1381 in instrument 200500869747, 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 Two Thousand Four

Hundred Twenty-Four and 41/100 Dollars (\$102,424.41), 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 August 16, 2007.

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

Commencing at the Northwest corner of Section 22, Town 12 North, Range 10 East; thence South 89 degrees 56 minutes 20 seconds East 343.59 feet along the North line of said Section 22 to the point of Beginning; running thence South 89 degrees 56 minutes 20 seconds East 320.00 feet along the North line of said Section 22; thence South 00 degrees 29 minutes 02 seconds East 275.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 56 minutes 20 seconds, West 320.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 29 minutes 02 seconds West 275.00 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: July 18, 2007

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File #150394F01

7-18-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by SHANE FOX, AN UNMARRIED MAN, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns. Mortgagee, dated August 14, 2006 and recorded on August 17, 2006, in Liber 1091, on Page 1392, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Five Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-Four Dollars and Thirty Cents (\$95,574.30), including interest at 7.500% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, front entrance of the Courthouse Building in the Village of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM o'clock, on August 23, 2007.

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

FROM THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION GO EAST 394.5 FEET TO POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE EAST 150 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 250 FEET 6 INCHES; THENCE WEST 150 FEET; THENCE NORTH 290 FEET 6 INCHES TO POINT OF BEGINNING BEING PART OF SECTION 34, TOWN 13 NORTH, RANGE 11 EAST.

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

Dated: July 19, 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

7-25-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Kellie A. Sebert and Craig T. Sebert, wife and husband, as tenants by the entirety, to Ames Home Loan, Mortgagee, dated June 30, 2003 and recorded July 15, 2003 in Liber 942, Page 168, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by US Bank National Association as Trustee for SASCO Ames Mortgage Loan Trust, Series 2003-1 by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Three Hundred Forty Thousand One Hundred Sixty-One and 64/100 Dollars (\$340,161.64), 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 AUGUST 23, 2007.

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

The East one half of the Southeast one-quarter Section 10, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, except land described as beginning at the East one-quarter corner of said Section 10; thence along the East line of said Section 10, South 01 Degree 09 minutes 50 seconds East, 800 feet; thence South 89 Degrees 02 minutes 00 seconds West, 217.80 feet; thence North 01 Degrees 09 minutes 50 seconds West, 800 feet to the East and West one-quarter line; thence North 89 Degrees 07 minutes 00 seconds East, 217.80 feet to the East one quarter corner of said Section 10 and the point of beginning.

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

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

Dated: July 25, 2007

Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 457-1000
File No. 269.0849

7-25-4

Legal Notices

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Stacy N. O'Brien, an unmarried woman, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated September 20, 2006 and recorded September 25, 2006 in Liber 1096, Page 1115, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty-Three and 89/100 Dollars (\$89,853.89), 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 of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on AUGUST 23, 2007.

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

Lot 1, Block 4, Ebenezer Morse's Addition to the Village of Vassar, now the City of Vassar, according to the Plat thereof recorded in Liber 1 of Deeds, Page 369, 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: July 25, 2007

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File No. 280.2521

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: July 4, 2007

Orlans Associates, P.C.
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(248) 457-1000
File No. 214.5092

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Gordon A. Watson, a single man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated October 23, 2002 and recorded November 15, 2002 in Liber 902, Page 839, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Seven Thousand Six Hundred Seventy-Eight and 97/100 Dollars (\$57,678.97), including interest at 12.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on AUGUST 2, 2007.

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

Part of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 20, Town 12 North, Range 9 East, Indianfields Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as: Beginning at a point on the centerline of Wells Road which is South 00 degrees 48 minutes 20 seconds West, 667.99 feet along the North and South one-quarter line of Section 20 and along the centerline of Wells Road, South 80 degrees 52 minutes 00 seconds East, 461.52 feet and continuing along said centerline, South 70 degrees 22 minutes 00 second East, 696.21 feet from the North one-quarter corner of said Section 20; thence continuing along said centerline, South 70 degrees 22 minutes 00 seconds East, 410.00 feet; thence at right angles to said centerline, North 19 degrees 38 minutes 00 seconds East, 504.50 feet; thence parallel to said centerline, North 70 degrees 22 minutes 00 seconds West, 410.00 feet; thence, South 19 degrees 38 minutes 00 seconds West, 504.50 feet to the centerline of Wells Road and the Point of Beginning.

EXCEPT: Part of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 20, Town 12 North, Range 9 East, Indianfields Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as: Beginning at a point on the centerline of Wells Road which is South 00 degrees 48 minutes 20 seconds West, 667.99 feet along the North and South one-quarter line of Section 20 and along the centerline of Wells Road, South 80 degrees 52 minutes 00 seconds East, 461.52 feet and continuing along said centerline, South 70 degrees 22 minutes 00 second East, 1106.21 feet, and at right angles to said centerline, North 19 degrees 38 minutes 00 seconds East, 322.50 feet from the North one-quarter corner of said Section 20; thence continuing North 19 degrees 38 minutes 00 seconds East, 182.00 feet; thence North 70 degrees 22 minutes 00 seconds West, 410.00 feet; thence South 19 degrees 38 minutes 00 seconds West, 1.30 feet; thence South 70 degrees 22 minutes 00 seconds East, 388.40 feet; thence South 12 degrees 49 minutes 06 seconds East, 182.00 feet to the Point of Beginning.

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

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

Dated: July 4, 2007

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File No. 231.5663

4 by an assignment recorded in Tuscola County Records, Michigan on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of one hundred six thousand four hundred twenty one and 61/100 Dollars (\$106,421.61), including interest at 6.990% 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, Michigan, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., on Thursday, August 9, 2007.

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

Commencing at the Southwest corner of Lot 3, Block 1, LEONARD FOX'S SECOND ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE OF MAYVILLE; thence South 2 rods; thence West 6 rods; thence North 15 rods; thence East 6 rods; thence South 13 rods to the place of beginning, being part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 25, Town 11 North, Range 9 East, Village of Mayville, Tuscola County, Michigan.

PARCEL ID: 040-500-256-1000-00

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

Dated: June 15, 2007

The Bank of New York as Trustee for Equity One, Inc.
Mortgage Pass Through Certificate Series 2005-4
Assignee of Mortgage

Richard A. Green, Attorneys
30150 N. Telegraph Rd., Ste. 444
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
(248) 540-7665

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Heath Jackson and Kelli Jackson, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successor's and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated March 3, 2005 and recorded March 24, 2005 in Liber 1032, Page 643, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Nine Thousand Two Hundred Fifty-Three and 87/100 Dollars (\$69,253.87), including interest at 13.05% 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 AUGUST 16, 2007.

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

The South 99 feet to Lot 1, Block 2, Kinyon's Addition to the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 15, Tuscola County Records. Being the same property conveyed to Ross Downing, a single man, by deed from George H. Letson, Survivor of Doris A. Letson, dated 9-23-99, recorded 9-27-99, in Book 783, Page 188, in the Register of Deeds of Tuscola County, MI. Begin the same property conveyed to George H. Letson and Doris A. Letson, husband and wife, by deed from Donald T. Lanway and Virginia M. Lanway, husband and wife, dated 8-22-74, recorded 8-29-74 in Book 443, Page 727 in the Register of Deeds of Tuscola County, MI.

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: July 18, 2007

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File No. 207.8212

UTES 04 SECONDS WEST 624.63 FEET FROM THE SOUTH 1 / 4 CORNER OF SECTION; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 04 SECONDS WEST 200 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 32 MINUTES 43 SECONDS WEST 266 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 04 SECONDS EAST 200 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 32 MINUTES 43 SECONDS EAST 436 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

TAX ID NO. 016-016-000-2300-01

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: June 27, 2007

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

Peter M. Schneiderman & Associates, P.C.
2100 Providence Drive, Suite 450
Southfield, MI 48075

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This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Brian Gilmore and Stacy L. Gilmore, Husband and Wife to Foundation Financial Group, Mortgagee, dated June 26, 2006 and recorded July 13, 2006 in Liber 1087 Page 1471 Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was subsequently assigned thru mesne assignments to Liquidation Properties Ins., on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Five Thousand Two Hundred Six Dollars and Ninety-Seven Cents (\$85,206.97), including interest 11.05% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, front entrance of the Circuit Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI at 10:00AM on Thursday, August 9, 2007.

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

Beginning at a point on the center line of East Dayton Road which is East 489 feet along the East and West One-Quarter line of Section 2, Town 12 North, Range 9 East, and North 71 degrees 47 minutes 30 seconds East 981.79 feet along the center line of said Highway from the West One-Quarter corner of said Section 2; thence continuing along said centerline 50 feet; thence North 16 degrees 25 minutes 30 seconds West 240 feet; thence South 71 degrees 47 minutes 30 seconds West 63 feet; more or less to a point that is North 19 degrees 42 minutes 42 seconds West from the point of beginning; thence South 19 degrees 42 minutes East 240 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning; and being a part of the Northwest Quarter of Section 2, Town 12 North, Range 9 East. Commonly known as 1127 East Dayton, Caro MI 48723.

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

Dated: JULY 6, 2007

Liquidation Properties Ins.,
Assignee of Mortgagee

Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C.
811 South Blvd. Suite 100
Rochester Hills, MI 48307
(248) 844-5123
Our File No: 07-73627

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jonathan Ray Shores and Cheryl Kuppe Shores, Husband and Wife as joint tenants by the entireties, to Ameriquest Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated October 22, 2004 and recorded December 1, 2004 in Liber 1019, Page 453, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by WM Specialty Mortgage LLC, Without Recourse by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Forty-Eight Thousand Eighty-One and 81/100 Dollars (\$148,081.81), including interest at 9.3% 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 AUGUST 2, 2007.

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

Commencing at a point on the West line of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 31, Town 13 North, Range 10 East, that is 728 feet South of the Northwest corner of the Northeast one-quarter; thence East at right angles to said West Section line 370 feet; thence South parallel with the West line 236 feet; thence West 370 feet; thence North 236 feet to the Place of Beginning. Except Beginning at a point on the North and South one-quarter line of Section 31 which is South 728.00 feet from the North one-quarter corner of said Section 31; thence continuing along said one-quarter line South 6.00 feet; thence at right angles to said one-quarter line East 370.00 feet; thence North 6.00 feet; thence at right angles to said one-quarter line West 370.00 feet to the North and South one-quarter line and the Point of Beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Kirstie LeValley, a married woman joined by her spouse, Timothy LeValley, Wife and husband, to Chase Home Finance LLC, successor by merger to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, A New Jersey Corporation, Mortgagee, dated November 10, 2003 and recorded November 19, 2003 in Liber 965, Page 55, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Nine Thousand Two Hundred Fifty-One and 52/100 Dollars (\$59,251.52), including interest at 6.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on AUGUST 9, 2007.

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

Commencing 10 rods South of the North line of Section 18, Township 11 North, Range 8 East, on Centerline of Goodrich Street, South 4 Rods, East 10 Rods, North 4 Rods, West 10 Rods to the point of beginning, and Part of the Northwest fractional one-quarter of Section 18, Township 11 North, Range 8 East, described as: Beginning at a point on the East line of Goodrich (M-15) Street, which is East, 1040.80 feet along the North line of said Section 18 to the intersection of said North line and the Centerline of Goodrich (M-15) Street and South 02 degrees 45 minutes 00 seconds West, 231.00 feet along said centerline and East 50.06 feet from the Northwest corner of said Section 18, said point being on the East line of Goodrich (M-15) Street; thence South 02 degrees 45 minutes 00 seconds West along said East line and parallel with said centerline 18.50 feet, thence East 81.94 feet parallel with North line of said Section 18; thence North 02 degrees 45 minutes 00 seconds East, 16.50 feet parallel with said centerline; thence West 81.94 feet to the point of beginning. Subject to easements, restrictions, reservations and rights of way of record.

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

TO ALL PURCHASERS: The 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: July 11, 2007

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File No. 310.1468

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Lois Rozumny, a single person, original mortgagor, to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc., Mortgagee, dated February 22, 2006, and recorded on March 10, 2006 in Liber 1073 on Page 1215, in Tuscola county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Nineteen Thousand Three Hundred Fifty-Four and 03/100 Dollars (\$119,354.03), including interest at 6.625% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on August 2, 2007.

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

Lot 5, Block 1, William Turner's Second Addition to the Village of Mayville, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 29, Now being Page 30A.

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: July 4, 2007

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by John Duckert and April Duckert, husband and wife, to "MERS" Mortgage Electronic Registration System, Inc. MERS is a separate corporation that is acting solely as a nominee for Lender and Lender's successors and assigns. MERS is the mortgagee under this Security Instrument. Lender is Homeland Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated June 1, 2005 and recorded on June 13, 2005 in Liber 1042 on Page 51, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgage to The Bank of New York as Trustee for Equity One Inc. Mortgage Pass Through Certificate Series 2005-

Commencing at the Southwest corner of Section 25, Town 13 North, Range 9 East, thence North 01 degrees 39 minutes East along the West line of said Section 25, 731.00 feet to the point of beginning of this description; thence North 01 degrees 39 minutes East, along the West line of said Section 25, 140.00 feet; thence South 88 degrees 21 minutes East 180.00 feet; thence South 01 degrees 39 minutes West 140.00 feet; thence North 88 degrees 21 minutes West 180.00 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: July 11, 2007

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Mark J. Shook and Pamela J. Shook, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to TMS Mortgage Inc. DBA The Money Store, Mortgagee, dated January 14, 1999 and recorded on February 10, 1999 in Liber 762 on Page 1013 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgage to Wachovia Bank, N.A. as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-Three Thousand Thirty-Four and 50/100 Dollars (\$33,034.50), including interest at 11.2% 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 August 23, 2007.

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

Lots 11, 12 and 13, Block 2, Vanderbilt Subdivision, part of Government Lot 1, Section 28, Town 14 North, Range 7 East, Wisner Township, 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: July 25, 2007

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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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 AUGUST 23, 2007.

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

Part of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 14, Town 13 North, Range 11 East, Novesta Township, Tuscola County, Michigan described as: Commencing at the Northeast corner of said Section 14; thence along the East line of said Section 14, South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, 33.00 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing along said East line of Section 14, 660.00 feet; thence parallel to the North line of said Section 14, North 89 degrees 28 minutes 55 seconds West, 660.00 feet; thence parallel to said East line of Section 14, North 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, 660.00 feet; thence parallel with said North line of Section 14, South 89 degrees 28 minutes 55 seconds East, 660.00 feet to the Point of Beginning; containing 10.00 acres, more or less, subject to rights of way, easements, and restrictions of record.

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: July 25, 2007.

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by DOUGLAS F. MOORE, A SINGLE MAN, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, INVESTAID CORPORATION, Mortgagee, dated July 7, 2006 and recorded on August 3, 2006, in Liber 1089, on Page 1406, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Five Thousand Six Hundred Ninety-Nine Dollars and Forty-Nine Cents (\$75,699.49), including interest at 12.440% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, front entrance of the Courthouse Building in the Village of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM o'clock, on August 2, 2007.

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

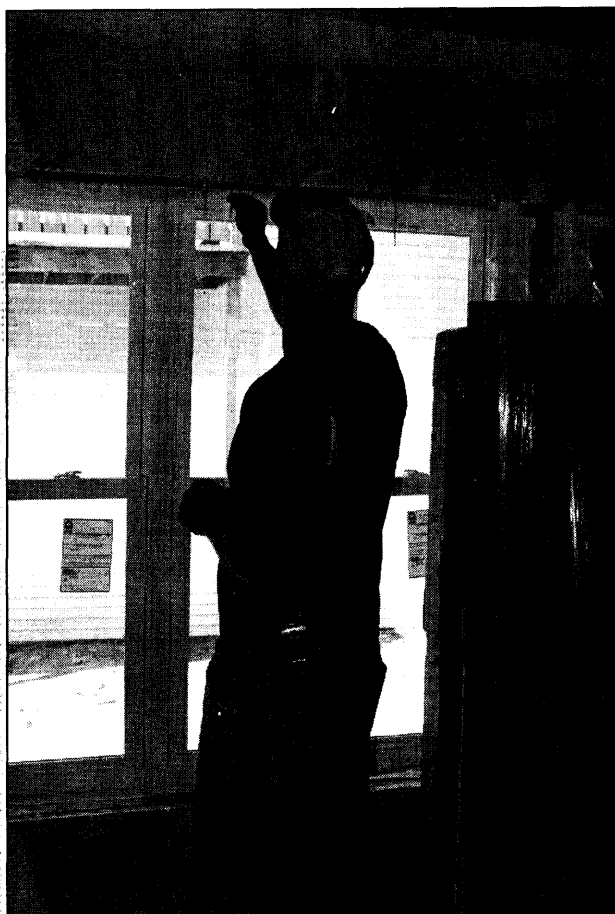
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Casey Fountain and Angela B. Fountain, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated July 28, 2006 and recorded on September 15, 2006 in Liber 1095 on Page 1066 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-One Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-Nine and 27/100 Dollars (\$91,969.27



CHARLIE ROE, General Contractor of the Village Center Townhomes project takes a walk around the apartment complex.

Apartments should be done by early fall

Village Center Townhomes are expected to be completed by early fall. Originally, the new Main Street apartments were scheduled to open by July, but minor snags in development pushed back deadlines.

"We'll have them livable by mid September," said General Contractor Charlie Roe, co-owner of Complete Concrete. "It was just not as quick as hoped."

Located directly west of Copeland Gornowicz Insurance Agency Inc., Village Center Townhomes is formerly 6529 and 6531 Main St. The old buildings were demolished in March to make way for the apartment complex. After Roe obtained the units from the old Active Homes Corporation in Marlette, construction began July 1.

Six different tradesmen including electricians, heating and cooling specialists, carpenters and plumbers are at work on the interior and will quickly finish in the "next couple of weeks." Windows are scheduled for installation during the next few days.

The siding and bricks will soon follow and then it's just a matter of finishing flooring and trim work, Roe explained.

Roe has received several inquiries from those interested in renting the town homes this fall.

Roe said the modern townhouse design is the building's most notable attribute. "It's got close access to downtown and it's a modern building lay out," he said.

Rent, however, has still not been determined since the construction crew has not yet decided some interior specifics.

There has been talk of utilizing the town homes as student housing for Baker College, as regular apartments or as condominiums.

Student housing will require twice as many occupants for each residence, as they will have to share bedrooms.

Each 1,300 sq. foot apartment is broken down to include 2 separate 2-story units, while the main floor is set up as a one-story apartment. Each Townhouse has 2 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms.



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School, union at odds over contract

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Al Hosler, lead negotiator for the Tri-County Bargaining Association, which is representing the Cass City Education Association's 83 teachers, declined to discuss contract proposal specifics, saying he doesn't want to negotiate the contract in the media.

However, Hosler indicated the union was very open to meeting Tuesday with school representatives and a mediator. "I was a little surprised the board (of education) sought mediation this early," he said. "We're looking forward to the mediator coming in. We're hoping that will help us to get off center (and) get moving in the right direction again."

Hosler, who has served as a lead negotiator for 20 years, noted the union isn't blind to the district's budgeting woes.

"We've done a lot of looking at the finances of the district and we feel we have a handle on it. We recognize the uniqueness of their situation as far as their finances a year ago," he said, adding school officials have since made considerable headway in terms of cutting expenses.

"Hopefully, a third party can come in and help both sides get closer to a settlement," he said. "That's what we're hoping for."

Wilson would also like to see an agreement, but not at the expense of the district's financial health. He said school officials are pushing for language changes that would reduce expenses, as well as a pay freeze, meaning teachers would have to do without a raise as well as step increases and additional pay for furthering their education.

"It's basically a true freeze," he said. "The other thing is, we're not prepared to go beyond a one-year contract."

If bargainners fail to come up with an agreement, teachers' salaries will be based on the current contract, according to Wilson. "The problem is, we can't afford to pay the current contract, and we told them (union) that."

"It's not a matter of satisfaction - we're very satisfied with our staff."

Wilson added. "It's just a matter of what we can afford to pay."

School buying phone system

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IN OTHER BUSINESS

In other business Monday, the board:

•Approved a new health education curriculum that has been available for review

by staff members and the community over the past month. Wilson said he's comfortable with the curriculum and he recommended approval.

•Approved the sale of a used school bus for \$2,950. The sale was a first of sorts for the district, according to Wilson, who told the board that the vehicle was sold via E-bay.

•Recognized several organizations for providing a bicycle helmet to each of Cass City's developmental kindergarten through fourth grade students. The donors were: Anderson, Tuckey, Bernhardt & Doran PC; the Pinney Foundation; Field Neurosciences Institute; Hills, and Dales General Hospital, Cass City Public Schools Cafeteria; Cass City Rotary Club; and St. Mary's FlightCare.

•Acknowledged a mini-grant secured from the Cass City Knights of Columbus through member Daryl Iwankovitch.

•Recognized recent Cass City High School graduate Kyle Swanson for his 2 years of service as a student representative on the school board.

•Held its annual reorganizational meeting. Board President Michelle Biddinger was re-elected to her post and Doug Lautner was named vice president. Also re-elected by unanimous vote were board Treasurer Danny Haag and Secretary Randy Severance. Also, veteran board member Jim Turner and newcomer Craig Bellevue were both sworn into office.

The board tentatively voted to con-

tinue meeting on the fourth Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m., although a final decision will come after Wilson presents a tentative calendar for the coming year.

Uniforms

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ing a selection.

"We try to look at the price of the material and the type of fabrics," Compton said. "When you're looking at the type of duration, you have to look at those things as well."

Both girls' and boys' basketball teams begin practicing the third week of November and games start in December.

The MHSAA is a private, not-for-profit corporation of voluntary membership by over 1,800 public and private senior high schools and junior high and middle schools, which exists to develop common rules for athletic eligibility and competition.

Sheriff: you can prevent burglaries

The Michigan Sheriffs' Association and Huron County Sheriff Kent D. Tibbitts remind residents that most burglaries can either be prevented or the risk of burglary reduced by some rather simple and inexpensive methods.

"In most cases, a burglar will attempt to enter a home while the homeowner is away," Tibbitts said. "This allows him more time to enter, locate and remove valuables from your home."

Professional burglars are few and far between. Most burglaries are crimes of opportunity. A recent study showed that 38 percent of the time burglars get in through an unlocked door or window. While most citizens make a conscious effort to lock doors, what about the back door or bedroom windows? A check of all doors and windows should be routine before leaving the home.

"The first line of defense is to make your home appear occupied even when you are on vacation," said Tibbitts. "Have timers set so that lights come on one at a time as if someone is moving from room to room at dusk. You may want to consider having a radio tuned to an all talk station so that it seems like the house is occupied. Timers set on radios and televisions along with lights will further the illusion that someone is home. Remember to arrange with a friend or neighbors to have newspapers and mail collected daily. If that isn't possible, fill out a vacation hold card with your local post office and ask the newspaper to temporarily discontinue service."

Doors are most often the point of entry for burglars. They will either kick the door open, break out the window in the door to reach in and unlock it, or pry it open with a tool. They also break a key-in-the-knob lock by twisting it with a wrench fastened to the knob.

"Preventing these entry methods" can be as easy as installing a deadbolt lock and using it every time you leave the house," Tibbitts said. "However, if your entry door has a window that is within arm's reach of the deadbolt, burglars can still obtain entry by breaking the window and flipping the deadbolt lock open. A double-keyed deadbolt (one that requires a key to open from either side) will solve this problem, but will also prevent anyone inside from leaving without the key, which could prove deadly in the case of fire.

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KYLE KAUSCH acquaints Lance Swiderski with the water during the first few minutes of his level one swim lesson Thursday evening. The Helen Stevens Memorial Pool, located in Cass City Recreational Park, hosts swim lessons from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Farmers' Festival fun in the Thumb

Farming, family and friends abound at the annual Farmers' Festival in Pigeon, and organizers are again planning a host of activities for all ages during this year's 35th annual celebration.

Sponsored by the Pigeon Chamber of Commerce and the village of Pigeon, the event kicks off today (Wednesday) and continues through Sunday.

Today's activities include the Farmers' Festival Men's Golf Tournament at 7:30 a.m. and 1 p.m., with the tournament dinner following at 5 p.m. Also planned is a strawberry social at the band shell tent at 6 p.m. A Gospel concert featuring Dennis Gwizdala is slated to begin at the band shell at 7 p.m.

Thursday will feature the annual youth golf tournament from 8 a.m. to noon, a craft fair/vendors booths downtown from 9 a.m. to 5:50 p.m., quilt show and used book sale at the Pigeon District Library, sidewalk sales and carnival games all day, Farmers' Festival Art Show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the community center, horse drawn wagon rides, a petting zoo downtown, lunch specials at the PFW hall from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., pedal tractor pull from 3 to 6 p.m. at the recreation park pavilion (registration from 2 to 3 p.m.), an entertainment tent from 4 p.m. to 1 a.m., and the Farmers' Olympics (Anything Goes Games) near the recreation park entertainment tent from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

In addition, the Pigeon Historical Depot Museum will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., there will be a bean soup supper in the main tent from 4:30 to 7 p.m., and a community worship/Gospel gathering will be held at the band shell at 7 p.m.

Friday's activities will kick off early and include the final day of voting for the Beautiful Baby/Cute Kids Contest from 8 a.m. to noon. (voting all week up to Friday at the Pigeon IGA). There will be an antique tractor

and equipment display from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the recreation park soccer fields, sidewalk sales, carnival games all day downtown, kids parade at 10 a.m. (line-up on Nitz Street near the library), a petting zoo, pony rides/cart rides all day, kids games at the recreation park pavilion starting at 11 a.m., and kids chalk art on Michigan Avenue near the carwash from 2 to 2:30 p.m.

The entertainment tent will be open from 4 p.m. to 1 a.m., a barbecue pork sandwich dinner is set for 4:30 to 7 p.m. in the main tent, an antique tractor parade will begin at 5:30 p.m., and the Beautiful Baby/Cute Kids contest winners and Farmers' Festival queen will be crowned at 7 p.m. at the band shell. A stage show featuring 100 Proof is slated to get underway at 7:30 p.m.

Many of the same events will be repeated Saturday, including the craft fair, quilt show, antique tractor and equipment display, sidewalk sales, carnival games, petting zoo and pony rides. The grand parade will get underway at 12:30 p.m. In addition, there will be a hula-hoop contest (all ages) from 11 a.m. to noon at the municipal building, a chicken barbecue at the main tent starting at 11:30 a.m., antique tractor parade at 5:30 p.m., lip sync contest followed by Sherry's Dance Studio Dance Show from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., tractor pull from 7 to 11 p.m., Rising Stars competition at 7:30 p.m., and the annual fireworks display at 10 p.m.

The celebration will wrap up Sunday with a pancake breakfast at the Knights of Columbus Hall from 8:30 a.m. to noon, mud volleyball at noon at the recreation park (registration from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.), Farmers' Festival Art Show from noon to 3 p.m. at the community center, tractor pull from noon to 6 p.m., and the Farmers' Festival 50/50 Raffle drawing at the mud volleyball pits at 2 p.m.

Letters to the Editor

Think before you leave pet in car

On Friday, July 6, I was in a Cass City store. As I was leaving the store, I noticed a car parked next to me. A small dog was barking and panting. He was hot. All the windows were closed, it was hot outside.

I went back into the store and told the lady at the register about the dog. She went to look for the person that owned the car. I was late for my appointment, so I had to leave. Next time, I'll call the police.

If you want your pet with you, then

leave the windows open so they can have fresh air. Why do people do this to pets and children? I have a dog and when he is with me I do not leave him in a closed car in 80 degree weather. He stays home in a cool house.

I want the person to know how close they came to losing a pet. We need to take action and stop irresponsible people.

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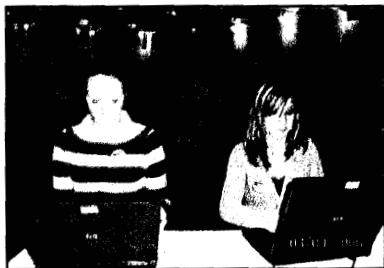
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- Play Productions
- Various clubs and organizations
- 8th grade trip to Washington D.C.
- Youth in Government



Cass City's young reading program is ranked among the best in the state. Individual attention is key to its success.



Middle School Academic Track



Quiz Bowl Team



Cass City's playscape and playgrounds offer students a secured area to have fun away from the classroom.



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



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

DIVERSE ATHLETIC PROGRAM

- Programs at Middle and High School level
- Summer programs for Elementary students
- Various camps and training programs
- Updated equipment and weight room

MODERN FACILITIES

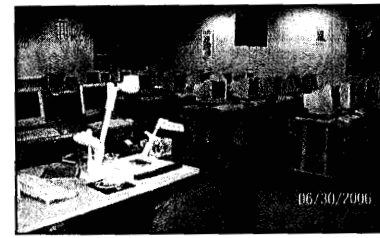
- One or more computer labs in every building
- School Nurse
- Skyward-Parental access to real-time student grades, homework, etc.
- Newest technology advancements
- SMART Board • Scanners • Elmo • LCD projectors



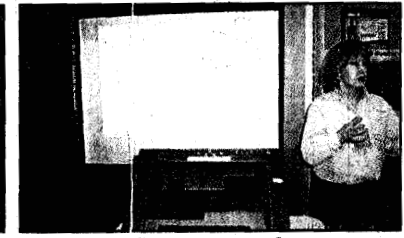
Weight Room



Basketball Team



Middle School Media Center (Computer Lab)



Smart Board



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