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## Walbro jobs staying in Cass City

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Walbro Engine Management officials Thursday announced completion of the sale of the company from TI Automotive by an affiliate of Sun Capital Partners Inc.

The good news locally is that Walbro Engine Management jobs in Cass City are staying in Cass City, at least for now.

"This ownership change is very positive news for Walbro Engine Management's customers, suppliers and employees," said Tony Martin, chief executive officer, Walbro Engine Management.

"Sun Capital's ownership will enhance Walbro Engine Management's ability to grow its business," Martin added. "Our goal remains to create significant value and benefit for our customers and suppliers by continuing to add to our product portfolio and enhancing our technical capabilities."

"It's basically good news for us," agreed Dave McNaughton, general manager of Walbro Engine Management in Cass City, which employs about 300 people. "We're not planning to change anything. Because Sun (Capital Partners) bought us doesn't change anything."

McNaughton said the sale has resulted in a "small lay-off" in Cass City, although he wasn't sure how many employees were affected.

"Traditionally the TI plant in Caro and Walbro in Cass City had worked under a single contract under UAW. Basically, we had one contract covering employees at both plants," McNaughton said. "As part of the sale agreement, it was necessary to create 2 separate contracts and eliminate employee transfer rights between the plants."

As a result, McNaughton explained, officials representing both companies and the union agreed to allow employees at the Caro and Cass City plants to make a final choice of where they wanted to work. "And there was some movement. More people wanted to work for Walbro in Cass City than in Caro," he said, adding contract provisions governing seniority forced some existing Cass City workers from their jobs. "But total employment (numbers) did not change."

The sale of TI Automotive's Industrial Group, composed of Walbro Engine Management, Bundy Refrigeration and VARI-FORM, was announced in mid-February. The group accounted for 15 percent of TI Automotive's sales and employs some 5,000 people.

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A CAST OF 24 WILL present Cass City High School's all school play - *Oz!* — this month. The production, slated for Friday and Saturday, March 23 and 24, at 7 p.m., and Sunday, March 25, at 3 p.m. in the high school cafeteria, is a comedy based on "The Wizard of Oz", according to directors Connie Iwankovitch and Judy Hoelzle. Cast members include (above from left) Whitney Kirn (Glinda), C.J. Warmbier (Lion), Brittany Nicol (Dorothy), Drew Rohlf (Tin Man), Danielle Delamarter (Scarecrow), Chelsa DeLuyck (Wicked Witch) and Lindsey Montgomery (kneeling, ToTo).

## Council okays updated parks plan

The Cass City Village Council approved an updated 5-year parks and recreation master plan following a public hearing Thursday night.

The updated plan, a year in the making, covers a variety of planned improvements from this year through 2011 and outlines a funding "wish list" topping more than \$5 million.

Village officials last year hired Spicer Group Inc. to revise and update the plan with an eye to the future. Thursday's action followed the Cass City Planning Commission's approval a month ago.

Village officials say the document is

intended to serve as a guide in the planning for future park and recreational opportunities, services and implementation. Population shifts, new development and changing attitudes towards leisure have added additional pressures to the community's existing parks and recreation system, increasing the need for both short- and long-range planning.

Many of the recommendations, such as maintenance issues, aesthetic and landscaping enhancements, and pedestrian safety improvements, can be implemented fairly easily and at a rela-

tively low cost. Other recommendations such as land acquisition, facility expansions and construction will require additional study and involve residents in order to address specific details.

According to Cass City Village Manager Peter Cristiano, an updated parks and recreation plan is a pre-requisite to applying for state grant funding through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

A key component of the plan, Cristiano noted, is that it focuses on parks and recreation facilities and opportunities Cass City offers not

only to its 2,643 residents, but also to those living in outlying areas, for a combined service base of more than 19,000 people living in 13 townships within the Cass City School District boundaries.

Most of Cass City's recreational facilities are located in Cass City Recreation Park, which totals more than 82 acres. They include a pool, playground areas, basketball and tennis courts, softball/baseball and soccer fields, sand volleyball courts, football field and track, a sledding hill, and pavilions.

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## Police arrest 10 on drug charges

Huron County Sheriff's deputies have been stepping up their battle in the war against drugs. Sheriff Kent D. Tibbitts said Thursday that the recent arrests of 10 suspects, including a pair of Ubly residents, proves the effort is continuing to yield results.

Tibbitts, who noted the arrests took place over the past 2 weeks, said his office has been working closely with Huron County Prosecutor Mark J. Gaertner since December 2005 with a concentration on putting a dent in drug trafficking in the county.

"As a result, Gaertner has issued 26 felony and misdemeanor warrants for 12 men and 7 women, all from Huron County," Tibbitts added.

According to Gaertner, the warrants cover a variety of drug charges, including delivery and possession of cocaine, heroin, morphine, Methadone and marijuana, as well as Vicodin, Xanax and other prescription drugs. Some of the suspects also face charges of conspiracy and maintaining a drug house.

Among the suspects already arraigned in Huron County District Court are: Luke Kitchen, 22, of Sebawaing; Scot Wright, 39, of Elkton; Allison Miller, 25, of Port Austin; Nancy Spencer, 42, of Ubly; Joseph Spencer, 28, of Ubly; Julie Wilson, 45, of Bad Axe; Kimberly McIvor, 35, of Sebawaing; and Robert McCracken, 44, of Pigeon.

"The investigations included numer-

ous undercover operations stemming from leads given by confidential informants, and intelligence gained through other criminal cases," Tibbitts said.

Gaertner credits the success of the operation to the work of sheriff's de-

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MATT KUHL, 30, has served the village of Ubly as police chief for the past 2 years. The Sebawaing native also wears several other hats, including that of village zoning administrator.

## Law and order Ubly police chief Kuhl wears many hats

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Strangers to Ubly might guess Matthew Kuhl is a rookie police officer, given his youthful appearance, energy and enthusiasm for the job.

Granted, Kuhl is just 30, but he carries a great deal more responsibility in this town of some 820 people than any rookie.

He's the chief. And more.

Kuhl, a Sebawaing native and 1995 USA High School graduate, was named Ubly police chief in March 2005. Before that, he had served as a full-time officer in Ubly since August 1998 after a brief stint working as a deputy with the Huron County Sheriff's Department.

After taking on the role of chief in

Ubly, Kuhl acknowledged he was the among the younger if not the youngest police chief in attendance at Thumb law enforcement meetings. He still is.

"I never really looked at it as an age; I looked at it as experience. I had worked here, I knew the people and I liked it here," he said. "It was pretty overwhelming, I guess, when they (Ubly Village officials) asked me (to be chief)," he said. "But when I accepted the job, I knew everything that was going to come with it."

Kuhl, a newlywed — he married his wife, Heather, in December — earned an associate's degree in criminal justice at Kirtland Community College in St. Helen. He then returned home and spent a summer working for his

father, Larry, who owns a metal fabricating shop in Sebawaing, before enrolling in the Northeastern Police Academy in Saginaw in the fall of 1997.

He recalled the training was the fulfillment of a career goal he had set many years earlier.

"Since kindergarten, through grade school, through high school," he said. "There was never any doubt. I just knew, it was in my heart. I really can't explain why. I didn't really have any family members in law enforcement, so it's nothing I was exposed to, to lead me that way. I guess I liked the discipline that came with it."

Aside from the title of police chief,

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# Senior movies set at Rawson Library

Rawson Memorial Library, Cass City, will show the following Senior Citi-

## Healy and Whittaker join staff at Curtis

Curtis Chrysler Jeep in Cass City recently welcomed Jeff Healy and Randy Whittaker to their sales force. Healy is a Cass City graduate and is retired from the United States Air



Force. He served in the Gulf War while on active duty. Healy is married and has 5 children with one more on the way. He says he is happy to be back in his hometown area and is looking forward to serving residents in the community with all their car needs.

Whittaker is also a Cass City resident and a 1998 graduate of Cass City



High School. After attending college, he owned and operated his own computer business until becoming engaged. Wanting to return to his hometown, Whittaker says he has found a career that will allow him to offer the same personal service with his old customers as well as new.

Curtis Chrysler is located in downtown Cass City at 6617 Main St., with showroom hours from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday; 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday; and by appointment.

zen Movies Friday, March 16 at 1:30 p.m.

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Refreshments will be served. This Older Adult Program is offered free of charge.

## "Arts Trail" showcases Thumb talent

There was a time when Michigan's Thumb area was thought of as a quaint getaway, but recently the region undertook an effort to showcase the artistic talent that resides there.

Led by the region's economic development organizations, the effort is wrapped around the concept that the Thumb region is a dynamic and creative area that is on the brink of discovery. The initial result of this effort includes the publication of a full color brochure designed to do regional marketing for the Thumb Area.

"In our work we have discovered wonderfully creative people", said Jim McLoskey, executive director of the Tuscola County Economic Development Corporation. "We started off with our own artists' compendium, but had many requests to expand the project to a wider area."

The "Arts Trail" now has over 60 artists located throughout the Thumb who are involved in a remarkably diverse number of arts media. From fused glass to poetry, the region has a growing number of artists who bring an artistic vision to the area," McLoskey added.

For more information on the Thumb "Arts Trail", contact the Tuscola County EDC, 157 N. State St., Caro, or via e-mail at tuscolaedc@centurytel.net.



Airman Mathew G. Duncan

## M. Duncan completes training

Air Force Airman Mathew G. Duncan recently graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the 6 weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits towards an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Duncan, a 2005 graduate of Oxford High School, is the son of Lee Anne Hicks of Deford, and the grandson of Georgie Hicks of Oxford.

## Women meet

Sixteen members of the United Methodist Women and 2 guests met March 5. Group one prepared and served the noon luncheon. Connie Schwaderer and Shirley Wisenbach were the co-chairpersons.

Sherryll Seeley introduced Mike DeGrace from the Tuscola Homeless Coalition, who spoke to the group on the homeless situation in Tuscola County. He said that 2 trends are largely responsible for the rise in homelessness over the past 20 to 25 years - a growing shortage of affordable rental housing and at the same time an increase in poverty.

## It's a girl!



Elisabeth Leach

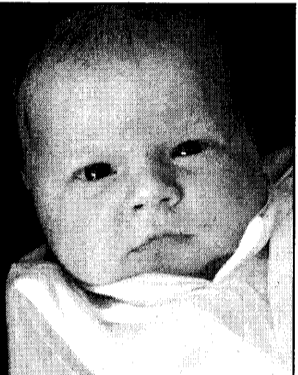
Todd and Karen Leach of Cass City announce the birth of their daughter, Elisabeth Ann Leach.

Elisabeth was born Dec. 1, 2006 at Covenant Health Care, Saginaw. She weighed 7 pounds, 9 ounces and was 19 inches long.

She was welcomed home by a big brother, Dennis Thomas.

Her grandparents are Sandy Stuart and Glen Leach, both of Vassar, and Betty Golenberke of Croswell. Great-grandparents are Betty Leach and Dorothy Hemingway, both of Vassar.

## It's a boy!



Ryan McCarty

Jason and Carol McCarty of Ubly announce the birth of their son, Ryan Jeffrey McCarty.

Ryan was born Jan. 31, 2007 at Covenant Hospital, Saginaw. He weighed 8 pounds and was 20 inches long.

He was welcomed home by his sister, Erin, and brother, Anthony.

His grandparents are Anthony and Mary Ann Kubacki of Cass City, and Michael and Glorie McCarty of Ubly.

## Calendar of Events

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

### Thursday, March 15

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

### Friday, March 16

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](http://www.colwood.org).

Closed Al-anon meeting for family and friends of alcoholics, 7 p.m., United Methodist Church, Elkton. For more information, call (989) 872-4042.

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

### Monday, March 19

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

### Tuesday, March 20

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

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

### Wednesday, March 21

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

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## Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Small world department. The United Center in Chicago, where the Big 10 basketball tournament was held last week, will hold perhaps 20,000 fans. Strictly by chance our group was just in front of Cindy Peters, formerly of Cass City.

Also seated nearby was a fan from the Petoskey area that the family became acquainted with when vacationing in Boyne City.

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We stayed in downtown Chicago in the heart of the "Miracle Mile" and it was a reminder of just how far Detroit has to go in its continuing campaign to revitalize downtown.

The restaurants in Chicago were jammed and the sidewalks were full of people and every time a commuter train rumbled overhead it was a reminder of the antiquated public transportation that Detroit has available.

It doesn't take a gambling casino to make a downtown thrive. In Chicago the ambience, excellent hotels, Shedd Aquarium and Field Museum together with a wide variety of shows are doing the trick.

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Cass City Rotarians are lamenting that the tickets for the St. Patty's Day party-auction Saturday doesn't call attention to the use of the money. It will help pay for the \$6,000 pledged to start a tennis team at Cass City Schools. Incidentally, good workable courts should attract adult players.

Tickets are available at all 3 local banks and from Rotary members.

## Walbro jobs staying here

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Shenzhen, China.

Walbro Engine Management's portfolio includes ignition modules, air filter assemblies, flywheels, fuel filters and impulse fuel pumps for lawn and garden and recreational vehicle engine applications.

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Walbro was founded in 1950 in Fenton, Mich., as a small company dedicated to manufacturing carburetors for the small engine industry. As the company rapidly grew its automotive fuel system business, a separate Walbro Engine Management business unit was created to specifically focus on the global small engine market with an expanded product portfolio that included ignitions, flywheels, fuel injection and air/fuel management systems and fuel storage and distribution systems.

In addition, a global organization was created with manufacturing and engineering facilities in China, Italy, Mexico, Thailand and the United States, with headquarters based in Tucson, Ariz.

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Notice is hereby given that the Annual Township Meeting of the Electors of the Township of Elkland will be held on Monday, March 26, 2007, at 7:00 p.m., at the Township Hall, 6691 Church St., Cass City. Be it further known that a public hearing will be held at the same time for the purpose of considering the budget proposal for the Township of Elkland fiscal year beginning April 1, 2007. **The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.**

Norma Wallace  
Elkland Township Clerk

## Easterling Baker chief

Officials at Baker College of Flint recently announced they have expanded Karen Easterling's responsibilities. She has been named director of Baker College of Cass City and Baker College of West Branch.

Both are extension sites for Baker College of Flint. Easterling has been director of the West Branch location since 2004.

As director of both the Cass City and West Branch sites, Easterling is responsible for all operations, including scheduling of classes, registration, advising students, scheduling professional development, hiring instructors, evaluating new programs, and student retention.

"Karen has been doing a superb job as director of our West Branch extension site and as interim director of Cass City," said Julianne T. Princinsky, Ed.D., Baker College of Flint president. "Her extensive knowledge of the Baker system made her the ideal choice to spearhead our efforts in Cass City."

Affiliated with Baker since 2001, Easterling was previously director of corporate and community services at Baker College of Flint and served as director of the Partnership in Adult Learning (PAL) grant and the WorkKeys testing center. She was coordinator of several Baker commu-

nity programs, including the Department of Human Services "Baker Academy", the MiRSA grant and the Flint Healthcare Employment Opportunities initiative. Easterling also has more than 20 years of managerial and sales experience.

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



Karen Easterling

## The Haire Net

Buying a ticket?  
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One of the nice things about attending a college athletic event is that it's possible to buy a ticket from a vendor outside the football field or basketball court without fear of arrest.

Don't try to do it outside of a professional football or basketball game. You'll be arrested.

Now the issue here is not scalping tickets, although if a fan is averse enough to pay a premium why should it be illegal?

A decade or so ago when the Detroit Pistons were champions of the National Basketball Association all regular season games were sold out. A group of fans from Cass City attended and there was an extra ticket available as one fan was forced to cancel.

His ticket was taken to the Palace and it was announced that there was an extra ticket available. A man approached and asked how much the seller was asking for the ticket. He responded by asking what the man would pay for the ticket.

Boom! The game ticket was grabbed, the fan was ticketed and later was fined. Contrast that with a college game. It's very rare that there aren't numerous sellers ready to deal with fans seeking tickets.

Some tickets for the most popular games sell at a premium, but my per-

sonal experience is that it's not necessary to pay a premium to get a ticket. Twenty-five years or so ago I attended several football games each year, including Michigan-Michigan State and other more popular games hosted by either school and never had trouble finding tickets at either location.

By the time you are reading this I will have attended and returned from the Big Ten Conference tournament in Chicago.

Now we are covered for the first games, but are uncertain if enough tickets are available for the 9 or 10 family members to attend all the games.

No worry! If needed there will be tickets on sale on the street available at face value and if you take a little time, probably in good to choice locations.

And if form is followed like it has been during the regular seasons and at the Big Ten tourney last season in Indianapolis, there will be an ample supply.

And with no cops waiting to pounce like they unfortunately are at professional games.



## The back forty

by Roger Pond

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Folks who take their dogs everywhere will be happy to learn the Washington Legislature is considering a bill that would allow dogs in taverns. If it passes, we could expect other states to try the same thing.

That's a bad idea, I think. It's generally known that some dogs will start fights or get grouchy when they drink. Then, the owners are likely to do the same thing.

A friend once told me about the old-time shepherders and their canine companions. These men were quite attached to their dogs and generally believed theirs was the smartest animal that ever spit-up in a camp wagon.

It was important to keep these fellows and their dogs away from each other at gatherings, such as shearing time. An off-hand comment about someone's dog would often lead to a bout of cursing, snarling, and biting that required the dogs to jump in and break it up.

Proponents of the Washington bill argue that people take their dogs everywhere these days. Taverns should be no different.

Opponents contend that food is served in bars, and having a dog sitting next to your hamburger might not be in everyone's best interests. I tend to side with the opponents.

I remember calling a fairly decent motel for a reservation a few years ago. Just before I hung up the woman at the desk said, "Oh, and pets are welcome here. Feel free to bring your dog if you wish."

"Uh-oh?!" I thought.

Sure enough, about daylight the next morning the motel parking lot erupted with doggy noise. A lot of

folks had brought their dogs, and they were all doing their best to make new friends.

Proponents of the tavern dog legislation argue that seeing-eye dogs are allowed in bars, already. Why should other dogs be excluded?

Opponents point out that seeing-eye dogs are well behaved, don't bark a lot, and won't try to slurp your beer when you aren't looking. These dogs have been through a lot of training. Tavern owners can see the difference.

We might consider the story of two Seattle men who agreed to meet at a downtown tavern for lunch. One of these fellows had a chihuahua named "Pedro". The dog went everywhere with him.

This fellow got to the tavern first and walked in. The bartender ushered him back out. "No dogs in the tavern," he said.

When the second man arrived he asked his friend, "What are you doing out here?"

The friend said, "They don't allow dogs. And if Pedro isn't welcome, I'm not going to stay, either."

The second man said, "Wait a minute. Let me try it."

This fellow put on his sunglasses, took the dog's leash, and marched into the tavern.

The bartender met him at the door. "Hey, buddy. We don't allow dogs in here."

"But this is my seeing-eye dog," the customer stated.

"That's a chihuahua!" the bartender exclaimed.

"What?! They gave me a chihuahua?!" the customer said.



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### Cass City Chronicle

March 14, 2007

#### 5-Day Local Forecast

	<b>Wednesday</b> Rain Likely High: 41 Low: 29
	<b>Thursday</b> Rain/Snow High: 38 Low: 24
	<b>Friday</b> Mostly Cloudy High: 33 Low: 19
	<b>Saturday</b> Partly Cloudy High: 34 Low: 24
	<b>Sunday</b> Mostly Sunny High: 38 Low: 25

#### In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see cloudy skies with a 60% chance of rain, high temperature of 41°, humidity of 81% and an overnight low of 29°. The record high temperature for today is 71° set in 1990. The record low is 4° set in 1993. Thursday, skies will be mostly cloudy with a 40% chance of rain and snow, high temperature of 38°.

#### Last Week's Local Almanac

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip
Monday	27	7	35/19	0.00"
Tuesday	12	1	35/19	0.00"
Wednesday	19	-4	35/19	0.00"
Thursday	28	5	36/20	0.00"
Friday	39	18	36/20	0.00"
Saturday	43	34	37/20	0.00"
Sunday	45	21	37/21	0.00"

#### Upcoming Moon Phases

New 3/18	First 3/25	Full 4/2	Last 4/10

#### Sunrise/Sunset Times

Sunrise today	7:47 a.m.
Sunset tonight	7:38 p.m.

#### Local Almanac

Precipitation	0.00"
Normal precipitation	0.49"
Departure from normal	-0.49"
Average temperature	21.1°
Average normal temperature	27.8°
Departure from normal	-6.7°

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## Red Hawk Talk

by Kyle Swanson

Whether in a math, science, social studies; English, or any other class at Cass City High School, it seems that there is one thing that no student likes - a test. Yes, taking a test seems to be one thing that most students agree is not fun. However, juniors throughout the state of Michigan are in the process of taking the Michigan Merit Exam.

The Michigan Merit Exam is a new test required for juniors throughout the state of Michigan. The test, known as the MME, is replacing the old state standardized test, the MEAP test. There are several similarities between the tests, such as subject areas, however several distinct differences exist as well.

To find out what differences students would see on the test this year, I talked with Mrs. Cheryl Kilbourn, the Michigan Merit Exam coordinator for the Cass City School District. Mrs. Kilbourn told me that unlike the MEAP test, in which students would have an unlimited amount of time to complete the test, the Michigan Merit Exam will be timed. Students will not enjoy the luxury of working at their own pace, but will rather have to race the clock.

In addition to the change in testing time regulations, there are also several differences that students will see in the actual test material.

Unlike the MEAP test, which evaluated students in the areas of math, science, social studies and English, this year's students will be evaluated in other areas as well. The Michigan Merit Exam will break English into a section focused on grammar and usage, entitled English, and a section focused on reading and using context to understand a passage, entitled Reading. Students will also write

several essays.

The first day of the test, students will take an ACT plus writing test. That test consists of 5 sections; math, science, reading, English, and writing. Students will answer questions in each of the sections and write an essay that addresses a specified prompt for the writing portion.

Something that I found interesting is that the score from this ACT test is actually reportable to colleges. Better yet, the test is free to students. I know that when I was taking the ACT plus writing test, I had to pay \$33 each time I tested. Fortunately for students in Michigan, they will now be free from this financial burden. Even better, is that the state will actually pay for students to take it twice. This means that if a student is not happy with their initial score, they can take the test again at no cost to them. This is good news for kids, and parents, everywhere in Michigan as it gives financially disadvantaged students the opportunity to take the test.

Yes, it seems that the Michigan Merit Exam could be quite challenging. However, there is good news for students at Cass City High School - teachers have been preparing you for this test throughout the year.

Also, for students at the high school who are not juniors, enjoy your break from classes. Non-junior students at the high school took field trips on Tuesday. Freshmen went to the planetarium in Bay City, sophomores took a campus tour at Saginaw Valley State University and visited the art museum, and seniors visited the Holocaust Museum in Dearborn. Non-junior students at the high school will also have Wednesday and Thursday off from school. Enjoy, and good luck to the juniors!

## Several appear in circuit court

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

•Glynn P. Wilson, 23, Millington, was sentenced to 18 1/2 years to 22 1/2 years in prison for his pleas of guilty to second degree home invasion and larceny in a building May 10 in Millington, and for his plea of no contest to assaulting a police officer Sept. 9 in Millington. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

In addition to prison time, Wilson was ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$300 plus restitution of \$2,174.50.

•David M. Neahusan, 60, Caro, was sentenced to 7 to 15 years in prison for his pleas of no contest to third degree criminal sexual conduct involving a victim under the age of 13 years between the fall of 2002 and the spring of 2003.

He was also ordered to pay \$1,580 in costs and fines.

•Terrence D. Reh, 25, Caro, was sentenced to 24 months probation and 300 days in the county jail, with work release, for his plea of guilty to delivery/manufacture of a narcotic/cocaine (less than 50 grams) Dec. 6 in Caro.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$820.

•Robin A. Maitland, 46, Vassar, was sentenced to 36 months probation and 180 days in jail (deferred to the end of probation) for her plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor with an occupant under age of 16 years Aug. 21, 2005, in Vassar.

She was also ordered to pay \$1,620 in costs and fines.

•Daniel Bucu, 33, Avoca, received a one-year delayed sentence for his plea of no contest to larceny of property valued at \$1,000 to \$20,000 Oct. 22, 2005, in Arbela Township.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,420 plus restitution of \$300.

•Foster C. Findlay II, 54, Fairgrove, was sentenced to 24 months probation and 30 days in jail (deferred to the end of probation) for his pleas of no contest to assaulting a police officer and possession of a firearm while under the influence of liquor June 10 in Gilford Township.

He was also ordered to pay \$965 in costs and fines.

•Kyle E. Metiva, 28, Freeland, was sentenced to 60 months probation and 270 days in jail, with work release, for his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Oct. 27 in Reese.

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

•Charles P. Burnette, 27, Millington, was sentenced to 24 months probation and 270 days in jail for his plea

of guilty to domestic violence, third offense, Oct. 8-9 in Watertown Township.

He was also ordered to pay \$1,220 in costs and fines plus \$200 in attorneys fees.

•Theodore G. Dorics, 61, Caro, was sentenced to 60 months probation and 180 days in jail for his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Aug. 5 in Caro. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

In addition to jail time, he was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,620.

•Nicholas E. Allen, 28, Vassar, pleaded guilty to manufacturing marijuana Sept. 7 in Vassar Township.

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

•Gary L. Carlisle, 51, Lake George, stood mute to charges of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence, third offense, and driving while his license was suspended or revoked, subsequent offense, Feb. 3 in Juniata Township. 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 \$35,000.

•Galen A. Bellman, also known as Eric Bellman, 32, Vassar, pleaded no contest to breaking and entering a building with intent to commit larceny, and 2 counts of larceny of firearms Aug. 4-5 in Vassar Township.

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

•Paul R. Martin, 43, Vassar, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor with an occupant under age of 16 years, and possession of marijuana Feb. 5 in Juniata Township.

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

•Buster W. Monroe, 27, Clio, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor - causing serious injury Dec. 6, 2005, in Fairgrove Township, and 2 counts of second degree criminal sexual conduct between June and September 2005 in Indianfields Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at a combined \$55,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

## Collection for HHW scheduled

Tuscola County provides its residents with HHW collections each year and all residents are encouraged to take part in these collections. These collections are free to Tuscola County residents.

The Tuscola County Recycling is sponsoring 2 Household Hazardous Waste collections this year. These collections will be held Saturday, April 14 and Saturday, Sept. 22. Both dates require an appointment to attend and there is no fee for county residents.

To schedule an appointment for either collection, or to get more information on any Tuscola County recycling program, please call Tuscola County Recycling at (989) 672-1673, email recycle@tuscolacounty.org or check out our website www.tuscolacounty.org/recycling.



## Cardinal ChatBack

by Hannah Strauel

Turning on the news recently, I saw that a high school student had been shot at a Midland school. She had been confronted by her boyfriend who had grown furious, pulled a gun out of his backpack, and shot her 4 times, before turning the gun on himself.

Another school tragedy has taken place, this time close to home. Near enough to send a jolt of fear through many of us. It also triggers questions such as "Am I really safe at school?", "Could a shooting take place at my school?", and "Is my school doing enough to prevent something like this from happening?"

When students were asked about this issue, there were differing opinions.

Sophomore Eric Sabin said, "I do feel safe at school, but I do know that it could change and I might feel in danger in an instant." Senior Tristin Pennington added, "We have a small enough school that I know everyone personally, and I feel that everyone likes me."

But is that enough? Many students that shoot up schools do not always pick specific students to shoot. When a student has been belittled and alienated for so long, his anger can build up. A student like this going on a shooting rampage is probably going to shoot at anyone and everyone to express their anger.

While some of us feel safe around school, we have to be honest and ask ourselves, "Could a school shooting ever take place at our school?"

Junior Becca Troop commented, "Possibly, people can be pretty cruel and if someone was pushed far enough it could happen." Pennington agreed with her, saying, "It could happen anywhere." Yet, freshman McKenzie Howell disagreed with both, "No, not really," was her response to the question.

Opinions vary on how safe each student feels at school and whether they think a shooting could ever take place at Kingston, but how do people feel about what schools are doing to prevent school shootings?

Both Becca Troop and Eric Sabin expressed little faith in our school security system. "I have seen that if someone wanted to, they could sneak various things in the school and get away with it, and that could mean danger for all," Sabin said. Troop added, "All we have are cam-

eras. Anybody could bring in a weapon in a book bag or a baggy jacket."

What could schools do to prevent these terrible tragedies? They could start by improving security; while some believe security guards and metal detectors are overreactions, they may be necessary.

Another thing to be taken into consideration is the number of angry students who walk the halls of every school. What is being done to reach out to them?

While a heightened school security system may be a solution to this problem, the root may be much deeper, lying within the hurt individuals starving for affection walking the halls of our school. What are we doing to help these individuals, or do we even care?

## Owen-Gage kindergarten registration scheduled

Kindergarten and preschool registration for Owen-Gage Schools will be held Wednesday, March 21, in the school library.

There will be 2 sessions offered; one from 9 to 10 a.m., and one from 6 to 7 p.m. Parents may attend the session of their preference. Children are welcome and there will be activities available for them in the preschool classroom while parents attend the registration session.

Parents must bring their child's birth certificate, Social Security card and an up-to-date immunization record to the registration.

Students attending preschool in the fall will need their immunizations up-to-date as well.

A signed certificate by the health department or a licensed physician must be provided to the school by the beginning of the school year.

Parents and students will be notified in August about an orientation day where there will be an opportunity to visit teachers and classrooms before school starts in the fall.

More information is available by calling the school at (989) 678-4141.

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### What should I do?

You do not need to use an alternative (e.g. bottled) water supply. However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.

### What does this mean?

This is not an immediate risk. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. However, some people who drink water containing arsenic in excess of the MCL over many years could experience skin damage or problems with their circulatory system, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

### What happened? What is being done?

In 2001, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency lowered the arsenic standard from 50 ppb to 10 ppb and gave water supplies five (5) years to comply. As of the deadline of January 23, 2006, the level of arsenic in the Village of Cass City water is above the new standard and therefore a violation of the Michigan Safe Drinking Water Act, 1976 PA 399, as amended.

The Village of Cass City is currently constructing an arsenic treatment plant. It will be completed early summer 2007.

For more information, please contact Village of Cass City, at (989) 872-2911 or sending correspondence to: Village of Cass City, P.O. Box 123, Cass City, Michigan 48726.

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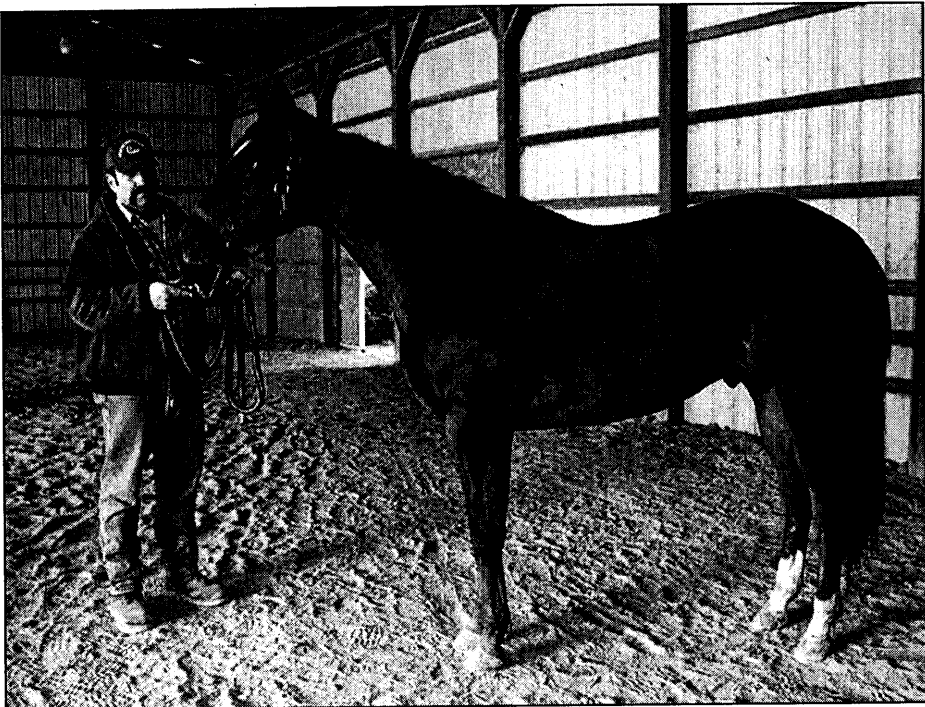
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CASS CITY’S BOB Joseph is pictured above with the couple’s stallion, “Tardee Kids Alibi”. Bob and his wife, Cindy, have only been showing quarter horses for 2 years, but they are already making a name for themselves.

# Learning the ropes

## Josephs raise, train quarter horses

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Bob and Cindy (Doerr) Joseph are probably best known around Cass City in their role as owners and operators of the Charmont restaurant and bowling Alley, but the couple also share another business venture of sorts.

That venture is actually a labor of love for the Josephs, who spend as much time as possible at their Huron Line Road property, training and working with quarter horses. They’ve also put a fair amount of time in over the past 2 years learning the ins and outs of showing quarter horses, with Cindy taking care of the grooming duties and Bob showing the couple’s best horses across the state and beyond.

The Josephs are quick learners. They have won Grand Champion Yearling Halter honors 2 years in a row at Blue Water Pleasure Horse Association shows in the Thumb. This past year, they also took Grand Champion Amateur Yearling Halter, Grand Champion Open Yearling Halter, and Grand Champion Amateur Stallion honors at Michigan Quarter Horse Association competitions.

The Josephs have 7 horses of their own — 5 mares, a stallion and a gelding. The couple named their stallion “Tardee Kids Alibi”. He’s just 2 years old and shares the bloodlines of 3 of the most well-known quarter horses in the country.

“What we do is we breed them and we show them. We want to raise and breed the halter horses,” Bob Joseph said. He explained that showing halter horses involves walking with and leading the horse in front of judges who look for specific physical characteristics as well as how they stand. “They’re (quarter horses) big and they’re muscled, they need to have a lot of size,” he explained.

“We had to learn the nuances of showing them,” said Cindy, who noted the angle of the hand on a halter, for example, will determine how the horse will hold its head. It’s also important that the animal’s ears are pointed forward.

Preparing a horse for a show involves plenty of grooming — washing and brushing, according to Cindy, who said the process includes polishing hooves and using a special white spray paint on the white patches of a horse’s legs to highlight the color. “It’s like a fashion show,” Bob joked.

The Josephs have been in the community for about a decade. Bob’s a native of Pennsylvania whose introduction to horses came as a youngster when his sister raised and worked with horses. Cindy is a native of the Cass City area. In fact, her parents, Don and Shirley Doerr, raised their family on a farm just a quarter-mile east of the Joseph’s farmhouse.

Raising quarter horses at their Lo-

cust Hill Farm is really more of a hobby for the Josephs right now, but it’s also a business, one the couple would like to see expand as they continue to build their own horses’ bloodlines and offer their stallion for breeding purposes to other horse owners. Bob said they’ve already begun to sell some horses.

The Josephs selected a breed with a rich history and tradition in this country — the American quarter horse is the first breed of horse native to the United States.

The breed evolved when the bloodlines of horses brought to the New World were mixed, according to the American Quarter Horse Association. Foundation American quarter horse stock originated from Arab, Turk and Barb breeds. Selected stallions and mares were crossed with horses brought to Colonial America from England and Ireland in the early 1600s. The combination resulted in a compact, heavily muscled horse that evolved to fill the colonists’ passion for short-distance racing.

As pioneers moved westward, so did the American quarter horse. During the 1800s, vast cattle ranches began to stretch across the plains. Known for its cow sense (the ability to outmaneuver cattle) and calm disposition, the American quarter horse was ideally suited for the challenge of the west.

Today, heavy muscling and sprinter’s speed remain characteristic traits, but the breed has been specialized to excel at particular events. Competing in every discipline imaginable from traditional rodeo events to the refined English classes of dressage and show jumping has made the quarter horse one of the most versatile breeds in the world.

“They’re a very versatile breed, and they’re smart,” Cindy agreed.

“That’s what they’re known for — their intelligence. And, of course, as companions,” Bob added. He pointed to his gelding and, referring to the animal as a foundation quarter horse, said, “I have one and he’s the smartest horse I’ve ever had.”

The Josephs have taken a comprehensive approach to breeding and raising their quarter horses by utilizing the knowledge and expertise of a veterinarian who specializes in horses, as well as other professionals in the field. They include Rick and Julie Leek, who own and operate a large breeding farm in the Dryden area; Carmen Longuski, owner of Holbrook Tack in Cass City and a skilled horse trainer who has helped the Josephs with training and made recommendations regarding their horses’ nutrition needs; and Roman Mast, another Cass City area resident and professional farrier who sees to the horses’ hoof health.

Bob said the Leeks have handled the breeding of their horses. The Josephs select stallions through the Michigan Quarter Horse Association based on the characteristics they want to see in their horses.

“You want to match the quality of your mare to the quality of the stud,” Bob said. He added the cost, depending on the stallion, can range from \$500 to \$4,000. The mares are bred once a year, as their gestation period is 11 months.

The Josephs know that knowledge and wise decisions add up to success in the business of breeding and raising quarter horses, but they say other ingredients are equally important, especially when it comes to meeting the horses’ need for attention.

“They will take every minute you will give to them. You get really attached to them, and if you ever saw the babies...we love the babies, that’s our favorite,” Cindy said, adding there’s a great deal of commitment involved in raising quarter horses. “The time is the biggest thing. You can invest the money, but you have to invest the time.”

Along the way, she said, the couple have made many new friends at shows and competitions, and through their partnerships with the Leeks, Longuski and Mast.

Bob nodded. “We really enjoy it.”

## Down Memory Lane

By Harmony Doerr



### 5 YEARS AGO

Aaron Dorland capped an outstanding career at Cass City High School by finishing eighth in the state individual tournament at Auburn Hills Thursday through Saturday last week. He achieved the finish despite battling a chest cold. Dorland defeated Mike Ballard of Gladwin, 5-1, Thursday. Friday he lost to state runner-up Jason Thornsberry of New Boston, 6-3, in the quarterfinals. He came back in the consolation round to defeat Joe Hasler of Tawas, 8-0.

The Greater Thumb West Conference volleyball all-conference teams were selected late Monday. Four members of the Cass City Red Hawks, who finished runners-up in the league standings, received recognition. Named to the first team was senior Sara Homakie, while junior Becky Hartel and sophomore Amy Howard were named to the league’s 2nd team. Sophomore Krystee Dorland received honorable mention recognition.

Thumb National Bank, represented by Vice President Curt Strickland, recently presented a \$1,000 check to the Tuscola County Economic Development Corporation, represented by EDC Vice Chair Betty Pattullo. The funds will be used by the EDC to continue business development services in Cass City and throughout the county.

### 10 YEARS AGO

It isn’t official yet, but interim administration appointments at Hills and Dales General Hospital are expected to be made permanent, with a third veteran hospital employee joining the leadership team. The posts of chief executive officer and chief financial officer have been offered to Dee McKrow and Kathy Rowe, respectively. In addition, Jean Anthony has been named chief operational officer. McKrow said she and Rowe haven’t been officially named to their posts because employment contracts haven’t been finalized yet. However, she added, “I think it’s a formality at this point.”

Earning a top division one rating at the district Class C band competition was the Cass City Symphony Band. The competition was held at Laker High March 15 with 9 bands participating. Cass City was one of 2 bands to get division one ratings in each category. One judge called it the best performance of the day. Top ratings have been scarce for Cass City. The last division one ratings were earned in 1993 and 1983. Band director Jason Smigell said that the rating was due to the great group of kids in the band. The band earned the right to compete in the state competition April 25 or 26, but because of scheduling difficulties, it is not certain that the

band will be able to attend.

Scott Ackerman got a free listing of his bike business on the internet. One response was from Japan. A bike owner there had his bike stolen and one of the tubes running from the seat had been sawed in 2. What the owner wanted to know was if and how the bike might be repaired. Ackerman said that it probably could be done if someone wanted to tackle the job, but after it was done it wouldn’t look like much. (From Rabbit Tracks)

### 25 YEARS AGO

The Zonta Club and Elkland Township Fire Department campaign to raise money to buy accident rescue equipment for the department has ended after more than meeting its goal. As of last Thursday, according to Zonta Treasurer Marie Roch, \$6,317 had been collected. Only \$5,650 was needed. “The goal has been met and what we have left over, we’ll try to put to the best use,” said Elkland Fire Chief Dave McNaughton.

Readers to the rescue department. Regular readers of this trivia will recall that Roland Pakonen, athletic director, wanted to know when the Cass City High School athletic team changed its school colors and whether it was nicknamed Red Hawks from day one. Linda Leeson answered the color question. When she was in school, either 1957 or 58, she said the students voted to change from Maroon and Grey to Maroon and White. Grant “Whitey” Strickland told Pakonen that Red Hawks was adopted in 1944 and that he wasn’t aware of any nickname prior to that time. What Strickland wasn’t aware of, Mrs. Dorothea Quick is. She told the Pakonens that back when her husband played, the team was known as the Hilltoppers. I checked back to the football season of 1933 and, sure enough, Hilltoppers it was. That name didn’t last long because I didn’t find anymore mention of it in the next

couple of years as I hastily skimmed through the file copies. (From Rabbit Tracks)

### 35 YEARS AGO

How many Eagle Scouts are there in Cass City? More than the 15 reported last week, for sure. Two names added to the list are John Day and Arlington “Barney” Hoffman. Next door neighbors, the two received their Eagle badges in the 1930s. Day’s was the first ever awarded and Hoffman’s the second. There may be others. Records prior to 1943 are sketchy. (From Rabbit Tracks)

The Rev. Dale Sherry, pastor of the Deford Community Church, announces the parsonage dedication and groundbreaking service for the first unit of their new church building Sunday afternoon, March 19. The church house dedication will be held at 2 p. m. with the breaking of ground scheduled for 2:30 p.m. The new congregation was organized during December of last year, and currently has a charter membership of 64 persons, and an average attendance of about 125. The Rev. Sherry assumed pastoral duties Jan. 1.

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# Ailing Hawks fall in regional semis at Frankenmuth

When most any team advances into regional play, a healthy roster is crucial.

Saturday at Frankenmuth, the Cass City Red Hawks were not at full strength and coach Beth Howard's spikers' season came to a close in the semis as the hosts defeated their Greater Thumb West foe in straight games by the scores of 25-13, 25-22 and 25-22.

"Our first game of the day, I felt the girls played a little scared," Howard said. "We picked up our play in the last 2 games but made too many mental errors. We would have a really good rally going and then let an easy ball drop."

Cass City was also hampered by the play of Eagle Nicole Bade at the net.

"Nicole was really hitting at us right from the start. We beat them during districts in basketball the last couple of years and then beat them during an early season volleyball tournament this year. I think they came ready to play. I told the girls after the match that I felt they never gave up. They kept hitting the ball and stuck with their game. We just couldn't stop Bade," Howard said.

Adding to Cass City's troubles on the day were injuries to Amanda Langenburg and Sarah Howard. Langenburg sprained her ankle on Thursday night, while Howard was nursing a back injury.

Coach Howard said that neither girl complained but, "(Langenburg) wasn't able to get to the ball the way she has in the past and Howard had a cringe on her face most of the day."

Helping to pick up the slack for Cass City were underclassmen Carly Howard and Megan VanVliet. Howard led the visitors with 8 kills and 14 digs, while VanVliet had a team-high 24 digs.

"Megan played very well the entire day defensively and Carly also played really hard. She was really putting the ball away," said Howard. Additionally for the Red Hawks, senior Sara Meeker had 6 kills and 4 blocks and classmate Emily Schinnerer had 4 kills and 12 digs.

Cass City finishes the season with a 37-8-6 mark. Playing in their final Red Hawk volleyball game were Meeker, Schinnerer and Ashleigh Rabideau.

"We had a great season and it's always sad to see it end," Howard said.

NOTE: Coach Howard said it was appreciated to see the USA volleyball squad in attendance to cheer us on. "It was nice to have support from the local area. Especially from USA who had made signs for us after competing against each other most of the year."



**BULLDOG AMANDA FAIST (left) celebrates one of her kills during the Class D district finals against North Huron with teammates Becky Schmidt (12), April Nowaczyk (1) and Bethany Kovach (7).**

## Owen-Gage spikers stumble in pair of championship bouts

In a showdown match for the North Central Thumb League-North volleyball championship, Owen-Gage came away empty Thursday against host North Huron.

The Warriors, who defeated Owen-Gage in straight games just 2 days earlier for the Class D district title in Caseville, enjoyed similar success with the conference crown on the line and recorded victory by scores of 25-9, 26-24 and 25-16.

With the win, the Warriors finish 9-4 in NCTL play, while Owen-Gage falls to 8-5.

The Bulldogs were led by April Nowaczyk with 5 aces, 5 digs, 4 assists and 8 kills, while Amanda Faist added 2 aces, 5 digs, 6 kills and 7 blocks. Owen-Gage also had Becky Schmidt with 7 digs, 4 assists and 3 kills; Bethany Kovach, 2 aces, 2 kills and 4 blocks; Samantha Radabaugh, 4 digs and 2 kills; and Mindy Error, 4 digs.

The champion Warriors were led by Alex Risch with 17 digs and 7 kills, while Jodie Pettit added 6 kills and 6 digs, Heather Miller 16 digs and 7 aces, Jessica Teague 13 digs, Nicole Church 11 assists and Sarah Piotter 5 digs.

The Bulldogs reached the finals by disposing of Port Hope 25-10, 25-15 and 25-17 in one semifinal, while North Huron handled Caseville in the other semifinal outing 25-13, 22-25, 25-12 and 25-16.

On the night, Pettit paced the Warriors to their third straight district crown with 25 kills, 27 digs and 14 aces. Risch added 35 digs and 22 kills, Church had 30 assists, 10 digs, Abby Knoblock 20 digs.

Individually for Owen-Gage in district action, Schmidt posted 9 aces, 9 assists, 4 saves and 6 kills, while Faist added 11 aces, 12 digs, 12 kills and 4 blocks, Nowaczyk 6 assists, 13 kills, Samantha Radabaugh 8 aces, 14 digs, 5 kills, Stacie Dorsch 5 aces, Mindy Error 21 digs, and Bethany Kovach 7 blocks.

Owen-Gage loses only 3 seniors heading into next year's season in Schmidt, Error and Heather Collons.

### DISTRICTS

Earlier last week, during district action at Caseville, the Bulldogs advanced to the Class D final but were no match for the Warriors as they moved into the Port Hope regional to face Bay City All Saints with wins of 25-12, 25-17 and 25-23.

The Bulldogs came out flat, played poorly and never seriously challenged the champs in the first 2 games. However, in game 3, the Bulldogs built a margin of 22-18, only to see the Warriors close out the contest with a 7-3 run.



**CASS CITY'S Kyle Sieradzki (left) prepares for the Division 3 state finals with teammate Preston Stec. Sieradzki finished his distinguished Red Hawk career as the school's all-time win leader, recording 175 victories in 4 years.**

## Sieradzki closes out fabulous Red Hawk wrestling career

It wasn't how senior Kyle Sieradzki was hoping to close out his exceptional Cass City wrestling career.

The Red Hawk school record holder for career victories, at 175, couldn't add to that total during the Division 3 individual state finals held Thursday and Friday at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

Nonetheless, long-time coach Don Markel knows Sieradzki is one of Cass City's all-time best performers.

"Kyle is a very hard worker. But more important he was our team leader. All the underclassmen looked up to Kyle," Markel said.

On Thursday, Sieradzki fell to Remus Chippewa Hills' Jordan Young, 11-2. Young went on to finish fifth in the 160-pound class.

After his opening day loss, Markel and Sieradzki talked about Friday's competition and Sieradzki's goal to place among the top 5 positions. But it wasn't to be as Hillsdale's Shea McCavit knocked Sieradzki out of the state finals with a heartbreaking 3-2 decision.

For most of Friday's match, Sieradzki was in control. He led 2-0 after recording a takedown in the opening period and then rode McCavit for the entire second period that was scoreless. However, trailing 2-0, McCavit recorded a near fall in the final period to escape with a 3-2 victory.

Sieradzki finishes with a 50-9 mark in his final Red Hawk season.

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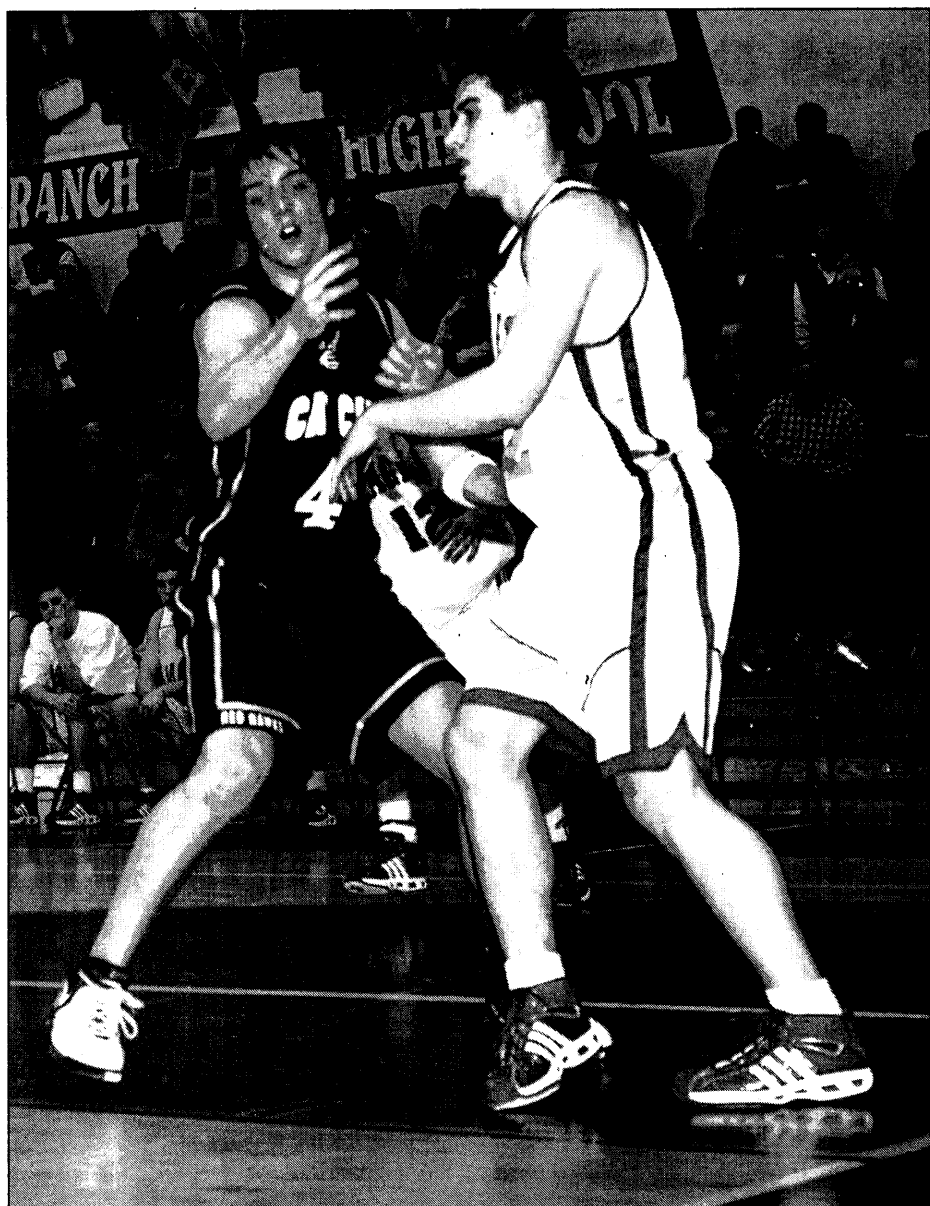
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**RED HAWK ANDREW Martin defends Frankenmuth's Daniel Bernthal during district play in North Branch. Martin's 4-year varsity career came to an end with the Eagles' 69-56 win.**

## Eagles end Cass City's tourney run

It was the final game for 5 Cass City Red Hawk seniors, but they can look back on a season that showed steady improvement through the years and came within a shot or 2 Wednesday of capping their careers with a trip to the district class B finals and perhaps a district championship.

In the end there was too much Brad Redford and the Frankenmuth Eagles edged the Hawks, 69-56, and then went on to claim the title with an easy win over North Branch.

The game was much closer than the final score indicated.

In a nip and tuck first quarter the Hawks edged in front, 13-12, and a box and one on Redford held him to a single basket.

The Eagles spurred to take a lead in the last 2 minutes of the first half to break a 20-all tie to lead 32-27 at the intermission. Shane McFarland provided most of the offense in the quarter with 3 quick hoops, as the Hawk guards made some excellent passes to give him the ball behind the defense in the low post position.

Redford, who converted 9 of 9 free throws for the night, collected 6 of them in the second quarter to key the Frankenmuth rally.

Cass City opened the third quarter with a 10-2 run to take the lead for the only time in the game. When Brad Hartel connected with a trey the Hawks bounced in front 37-34, the only time since the opening moments that Cass City was in front.

Derek Halasz, with 7 points, and Cameron Lautner, with 9 points, carried the scoring load in the third quarter.

After Cass City took the momentary lead, Frankenmuth bounced back behind Redford and Eric Nuechterlein to regain the lead, 50-48, going into the last quarter. Redford rang up 2 regular hoops and

2 treys and Nuechterlein, 3 hoops and 2 free throws.

In the opening moments of the last period, Frankenmuth went on an 11-3 run to lead 61-51 and controlled the game the rest of the way.

Coach Aaron Fernald said it would have been great if Cass City had been able to vanquish Frankenmuth, but all-in-all we had a successful season and showed significant improvement during the season.

Five seniors who played their final game were Hartel, Ryan Biddinger, Lautner, Andrew Martin and Halasz.

The Eagles' top scorers were Redford, 28 points, and Nuechterlein, 19 points. Cass City had 4 players in double figures: Lautner, 15, McFarland and Halasz, 13 each and Hartel, 11.

# Owen-Gage earns district crown with win over Warriors

Owen-Gage avenged an early season setback to North Huron Friday in the Caseville Class D district final where the Bulldogs rolled to a 75-64 victory.

The win improves Owen-Gage to 16-5 on the season entering Tuesday night's regional match up with undefeated North Central Thumb League foe Kingston at Saginaw Heritage.

The Bulldogs wasted little time securing their first district title since 1978. Behind Eric Zaleski's nine first quarter points, the Bulldogs took a 7-0 margin and built it into a 21-6 advantage after one frame.

Zaleski, who recorded game scoring honors with 24 points, continued to benefit from the Bulldogs' full court pressure in the second frame as turnovers led to several uncontested lay-ins for the Bulldog guard. Zaleski posted 17 points in the half that ended 45-18.

The Warriors opened the final half with an 8-0 run, but it proved too little, too late, as the 2 teams traded buckets for the rest of the third period that closed with the Bulldogs in front, 57-37. The Bulldogs kept North Huron at bay during the stanza with a 7 of 8 showing from the foul line, including a 5 of 6 effort from Brandon Dubs.

North Huron exploded for 27 points during the final 8 minutes to make the final outcome respectable, as Owen-Gage was held to a solo field goal from Dubs in the final period. On the night, Dubs converted 11 of 12 shots from the stripe, all in the final half, to finish with 18 markers.

Completing the list of double figure scorers for the champs was Aaron Gaeth with 14 tallies, 12 coming in the initial half.

Mitch Dyhyse paced the Warriors with 12 points.

### AKRON-FAIRGROVE

Owen-Gage advanced into the district final with a 58-40 victory Wednesday over Akron-Fairgrove.

Dubs tossed in 16 of his game-high 22 markers in the opening half, as the Bulldogs led 17-8 after one and 40-17 at the recess.

Adam Foster led the Vikings, who outscored Owen-Gage 23-18 in the final half, with 19 points, 8 rebounds and 3 blocks.

In addition to Dubs, Bulldogs Gaeth and Andy Dronsella reached double figures with 16 and 10 points, respectively.



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Cass City senior Kyle Sieradzki is this week's recipient of Schneeberger's Athlete of the Week honor.

The senior grappler was the lone Red Hawk to advance into the Division 3 individual state finals.

Despite failing to earn a victory, Sieradzki ended his career as the school's all-time leader in victories at 175.

Sieradzki posted a mark of 50-9 in his senior season.



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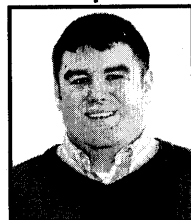
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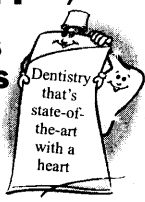
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# Obituaries

**Kay Wright-Bogart**

Kay A. Wright-Bogart, 71, of Saginaw, died Sunday, March 4, 2007 at Heartland Health Care Center. She was born May 5, 1935. She married Elmer Wright. He died in the 1960s. She then married Herman W. Bogart Jr. He died in 1980. Wright-Bogart is survived by a son, Mark Bogart; step-children: Judy (Rex) Forbes, Larry (Deb) Bogart, Linda Hubbard, Herman (Kendra) Bogart III, Jerry Butler, Mary Hoig, and Beverly (Glen) Marshall. She was preceded in death by John Bogart in 2002. Funeral services were held Friday, March 9, at W.L. Case & Company Funeral Chapel, Saginaw, with the Rev. Rob Richards officiating. Burial was in the Forest Lawn Cemetery, Saginaw.

**Ruth Kaake**

Ruth M. Kaake, 81, of Cass City, died Sunday, March 4, 2007 at St. Mary's of Saginaw following a brief illness. She was born March 10, 1925 in Decker, the daughter of the late Orin and Fern (Houck) Philpot. She married Willard Kaake Sept. 17, 1944 in Decker. He died Dec. 3, 1993. Kaake attended the Cass City Church of the Nazarene. She was a member of the VFW Auxiliary Post #3644 of Cass City and the Lamotte Township Fire Department Auxiliary. She attended the Cass City Senior Dining Center. Kaake is survived by 9 children: William (Ethel) Kaake of Woodsboro, Texas, Leonard (Linda) Kaake of Imlay City, Richard (Gloria) Kaake, Bruce (Lovola) Kaake, all of Decker, Lois (Joe) Remsing of Cass City, Eugene (Rita) Kaake of Gagetown, Dale (Rhonda) Kaake of Cass City, Donna (Bob) Biebel of Marlette, and Charlie (Beth) Kaake of Cass City; 27 grandchildren; 57 great-grandchildren; 3 great-great-grandchildren; and a sister, Vera Philpot, Decker. She was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Irene; a brother, Austin; and a nephew, Jim. Funeral services were held Thursday, March 8, at the Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with the Rev. George Harmon of Caro and the Rev. Judy Eskilson, pastor of the Cass City Church of the Nazarene, officiating. Interment was in the Moshier Cemetery at Hemans. Memorials may be made to the Cass City Church of the Nazarene, the Cass City VFW Auxiliary Post #3644, Lamotte Fire Department Auxiliary or the American Diabetes Association. Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

mother-in-law, Germaine Thompson of Minden City; and many nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, March 13 at Cass City United Methodist Church. The Rev. Paul Donelson will be officiating. Interment will be in Elkland Township Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Gavel Club, Rawson Memorial Library, American Heart Association, or American Cancer Society. Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

**Eugene Slater**

Eugene Martin Slater, 80, of Decker, died Saturday, March 10, 2007 in Autumnwood, Deckerville. He was born May 30, 1926 in Sandusky, the son of John Henry and Rose (Laming) Slater. He married Velma Baldwin July 11, 1945. She died Aug. 14, 1963. Slater attended the First Baptist Church of Cass City. He worked as a mechanic for Doc's Garage in Sandusky. Slater is survived by a brother, Alvin (Mabel) Slater of Shabbona; a sister-in-law, Pauline Slater of Sandusky; and nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a sister, Gladys Davis; a brother, Raymond Slater; and an infant brother and sister. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m., Tuesday, March 13, 2007 at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with Pastor JT Mabe of Mizpah Missionary Church officiating. Interment was in the Greenwood Cemetery, Sandusky. Memorials may be made to the Cass River Pet FriendZ. Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

**"Bowl for Kids' Sake" coming up**

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# Historical society to host speaker

The Watrousville-Caro Area Historical Society will meet at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 20, at the Juniata Township Hall, 1971 Ringle Rd., just north of M-81 (West Caro Rd.). After a brief business meeting, John Engles of Vassar will give a progress report of the Vassar Historical Museum as well as talk about some history of homes in Watrousville. Engles has had several articles published. There will be light refreshments served and the public is invited. No admission will be charged. The historical society has the museum at 4607 W. Caro Road in Watrousville and is currently restoring the Leonard/McGlone house at 4592 W. Caro Road, also in Watrousville. Additional information or a copy of the group's newsletter is available from Jo Ann Gray by calling (989) 823-3638 or Esther Gorashko at (989) 823-2360.

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Pete Earl Mann, an unmarried man, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgage, dated April 24, 2000 and recorded on May 3, 2000 in Liber 800 on Page 248 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy Thousand Three Hundred Nineteen and 46/100 Dollars (\$70,319.46), including interest at 11.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on March 22, 2007.

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

Part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 32, town 10 North, Range 7 East, Described as Follows: Commencing at the Southeast Corner of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 32; thence North 40 Rods; thence West 24 Rods; thence South 40 Rods; thence East to the Point of Beginning.

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

Dated: February 21, 2007

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Mildred Draper, unmarried, original mortgagor, to New Century Mortgage Corporation, Mortgage, dated June 24, 2005 and recorded on July 1, 2005 in Liber 1044 on Page 85 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Indenture Trustee, for New Century Home Equity Loan Trust 2005-4 as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Five Thousand Three Hundred Forty-Nine and 16/100 Dollars (\$65,349.16), including interest at 7.55% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on March 29, 2007.

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

Situated in the Village of Kingston, County of Tuscola, and State of Michigan, To-Wit: Town 12 North Range 11 East, Lot 3, Curtis Addition to the Village of Newbury Village of Newbury (now known as Kingston) as recorded in Liber 1 of plats, Page 38A, 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: February 28, 2007

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Tricia L. Church and Tony E. Church, wife and husband, joint tenancy with full rights of survivorship of Tuscola County, Michigan, Mortgagor to Flagstar Bank, FSB dated the 18th day of November, A.D. 2004, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 28th day of December, A.D. 2004, in Liber 1022 of Tuscola Records, on page 380, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal of \$116,643.76 (One hundred Sixteen thousand, Six hundred Forty Three dollars and Seventy Six cents), plus accrued interest at 8.62% (eight point six two) percent per annum.

And no suit proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on, the 5th day of April, A.D., 2007, at

10:00 o'clock said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage.

Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the Township of Tuscola, in the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan and described as follows to wit:

Lot 36 of BROAD-LEA SUBDIVISION, according to the plat thereof in Liber 2 of Plats, Pages 28-29 of Tuscola County Records. Commonly known as: 4791 Byron.

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

Dated: March 7, 2007

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by James Anderson Custer, Jr. and Gladys Key Custer, Husband and Wife, original mortgagors, to Flagstar Bank, FSB, Mortgage, dated December 7, 2001 and recorded on January 24, 2002 in Liber 858 on Page 1207, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Federal National Mortgage Association as assignee by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Two Thousand Six Hundred and 78/100 Dollars (\$82,600.78), including interest at 7% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on April 5, 2007.

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

Commencing at the Southeast Corner of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 16, Town 11 North, Range 8 East; thence North along the Section Line, 143.00 feet; thence West 332.52 feet Parallel with the Section Line of said Section 16; thence South 143.00 feet; thence East 332.52 feet to the Point of Beginning.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dated: March 14, 2007

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the condition of a mortgage made by Charles Stock and Sandra C. Stock, Husband and Wife, to BENEFICIAL MICHIGAN INC., by a mortgage dated March 26, 2004 and recorded on March 30, 2004 in Liber 986 on Page 335, Tuscola County Records Michigan on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Six Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-Nine and 39/100 Dollars (\$86,589.39), including interest at 6.74% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be fore-

closed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI at 10:00 am on March 29, 2007.

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

The following described premises situated in the Township of Dayton, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, to WIT: Part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Fractional Quarter of Section 5, Town 11 North, Range 10 East, described as beginning at a point on the North and South Quarter line of Section 5 which is South 01 degrees 21 minutes 31 seconds East 863.52 feet from the North Quarter corner of said Section 5; thence South 88 degrees 38 minutes 29 seconds West 297.00 feet; thence North 01 degrees 21 minutes 31 seconds West 312.25 feet; thence North 88 degrees 38 minutes 29 seconds East 87 feet; thence North 01 Degrees 21 minutes 31 seconds West 31.40 feet; thence South 88 degrees 38 minutes 29 seconds West 478.02 feet; thence South 01 Degrees 27 minutes 18 seconds East to North East and West 1/8 Line of Section 5; thence along said 1/8 line Easterly to North and South Quarter Line; thence Northerly to Point of Beginning. Subject to 33 Foot Road Right of Way known as Lee Hill Road, Tuscola County Records.

The redemption period shall be 1 year 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: February 26, 2007

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

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

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

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

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

Dated: March 14, 2007

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dated: March 14, 2007

OXFORD BANK MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC  
Mortgagee

Michael G. Cruise  
Warner Norcross & Judd LLP  
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jesse J. Salens, a married man, and Melissa Salens, his wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated August 22, 2003 and recorded on August 27, 2003 in Liber 950 on Page 1446 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Nine Thousand One Hundred Fifty-One and 75/100 Dollars (\$99,151.75), 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 March 22, 2007.

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

Part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 3, Town 12 North, Range 9 East, described as:

Commencing at a point on the East side of Pearl Street 338.3 feet South of the North line of Section 3, Town 12 North, Range 9 East; thence East 148.5 feet; thence South 98.22 feet to a point 257.93 feet North of the North line of Sherman Street; thence West 148.5 feet to the East line of Pearl Street; thence North along Pearl Street 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: February 21, 2007

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC R (248) 593-1305  
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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 Aaron E. Snider and Sasheen M. Snider, Husband and Wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated April 26, 2004 and recorded on May 12, 2004 in Liber 992 on Page 215 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to MidFirst Bank as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty-Four and 16/100 Dollars (\$125,824.16), including interest at 6% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on March 22, 2007.

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

Commencing 28 Rods East of the Southwest Corner of Section 18, Township 10 North, Range 8 East; thence North 20 Rods; thence East 8 Rods; thence South 20 Rods; thence West 8 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: February 21, 2007

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC F (248) 593-1313  
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File #130478F01

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has occurred in a mortgage made by Janet C. Curtis, a single woman, to First National Bank of America, dated May 1, 2001 and recorded on July 19, 2001 in Liber 838, Page 789, Tuscola County Records. The mortgage holder has begun no proceedings to recover any part of the debt, which is now \$16,794.75.

The mortgage will be foreclosed by a public sale of the property on Thursday, March 22, 2007 at 10:00 a.m., at front steps, Tuscola County Courthouse, Caro, Michigan. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the mortgage, together with interest at 13.5 percent, foreclosure costs, attorney fees, and also any taxes and insurance that the mortgage holder pays before the sale.

The property is located in Elkland Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, and is described in the mortgage as:

Commencing at a point that is 198 feet South along Section line and 544.5 feet East parallel to East and West quarter line from West quarter corner of Section 34, Town 14 North, Range 11 East; thence East 74 feet; thence South 148.5 feet; thence West 74 feet; thence North 148.5 feet to the place of beginning. Also includes a 1969 Roycraft #36012FKDE24829.

The redemption period will be six months from the date of sale; however, if the property is abandoned, the redemption period will be one month from the date of sale.

Dated: February 14, 2007

Joseph B. Backus  
Attorney for Mortgage Holder  
P.O. Box 794  
East Lansing, MI 48826  
(517) 337-1617

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Paul Schmotzer and Anne Mae Schmotzer, Husband and Wife, to CitiMortgage, Inc. successor by reason of merger with CitiFinancial Mortgage Company, Inc., Mortgagee, dated June 3, 2003 and recorded June 9, 2003 in Liber 934, Page 1405, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Twenty Thousand Three Hundred Ninety-Nine and 59/100 Dollars (\$20,399.59) including interest at 11.21% 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 MARCH 29, 2007.

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

Commencing at the Northwest Corner of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 30, Town 13 North, Range 11 East, Novesta Township, Tuscola County, Michigan; running thence South 40 rods, East 10 Rods, West 10 Rods, North 40 rods, West 10 Rods to the place 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: February 28, 2007

Orlans Associates, P.C.  
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File No. 293.0320

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

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

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

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

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

Dated: March 14, 2007

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC T (248) 593-1302  
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File #133659F01

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Justin Macko and Jaime Macko, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Home Improvement Acceptance Corp, an Ohio Corporation, Mortgagee, dated May 4, 2004 and recorded on May 14, 2004 in Liber 992 on Page 920, and assigned by mesne assignments to Wachovia Bank, N.A. as assignee by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Nine Thousand One Hundred Thirty-One and 67/100 Dollars (\$49,131.67), including interest at 11.85% per annum.

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

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

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

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

Dated: March 14, 2007

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC S (248) 593-1304  
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File #060257F04

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Theodore M. Wager and Katrina L. Wager, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Ameriquest Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated July 24, 2004, and recorded on July 29, 2004 in Liber 1002 on Page 934 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CERTIFICATE HOLDERS OF ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2004-MCW1 as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Six Thousand Five Hundred Sixty-One and 48/100 Dollars (\$126,561.48), including interest at 10.75% 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 March 29, 2007.

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

The South 132 Feet of the North 330 Feet of the South 660 Feet of the West 623 Feet, all Dimensions Measured at Right Angles of the North 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 35, Township 11 North, Range 8 East.

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

Dated: February 28, 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 Guy T. Cooper, an unmarried man, original mortgagor, to Commonwealth United Mortgage a division of National City Bank of Indiana, Mortgagee, dated February 14, 2005 and recorded on March 10, 2005 in Liber 1030 on Page 765 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Two Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-Six and 87/100 Dollars (\$72,766.87), including interest at 7.18% 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 March 22, 2007.

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

Lot 3, Block 3 of the Plat of Newberry (now Kingston), according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 24 of Deeds, Pages 304 and 305, being a part of the Southwest quarter of Section 33, Town 12 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: February 21, 2007

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC F (248) 593-1313  
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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 Michael J. Bryson, a single man, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated January 22, 2004 and recorded on March 18, 2004 in Liber 984 on Page 1116 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to LaSalle Bank National Association as Trustee as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Three Thousand Twenty-One and 35/100 Dollars (\$103,021.35), including interest at 12.5% per annum.

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

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

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

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

Dated: March 14, 2007

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC J (248) 593-1311  
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File #133047F01

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Douglas M. Whitney and Darla J. Whitney, Husband and Wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated March 28, 2006 and recorded April 7, 2006 in Liber 1076, Page 903, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by LaSalle Bank National Association, as trustee by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Forty-Five Thousand Sixty-Seven and 78/100 Dollars (\$145,067.78), including interest at 8.625% 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 of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on MARCH 29, 2007.

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

Commencing 967.45 feet North of the Southeast corner of Section 31, Town 12 North, Range 11 East; thence West 495.25 feet; thence South 351.80 feet; thence East 495.28 feet; thence North 351.80 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: February 28, 2007

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Troy, MI 48007-5041  
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File No. 213.1616

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AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTIFY (248) 362-6100 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Larry Canfield, a/k/a Lawrence Canfield, an unmarried man, by the virtue of the Warranty Deed recorded in Liber 930, page 295, on 05-08-03, Tuscola County Records of Tuscola County, Michigan, Mortgagor to Long Beach Mortgage Company, A Corporation dated the 11th day of August, A.D. 2005, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 22nd day of August, A.D. 2005, in Liber 1050 of Tuscola Records, on page 1422, which said mortgage was assigned to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company as Trustee for Long Beach Mortgage Loan Trust 2005-WL3, thru mesne assignments, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal of \$85,151.79 (eighty five thousand, one hundred fifty one dollars and seventy nine cents) plus accrued interest at 8.45% (eight point four five) percent per annum.

And no suit proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that, on the 22nd day of March, A.D., 2007, at 10:00 o'clock said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage.

Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the Village of Millington, in the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan and described as follows to wit:

PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE VILLAGE OF MILLINGTON, COUNTY OF TUSCOLA, STATE OF MICHIGAN DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, VIZ: THE WEST 50.00 FEET OF THE FOLLOWING: COMMENCING AT A POINT 59 RODS NORTH AND 32 RODS EAST OF THE SOUTH 1/4 STAKE OF SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 10 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST; THENCE NORTH 9 RODS; THENCE EAST 10 RODS; THENCE SOUTH 9 RODS; THENCE WEST 10 RODS TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, BEING A PART OF THE SOUTH-WEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION.

Commonly known as: 4700 North St.

Tax ID: 041-009-000-1900-00

The redemption period shall be six 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: February 21, 2007

WELTMAN, WEINBERG & REIS CO., L.P.A.  
By: Daniel E. Best, (P-58501)  
Attorney for Assignee of Mortgage  
Welman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A.  
2155 Bedford Drive, Suite 200-S  
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WWR #05796458

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Donald T. Gary, a single man, and Michelle Gatts, a single woman, Joint Tenants, to Garrow Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated July 25, 2005 and recorded August 30, 2005 in Liber 1052, Page 272, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Fifth Third Mortgage Company by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Eighteen Thousand Sixteen and 80/100 Dollars (\$118,016.80), including interest at 8.75% 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 MARCH 29, 2007.

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

Part of the North one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 5, Town 11 North, Range 9 East, de-

scribed as: beginning at a point on the West line of said Section which is South 00 Degrees 08 Minutes 27 Seconds East 500 feet from West one-quarter corner of Section 5; thence continuing along said West line of said Section 5, South 00 Degrees 08 Minutes 27 Seconds East, 330 feet; thence South 89 Degrees 57 Minutes 36 Seconds East, 1325.90 feet; thence North 00 Degrees 02 Minutes 00 Seconds West 330 feet; thence North 89 Degrees 57 Minutes 36 Seconds West 1326.52 feet to the place 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: February 28, 2007

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Brent J. Salas, an unmarried person, original mortgagor, to Chemical Bank and Trust, Mortgagee, dated October 14, 2004 and recorded on November 4, 2004 in Liber 1016 on Page 101, and assigned by mesne assignments to National City Mortgage Co. as assignee by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Eight Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-Two and 72/100 Dollars (\$58,262.72), including interest at 5.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on March 29, 2007.

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

Commencing 4 rods South of Southwest corner of Lot 1, Block 20, Seeger's Addition to Village of Cass City; running thence South 4 rods; thence East 8 rods; thence North 4 rods; thence West 8 rods to place of beginning, being in and part of Southwest 1/4 of Northwest 1/4 of Section 34, Town 14 North, Range 11 East.

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

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

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

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

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

Dated: March 14, 2007

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dated: March 14, 2007

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(248) 457-1000  
File No. 326.1159

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by David A. Church, a/k/a/ David Church, a married man, and Nina Church, a/k/a Nina R. Church, his wife, in bar of dower, to PCFS Financial Services, Inc. an Ohio Corporation, Mortgagee, dated May 13, 1999 and recorded May 19, 1999 in Liber 771, Page 1209, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Credit Based Asset Servicing and Securitization LLC by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Fifteen Thousand Four Hundred Sixty-Seven and 28/100 Dollars (\$15,467.28), including interest at 12.375% per annum.

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

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

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

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

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

Dated: March 14, 2007

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dated: March 14, 2007

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dated: March 14, 2007

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Howard Williams and Roze Williams, husband and wife, joint tenants, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated March 27, 2006 and recorded April 13, 2006 in Liber 1077, Page 296, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Six Thousand Seventeen and 89/100 Dollars (\$96,017.89), 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, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on APRIL 12, 2007.

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

Lot 16 and the North 40 feet of Lot 5, Block 13 of North's Addition, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 21A of Tuscola County Records.

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

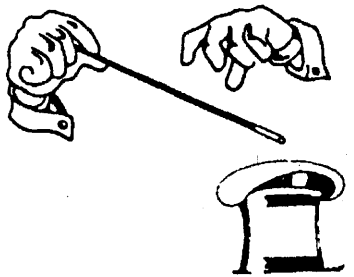
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Dated: March 14, 2007

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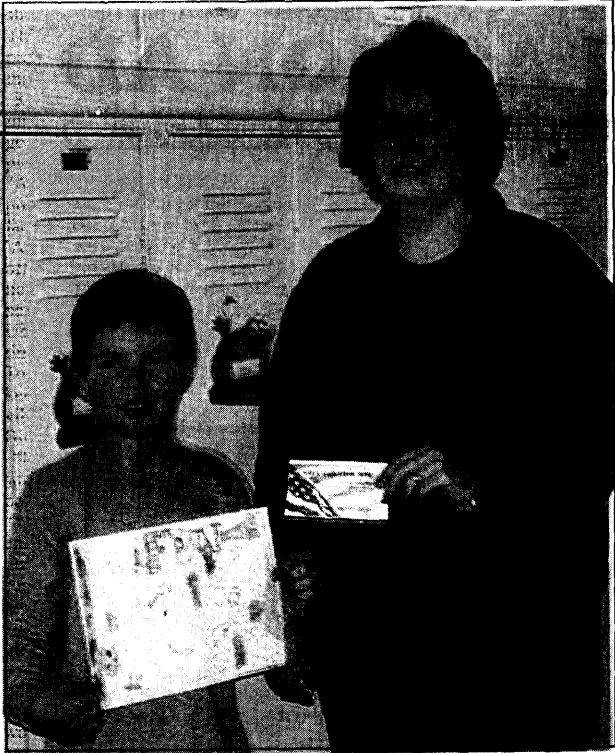
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## Ubly chief versatile

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Kuhl serves as the village of Ubly's zoning administrator. He's also a certified salvage vehicle inspector, law enforcement firearms instructor and, in the local school district, the TEAM (Teaching, Educating and Mentoring) instructor.

"I definitely wear a lot of hats here," Kuhl acknowledged, smiling. "During the summer, the zoning does take up a lot of time because everybody's building. As far as enforcement, every police officer has to enforce the zoning laws, so having an inside knowledge of that helps me both ways."

Much of the job involves inspecting and issuing site permits for everything from signs and fences to sheds, garages and home additions. The site permits are required before a property owner can apply for a building permit with the county.

Kuhl said his training as zoning administrator has been a learn-as-you-go proposition. "It was basically me picking up a zoning book," he added. "And, to be honest, after 2 years, I'm probably still just scratching the surface as far as knowledge."

As the village's top law enforcement officer, Kuhl agreed community policing is a different approach compared to working in a large city. In Ubly, he oversees a staff of one full-time officer and 4 part-time officers. Together, they are responsible for keeping law and order not only in the village of Ubly, but also throughout Bingham Township.

"It definitely helps, growing up in a small town. I grew up knowing the police officers in Sebawaing," he said. "You definitely handle things differently in a small town — you have a general sense of when you talk to someone of what's going on. But the thing with a small village — any small village — is we handle the same complaints as a big city, just not" as often. As far as serving as a police officer in a town where he knows many of the residents, Kuhl said, "I wouldn't say it's too hard, because any police officer does what he has to do, plain and simple. When it comes down to it, we're expected to

do something and we do it regardless of who it is.

"I like the work," Kuhl added. "Every day, I come to work, it's something different. It's definitely not boring."

Kuhl, who previously lived in Ubly for about 5 years, indicated he's very comfortable working in the community, in part because of his own upbringing on the other side of the Thumb. And, he's gotten involved, spending 4 years as the Ubly High School girls' junior varsity basketball coach, which fit in perfectly with his love of sports — he played basketball in high school and still enjoys a game here and there. He'll also tell you the summer months find him on the golf course as often as he can manage.

Kuhl figures he has the best of both worlds — a satisfying career and the knowledge that he has a "second" hometown that he can call his own.

"I really like the people here. The people here are good people," he said. "It's how I feel about Sebawaing. It's really a hometown away from Sebawaing."

## Council approves updated parks plan

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In conjunction with those facilities, village officials offer a wide variety of summer recreational activities, including a children's arts and crafts program, baseball/softball leagues and swimming lessons.

Aside from the main park area, the village maintains the 2-acre Northwood neighborhood park and the 2-mile long railway walking trail.

Provided village officials are successful in securing grant funding, proposed projects over the next 5 years could include the purchase of additional land, improving existing trails, replacing playground equipment, renovating the tennis courts, developing a skate park, constructing a covered ice rink, developing a camping area, adding another ball diamond, renovating bleachers and installation of a surveillance system.

Possible improvements at Northwood Park include replacement of playground equipment.

At the railway walking trail, proposed projects include paving and improving the existing path and providing fishing access to the Cass River.

Community-wide initiatives listed in the plan are installation of park amenities (benches, tables, drinking foun-

tains, bike racks, etc), and construction of a community center.

The combined projects total \$5,065,500. It's an ambitious plan, Cristiano acknowledged, but one that lays the groundwork for improvements should the money become available. "It's just a plan," he said, "but from our standpoint, you've got to dream."

The updated parks and recreation plan is the result of a host of public and local government meetings as well as a survey conducted in 2004. In all, 839 surveys were mailed out and 239 residents offered their input.

Resident participation will continue to be a focus in future park improvements with the formation of a parks and recreation advisory board composed of citizens, school officials, officials from adjacent communities, sports groups, senior citizens and village staff members. The advisory board will be charged with making

recommendations for various projects.

Village officials aren't wasting any time searching for grant money.

Cristiano said the first funding application will be submitted to the Department of Natural Resources in early April.

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## Deputies arrest 10 in Huron on charges

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partment detectives along with the sheriff's drug officer. "Having an officer dedicated to drug investigations and related matters makes all the difference," he said. "The dealers are looking over their shoulder and wondering if we are on to them."

Tibbitts said the recent drug-related arrests of Robert Gonzales, Anthony Spencer and Mike Weiderhold Jr. are also part of the investigation. Gaertner indicated he will be authorizing additional arrest warrants.

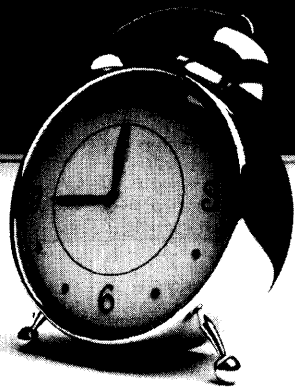
Tibbitts lauded the cooperation among several county law enforcement agencies, including the Sebawaing, Elkton, Port Austin and

Fairhaven Township police departments. "All the police agencies have been working together and that gives us an added punch," he said.

Thursday's announcement by Tibbitts follows a drug raid in Elkton in mid-February, when Huron County Sheriff's detectives arrested a 21-year-old man and questioned several people at a Mill Street residence.

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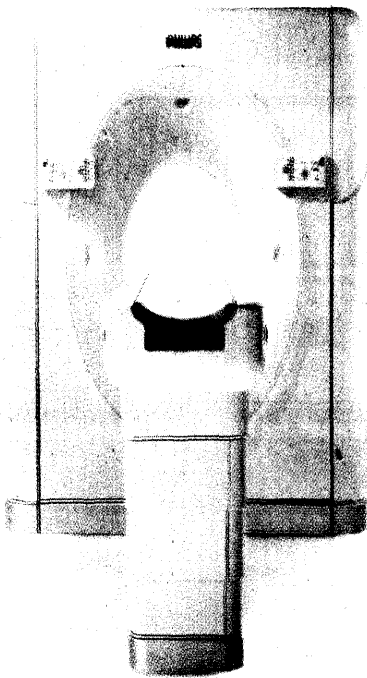
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